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Estill School District meets goal on tests

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When test scores were released last Thursday, the Estill County School District received a proficient rating because they had met their target goal.

West Irvine Elementary and Estill County High School both met their goals and were rated proficient. The middle school missed its target and is classified as needing improvement.

"We have a lot of celebration points, but we also have areas for growth," said Supt.

Jeff Saylor.

He added the staff did not wait until Thursday to address the weaknesses.

"We've been on that path for six weeks," he stated. "We've hit the ground running with the new initiative, novice reduction."

The novice reduction program is a voluntary program through the Kentucky Department of Education. Saylor said the district will receive resources from KDE and the local education co-ops to reduce the number of students scoring novice on tests.

Math scores were decreased at all three

schools. Elementary scores increased in reading, social studies and writing.

Writing at the high school was also slightly lower, but increases were made in science, social studies, and reading.

At the middle school, decreases were recorded at all levels, although the decreases were small in math and reading.

An area of concern was the test results for local GAP students. The GAP includes African American, Hispanic, American Indian or Alaska Native students, students with disabilities, those on free or reduced

price meals, and limiting English speaking.

Lisa Reece, district wide programs coordinator, said GAP students increased in all content areas at the elementary and high school levels and decreased in all areas at the middle school.

The high school graduation rate of 96.4 exceeded the state rate of 88.9. High school students also exceeded the state rating for college and career readiness.

The target for kindergarten readiness was 44.7, and they scored a 58.6

Caleb Stickney becomes Eagle Scout

Caleb Stickney from Boy Scout Troop 144 earned his Eagle Scout award and received it during the Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony on Friday evening at St. Elizabeth Church. Caleb was required to earn 21 merit badges in various crafts and skills toward receiving his Eagle award. His service project for the Eagle award was to build a kiosk at the Lily Mountain Nature Preserve. Caleb is attending the Gatton Academy of Math and Sciences at Western Kentucky University during his junior and senior years of high school. He will also receive college credit. Pictured below are Troop 144 leaders and Scouts who attended the ceremony.



Caleb Stickney's mother, Teresa, pins his new Eagle Scout badge onto his shirt while his father, Jack Stickney, watches.



IPD is looking for driver of wrecked, stolen car

The Irvine Police Department is looking for a couple involved with a vehicle stolen from Ran Richardson Auto Sales on River Drive.

Late Saturday night, the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed on Turner Avenue. The stolen vehicle was described as a 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier with four doors.

Captain Adrian McKinney said the unknown male driver lost control of the Cavalier due to the excessive speed. The vehicle left the roadway on the left side. The driver over corrected and the vehicle went to the right side of the roadway.

It then struck a vehicle in the left bumper which was parked on the shoulder of the street in a parking space.

The parked vehicle, a 2003 Mazda Tribute LX 4x4, was owned by Barry W. Baskin Jr. of Turner Avenue, Irvine.

The officer said the unknown driver backed up and turned the stolen car around. He attempted to drive away from the scene but the vehicle stalled due to extensive damage.

The unknown male operator and the female passenger fled the scene on foot.

The stolen car received very severe damages to the front. Baskin's vehicle was severely damaged in the left bumper area.

Anyone with information on the unknown male and/or female is asked to contact the Irvine Police Department.

Woman is accused of stealing at fire dept.

A Winchester woman was arrested Monday morning after allegedly taking items from city property.

Police Chief Brad Smith went to Renaissance Apartments around 9:15 a.m. to meet with Chris Mitchell and Justin Patrick from the Irvine Fire Department.

Chief Smith said that Virginia Williams, 35, of Mina Station Road, Winchester, was locked out of an apartment.

He added that sitting on the ground were a stolen notebook, a fishing tackle box with lures, and a set of cleaning supplies. He stated

that Williams admitted to taking those items from across the street, around the fire department.

The police chief said that Williams' speech was slurred, and she was also unsteady on her feet. He added that she admitted that she had taken suboxone.

He stated that she went onto city property to commit a crime in an unauthorized area.

Williams was charged with public intoxication, theft by unlawful taking/disposition, and criminal trespass second degree.

Obituaries

Leonard Blevins, 87
Fred Brown, 89
Thomas Fowler, 51
Bobby Isaacs, 44
Terri Painter, 47
Ruby Peters, 50
Michael Profitt, 59
Ruby Rudy, 83
Sam Sebastian, 73
Margie Spencer
Charles West, 75

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1st Crafts on Main - Oct. 3



Above, Brittany Puckett and Cynthia Townsend organized Crafts on Main, which was moved from Estill Springs Elementary to the courthouse the day before the event.

Left: Sandy Melton poses by her sleds. Bottom photo is a fall scene by Melton with pumpkins, crows, owls, and hay bales.



Isaiah Sewell enjoyed the first annual Crafts on Main, held at the courthouse, on Saturday.