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Grand Jury indicts Jason Gay for escaping jail

A Berea man was indicted Friday by the Estill County Grand Jury for escaping from the local jail on June 1.

The indictment charges Jason T. Gay, 37, with escape, 2nd degree. The indictment states that Gay fled on foot from sheriff's deputies while being transported from the Laurel County Jail to the Estill County Jail for a local court appearance.

After escaping from

the deputies, Gay allegedly took an 88 blue Dodge truck from the parking lot of Irvine Municipal Utilities. The truck's owner said a machete was taken from the truck.

The truck was abandoned at the end of the street, just past the dental office of Dr. Jimmie Lee Johnson.

Gay was taken back into custody the following Thursday morning on Eck Hollow Road in Estill

County by Kentucky State Police after several people observed him riding a bicycle.

Deputy Randy Farthing testified before the grand jury.

Others indicted Friday include Richard L. Witt, Vickie J. Wood, Brett McIntosh, Christopher Glen Mays, Shad J. Allen, Shade C. Barnett, and John Paul Barnett.

Witt, 29, of Agee Lane,

Irvine was indicted for third degree burglary. The indictment says that on May 16, 2015, Witt entered an out-building owned by Roger Arvin with the intent to commit a crime.

The investigation was conducted by Deputy Farthing.

Vickie J. Wood, 57, of Harris Ferry Road, Irvine was indicted for theft by unlawful taking - all others \$10,000 or more.

According to the indictment, from 2005 through October, 2014, Wood had taken money from her handicapped daughter's disability check, which she used for her own use.

The investigation was conducted by KSP Trooper Z. Thompson.

Brett McIntosh, 45, of Clear View Drive, Irvine was named in a four count indictment. The indictment charges McIntosh with

menacing, terroristic threatening third degree, assault third degree, and disorderly conduct second degree.

The indictment says that McIntosh intentionally placed Deputy Farthing and hospital staff in reasonable apprehension of imminent physical injury on July 10, 2015. It also adds that he threatened bodily harm and attempted to cause physical injury to Deputy Farthing.

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Fundraiser planned for teen with rare paralytic disease

by CATHY DAWES
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On August 5th during a private gymnastics class, sixteen year old Jackie Miller suffered an injury that left her temporarily paralyzed. Miller hyperextended her spinal cord during the gymnastics class which she had been going to for three years. According to her mother, Jackie was able to walk into the emergency room at Baptist Health in Richmond, but the paralysis took over her lower extremities during their time at the hospital. By the time that Miller was transferred to UK, she was no longer able to move her legs.

The condition that Jackie has is known as Surfer's Myelopathy. It is most common in surfers but is a very rare condition according to a medical website which stated that only ten known diagnosis have been given to patients in the United States since 2004. Miller was taken to a hospital out of state for a second opinion on her condition and was given the same diagnosis.

Since then she has been undergoing phys-

ical therapy at Cardinal Hill in Lexington. Miller will be released on September 2nd but will have to travel to Lexington twice a week to continue physical therapy.

Audi Miller, her mother, said that through it all that Jackie has been in good spirits and cheers her up most days. She said that doctors have advised that it could be two years before Jackie will be able to walk again but her daughter is determined to walk before then. Miller said that the community has been wonderful to them since the accident and friends are rallying together to host a fundraiser on September 27th to assist in medical expenses. She said that the wheelchair alone that Jackie has been fitted for costs around \$11,000 not to mention the other medical equipment that she will need once she returns home. She added that the wheelchair and equipment are not covered under their insurance plan because Jackie is a student.

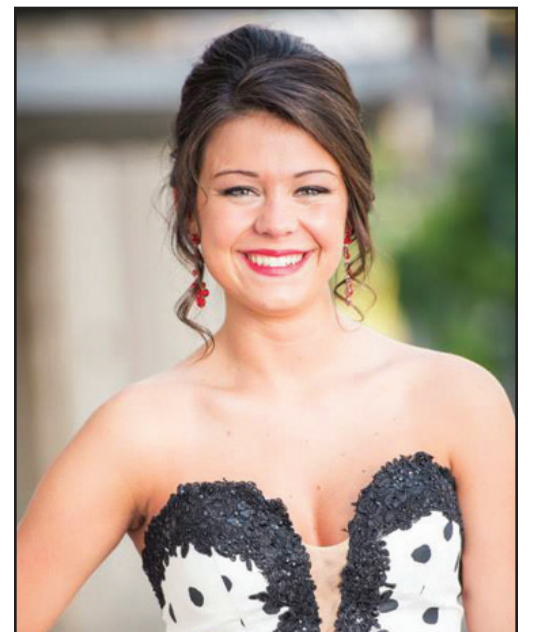
Beth O'Hair and several other friends of the Millers are coordinating the fundraiser that will be held in the parking lot of Citizens

Guaranty Bank on September 27th. O'Hair said that she has received several donations from local businesses and would love for churches, organizations, or clubs to donate baskets to be auctioned off that afternoon. She said the auction will be held at 3 pm and will be conducted by B. Williams. One hundred percent of the profits made throughout the day will be given to the Millers to assist them during Jackie's recovery.

