

### Births -- Baptist Health of Richmond

County	DOB	Parents	Town	Gender
Madison	Feb. 4, 2021	Kayla and Abdullah Alhurani (Twins)	Berea	Boy
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Rockcastle	Feb. 7, 2021	Jessica and John Lawson	Mt. Vernon	Boy
Madison	Feb. 9, 2021	Sarah McCafferty and James Morris	Richmond	Boy
Madison	Feb. 9, 2021	Randa and Dallas Metcalf	Richmond	Boy
Rockcastle	Feb. 10, 2021	Cassandra and Adam Fortner	Mt. Vernon	Boy
Madison	Feb. 11, 2021	Anna Petrey and Terry Alexander	Berea	Girl
Madison	Feb. 12, 2021	Haili Hill and Trenton Huguely	Richmond	Boy
Jackson	Feb. 14, 2021	Ashley and Cameron Rose	McKee	Boy
Madison	Feb. 15, 2021	Olivia and Devin Barrett	Richmond	Girl
Jackson	Feb. 16, 2021	Jasmine Williams & Austin Blake Powell	Sandgap	Boy
Rockcastle	Feb. 17, 2021	Sarah and Herman Smith	Mt. Vernon	Girl
Madison	Feb. 18, 2021	Tabbitha and Jacob Hutchins	Berea	Boy
Madison	Feb. 18, 2021	Franziska and Jonathan Esteppe	Richmond	Girl
Madison	Feb. 22, 2021	Misty Taulbee and Joshua Hall	Richmond	Girl
Madison	Feb. 23, 2021	Heather French & John Harvey Clark	Richmond	Boy
Madison	Feb. 23, 2021	Savannah Mullins	Richmond	Girl
Madison	Feb. 24, 2021	Tara and Tory Jones	Richmond	Girl
Madison	Feb. 24, 2021	Faith Ann Alfarano	Berea	Boy
Rockcastle	Feb. 25, 2021	Lisa Fisher and Blake Powell	Mt. Vernon	Girl

## Estill Courthouse News

#### Marriages

Jamie Denise Friend, 40, homemaker of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine and Justin Clay Ballard, 38, Advance Disposal, married February 14, 2021.  
Tiffany Lynn Smith, 35, unemployed of S. Court St, Irvine and Dawson Bryce Davis, 32, Nestle of S. Court St, Irvine, married January 24, 2021.  
Samantha June Carol Abney Navarette, 33,

homemaker of Flinchum Road, Irvine and Anthony Ryan Kyle Combs, 31, Clay Ingles, Flinchum Road, Irvine, married February 7, 2021.  
Jessica Lynn Dreaden, 27, manager of Barnes Mt. Road, Irvine and Randall Lee Hall, 28, construction of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine, married February 7, 2021.  
Jessia Lee Caldwell, 31, office manager of Pine

Street, Ravenna and Stanley Michael Horn, 32, of Pine Street, married Feb. 5, 2021.

#### Operator permits

Rylee Friend, Shelby Adams, Blake Stamper, Dylan Fletcher, Ashton Richardson, Kylee Riddell, Emma Hisle, and Colburn Babb.

#### Intermediate licenses

Kadence Riddell, Riley Watkins, and Emma Winkle.

### NOTICE OF STORE CLOSING

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### Letter to the Editor

## Mullen responds to judges actions

Dear Editor, Estill County Citizens and members of the Estill County Fiscal Court:

I am writing in response to the recent story concerning Mr. Watson's false accusations towards me during the recent fiscal court meeting. Unfortunately, Mr. Watson is once again trying to lie to you, the citizens of Estill County. He stated that I resigned from the positions I held with the fiscal court because I had taken another job. That is untrue. After being threatened numerous times by Mr. Watson that he would fire me because I was not being diplomatic and would not lie to the citizens for his political gain, I decided that it would be better if I resigned so that he could not take the over 300 hours of vacation and sick time that I had accrued over my many years of service to the county. Mr. Watson also stated that he had proof that I was suspended due to sending videos or texts of a sexual nature to a coworker. That is another lie. He told me I was being suspended because he did not like the Tic Tok videos that I was making on county property, although they were made only during my breaks. As for the suspension itself, it was not handled the way it should have been per the administrative code. The reason for the suspension should have been presented to me in writing with the reason for suspension stated, then I should have signed it. The decision for the suspension to have been with or without pay should have then been presented to the fiscal court for their vote. He says he has proof to back up what he has said. I would like to see that proof and if he has a written copy of the suspension with "my" signature on it, I would also like to see that because it would be a forgery as I have never signed anything in regards to that suspension. As for the Facebook post I made that he referred to, it was done after numerous people had questioned me about leaving a job that I had held for 9 years and 9 months. I wanted to let everyone know the true reason behind my

