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Federal indictment returned in connection with TENORM

The man accused of bringing TENORM to the Advanced Disposal Landfill in Estill County during 2015 was indicted Thursday in federal court.

Cory David Hoskins of West Liberty, Ky. was indicted on five charges of mail fraud and 22 charges of violating safety regulations on shipping hazardous materials.

Hoskins is accused of bringing over 1,000 tons of TENORM to the local landfill in 22 shipments during 2015.

TENORM is the acronym for Technologically

Enhanced Natural Occurring Radioactive Materials. It is classified as a hazardous waste because it contains low-level radioactive materials.

Hoskins had formed a company, Advanced TENORM, LLC which brokered with out-of-state oil drilling companies to dispose of their fracking sludge.

Advanced Disposal, LLC was not permitted to accept low-level radioactive waste.

A host community agreement between Estill County and the landfill

did not allow the landfill to accept out of state waste.

Also, Kentucky and Illinois had a compact that Kentucky would not accept out of state radioactive waste.

According to the indictment, Hoskins told Fairmont Brine Processing that his company could safely transport, treat, and dispose of sludge from its operation.

The indictment says that Hoskins lied about his company employing engineers, nuclear physicists with doctorate de-

grees, and other experts.

It adds that he also lied when he said the sludge would be hauled in trucks complying with the US Department of Transportation regulations on transporting hazardous waste.

The indictment says Hoskins hired trucking companies from around the Ashland area which didn't have the proper certification to haul hazardous waste, and he didn't tell them they were carrying radioactive waste.

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Magistrate Mike Abney looks over paperwork during Monday's meeting of the Estill Fiscal Court, which was required to meet in person to conduct a closed session on personnel. Abney volunteered to serve as Estill County's representative on the Kentucky Mountain Regional Recreation Authority.

Students to begin classes Aug. 24: calendar revised

by CATHY DAWES
 Tribune Staffwriter

As the start day of a new school year is quickly approaching, members of the school board met on Thursday night to discuss the actual start date and how they could safely reopen the buildings and keep students and staff healthy at the same time.

Superintendent Jeff Saylor asked the board's approval of a revised calendar which would put students back in the classroom on August 24th.

Under the revised calendar there would be a partial fall break and spring break with the last tentative day of the school year as May 20th.

Saylor said that things will look a lot different as students return to the

classroom this year, and much of the decision is going to be left up to parents to decide whether they want their children to attend school on an alternative schedule or whether they want to continue with the remote learning from home.

If a student attends school on the alternative schedule they will only attend classes twice a week and will continue their work at home the other three days a week.

The superintendent said that parents will be required to check their children's temperature each morning before they get on the bus, and the district will provide families with thermometers to do so.

He added that students and staff would

be required to wear face masks at all times with the exception of those who have signed documentation from a medical professional stating that they are unable to wear a face mask due to a medical condition.

He stated that students will also be required to have their temperature checked once they reach school. The district has purchased thermal imaging equipment to be able to check temperatures of each person before they enter the building.

Once inside of the building students will not be allowed to enter common areas such as the cafeterias or gyms but will go straight to their classrooms.

Saylor said that sanitizing equipment has

been purchased and additional staff will be on hand to thoroughly clean areas inside of the building each day and that teachers will have some added responsibility of sanitizing desks and other items in between classes.

He stated that attendance would not be an issue this year due to the circumstances but did say that students would be graded weekly on their work. If they didn't turn the work in they would not move forward.

He said this was a big problem at the end of the year and that the district will bend over backwards to make sure that each student is successful, but they must do the work that is provided to them

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Lucas Barnes, deputy director of the Emergency Operations Center, went over bids and purchases from CSEPP with the Estill Fiscal Court on Monday.

Obituaries

- Keith Crim, 57
 - Bessie Durbin, 69
 - Lorena Gann, 91
 - Margaret Morris, 80
 - Tracie Reece, 71
 - William Staton, 72
 - Lucille Wiseman, 78
 - Norma York, 84
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Volunteers with Ravenna Food Bank thank community and fiscal court for their support

Volunteers with the Estill County Food Bank in Ravenna thanked the Estill Fiscal Court on Monday for their support.

Donna Alcorn said the 12 year old food bank is staffed by all volunteers. All money donated to the center goes for food.

"We could not have done it without the community support," she stated.

The county's magistrates and rescue squad also volunteer with the food bank.

"We could not be doing what we are doing now without the fiscal court's assistance," stated Steve Garrett.

"You know you're helping a lot of families," Watson stated.

Both Alcorn and Garrett made their statements by dialing in to the meeting held by teleconfer-

ence. Judge/Executive Donnie Watson and the magistrates met in-person at the EOC Center because they had to go into a closed session. They wore masks and maintained social distancing.

Since the last fiscal court meeting, a new roof was installed on the food bank building.

Watson said the county got rid of five trailer loads of tires last week. He estimated they still have two trailer loads left to get rid of.

The tires were taken to county road department property on Cow Creek during a tire amnesty a few months ago.

"That keeps them out of the ditches and roadsides," Watson stated.

A free spay and neuter was held at the animal shelter. Wat-

son said that 46 cats and five dogs were spayed or neutered.

Please contact the animal shelter about future spay and neuter clinics.

Watson said the county has been contacted by FEMA about two sites from 2011 and 2016, when he was not the judge. He added that a lot of information is unavailable.

However, the county is getting ready to blacktop some recent FEMA sites.

He again asked Estill Countians to complete the census if they have not done so. It takes about three to five minutes.

If anyone needs assistance with the census, they may call the judge's office at 723-7524.

The fiscal court approved joining the Kentucky Mountain Au-

thority to create a recreational trail in 20 to 22 Eastern Kentucky counties. The authority was approved by the state legislature.

Magistrate Mike Abney will represent Estill County on the board.

Many CSEPP related items were addressed by the fiscal court.

The fiscal court voted to advertise for medical equipment for Estill EMS, which will be paid for out of CSEPP funds.

The court will also advertise for part-time 911 dispatchers.

Lucas Barnes from EOC said that two dispatchers work each shift. One is paid from 911 funds and the other from CSEPP funds.

"Hopefully, that will cut down on overtime," Barnes stated.

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