

Jail will be reopening

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Deputy Jailer Melinda Philhower said one of two jail transport cars had broken down on her. She asked the fiscal court if they would buy the jail new vehicles for transporting inmates.

She was told they were already looking for a vehicle.

Magistrate Darrell Johnson said he had called Breathitt County because it is about the same population as Estill. He said with Breathitt's jail closed, that county is still spending a million annually on jail expenses.

Johnson said he thought the inmates ought to work.

Magistrate Gerald Rader said he is part of a commit-

tee looking for solutions at the jail. That committee has met twice in the last few months.

"What's best for the majority of the taxpayers? What's best for the safety of our community?" Taylor asked.

He said the county's total budget is \$6.5 million, but some funds are earmarked for 911, CSEPP, the road fund and other funds. The jail is paid for out of the undesignated general fund.

Taylor said the jail and courthouse will be sprayed on a regular schedule for bedbugs.

Taylor said the road construction at the park is being paid for out of \$35,000

made available through ARC funds. One bridge replacement is finished, and the county is going to start another bridge.

The animal shelter was painted and treated for fleas and ticks.

Taylor said Estill is scheduled to start receiving coal severance money in October. "Trucks are rolling every which way."

Fire Chief Derrick Muncie showed the fiscal court one of 13 new airpucks. They were paid for by a federal grant. Muncie said the fire department received \$170,000 worth of new equipment. The fiscal court's match was \$8,000.

The board appointed

Charlene Riddell to serve on the Recreation Trails committee.

A home care aid position at Senior Citizens was filled, but the person hired did not accept the position because she was given her old job back.

The court will be advertising for a full time and a part time job at CSEPP. Six additional dispatchers will be hired in the fall.

EMS Director Ronnie Riddell II said that if any local residents had flood damages from the period of July 11-20, individual assistance was available. He asked that the affected residences call him at the EMS office.



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Tomatoes

I have been busy freezing corn and trying to find tomatoes to can for juice. Tomatoes seem to be scarce this year. If you find them they are too expensive or you are put on a waiting list. Hopefully, I will get some soon.

The other day I stopped in town and purchased a few tomatoes and when I started to slice one for my sandwich it was hollow inside like a bell pepper. I had never seen that before and it had a rotten place in the center. It was weird. I guess all the rain we had earlier hasn't helped the tomato crop.

I remember Dad growing so many tomatoes that we gave them away. He planted them in the tobacco bed and then when we finished setting tobacco we would set the tomatoes with the tobacco setter. We raised about an acre every year.

There is nothing like homemade tomato juice in macaroni; store bought just doesn't taste the same.

seeds of Hope



Whenever is a gracious word that sounds very comforting when someone offers to help us when we are going through a difficult time. We know that someone will help when we dial 911. Our homes are wrapped in security systems "in case" someone tries to enter if they are not invited. There are endless "alerts" available to notify someone, somewhere if we fall, encounter pain or face an emergency. We are to be thankful for these and many other devices that let us know that help is available.

In Psalm 34 we are reminded of the realities of life. "God's eyes," says David "are on the righteous." His "ears attentive to their cry." So, whenever

A home grown beefsteak tomato on a thick bologna sandwich with mayonnaise; mmmmm, so good! I especially like the orange, yellow, pink and striped ones. Dad had a variety of heirloom seeds he saved every year. I've even ate tomato sandwiches. Nothing like them.

As a kid I would go to the garden and pick a tomato, wipe it off on my shirt or shorts and eat it right there. The juice would run down my chin and down my shirt. Best tasting tomatoes I ever ate. My taste buds exploded with flavor.

I even had a tomato garden when I a kid. I grew red and yellow pear tomatoes, and tomy toes. I ate most of them soon as they got ripe. Seems like I do remember Mom making some tomato preserves with some of them.

I guess that began my love of tomatoes. In the summer I could live on tomatoes, corn and green beans. They are so good.

Whether served up in tomato sauce, sliced on sandwiches, or eaten fresh; I eagerly anticipate the first early tomato. I have two huge tomato plants in buckets, I have harvested 4 or 5 tomatoes already. I have to purchase large quantities to can for juice.