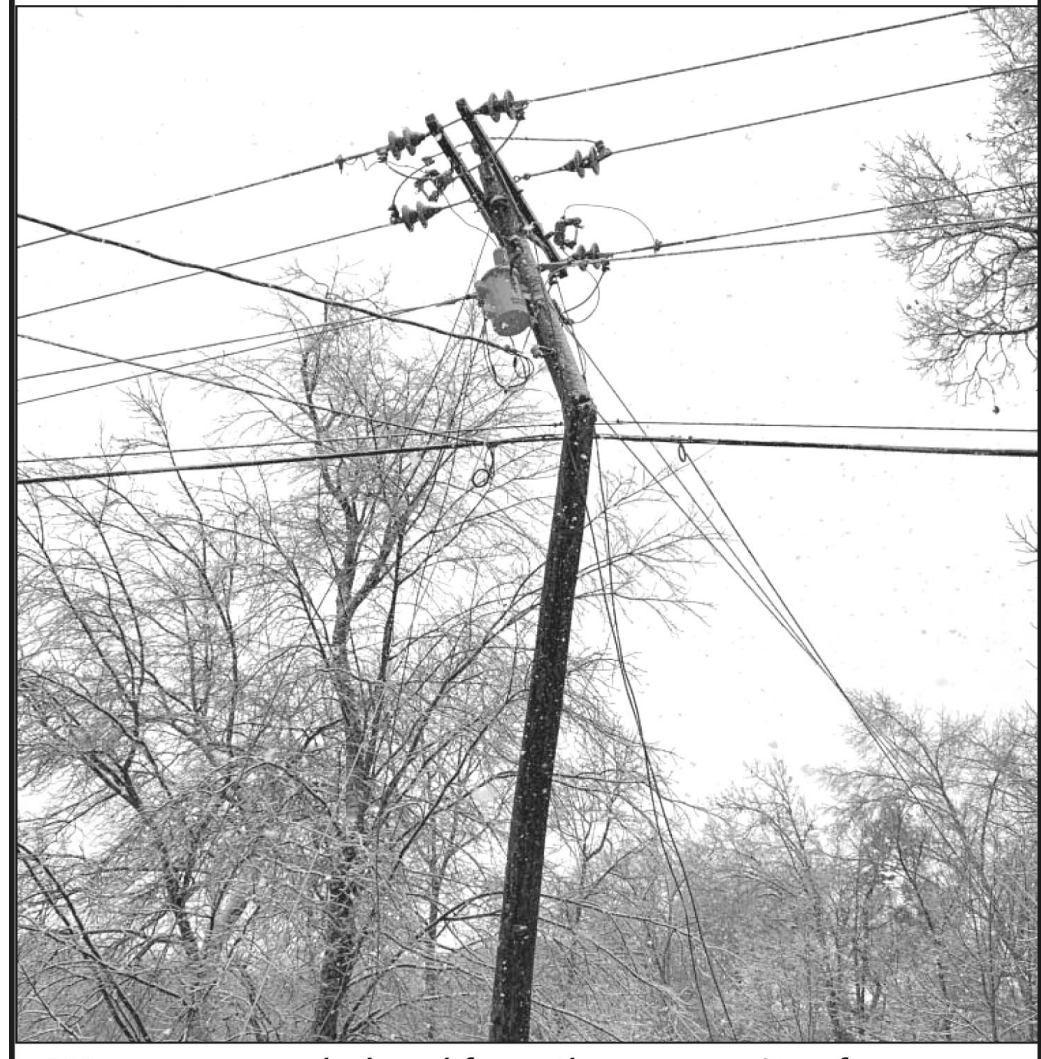
decision and unlike Mr. Watson, I have two recorded conversations where he threatened my job and told me to learn to keep my mouth shut. One such instance was when he told me not to pick up any dogs in Ravenna or Irvine city limits if I wanted to keep my job. He told me to tell the officers that I had worked with for nearly 10 years, that I could no longer assist them with retrieving stray dogs and it was none of their business why I couldn't. Then there were the issues with him not allowing me to perform my duties as Solid Waste Coordinator. Prior to Mr. Watson becoming the Judge Executive, if a person was caught illegally dumping or littering, they were prosecuted. It did not matter who they were. Unfortunately, Mr. Watson only wanted people who had previous records, or wasn't a friend of his or the magistrates or their families to be prosecuted. Arrangements for two days of free dumping at the landfill had been made between myself and the landfill managers in 2020. Citizens of Estill County could have come to the shelter, since the courthouse and Judge's office was locked up tighter than Fort Knox, and gotten a voucher to dump at no expense. Unfortunately, Judge Watson thought that would make him look bad and cancelled the event. When I would go check on a solid waste issue, I was not allowed to say that I was there because a complaint had come into the judge's office because Mr. Watson told me, and I quote, "Myself and the magistrates are elected officials, you were appointed. We have to worry about the vote". To the citizens of Estill County, I want to say thank you for the years that I had working with you and making your animal shelter one of the best in the state and I want to warn you to question everything that you are told by the current judge because I know first hand how much he prefers lies over the truth if it will make him look better.

Respectfully,  
Tommy Mullen

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