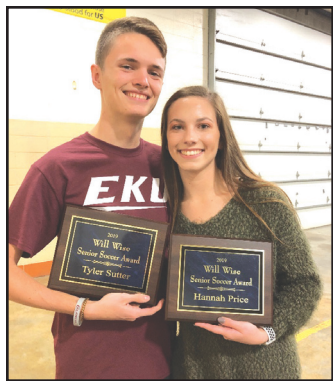


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## Female charged with trafficking after deputy stops vehicle because driver is under influence

A front-seat passenger was charged with trafficking in drugs following a traffic stop on South Irvine Road on June 29.

Deputy Brad Smith had stopped a vehicle on South Irvine Road and was assisted at the scene by Irvine Officer Jason Conrad and Detective Sam Hensley.

The driver and one of the passengers were arrested by Deputy Brad Smith.

The deputy said a complaint had been made about the driver being possibly under the influence.

Smith administered field sobriety tests to the female driver.

He then charged Brianna Marcum, 20, of Scott Court, Irvine with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Deputy Smith also charged a passenger, Jeremy K. Edmonson, 29, of McKee, Ky. with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

He stated that a search of Edmonson's pockets revealed a small folded envelope which had suspected heroin.

Consent to search the vehicle was given. Smith said in the back seat was another small bag/folded paper with suspected heroin.

Detective Hensley wrote in a citation that he had observed a bulge in the waistline of pants worn by Rhonda Gail Marcum-Ray, 43, of Dwale, Ky. He stated that she kept moving it around and even stuck her hand down in her pants, possibly adjusting the bulge.

She was questioned by Deputy Smith and told him that she was having a heavy

period. She was released from the scene and went walking down South Irvine Road toward McKee Road.

While the driver and other passenger were being transported to jail, one of them advised Officer Conrad that Marcum-Ray had just purchased about \$1,500 worth of drugs and could not believe that she was let go.

Officer Conrad and Detective Hensley went back to South Irvine and located Marcum-Ray at 345 McKee Road.

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## Estill residents quarantined for an out-of-county Covid-19 case

All student activities are cancelled and school athletic facilities in the Estill County School District are closed until Monday, July 20, at the recommendation of the Estill County Health Department.

Candie McMaine, interim director of Estill County Health Department, said the health department recommended those actions because of a positive corona virus case in another county.

This victim apparently had contact with an unknown number of people in Estill County, who have been placed on a 14 day quarantine. They will also be tested for the corona virus.

McMaine said she could not say the exact number of local residents who are quarantined.

She learned about the connection on Monday when she returned to work after the health department was closed last week.

McMaine said someone is always on call at the health department even if the doors are closed for a holiday.

She added the department gets daily updates on the corona virus.

Many days it gives the number of tests pending. McMaine said that is because sometimes it takes up to 48 hours to get test results.

At last week's school board meeting, Superintendent Jeff Saylor stated he was going to be attending meetings this week about school sports. After those meetings, Saylor said he would know more about the future of school sports during this school year.

As of Monday afternoon, 886 Estill Countians had been tested for Covid-19. Eight hundred and fifty-nine tests have been returned as negative.

Twenty-three tests were pending.

Since May 30, four local residents have tested positive for the corona virus, and three of them have recovered.

For information on testing for Covid-19 or other health related matters, please contact the Estill County Health Department at 723-5181.



**Growing Tobacco**



A group of teenaged neighbors on Harris-Ferry Road are growing probably the county's only tobacco crop this year. The teens had questions about growing tobacco, so their parents are giving them first hand experience. Top photo is courtesy of Brad Goolman. Andrew and Josh Townsend set out the tobacco plants in late spring. Bottom photo: Josh Townsend chopped weeds out of the tobacco on Thursday evening. The teens plan to sell their small crop in the late fall or early winter.

## IPD executes search warrant, confiscates 6.3 grams of meth

A man was charged after Irvine Police executed a search warrant Tuesday, June 30 at 400 W. Cedar Grove Road, Irvine.

The citation states that when officers entered through the front door, Brian Edward Hall, 48, was sitting on a couch in the living room.

It adds that there

was a silver/stainless handgun laying on the couch cushion, pressed against his right leg.

Detective Sam Hensley said the weapon was secured without incident.

The citation states the Irvine officers also confiscated approximately 6.3 grams of methamphetamine, approximately 2.5

grams of marijuana, one Buprenorphine, and Naloxone sublingual film.

The officers also recovered multiple items of paraphernalia, including digital scales, a methamphetamine glass pipe, syringes, and hundreds of plastic bags of multiple sizes.

Brian Edward Hall,

48, a resident of 400 W. Cedar Grove Road, was charged with possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), and possession of marijuana.

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