

Fiscal court discusses housing all inmates in Powell Co. Jail

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He explained that multiplying those 14 people by an average of 60 days incarceration equals the amount of money saved for the county.

"I think it will be a savings to the county," he stated.

In other action, the fiscal court gave approval for IMU to install sewer lines under county roads.

Taylor asked that there be permanent markers, but Bee

Williams, director of IMU, said it wasn't needed.

He said that IMU will have maps of sewer lines in their office, and the sewer lines will be at least four feet deep which would not affect plowing a field.

The fiscal court agreed to advertise for a 20 hour employee at CSEPP to replace one who resigned.

They also agreed to advertise for CSEPP weather radios.

Ronnie Riddell, local

CSEPP director, said the current ones were bought in 2011. He added this is a normal replacement.

He also said he is checking to see if the working weather radios which are turned in can be recycled by donating them to another county.

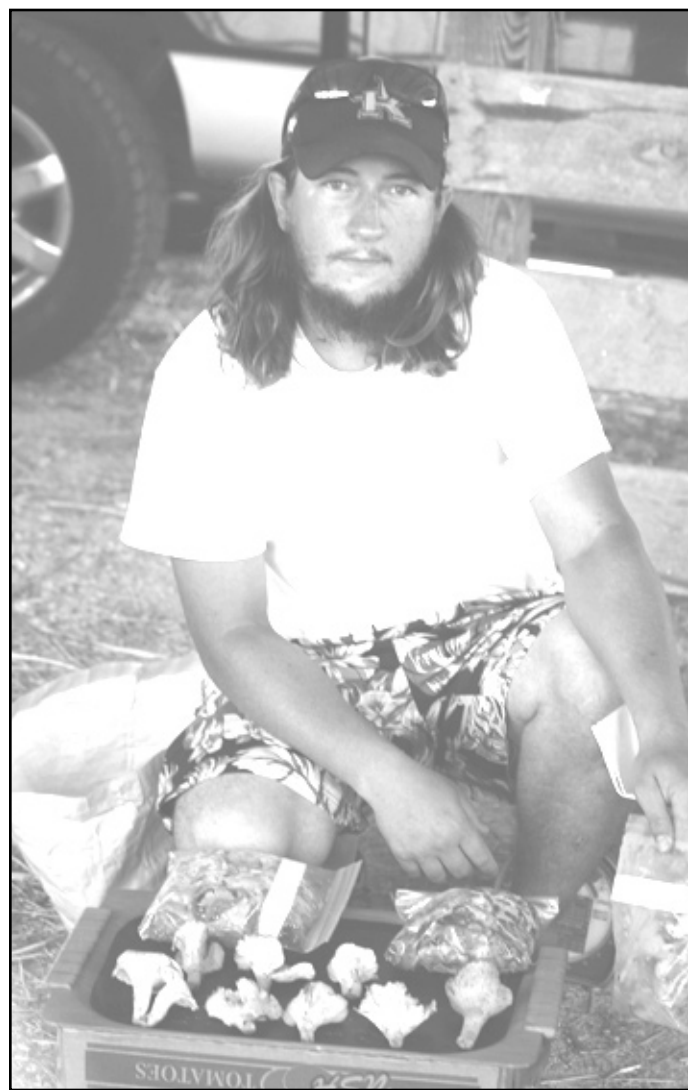
The court will also be advertising for radio equipment and IT (internet/computer) support for CSEPP.

A tower license was also approved for the national

weather service.

The fiscal court approved the adoption of Andrews Drive into the county road system. An ordinance is required before the adoption is final.

A resident who was at a previous fiscal court meeting with a road drainage problem returned, but was told that Brandon Campbell, state highway engineer, would be at his property this week to make recommendations on how to fix it.



Jesse Lancaster was selling mushrooms at the Estill Farmers Market on Friday afternoon. He had Chanterelles and Chicken of the Woods, which were found locally.

"Estill Rocks"

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The Bentons do ask that anyone that attends the painting parties furnish their own rocks and painting supplies.

She will also be holding painting sessions in the near future at the Irvine Health and Rehabilitation facility as well as the Senior Citizen's Center.

They will hide the rocks for any of the senior citizens who are not able to get out and do so themselves.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone that made my surprise birthday party a wonderful one. I will not forget the big 80th. Thank you for the gifts for me and Chase and his Navy crew. Words cannot express how much I appreciate it!

Christine Brandenburg

Instead of Securing Vet's Back Pay, She Stole It

VETERANS POST
by Freddy Groves

Somebody's going to prison, and I'm cheering. A Missouri woman enrolled as a financial fiduciary through the Department of Veterans Affairs stole \$38,000 from a disabled veteran she was supposed to help, and she did it shortly after she was appointed to the role and discovered all that back pay in his account.

Not only did she fail to maintain records and reports, she stonewalled even after being faced with VA Office of the Inspector General auditors who demanded explanations and accounting for the funds.

Eventually she pleaded guilty to one felony count of embezzlement and faces up to 10 years in prison, as well as a \$250,000 fine and required reimbursement of the money stolen. We'll know in September how the sentencing goes.

The VA's fiduciary program was set up a long time ago to help elderly veterans who were unable to handle their finances. At

first, someone would be appointed. Then the VA started paying 5 percent of the veteran's benefits as a fee. That brought out the scammers in the form of allegedly professional fiduciaries who quickly learned to rig the system and steal from the veterans they were supposed to protect.

In 2014, the VA OIG conducted an investigation and concluded that more than \$944,000 had been funneled away from veterans. In addition, in some areas of the country, complaints against fiduciaries in the program were not quickly and properly investigated.

