

# School board looks at new site for bus garage

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Supt. Saylor said that was not an option at this time and the board would have to discuss in closed session about finding a new location for the bus garage but he just didn't feel like the industrial park would be a good spot.

Saylor also reported that he expected the career and tech building to go up for bid in March and that it would be quite possible that they would break ground within the next six months.

Consent items were approved by the board with some discussion on the 8th grade trip to Chicago in April. Previously the 8th graders had gone to Tennessee on their trip but Andrea Williams said the hotel where they had always stayed at was not able to accommodate them this

year. She said that the trip to Chicago would cost each student \$100 more and there would be fundraisers for those who need assistance in paying for their trip.

Board member L.W. Beckley questioned if this trip would be more educational than those trips in the past to Tennessee. Williams said yes that there were several stops planned on this trip including plays and museums.

Joyce Rifenburg spoke to the board about the school threats that had been made in the past month. Although two juveniles have been arrested for making those threatening phone calls, Rifenburg said she was still concerned for the safety of the students.

She also said that the one call system that had been used by the district was

delayed in alerting parents about the last call and that her students were already home from school that day when she received the call from the school.

Mr. Saylor said that he could not discuss much about those calls because it was an ongoing investigation and that losing the SRO had been a blow to the district. He added that he had been in contact with both the cities of Irvine and Ravenna about the possibility of having one of their officers take over the SRO position. He said unfortunately the city of Irvine said they could not afford to help at this time and the city of Ravenna didn't have the manpower.

Saylor added that the Kentucky State Police was working closely with the district until they could find a solution

for the SRO position and that there was staff training and other things in place that he couldn't discuss at that time.

Grandmother Joyce Rawlins addressed the board because her small grandson had been let off the bus that day when he should not have been. Rawlins said that the boy was let off the bus at the bottom of South Madison Avenue and had to walk all the way to the end of North Madison Avenue by himself. She said her older grandson wasn't with the boy and by the time she found the little boy they were both very upset.

Mr. Saylor said that he was not aware of the incident but he would have Tim Burkhart look into the situation immediately.

# God's Outreach opens new community food bank

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The volunteers do this regardless of the person's age, although most of the recipients appeared to be senior citizens.

Volunteers from churches work in assembly line fashion assembling the food baskets.

Last Thursday, the recipients were given some frozen sliced chicken breast, shredded cheese, milk, apples, oranges, lettuce, canned vegetables, and many other items.

God's Outreach in Estill County opened in June with 407 families receiving food. Gary Powell, coordinator, said that it had gone up to 598 families in September.

The local food bank had also distributed 30,000 pounds of food in its first four months.

The food bank also supplied 818 backpacks to students in Estill County during September. Powell said that local churches sponsor the food for the backpacks at all Estill County schools.

Powell owns a cold storage business in Richmond. He said 13 years ago, he was contacted by the director of God's Outreach in Madison County about storing food for

that organization.

For the last three years, Powell has worked on getting God's Outreach to Estill County.

The Right Place building was vacant. It had coolers and freezers in it, which were needed for the meat, milk, and cheese.

Powell said that next year, the local God's Outreach plans to build its own building.

The recipients are allowed to come to the food bank once every thirty days. When they go to pick up food, they are given a time and date for their next pickup.

The food bank is open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursdays and Fridays. Persons needing food should visit the food bank at that time.

The food comes from donations. Some of it is donated by Wal-mart, Kroger, and Meijer's stores. Donated money is used to buy 60 percent of the food from God's Pantry.

"For every dollar donated, we can buy seven pounds of food which is about \$14 worth," Powell stated.

If you are interested in donating to God's Outreach of Estill County, you may send your donation to Citizens Guaranty Bank.



Gary Powell looks over pallets of canned vegetables Thursday during a food distribution at God's Outreach on Winchester Road. Powell brought the outreach to Estill County in the spring.

# Candidates express their views at Estill forum

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He helps out his daughter financially who has a child and only works 20 hours a week at \$7.25 an hour.

Herald, a Beattyville businessman, said he had supported the right to work law.

"You can still belong to the union," he stated.

Herald said that Lee Adjustment Center had reopened which employs over 300 people, including some from Estill County.

He added another 150 jobs in technology were being created in Breathitt County.

Herald was concerned about the declining population of the area. Lee County has lost 16 percent of its population, and Breathitt 10 percent.

Herald also mentioned a new KY 11 that will be opened from Booneville to London, as improving infrastructure.

Those candidates were also asked what issues they agreed upon.

Howard said the two men

were quasi friends.

"He, like myself, wants the area to improve," Howard stated.

Debra Hembree Lambert, a non-partisan candidate for Kentucky Supreme Court, appeared at the forum.

Her opponent, Dan Balou, was absent.

Lambert has visited Estill County several times in the past year. She was a speaker at the March drug court graduation.

She is currently serving as a judge for the Court of Appeals.

She stated her toughest decision is to enforce a law or rule that she does not necessarily agree with.

Jason Riley and Rodney Davis answered questions for the county attorney's job.

This is a rematch of four years ago. Davis has been Estill County Attorney for 12 years. Four years ago, Riley ran on an independent ticket. This year, he is running on the democratic ticket.

Riley worked 4 1/2 years

as an assistant Fayette County attorney.

