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Estill Fiscal Court votes to sue landfill

The Estill Fiscal Court voted Monday to proceed with litigation against Blue Ridge RDF Landfill owned by Advanced Disposal. Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor says he expects the lawsuit to be filed in Estill Circuit Court in about two weeks. He added this lawsuit will only concern violations of the local ordinance or the host community agreement. The judge and other Estill residents were shocked to hear in February that radioactive wastes had been brought from out of state last

year, which is prohibited by the host community agreement. The landfill is also not permitted by the state to accept radioactive waste. Taylor said there will be nothing in the local lawsuit about any criminal wrongdoing. The state's attorney general Andy Beshear is conducting an investigation to see if any crimes were committed. The fiscal court voted to hire a lawyer to serve as co-counsel with County Attorney Rodney Davis. Taylor said the lawyer has experiences with landfill issues and

has offices in New Orleans and Miami. He said that lawyer will also be giving them advice on developing a federal case. In other action at Monday's meeting, the court appointed a committee to work on a new host community agreement between the county and the landfill. Taylor said five to ten people may serve on that committee. Those appointed Monday were Kenny Cole of the Estill County Health Department, Terry Barnes, Nancy Farmer, Kelly Hol-

loway, Jack Stickney, Kim Dawes and Ronnie Riddell of Emergency Management. Three part-time dispatchers were hired as full-time dispatchers. They were Johnathan Stone, Jennifer Helton, and Michelle Hoover. Ten part-time dispatchers were also hired. This includes Tilda Teresia Hall, Carmen Holton, Teresa Nealy, Natalie Bishop, Adrian McKinney, Steven Isaacs, Metia Crowe, Kimberly Isaacs, Jamie Horn, and Julia Bowen. In the May meeting, Taylor had announced CSEPP

will be paying the county to have two dispatchers per shift. He said in 2005, Irvine and the Ambulance Service each agreed to pay the salary of one dispatcher. Ravenna paid a partial salary. Users of landline phones pay a tax which is used for dispatchers, but those monies have dwindled due to cell phones. Taylor asked the court to increase the monies that Irvine, Ravenna, and the ambulance service pay. He said it started at \$10,000 in 2005 and they are now pay-

ing \$13,800 a year. He also stated the ambulance service has been asking for years to have two dispatchers on duty at the same time. The fiscal court upped the fees for Irvine and the ambulance service to \$27,000 a year and Ravenna to \$7,200. Taylor added this still does not cover their retirement and health insurance. Freida Blackwell and Sherrell Hill were appointed as library board members. Tipton Hill Road near the Millers Creek railroad crossing was adopted into the county road system.

IPD charges 4 more with drug trafficking

Irvine Police have charged four more with trafficking in controlled substances. On Monday, June 27, Christopher R. Isaacs, 26, of Main Street, Irvine was arrested on eight charges. Officer John Sturniolo said the night before Isaacs' arrest, he asked a confidential informant (CI) if he wanted to buy a gram of heroin for \$150. The citation states that Isaacs drove the CI to Richmond, and Isaacs purchased some suspected meth and sold it to the CI. Sturniolo said that Isaacs was traffic stopped and failed field sobriety tests. He added that Isaacs had suspected meth, marijuana, crushed pills, and paraphernalia in his possession. Isaacs was charged with driving under the influence, operating on suspended operators license, failure of owner to maintain insurance, possession of methamphetamine first, possession of marijuana, trafficking in methamphetamine first, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of legend drug.

Bail for Isaacs was set at \$10,000 cash. A warrant for failing to appear in Madison District Court was also served on Isaacs. Steven LeMaster, 53, of Fourth Street, Ravenna, was arrested Sunday, June 26 on River Drive by Officer Sturniolo. The citation states that LeMaster was a passenger in a vehicle that Sturniolo had stopped in traffic, and there was an active warrant on LeMaster. Suspected drugs were found on LeMaster and he had \$2,673 in cash, said the officer. Lemaster was charged with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance second (suboxone strips and pills), trafficking third (xanax), illegal possession of legend drug (viagara), and possession of drug paraphernalia. A warrant was also served on LeMaster from Estill Circuit Court. It says he has violated the terms of his release on another case.

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GED grads have only just begun



Mary Skipper, Director of Adult Education, and Randall Christopher, right, presented Jacob Stinnett with his GED diploma at Friday's graduation ceremony.

Last November, Courtney Renae McKenzie and Jacob Isaac Stinnett enrolled in Adult Education in Estill County. Three months later, they passed the GED test and on Friday night, they graduated along with four others who had passed the test in 2015-2016. Once the couple passed their GED tests, their lives took a turn for the better. Jacob was hired as a grill master at Red Lobster, and Courtney became a baker at Panera Breads. Only last week, she completed the six weeks training as a baker for Panera. Their new jobs have allowed them to move out from living with family into their own apartment in Richmond.

Courtney said someday she would like to own her own bakery. She passed out breads after the graduation that she had baked at home. Jacob said, with no argument from Courtney, he is also grill master at the apartment. Jacob said he also hopes to own his own restaurant someday. Courtney had dropped out of high school when she was 15, because she was bored. "I was too little to drop out when I think about it now," she stated. Jacob left high school as a freshman to be home schooled. "I stopped doing it one day," he said.

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Bailey Is Promoted to CW-4



2LT Aaron Bailey & CW-4 Richard Bailey

CW4 Richard Bailey, a graduate of Estill County High School Class of 1990, has served in the United States Army for the last 26 years. Recently, he was joined by family and friends at Fort Knox, Kentucky, for his promotion ceremony to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer-4. Making the event extra special, his son 2LT Aaron Bailey/U.S. Army, was present to give his father the oath. Richard's other children, Caleb and Olivia, had the honor of presenting him with his rank. Tracy, his wife of 23 years, was honored by Richard for her love and support throughout his career. With several deployments and assignments taking him away from home for long periods of time, they have managed to have a great marriage and strong family unit. Thank you for joining our family in praising and praying for Richard and the men and women serving our Nation.

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Renter approaches city about HVAC

by CATHY DAWES
The Estill County Tribune

Joe Crawford of the Estill Development Alliance was a guest speaker during the Irvine city council meeting on Monday night. Crawford began by saying that he wanted to thank the council, the mayor, and the city clerk for getting the payments caught up between the city and the EDA. He added that he wanted to extend a special "thank you" to Robin Powell who had really been on top of things. Crawford told the council that a one day conference would be held on July 29th called #EstillRising. He said that there are several small groups within the county that work to move the county forward and this conference will allow all those groups to come together and listen to special guest Becky McCray

who is a small town expert in revitalization. Crawford was also pleased to announce that the owner of the Mack Theater has entered into a purchase agreement with the EDA. Judge McClanahan will finance the building for ten years at zero percent interest. The deal should be completed sometime in August. Crawford said that this deal will open up the possibility for them as property owners to receive more grants than they would be able to receive as renters. Willis Estes, owner of Riverview Place, approached the council about getting an HVAC system put into the building that he is currently renting on Main Street. Willis said to his knowledge there had not been heat or air in the building for years and that due to the heat he had been forced to close his

business early on several different occasions. "We want to be there for a long time but as it is, I don't know how long we will be able to stand it," stated Willis. He presented the council with an estimate from Green Box Heat and Air in Lexington for \$13,000. Willis said that he was willing to pay \$500 for the annual expense and maintenance of the HVAC system and would like to set it up on an installment plan. He added that rather than making monthly lease payments to the city he would like to pay the company for the unit. Estes added that there was no running water at this time at his business but he would be having that installed at his own expense in the near future.

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