A car show will also be held that day with help from the Twin City Kruzers. Entry fee for the car show is \$10 and trophies will be given out as prizes.

O'Hair said that Jackie has had a smile on her face the entire time and that she is a beautiful, smart, and wonderful girl.

A fund has been set up at Citizens Guaranty Bank under the name of Jacqueline Miller if anyone would like to make a monetary donation to help the family. Anyone that would like to be involved during the fundraiser may contact Beth O'Hair at 859-200-4837 after 5 p.m. or Audi Miller at 859-893-4451.



Jackie Miller danced the night away at the high school prom in May. Since August 5, she has been diagnosed with a rare disease which has caused her to be paralyzed in her lower body.



Debbie Fields is the proud recipient of a new house on Holly Street in Ravenna during the Phase II construction of new homes. The family moved in as soon as the home was completed two weeks ago. Pictured left to right are Alex Sieger, his wife and Debbie's daughter, Crystal, Debbie Fields, and the Sieger daughters, Katelynn and Kristin. Debbie chose Papaya for the color on the wall and the flooring, not pictured. She chose a vinyl type flooring because it is easier to clean than carpet. See Story Page 11.

2 charged with selling heroin during investigation of assault

Two men were charged by the Irvine Police Department with trafficking in drugs during the last week.

On August 29, Jonathan Harris aka Dewayne Harris, 27, and Kyle Dustin Steelman, 30, both of 100 S. Hudson, Irvine were arrested.

Officer John Sturniolo said he, Ravenna Police Chief Ken White and Deputy Randy Farthing went to the men's residence for an interview about a possible assault.

The officer stated that when the door to the residence was opened, there was an odor of marijuana.

He said the three homeowners gave verbal permission to search the residence, and during the search law

officers found suspected lortabs, marijuana, and rolling papers.

Harris reportedly told Sturniolo that people came to his home all the time to buy heroin. Sturniolo said that Harris had \$1,600 in his pocket in 100's, 50's, 20's, 10's, and 5's.

Officer Sturniolo said that Harris had switched the registration plates on his neighbor's vehicle. The officer had the vehicle towed and placed a hold on it until registration plates and insurance can be obtained.

Harris was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance (heroin), trafficking in a controlled substance second degree (suboxone), and improper registration

plates. Bail for Harris was set at \$40,000 cash.

Sturniolo said that Steelman ran up to the second floor bathroom and flushed suspected illegal drugs. Steelman reportedly told the officers that he owned a razor blade with white power residue suspected to be loritabs. Marijuana and rolling papers were found on the bathroom sink.

He told the officers that he and his girlfriend used drugs. The woman, who was not named in the citation, said that a pimp came to the residence six to seven times a day to buy heroin, suboxone, and buy and use marijuana in the kitchen area.

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Obituaries

Arnold Bunch, 69
Donna Edge, 51
Robert Mays, 88
Jane Lee Rose, 82
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Earl Sparks, 89

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Debbie Fields' new home has blue vinyl siding and is completely handicapped accessible. The family has plants around the ramps, while the yard has been sown for grass.

IPD arrests husband for assault and holding his spouse as a prisoner

On Friday, Irvine Police say a husband held his wife against her will and assaulted her.

Officer John Sturniolo said that Walker Jay Harris, 54, of Bertha Wallace Drive, Irvine became upset with his wife because his son had moved out of the residence.

The officer stated the man choked his wife with his hands, which caused minor swelling and scratches.

Harris then allegedly made his wife sit in a chair and held a kitchen knife to her throat,

refusing to let her leave the residence.

Sturniolo said that a 17 year old daughter was present during the attack.

Harris was charged with domestic violence/assault fourth degree, endangering the welfare of a minor, wanton endangerment first degree, and unlawful imprisonment first degree.

Harris' bond was set at \$5,000 cash or \$10,000 property. He was to have no contact with his wife or daughter if released.