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## Man charged with burglary and imprisoning a woman

An Estill man was arrested March 29 for burglary and other serious charges after a woman told state police that she was forced to drive him to Stacy Lane.

Sandra Kamer called KSP and told them the man had unlawfully entered her residence and held her there before making her drive him to Stacy Lane.

Trooper C. Royal said he located Timothy Thacker, 30, of Stacy Lane behind the wheel of a passenger car in Dr. Long's parking lot on River Drive.

After searching the vehicle, the trooper wrote in

the citation that he located a clear plastic wrapper with a white substance in the passenger side floor board.

He said Thacker told him it was methamphetamine. He said it was his, and he threw it in the floorboard when the trooper arrived.

After being placed under arrest, the trooper took Thacker to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital for chemical tests.

In addition to second degree burglary, Thacker was charged with second degree unlawful imprisonment, operating a motor vehicle under

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The Estill County Library has outgrown its current space. A Planning Committee will meet at noon on April 19 to make a decision on how to expand. The meeting is open to the public.

## Library is out of space

by DELORES ROWLAND  
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The Estill County Public Library is having growing pains and needs more room.

Librarian Kathy Watson said the library should be twice the size for the usage it now has.

To address the problem, the library's board of directors appointed a space planning board committee which meets monthly.

The library has also hired Central Kentucky Design, an architectural firm from Berea.

"It was designed with the intention to be a second floor," Watson stated.

But after the architects looked at the library, they say it is not structurally unsafe to add a second floor. They recommend piers on the outside and columns on the inside to support the weight of an upstairs floor.

Watson said that is probably cost prohibitive.

She said the library is looking at re-configuring space and even looking at another location.

"Our hope is to be able to stay on this lot," she added.

She said a two-story library may be built at the back of the present lot.

The space planning committee is expected to make a recommendation at their next meeting at noon on Tuesday, April 19. Watson said the public is invited and welcome to come to this meeting.

The library has applied for a construction grant from that state, which is in the state budget waiting to be passed.

Watson said the present library was built with a construction grant from the state. Before that, the library started in a room inside the courthouse and then moved to a storefront in downtown Irvine.

The librarian stated the number of books checked out has been down a little over the past several years. She explained the decrease has occurred because the library has had to reduce the number of books that patrons can check out to make space for other programs.

The library has eight computers, and that isn't nearly enough. It also has two workstations where patrons can bring their lap laptops to use.

Programs for children and teens are very popular, but the library has only one meeting room. Watson said



Library patrons can use a computer for two hours at a time because of the demand for the eight computers. Wendy Green (black shirt) uses one of the library computers to create her resume. Beside her, Kari Major looks up an over the counter item that she may want to use. She was looking up the side effects to decide if it is safe or not.

this does not allow two programs to meet concurrently. Library staff has been conducting some sessions off the library site. Bookmobile librarian Sherry Jenkins presents reading programs to children at Mt. Crest.

The librarian for teens, Jillian McComas, has started a program at Horizon Day Care. She also organized a jam session which

meets at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month, and all musicians are welcome. Watson added that a new book club is meeting at the Eagle's Roost downtown. Whitney Hays, the children's librarian, also works off-site with home-schooled students.

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## Mullen Named "Employee of the Year"



**KACCA President and Tommy Mullen**

Estill County Animal Control Officer Tommy Mullen has been named "2016 Employee of the Year" by the Kentucky Animal Care and Control Association at the group's meeting in March. See full story on Page 4.

## Estill man arrested over threatening comments

An Irvine man was arrested Monday, March 28 for comments he allegedly made earlier in the month while at the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Boyd VanWinkle was arrested by Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith who charged him with disorderly conduct, second degree, and terroristic threatening, third degree. Both charges are misdemeanors.

Smith was called to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services on March 15 because VanWinkle was reportedly cursing and yelling at the staff.

The victim there told VanWinkle, "It will be alright." Smith said that VanWinkle responded, "It might be, but you won't be."

VanWinkle was then told that statement was a threat.

VanWinkle, 64, is a resident of Knob Lick Road, Irvine.

## Waco man charged with stripping electrical wires

A Waco man has been arrested after a vacant house in Estill County was stripped of electrical wiring.

The citation states that Gina Lowe called Post 7 about someone possibly stripping copper wire at her deceased father's house on Rice Station Road.

Lowe told KSP that her uncle had called her to inform her of the above. She went to the residence and found Nicholas Davidson, 36, of Waco and an unknown male at the house.

The citation states that she had allowed Davidson to stay at the house a few nights about a month ago.

Upon her arrival on Saturday, Lowe told Trooper C. Royal that she saw several pipes ripped from the wall before contacting KSP.

The trooper wrote in the citation that he saw several missing outlets and wires pulled from the wall, along with several tools.

Davidson reportedly told the trooper that he was taking the electrical outlets off because he was doing electrical work.

Trooper Royal said he located a pile of stripped wire inside a coat closet. The electricity had been shut off.

Davidson was charged with criminal mischief, first degree.

Bond for Davidson was set at \$10,000 cash. At his arraignment, he pleaded not-guilty. A preliminary hearing is set for April 13.

Court records say that Davidson was arrested on this offense while he had charges pending.

## Withers Signs To Play Baseball For Berea



Left to right, front: Sandra Withers, Les Withers and Zach Withers. Back: Principal Chris Winkler, Coach Brian Crowe, Coach Blake Crowe, Coach Cade Berryman and Cory Springfield.

Zach Withers signed last week to play baseball for the Berea College Pioneers. He has been pitching varsity games since he was a freshman and on this year's team is the top pitcher. Zach attended some summer showcases this past summer, and with the help of assistant coach Blake Crowe and staying in contact with Berea coach Todd Morris, Berea liked what they saw in Zach and offered him a chance to continue playing baseball at Berea College. "We are very proud of Zach," says coach Brian Crowe, "And wish him continued success." Zach is the son of Les and Sandra Withers.

## Obituaries

- Beverly Arvin, 79
  - Cecil
  - Brandenburg, 75
  - Michael Chaney, 66
  - Danville Coffey, 81
  - Dodie Cole, 43
  - Ellen Crowe, 93
  - Timothy Tuttle, 48
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