

# Fiscal court raises salaries of county workers by 25¢

Employees of the Estill County Fiscal Court will have a better Christmas this year.

At Monday's fiscal court meeting, Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor asked that all county employees receive a 25 cent an hour raise across the board.

Magistrate Gerald Rader said the raise was well deserved.

Taylor said the raise is expected to cost the county about \$36,000 a year.

The fiscal court had just approved maximum salaries for County Clerk Sherry Fox and Sheriff Gary Freeman, so the 25 cent an hour was not figured in the maximum for their employees.

Fox did not say if she would be able to give her employees the raise or not.

"I'll match your quarter," Freeman said to Taylor.

The fiscal court had also approved calendar years budgets for Fox's office and Freeman's department.

The judge and magistrates voted to allow Freeman to

receive an advance of up to \$50,000 if needed. The money comes from another source and must be repaid by Freeman's department.

The court discussed mileage and overtime billing for the sheriff's office. Taylor said if the sheriff's office picked up a state prisoner, he thought the cost should be borne by the Administrative Office of Courts instead of the county.

County attorney Rodney Davis said he would call the AOC and ask, but he did not think they would pay for transportation costs.

Deputy Doc Morris said that when a person is sentenced, the local jail transports that person to a jail which handles state prisoners and has an opening.

He said the sheriff's department only transports persons who are on probation and commit another offense.

Taylor opened five bids for the construction of an 80 foot radio tower at the senior citizens center with a chain-

link fence around it. The bids ranged from \$75,341 to \$102,294. Construction will be paid for by CSEPP.

Ronnie Riddell, director of Estill County Emergency Services will review the bids to make sure they meet the specifications.

Three bids were also opened to replace lighting at multiple towers around the county.

Taylor said this time last year the county was running short on salt.

There is 250 tons in storage with more salt available.

He stated the county is saving money on salt and labor expenses.

Taylor briefly commented on the untimely death of Captain Zachary Clevenger, a part time firefighter.

"We had a loss of one of our people who worked to serve and protect our community," Taylor stated.

He added the community came together during this time to support each other.



Santa and Mrs. Claus read books about Christmas to the children attending Storytime at the library on Friday. They hold up the book so the children can see the pictures.

## Deputy arrests 5 men at 300 McKee Road

Four men were arrested at 300 McKee Road around 9:20 p.m. Saturday night after reportedly arguing with each other and disturbing their neighbors. A fifth man was arrested at the same location six hours earlier that day.

He was identified as Glyndon Isaacs, 53, of Jenkins Branch Road, Irvine.

Deputy Randy Farthing charged him with alcohol intoxication. Farthing said that Isaacs was unsteady on his feet and smelled of alcohol. He added the man was standing by the road and he advised him to go inside.

Isaacs reportedly went inside but came out again and was down by the road.

The four men arrested during the nighttime disturbance were identified as Stanley Isaacs, 49, Timothy Charlton, Harold Isaacs, 54, and Jimmy Isaacs, 47. Stanley and Harold Isaacs and Charlton gave 300 McKee Road as their residence. Jimmy Isaacs was listed as living nearby at 320 McKee Road.

Farthing said the four men were involved in an argument with each other.

Stanley Isaacs was charged with alcohol intoxication and resisting arrest. The deputy

stated that Stanley's cursing could be heard throughout the neighborhood.

While Farthing was cuffing Stanley, he said the man tried to pull away from him.

Charlton was charged with disorderly conduct and alcohol intoxication.

The deputy stated that Charlton was highly intoxicated and came outside several times. He said that Charlton refused to stay inside. He came outside several times and could be heard throughout the neighborhood.

Harold Isaacs was also charged with disorderly conduct and alcohol intoxication.

Deputy Farthing stated that Harold was also highly intoxicated. HE was yelling and cursing, which caused a disturbance throughout the neighborhood.

He added that Harold refused to obey his orders.