I love tomatoes the way Forrest Gump loved shrimp. Like he said, "You can fix them so many ways." You can have tomatoes sliced, stewed, baked, scalloped, fried green tomatoes; and so many recipes call for tomato sauce or juice, like chili, vegetable soup, pasta dishes, pizza, salsa and salads. I'm sure there are many more ways to use them that I haven't mentioned.

the righteous cry out, "the Lord hears them." Not may or might hear them, could or should hear them - but will hear them. We do not have to get in line, dial a number on a phone or press a button. Just "call out." Whenever. David is very realistic about life. He's been there and endured that. When he speaks about the tragedies in his life, we can enter into his experience with him. We have walked through the deep valleys as he has and have stumbled through similar shadows. Christians are not given a "free pass" to a life without problems.

But we are given the assurance that God is more than present. "His eyes are on us" and "His ears open to us." So, when our hearts are broken by the tragedies of life, our spirits crushed in grief, our joints ache and our illnesses never seem to end, He's with us!

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High school principal retires

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Click said that ECU does charge some tuition for their classes, but grant money is available to pay the students' tuitions.

"Blain believed in both a healthy body and mind. Under his leadership, we increased the number of physical fitness opportunities offered to our students. Additions, such as creative movement, military fitness, advanced sports skills and sports across the world, became some of the more popular electives on campus. Blain also believed in his teachers...if you were 'teaching,' he let you do your thing and teach. For that, I will always be grateful," stated Jill Barnett, teacher of Physical Education, Health and College Dual Credit.

When Click became principal, the school was using the popular block scheduling. Click got the school board's approval to change to trimester scheduling. Very schools use the trimester scheduling, but Click said the credits transfer to block scheduling.

Corbin Independent High School and Garrard County High are also on the trimester system.

Click said the trimester scheduling allows for earlier intervention.

As an example, he stated that if a student fails Algebra A in the first trimester, they can retake the class in the second trimester. With block scheduling, a student may have to wait an entire year to retake a failed class.

About five years ago, Estill High and four other high schools were selected for a pilot program which allowed

honor students to graduate after their sophomore year and go on into higher education. Estill had about 30 students who qualified for the pilot program, but only two chose to graduate early.

Because of that pilot project, honor students in high schools statewide have the option of graduating early. Click said three more students have graduated early from Estill.

Click is proud of the school's test scores. For the last seven or eight years, the high school has had the highest percentile on test scores of any county school. In 2014, Estill High earned the rating of proficient.

The school is also ranked among the top 25% of schools in the state in college and career readiness.

"Blain is a wonderful principal. With his hard work and leadership, he and his staff and students have made ECHS the Academic School it is today. Our students are College & Career ready when they walk across that stage at the end of their four years at the High School," stated Brenda M. Puckett, Administrative Secretary.

During Click's tenure, it seems there has always been an ongoing construction project at the high school.

Students were once divided between the main building and classrooms in the gym building. The former shop, under the gym, was designated as a freshman academy. This required students to go outside in all kinds of weather to go from one building to the other.

One construction project connected the two buildings while adding much needed

classrooms and expanding the school kitchen and lunchroom.

A JROTC program has been well received at the high school. When Click first started pursuing the program, Estill was 48th on the list. The principal kept calling until Estill was moved up to next on the list.

Some vocational classes are offered at the high school, but everyone still dreams of a vocational school. The dream of the vocational school is close to reality today.

When Click graduated from Estill County High School in 1984, he enrolled in UK. He received his B.S. degree in civil engineering in 1988.

"I always wanted to teach," he stated.

He was the son of a teacher, Danny Click, and his grandmother taught English at Waco School for 37 years, first at the high school, and then at the middle school level after the high school was moved.

His father was principal of the high school and South Irvine Elementary, before being in charge at the district bus garage. Danny Click has retired this year with 50 years of service for Estill Schools.

Blain Click married a middle school math teacher, Rebecca Abney Click, whose father was a teacher.

After working a total of 9.5 years as a resident civil engineer, Click received a B.S. in physics and mathematics teaching at Eastern Kentucky University in 1993.

He was hired to teach math and physics at the high school. In 2003, he was also

named head basketball coach of the Engineers.

In 2003, Click became assistant principal at the high school under head principal Gordon Parido.

"I was literally hired as principal of South Irvine. I was moving my stuff when I was asked to stay at the high school (in 2004)," Click stated.

Back then, Arthur Ballard was named assistant principal under Click. Ballard was recently named as Director of Transportation for Estill Schools.

The high school's other assistant principal, Jeff Tate, retired this summer.

The school's site-based council is expected to name Click's replacement after advertising the position the required number of days.

Only one of the two assistant principal slots is expected to be filled, and then again maybe not. The school's enrollment is down a little this year to 690 students. Click said the most it has been since he was principal has been around 750.

