



Debbie Powell also painted an oil well and rig drilling truck on a circular saw. (Photos of circular saw and shovel were courtesy of Debbie Powell.)

## Painted scenes on tools tell a family's history

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"My grandpa had an oil rig drilling truck like that," said Dillon Powell, Debbie's son.

On the saw that Michele found in the ashes of her dad's home, Debbie painted a man plowing with a work horse. She used a photo that Michele had of her grandfather plowing with a work horse.

Debbie painted an oil scene on a round saw blade.

Michele said the women became instant friends. They all share a love of horses. Debbie's father, the late Bill Barnes, earned his family's living by shoeing horses.

Debbie's mother grew up in the Tipton Ridge area where oil wells are still common today.

"I've always loved to color and draw," Debbie said. "I took art in high school."

She married but became a single mother with two children. She said she didn't have time to pursue her talent while raising the children. Now that they're grown, you can say she is back in the saddle again.

Michele and Debbie are both natural blondes. Tammy is going to add some blonde streaks to her hair to see if blondes really do have more fun.

The friends were as excited as Debbie about her unusual luck on Saturday. Debbie went to Meade's and her car wouldn't start when she came back out. Men tried to jump start the battery without any luck. Two good samaritans from West Virginia asked her if she had money for a battery. When she replied no, they went to get her a new battery. Debbie wanted their names and addresses to pay them back, but they refused to let her pay them back. She thanked the unknown men for their kindness on Facebook.

When Michele retires as a school counselor in a few years, she plans to buy a place in Estill County and move here.

"I feel like these mountains call my name," she said.



June rains have definitely brought July flowers, including this white hibiscus bloom which is about the size of a dessert plate.

## Sheriff's Activity

A second degree burglary is being investigated at the residence of Chris Abney on Sand Hill Road.

Abney returned home on July 9 to find that someone had broken into his home by breaking the front door and its frame.

He reported that a 53-inch Sanyo television and surround system were stolen.

Deputy Randy Farthing is investigating.

**Tools Stolen**  
A misdemeanor theft was reported by Donnie Isaacs of 200 Substation Road, Irvine.

Isaacs reported that while he was away from his home on July 9, someone took a Porter cable 150 volt cordless drill and batteries.

The items are valued at less than \$500.

The drill and batteries were later left on a porch at 170 Substation Road.

Deputy Farthing is also conducting this investigation.

**Injury Accident**  
A Somerset man was injured during a one-vehicle accident on Spout Springs Road. The accident occurred around 5:30 p.m. on Inde-

pendence Day.

The investigating deputy is Daniel Smith.

The report says the vehicle driven by William A. Hess veered off the roadway and struck a concrete culvert.

Hess was transported by ambulance to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital.

His 2000 Subaru Legacy was severely damaged in the front.

**Terroristic Threatening**  
On Friday, a man was charged with terroristic threatening, assault of a police officer, menacing, and disorderly conduct.

The report says the man became disorderly at Marcum & Wallace Hospital while in police custody.

Deputy Randy Farthing was dispatched to the hospital. The patient was placed in police custody for an emergency medical transfer.

Farthing said the patient was handcuffed in the front when he became aggressive.

He yelled, cursed, and struck Deputy Farthing.

Farthing said the man was pepper sprayed, and Irvine Officer John Sturniolo placed a belly band on him to restrain him for the transfer.

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Crawford said that a ghost walk in downtown Irvine was in the planning stages for some time in October by the Estill Action Group. He said they were also putting together a competitive volleyball tournament for the end of July to raise money to upgrade Christmas decorations in downtown.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for Once Borrowed which is a new business located next to The Twin on River Drive. Crawford said that he had talked with several people who were interested in opening new businesses in Irvine.

Revive River Drive will be held on Labor Day weekend and Crawford stated that he, along with the organizers of Revive River Drive, would be working closely with Police Chief Brad Smith to make sure that it is a safe event for everyone attending.

A privilege license was granted to Dancing Days LLC to operate the Steam Engine Pizza Pub at 206 Main Street.

Mayor Noland nominated Regina Robertson to the IMU board of commissioners. All council members agreed except Councilman Billy Arthur who abstained from the vote.

## Basketball Try-Outs

Estill County Middle School Girls Basketball Try-Outs will be held Wednesday, July 22, 2-4 p.m.

Girls trying out must have a current physical and try-out paper.

The gym will be open 2-4 p.m. every week day.

If you have questions, please call Coach Bob Young at (859) 200-6925.

## Kindergarten Registration

Children who are five years old, on or before October 1, 2015, are eligible to start Kindergarten in August, 2015. Call South Irvine P-K Center at 723-4700 to register your child for kindergarten.

## GED Center Is Open

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