Jimmy Isaacs was charged only with disorderly conduct, second degree.

Deputy Farthing said that Jimmy was arguing loudly with the three other men. He added that Jimmy was yelling and cursing which could be heard throughout the neighborhood. He also said that Jimmy refused to obey the officer's orders.

## Local Police Activity

A woman was charged Thursday, Dec. 17 with shoplifting at a dollar store on Richmond Road.

Deputy Randy Farthing said that Mistie Combs was observed shoplifting by the store manager, Bobby Bowman.

He said that she was unsteady on her feet, had slurred speech, constricted pupils and nystagmus.

Farthing said the woman had \$74.62 worth of merchandise in her purse.

The deputy charged Combs with theft by unlawful taking or disposition (shoplifting) and public intoxication of a controlled substance.

• Michael D. Bishop, 41, of Rosebud Avenue, Irvine was arrested Dec. 12 at his residence for domestic violence minor injury, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct.

The arresting officer, John Sturniolo, wrote in the citation that Bishop was observed in a rear bedroom on top of the alleged female victim, and he was choking and striking the woman. He added that Bishop also fought with him as he was pulling him off the victim.

He added that Bishop resisted arrest and continued to fight with the officer. He said that residents of the home said that Bishop was extremely intoxicated and belligerent to them.

• Charles Maness, 36, of Chestnut Stand Road, Irvine was arrested by Officer Sturniolo, Dec. 6, at the intersection of Estill Avenue and Broadway.

The officer said he located Maness in a parking lot acting suspicious and there was an active warrant for Maness' arrest.

He said that Maness had a portion of a suboxone pill in his cigarette pack and he had a syringe needle hidden in his boot.

Maness was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

The active warrant was issued by Estill District Judge Bo Leach because Maness had failed to appear in court for operating on a suspended or revoked license and no registration receipt. A third charge of failure to produce insurance card was dismissed.

• Anthony N. McIntosh, 40, of Jacqueline Court, Irvine was arrested Dec. 6 at the intersection of Estill Avenue and Broadway.

Officer Sturniolo cited that McIntosh drove into a secluded parking lot as he was investigating a complaint of suspicious activity. He said as he was making the other arrest, McIntosh became nervous and tried to leave the parking lot. He added that McIntosh was going to pick up the arrested male.

The arresting officer stated the McIntosh failed field sobriety tests. Sturniolo said that McIntosh told him he had smoked marijuana earlier on Dec. 6.

Sturniolo said that Irvine's K-9 Fritz alerted on McIntosh's vehicle. He stated that scales with a white powder residue were located in the

console. McIntosh reportedly had \$1,345.00 in his possession.

He was charged with driving under the influence of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Eric D. Ison, 25, of Whitesburg, was arrested Dec. 12 on Main Street in Irvine by Officer Sturniolo.

The officer said he stopped Ison for speeding. K-9 Fritz alerted to the driver side of Ison's vehicle and a marijuana roach, marijuana pipe, and suboxone were found in the vehicle. Ison reportedly told the officer that he had smoked marijuana that day.

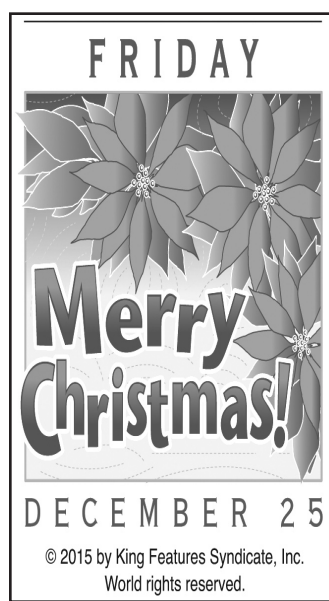
Sturniolo said the driver failed field sobriety tests. Ison reportedly refused to call his attorney and refused a blood draw. Ison's vehicle was towed after Ison was charged with driving under the influence of drugs, possession of a controlled substance, second degree (suboxone), and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Toni H. Neace of Whitesburg was arrested Dec. 12 by Irvine Officer John Sturniolo on a Letcher County District Court warrant.