Chris Winkler, former middle school assistant principal, was moved from director of the Success Academy, the alternative school, to the high school. Another person has been named as director of the Success Academy, and Winkler will probably remain at the high school for this school year.

Click and his wife, Rebecca, are the parents of two sons, Caleb and Cobbe. Caleb graduated in the spring and is studying at Eastern Kentucky University.

After his retirement, Click said he is unsure what he will be doing.

Police Activity Report

A warrant was served on Sandra Conrad, 50, of Sweet Lick Road, Irvine on a charge of wanton endangerment, first degree.

The warrant states that on August 9, Conrad fired a shot from a revolver over the head of Justin Chad Warner. The offense is a Class D felony.

Conrad's bond was set at \$7,500 cash. She is scheduled to be arraigned August 19.

Jackie D. Goosey was arrested August 10 by Deputy Russell Morris for second degree forgery.

Goosey, 48, is a resident of Clear Creek Road, Irvine.

Deputy Morris said that Goosey wrote a check at Ravenna Food Mart on August 10 for \$211.76 on his mother's account. The deputy said that Goosey did not have permission to write the check and the investigation is ongoing.

Goosey was scheduled to be arraigned on August 12.

Gregory Scott Arvin, 46,

of Beattyville, was arrested August 14 by Irvine Officer John Sturniolo for driving under the influence/drugs, possession of a controlled substance, first (percocet) and drug paraphernalia during a traffic stop at Family Dollar on Winchester Road. The officer said he was attempting to locate Arvin's vehicle because of a report of reckless driving.

Arvin's bail was set at \$5,000 surety. He is scheduled to be arraigned August 19.

Dustin Reynolds, 21, of Ticky Fork Road, Ravenna was charged August 16 with theft by deception, including cold checks by Officer Sturniolo. The citation states that Reynolds was involved with another individual who was arrested earlier in forging and cashing cold checks taken from Reynolds' parents.

A bench warrant was also served on Reynolds. He was found guilty in 2014 in Estill District Court of public intoxication. Judge Leach

issued the warrant because Reynolds failed to pay \$168.00. He was allowed to pay that amount in cash as bail.

Tristan T. Cackling, Dry Branch Road, Irvine was arrested August 15 by Officer Sturniolo. He charged Cackling with violation of violation of EPO/DVO and unlawful imprisonment.

The citations stated that Cackling refused to let Niki Cackling and two sons leave her residence at Wallace Circle by blocking the door and locking it. He also is accused of restraining a four year old when the boy tried to leave with his mother. The officer said the man is not on the lease at Wallace Circle.

Timothy McKinney, 27, of Irvine was charged August 14 by Officer Sturniolo for public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Monica Neal, 24, of Flinchum Road, Irvine was charged with alcohol intoxication on August 13 by Of-

ficer Sturniolo.

William J. Conley, 27, of Stevens Avenue, was charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition and criminal trespassing third degree by Police Chief Brad Smith.

The warrant states that on August 1, Conley went onto 414 Broadway and took several bags of Miracle Grow off Monte Farmer's porch. Smith said he identified Conley from surveillance video.

A motorcyclist was injured Saturday during a bike wreck on Red Lick Road. Deputy Randy Farthing said that Christian Adair of Lexington was traveling west on Red Lick and was attempting to negotiate a left hand curve.

He added that Adair's 2014 Yamaha bike left the roadway and struck a fence. The deputy said that Adair was thrown from the bike.

He was transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital for treatment of the injuries he received.

Two young woman are charged with beating 3rd woman

Two young woman have been arrested for assaulting a third woman on August 8.

Sara Brooke Foster, 18, of Cherry Street, Irvine was charged with assault, second degree. Miranda Paige Winkler, 20, of Richmond was charged with facilitation to assault second degree.

The arrest warrant states that Foster punched BRooklyn Sparks in her face approximately twelve times. As a result, the warrant says that Sparks had a fractured nose, and bruising and swelling to her face and eyes.

Bond for Foster was set at

a \$5,000 surety bond. Winkler allegedly held Sparks with her arm against a car while Foster was punching her in the face.

She was charged with criminal facilitation to assault second degree, a class A misdemeanor.

Goosey's arraignment was scheduled for August 12. Winkler is scheduled to be arraigned on August 19.

Winkler was released on August 17 on a \$650 surety bond.

The warrants were served August 17 by Irvine Officer Aaron Curtis.