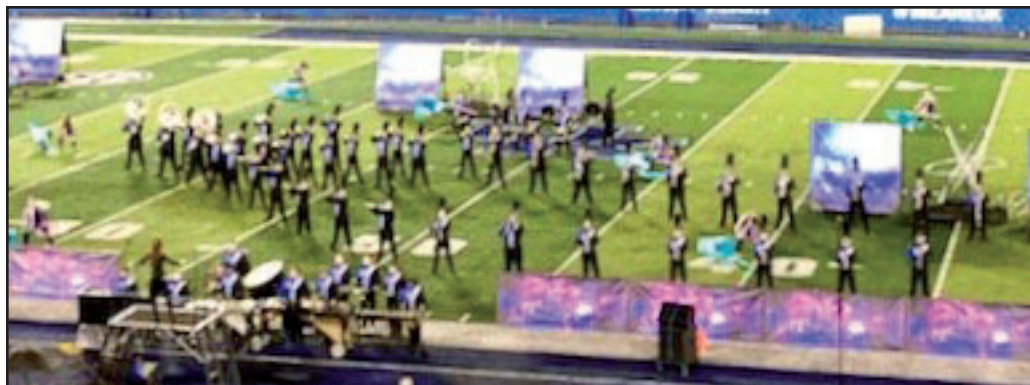


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SPARK office to help with addictions

SPARK Ministries opened their Irvine office with a ribbon cutting Sunday afternoon at Christian Worship Center.

SPARK is an acronym for Special People Advocating Recovery Kentucky.

Jenell Brewer of Powell County told the audience how she started SPARK Ministries in Powell County three years ago.

Brewer's daughter became addicted.

"When she fell into addiction, it liked to have killed us," Brewer stated.

She added that many nights she didn't know where her daughter was.

"When you get on heroin, you die," she added.

"I wasn't going to let her die."

Brewer said one night she had a vision from God, and that was when she started SPARK.

Since SPARK began three years ago, Brewer said Casey's Law has been filed 266 times. The overdose and death rates have been cut significantly.

Brewer used Casey's Law more than once to get her own daughter into treatment. On Sunday, she stated her daughter has been clean for eight months.

Brewer has been traveling across the state telling other groups about the SPARK Ministry.

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A ribbon cutting for the new SPARK office at Christian Worship Center was held on Sunday afternoon. SPARK was started three years ago in Powell County by Jenell Brewer (center). Misty Dehart (front row, second from left) will be the advocate for the local office. Rick Prewitt, (blue t-shirt) is coordinator of the local office. SPARK is supported by the local court system. Circuit Judge Michael Dean, District Judge William Leach, and County Attorney Rodney Davis participated in the ribbon cutting celebration. The upstairs office can be accessed at the rear of the building.



The last forum before the November 6th election was held on Thursday at the high school auditorium. These six candidates participated in the forum. From left to right: Gerry Flannery, Magistrate District 3; Rhonda Childers, Estill Judge/Executive; Arthur David Ballard, Magistrate District 1; Gary Robinson, Magistrate District 3; Paul Tipton, Magistrate District 2; and Donnie Watson, Estill County Judge Executive.

Magistrate and judge/executive candidates participate in last forum before the election

The fifth and final forum was held Thursday at the high school auditorium with four candidates for magistrate and two for county judge executive present.

The magistrate candidates included Arthur David Ballard candidate from District 1, Paul Tipton candidate for District 2, and Gary Robinson and Gerry Flannery, candidates in District 3.

Mike Abney from District 1 and Otis Freeman from District 2 were absent.

The candidates were asked questions about the drug problem, how they were preparing to become magistrates, how they would work with the cities of Irvine

and Ravenna, and would they consolidate the office of jailer and sheriff.

The candidates gave nearly similar answers to all questions.

They would look for grants for drug rehabilitation, but it is not a problem that will be fixed overnight.

Some of the candidates have been attending fiscal court meetings to prepare them to become magistrates. Flannery served two years before moving to another district. Freeman, who was absent, has also served as magistrate.

Ballard cited his experience as an administrator with Estill County Schools

which has a multi-million dollar budget.

Robinson runs his own business, and Tipton is employed by Irvine Municipal Utilities.

The candidates thought the sheriff and jailer each enough duties without consolidating the two offices.

They agreed that an open line of communication was needed between Irvine, Ravenna, and the county.

Flannery, a former Ravenna and Estill County Fire Chief, stated the fire depart-

ments all work together. He would like to see police officers and others work the same way.

The judge/executive candidates were asked what was their experience working with grants.

Donnie Watson, a two-term former judge, explained the county was a member of Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) which employs grant writers to write grants for Estill and the other 16 counties.

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Former judge/executive pleads not-guilty to theft

Former Estill County Judge Executive Wallace Taylor pled not-guilty on Friday to a charge of abuse of public trust (more than \$10,000).

Taylor, 56, was indicted on the charge on Sept. 18 by a Franklin County Grand Jury.

The Attorney General's Office claims that Taylor took over \$38,000 which belonged to Estill County between Dec. 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017.

This was Taylor's first

court appearance, an arraignment in Frankfort.

Taylor is represented by Attorney Tom Jones of Beattyville. Jones is a former Circuit Judge of the 23rd District which includes Estill, Lee, and Owsley counties.

The Attorney General's Office is prosecuting the case against Taylor.

The charge against Taylor is a Class C felony. If convicted of the charge, he could be sentenced to serve five to ten years in prison.

Grand jury returns five indictments

Five indictments were returned Friday by the Estill County Grand Jury.

Erville Townsend, 34, of Broadway was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (hydrocodone) and possession of a controlled substance, second degree.

Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith said that Townsend possessed the controlled substances on Sept. 11.

Cornelius Vargas, 26, of Crooked Creek Road, Irvine, was named in a four-count indictment.

The indictment charges him with leaving the scene of an accident, investigated by KSP Officer Carl Roark, on July 14.

He was also charged with harassment, second degree criminal mischief, and intimidating a witness in the legal process.

The indictment states that Vargas yelled at Jonathan Marcum while damaging his property. It adds that Vargas intentionally drove his vehicle over Marcum's

mailbox and left tire ruts on Marcum's lawn.

An indictment charged Kenneth W. Estes, 33, of Crooked Creek Road, Irvine with theft by unlawful taking or disposition - shoplifting.

The indictment states that Estes took items valued at over \$500 from the Dollar General Store without paying for them on Dec. 17, 2017.

KSP Trooper Casey Caudill conducted the investigation.

Greta Mae Brock, 36, and Kenneth P. Stepp, 40, were named as co-defendants in an indictment charging them both with second degree burglary.

The indictment says they entered the residence of Linda Hackworth on Sept. 8, with the intent to commit a crime. The burglary was investigated by Irvine Officer Sean Davis.

Alisha F. Jones, 26, of Scott Court, Irvine was named in a six count indictment.

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Estill County Memorial Service

A Memorial Service honoring and remembering those from Estill County who died during the past year will be held at the Irvine First Christian Church on Main Street in Irvine on Monday, November 5th at 7 p.m.

This service is sponsored by Mercy Health - Marcum and Wallace Hospital, in conjunction with the Estill County Ministerial Association and Interfaith Wellness Ministry.

This Memorial Service will include scripture readings, reflections by Ministers from our local churches, and the reading of the name of each loved one who has died. The memorial will be held in the context of an inter-faith, Christian worship service.

Family members of the deceased, as well as the public, are invited. You do not need to call and sign up to attend.

Please join us as we remember those who have so recently been a part of our lives and whose death we recall in the light of the Resurrection.

Obituaries

Reva Brewer, 82
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