Letcher District Judge K. Mullins issued the warrant saying Neace owed court costs of \$130 and had failed to appear for a probation revocation hearing. Charges of license to be in possession, no registration plates, no registration receipt, and failure to produce insurance were dismissed in 2014, but failure of owner to maintain required insurance was placed on the fugitive docket.



Presents from Santa!



## IPD charges man with stealing mail from 3

Irvine Police made an arrest early Monday morning for the theft of mail matter.

Officer John Sturniolo wrote in the citation that he located Donald Fields, 54, of 150 Sugar Hollow Road, in the parking lot of the Rockhouse Restaurant on River Drive. It was 2:01 in the morning, and the business was closed.

He stated that Fields had thrown bags of garbage out of the restaurant's dump-

sters into the parking lot and grassy area.

According to the officer, Fields had seven letters/mail of others belonging to three different people.

The officer stated the mail was returned to its original owners.

Fields was charged with criminal mischief third offense over \$500, criminal trespass third degree, and seven counts of theft of mail matter.

## Deputy arrests man threatening with knife

A deputy says a man threatened his family with a knife on Sunday, Dec. 13.

Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris stated that he was dispatched to Dark Hollow Road that evening. He was assisted at the scene by a state trooper.

The citation states that Morris and the trooper met the man in the doorway of his home. The deputy said the man pointed the knife at him and the trooper.

According to Morris, the man engaged created a sub-

stantial danger of death or serious physical injury to another person.

Morris arrested the male resident, Jimmy L. Fowler, 32, and charged him with five counts of wanton endangerment first degree.

Fowler pleaded not guilty to five felony charges of wanton endangerment during his arraignment in Estill District Court on December 14.

District Judge Bo Leach scheduled a preliminary hearing for December 21.

## Inmate charged with having lighter, pot

Deputy Doc Morris said an Estill man was jailed on a child support warrant. That man, Timothy DeWayne Riddell, 31, of Matt Riddell Road, Irvine, now faces more charges.

A citation states that jail staff smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from a cell, just after midnight on Friday.

The deputy adds that Riddell had a cigarette lighter and half of a marijuana joint in his posses-

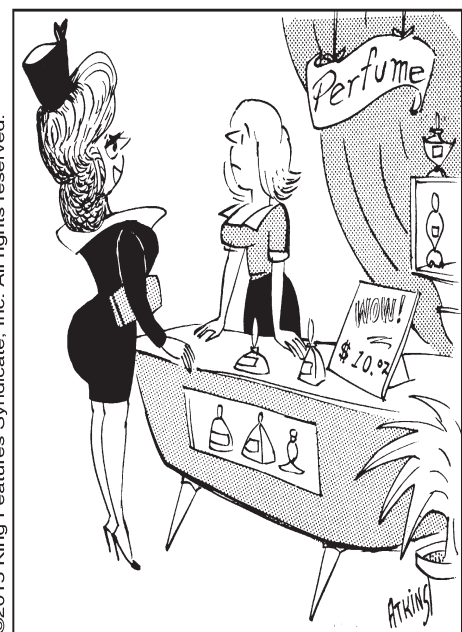
sion. Riddell was charged with promoting contraband first degree.

Morris was assisted with the investigation by KSP Trooper Ty Robinson.

In district court later on Friday, Riddell pleaded not guilty to promoting contraband in the first degree.

He returned to court on Monday for a preliminary hearing.

Riddell's bail has been set at \$5,000 cash.



"I'm going steady with a physicist ... Do you have anything that will make me smell ...?"

## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Agile

RIMBLE

Alike

QUALE

Secret

VECTOR

Smart

STATUE

TODAY'S WORD