Despite the past problems, if you suspect any form of fiduciary abuse, call the VA Fiduciary Program at 1-888-407-0144. Or call the VA at 1-800-827-1000. The Fiduciary Program will investigate and decide if misuse of funds has occurred, and if it did, the VA will try to replace the missing money. It also will get the OIG to pursue a criminal investigation.

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IPD arrests man for leaving with a handicapped woman

Irvine Police said that on Friday night, an Estill County man took a handicapped female from Northwood Apartments.

Officer Colton Lewis said that Steve Lee Deaton, 47, of Dry Branch Road went to Northwood Apartments and was using foul language toward the female.

A witness told police that

Deaton grabbed the victim and told her they needed to leave right then.

Officer Lewis said the victim's guardian was able to make contact with the victim and find out their location.

The citation states that Deaton then pulled into Northwood Apartments with the victim.

Lewis said he ordered Deaton out of his vehicle at gunpoint, which he ignored.

He added that he approached Deaton's vehicle and physically removed him.

The citation states that a large hunting knife was found tucked beside the driver seat and console.

Deaton was charged with

custodial interference, unlawful imprisonment, carrying a concealed weapon, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct.

Deaton pleaded not-guilty during his arraignment in Estill District Court on July 17.

His preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 19.

Police Activity Report

An Estill County man was arrested July 14 by Irvine Officer Jason Conrad for placing fireworks in a mailbox.

The citation states the fireworks were placed in the mailbox at 305A Main Street on July 10.

Charged in connection was Christopher H. Osborne, 28, of Woodland Estates, Irvine. He was charged with criminal mischief first degree and disorderly conduct second degree.

The citation states that Osborne admitted to placing the fireworks in the mailbox and lighting it, which caused a public alarm.

The value of the mailbox is \$1,000 to \$1,500 to replace.

William Caudill, 49, of Geneva Avenue, Irvine was charged July 10 with leaving the scene of an accident/hit and run, disregarding traffic light, and reckless driving.

Sgt. John Sturniolo said that Caudill was traveling west on River Drive on July 7 and failed to stop at a red light.

His vehicle allegedly struck another vehicle and Caudill failed to stop.

Sturniolo said a victim of the second unit was admitted

to the hospital.

The collision was caught on Videotape.

An Irvine man was arrested July 13 after possibly exposing himself to females.

Officer Colton Lewis said that Mark D. Durbin was acting erratically around Court Street and River Drive.

When Lewis activated his blue lights, Durbin allegedly ran on foot behind Liquor World.

Durbin was charged with fleeing or evading police second degree and disorderly conduct.

A bench warrant from Estill Circuit Court was also served on Durbin. It says he failed to appear on January 5.

Gary Rogers, 50, of North Plum Street, Irvine was charged with theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting) July 13 by Ravenna Chief Ken White.

The citation states he took numerous items from Dollar General valued at \$18.85.

Preston Hardy was charged by Irvine Officer Jason Conrad with possession of a controlled substance first degree (methamphetamine) on July 15.

The officer was attempt-

ing to serve two Estill County bench warrants on Hardy. He said the substance field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Hardy's bail has been set at \$5,000 cash.

He pleaded not guilty during his arraignment in Estill District Court on Monday. A preliminary hearing is set for today.

Bench warrants were served on the following by Officer Colton Lewis:

Loretta Turner, 38, Richmond, Madison County warrant for non payment of fines served July 15 at S. Court and River Drive.

Bradley Riddle, 26, of Sub Station Road, Estill warrant served July 15 for contempt of court.

Melissa Dale Neal, 33, of North Madison, two Whitley County warrants served July 14 for failure to appear and non payment of fines.

Stephanie Dunn, 25, homeless, Estill bench warrant served July 13 for failure to pay fine. Bail is \$103.

Wilson R. Cunigan, 43, of Frankfort, was served an indictment warrant from Franklin County on July 12.

Keisha Woolery,

was charged with failure to pay \$71.50 in Estill District Court.

Raymond Jones of Powell Springs, GA reported July 7 to Deputy Doc Morris about criminal mischief to his property on 100 Coral Avenue, Irvine. An air conditioning unit was destroyed.

A turkey is blamed for an injury accident on Red Lick Road on July 12.

Deputy Daniel Smith said that Jurgen Rohr of Macedonia Road, Irvine was traveling on Red Lick Road when the turkey flew at his motorcycle.

He left the road on the left side and the bike went into a ditch.

Rohr was transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

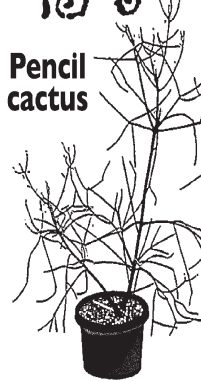
Lost 2 Dogs
Male and Female
Rat Terriers, both
black and white
with bob-tails.
Missing from North
Irvine area.
(606) 975-2021



The Watson Family performed Sunday during the 20th Year Celebration of Interfaith Wellness Ministry, Inc. Matthew Watson is at left, and his wife, Rosemary, is second from right. Their three children make up the group, and all of them sing and play musical instruments.

The Garden Bug

Pencil cactus



The pencil cactus (also known as a "milk bush") is not really a cactus at all - it's a tropical plant native to Africa and India, though it needs very little water (probably the reason it's perceived as a cactus). It can grow as tall as 30 feet outside. Wear gloves when working with this plant and thoroughly wash hands afterwards, as the toxicity of its milky sap is well-known. Contact can cause allergic reactions ranging from mild to severe enough to require hospitalization.

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