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Woman charged with robbery Victim's child was treated at hospital after being pushed during robbery

An Estill County woman has been charged with first degree robbery.

Misty Wilson, 35, of Blanche Court was picked up by Trooper Z. Pennington on the warrant for robbery on April 26.

The warrant was obtained by Irvine Police Captain Adrian McKinney.

It says on April 12 of 2016, Wilson entered the residence of Billie Michelle Estes. It adds that Wilson pushed Estes, causing her to push her minor child to the floor.

According to the warrant, Wilson took Estes' purse which contained a billfold with \$676.00 in cash and her cell phone valued at

about \$400.00.

Estes' minor child was treated at the emergency room for back pain.

McKinney recovered the purse, billfold and cell phone during the investigation. However, the cell phone was damaged.

Bail for Wilson has been set at \$20,000 cash.

Wilson was arraigned in Estill District Court on April 27. She pleaded not guilty to the robbery charge.

She is scheduled to return to district court on May 4 for a preliminary hearing.

Law Day Winners

The Estill County Bar Association observed Law Day by sponsoring an essay contest for 12th graders and a poster contest for 5th graders. This year's theme was "Miranda: More Than Words." Jennie Haymond, president of the Estill County Bar Association, said that Law Day, observed on May 1, was started by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1958. The winning students received cash prizes. The teachers also received cash awards to be spent on classroom needs. Teacher photos are on Page 4.



District Judge William "Bo" Leach presented a certificate to Aubree Daniels, the high school winner in the essay contest.



District Judge William "Bo" Leach presented a certificate to Alex Arthur, the middle school winner in the poster contest. Alex's poster will be on display at the courthouse.

Niece Named To School Board

by CATHY DAWES
The Estill County Tribune

Last week Jenny Jo Niece was selected by the Kentucky Department of Education to fill the vacant seat on the Estill County school board. The seat became available in February after Amy Thomas submitted her letter of resignation to the board. Thomas would have been up for re-election in the fall had she completed her term. The KDE began accepting applications shortly after Thomas resigned and several people completed online applications as well as picking up applications from Central Office.

The applicants were narrowed down to three and were then interviewed. Niece was chosen to fill the position by the Kentucky Department of Education until November at which time she said she will run for re-election. Niece is married with two boys who attend school in Estill County.



Jenny Jo Niece

Jail will close if judge's budget passes as it is

On Friday afternoon, Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor presented a draft of the budget for fiscal year 2017 (FY17), which begins July 1.

The proposed budget does include starting up a Rocket Docket program and closing the county jail.

Taylor met the deadline of Kentucky Revised Statutes by presenting the budget before May 1.

The budget total was \$7.501 million, over a million less than the current year's budget.

Taylor said this budget has considerable funds carried over. He mentioned approximately \$200,000 in FEMA monies for last year's disasters and funds for unfinished CSEPP projects.

"This makes my fifteenth budget, and it doesn't get any easier," Taylor stated. "I spent a lot of time trying to make

this thing balanced."

He added that numbers in the budget are estimates.

As of Friday, Taylor said the county has \$271,000 in long term liabilities. He said that does not include the recently purchased backhoe or county trucks.

Taylor said the county is facing a \$9,000 increase in workman's comp, a yet-to-be determined increase in liability insurance, and is shopping around for employee's health insurance. The county's retirement contribution for employees is going up by one percent.

There was \$525,000 budgeted for the jail. This low amount will require closure of the jail and housing prisoners in other counties.

Taylor told the magistrates if they wanted to keep the jail open, they must come up with

\$500,000 in his proposed budget. That means cutting other areas by \$500,000.

At a recent fiscal court meeting, a jail committee recommended closing the jail and housing all of its prisoners at one adjacent county jail. County attorney Rodney Davis said at that meeting, that no jail has space for all Estill prisoners at this time.

Taylor said the Rocket Docket program will expedite court cases, which will save on jail costs. One goal of the program is to get drug offenders into rehabilitation sooner.

"The state is willing to come in if we put up some money," stated Taylor.

He said Estill County should know by June if it will be doing the Rocket Docket program.

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Couple from Sandhill arrested for receiving stolen property

A Sandhill couple has been charged with receiving stolen property.

Captain Adrian McKinney said that William C. Lynch, 31, and Heather Rawlins, 24, were seen around 4:30 p.m. April 28 entering an unoccupied building at 710 Broadway and removing numerous items.

McKinney stated when he went to the couple's residence on Sandhill Road, that some of the items were on their porch.

The couple said they had spoken with some-

one who stated the realtor, Joyce Marcum, said they could take the items. The police captain said the couple could not give them the name of the person and Mrs. Marcum stated she did not talk to anyone about the items.

The items were valued at over \$500.

Lynch and Rawlins appeared in district court on May 2. They each pleaded not-guilty to the charge. They will return to court on May 4 for a preliminary hearing.

Bail was set at \$2,500 cash for each.

Obituaries

- Ashley Brown, 29
- Ann Hendren, 83
- Alvirta Horn, 77
- Carl Jones, 62
- Alene Moore, 84
- Stephen Sparks, 26
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Irvine may get mobile food truck

by CATHY DAWES
The Estill County Tribune

Jonathan Isaacs approached the Irvine city council members on April 25th about amending the city ordinance that would allow him to operate a mobile food truck within city limits. Isaacs said that with the recent closing of a local business that there is a need in town for a place that people can purchase coffee and other items. He said that he would serve smoothies and pastries, as well as serving different types of coffee. Isaacs informed the council that he would have a set schedule of times and locations of

where the food truck would be set up through the week.

Councilman Tim Burkhart informed Isaacs that in order for him to operate the mobile food truck he would have to comply with all of the local health department's guidelines.

City Attorney Rodney Davis said that he would look into the current ordinance and the only issue he could see with the food truck would be when and where it could be used due to zoning.

Irvine resident Johnetta Dunaway approached the council and stated that she had recently heard that the county

was thinking about closing the county jail. She said that years ago her dad ran the county jail and fed his inmates soup beans and corn bread and there was never an issue with the budget.

"I just hate to see the jail close," stated Dunaway.

The council approved the health care plan provided by Humana Health Insurance as well as choosing Data Designs to help with insurance premiums. It will cost the city approximately \$2,500 to get the program set up and for a representative to show the clerk how it works. Councilwoman Nelle Williams said that she liked the

efficiency of the program and the fact that the city could make money off of it was an added bonus.

The council also agreed to have Payroll Solutions to handle the city's payroll. Tim Burkhart said that he was impressed with their radio advertisement and the clients that the firm does business with.

An ordinance was approved to amend the budget to reflect the CGDB grant for the Wisemantown sewer project. The grant money will be deposited into the general fund and then passed on to Irvine Municipal Utilities.

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