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Grand Jury Indicts Ten

Ten indictments were returned by the Estill County Grand Jury and a no-true bill was also returned. A no-true bill means there was not enough evidence presented to indict.

Among those indicted on four charges was Joshua Agee, 34, of Richmond.

The indictment states that on March 21, 2016, Agee took one towel and bottle of car cleaner from Dollar General worth \$6.00 (theft by unlawful taking or disposition - shoplifting under \$5.00).

The indictment adds that he created a substantial danger of physical injury to Brienne Ayers by striking her with his truck (wanton endangerment - 2nd) and failed to render aid to her after striking her (leaving scene or accident - failure to render aid or assistance).

He was also charged with reckless driving.

KSP Trooper A. Brashear was the investigating officer.

Nicholas Kenton Davidson, 36, of Lexington, was indicted for first degree criminal

mischief and being a second degree felony offender.

According to the indictment, Davidson wantonly damaged property April 2, 2016 by ripping copper wiring from the residence which caused more than \$1,000 in damages. The indictment says that Davidson has been convicted previously of a felony.

KSP Trooper C. Royal investigated the copper wire theft.

Russell F. Riddell, 37, of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine was charged by an indictment with third degree assault of a KSP Trooper.

Riddell allegedly slammed a door shut on March 9, 2016 on KSP Trooper Ty Robinson's knee after the trooper stated Kentucky State Police and attempted to enter the residence.

Riddell was also indicted for being a persistent felony offender in the first degree. The indictment states he has been convicted of at least two prior felonies.

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Festival attendees said this was the best Mountain Mushroom Festival ever. Vendors were selling their wares as they set up. Lines formed in the food court area before noon.

Jail inmate charged with bringing drugs into Estill County Jail

A second person has been charged with promoting contraband first degree in connection with an incident at the Estill County Jail on April 16.

The inmate the contraband was allegedly intended for, Tommy Bowling, was charged on April 20 by Capt. Adrian McKinney.

The citation states that Bowling planned for his girlfriend, Amy M. Dauberman, to purchase 18 sub-one strips and place them in a gray pair of Nike shoes.

Dauberman allegedly placed the shoes in a bag along with other clothes that were purchased to go to another inmate at the jail. Dauberman reportedly gave the bag of clothes to the other inmate's wife who unknowingly brought the items to

the jail.

The citation states the planning for this was done over recorded lines at the jail.

Dauberman was charged with the alleged crime on April 16.



One vendor fashioned glass over hot flames into jewelry for sale at his booth, the perfect hobby for the cool temperatures Saturday.



Madison Rose finished first in her class at the Fun-gus 5K/2K. She then sat on the sidewalk and watched the other racers finish.

Board Recognizes Mt. Movers & FCCLA

**by CATHY DAWES
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Members of the Estill County school board met on Thursday night at West Irvine Elementary and began by recognizing the two Mountain Movers for the month of April.

Debbie Haggard has been an employee at South Irvine Pre-K Center for 4 years and she was nominated for the Classified Mountain Mover for April.

Marilyn Rogers has worked for the school system for 26 years, currently at West Irvine. She is the Certified Mountain Mover for April. (See Mountain Mover photos on Page 10).

Four FCCLA students were recognized for placing first at state and advancing on to the national competition that will be held in California in July. Those students are Shelby Danyeur, Dakota French, Lee Mills, and Kylie Flynn. Deb Anders is the sponsor for the FCCLA.

Superintendent Jeff Saylor explained that the board is required to transfer a 'nickel' into the Capital Outlay Fund based on the current tax rate. The board had voted to add an extra 'nickel' from the General Fund into the Capital Outlay Fund to pay for current projects. The yearly total that was being put into the Capital Outlay Fund since the

board approved the extra 'nickel' is \$526,284. Saylor recommended that the board to only make partial payments from the General Fund for the next two years. He said that with putting \$121,000 into the fund this year and \$100,000 next year that it would save the board a total of \$305,000 in the General Fund for both years. Saylor added that this measure would mean any construction would have to be postponed for two years but the money will be used for new buses and other things that the district needs to purchase.

The 2016-2017 salary schedule was discussed at great length by the board. Saylor said that retired teachers are bound by the daily wage threshold and that certain situations such as filling in for teachers who are on maternity or tutors can possibly make them go over that daily wage threshold. He said he wanted to make sure that this was put into the salary schedule because if a retired teacher goes over the designated amount they could possibly have to pay that back to the state.

The extra service salary schedule reflected quite a few changes. Saylor said that this coming year the district would be taking over the elementary basketball program but that would be funded by the program rather than board funds. The

school technology co-ordinator will also be paid by KETS money. Saylor said the board had just received \$52,000 in KETS money making a total of \$104,000.

A change was made for the high school and middle school athletic directors. Saylor said that the situation was the middle school athletic director was being paid more than the high school athletic director and the new salary schedule reflected the change that would make them both earn the same amount of money.

The last part of the salary schedule that was discussed was the traffic controllers who were being paid \$12.50 per hour for 4 hours each day when they were only working 2 hours per day. This cost the district approximately \$50,000 last year for three traffic controllers.

"I believe in paying people for the time that they spend but they are not spending four hours. Traffic control in this school district cost us \$50,000 last year at the five schools and that's way too much," stated Saylor.

He added that by paying them for the 2 hours that they work each day it would save almost \$25,000 and would not put them there any less time. He added that as a board they were paying employees who

were not working four hours a day and that they were not going to misappropriate funding.

The board discussed the possibility of hiring a new auditor. White and Associates from Richmond have been the auditors for approximately 7 years and Vice-Chairman L.W. Beckley said he felt like a new set of eyes wouldn't hurt anything. Out of the 6 firms that submitted a proposal for the position of auditor one does not have any experience in working with school districts. Mr. Saylor said he felt like it was very important that whoever the board chose that they have experience working with a school district.

The board decided to table the hiring of an auditor until the meeting in May. Mr. Saylor said that Angela Howell would contact the firms and he would come back with his recommendation next month.

There were three proposals for school board attorney and Mr. Saylor stressed the fact that knowledge in school law was very important. He said that he was perfectly fine with whoever the board wanted to work with. He reminded them that the board attorney is their attorney but under his contract he is allowed to consult with them on matters that concern the school district.

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