While there, he said Fayette County was the first county to use the e-warrant system.

His plans are to increase child support collection, streamline the juvenile justice docket, and establish long term drug rehab.

Davis has served on the state Prosecutor's Advisory Council and was recently appointed on a committee for Marsy's Law.

"It gives this county a voice in Frankfort," he stated.

As a result of him serving on the advisory council, Davis said Estill County was approved for the Rocket Docket program.

It gives drug offenders

into rehab to get the help they need sooner rather than sitting in jail. It also saves the county money on jail costs.

Davis said his office has seen a significant increase in applications for Casey's Law and a SPARK group is coming to Estill County.

He added the county was involved in two litigations that he would like to continue with, one on TENORM and the other an opioid suit in Federal Court.

Riley said if elected, he would also continue those litigations.

He added there are not a lot of long term drug rehab options, but "long term rehab can work."

The two candidates for Estill County Sheriff participated in a forum last Thurs-

day evening.

The forum began with a reading of the four duties of a sheriff: collecting taxes, election duties, service to courts and law enforcement.

The two candidates, Ken White and Chris Flynn, were asked 10 questions after a short speech by each of them.

During his speech, White said he would hire a deputy who would be assigned to drug enforcement and would have a deputy on all shifts.

Flynn was also concerned about the opioid crisis and drug epidemic.

"It's bigger than we realize," he said. "It's going to take all of us working together."

The questions concerned giving personal favors, add-

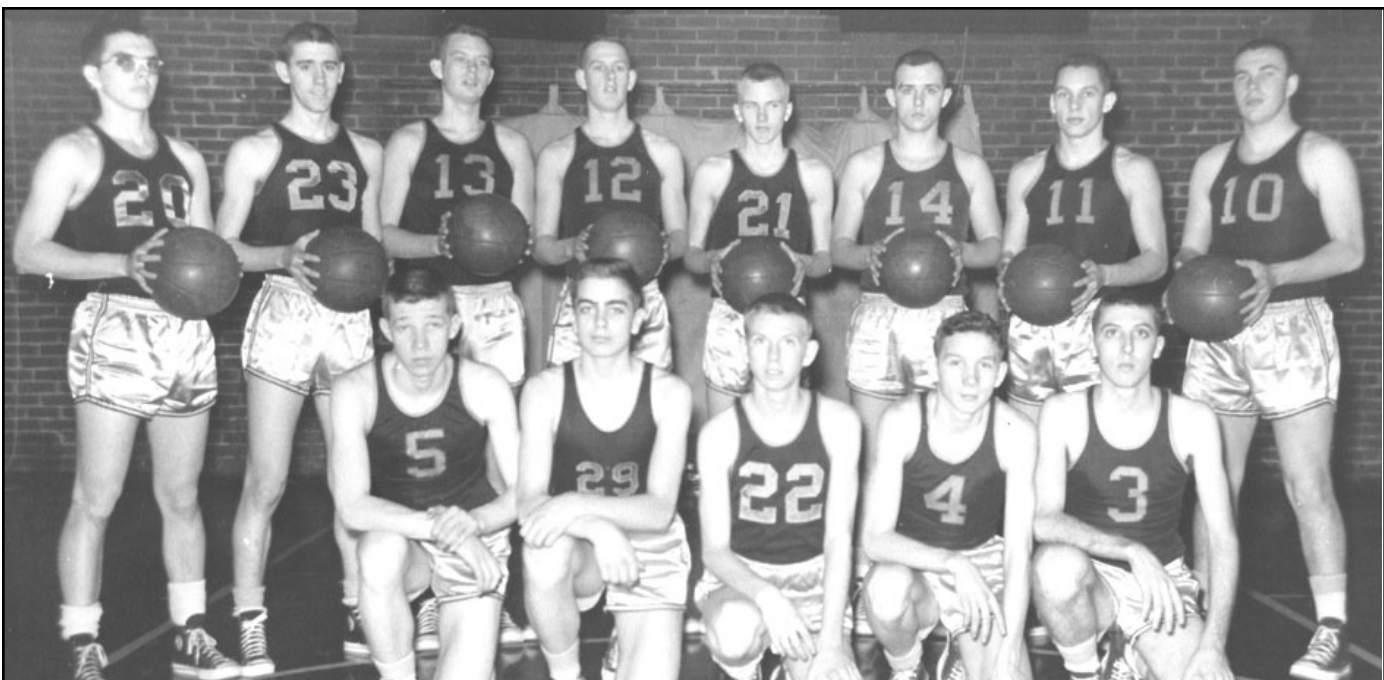
ing a secure entrance to the courthouse, responding timely to calls, transporting prisoners, law enforcement experience, balancing of statutory duties with the public, forming a county police force, and forming neighborhood watches.

Both candidates gave nearly the same answers to each question.

White has been in law enforcement for over 25 years. He completed the criminal justice program when he started as an officer and continues to update it each year.

Flynn cites his experience as eight experience years in the military and a willingness to learn.

Both candidates are in support of the SRO position in the school system.



1957-58 Irvine High School Eagles Basketball Team

Left to right, front: Kenny Floyd, Paul Shearer, Dickie Murphy, Jamie Brackett, Freddie Withers. Back: Jack Stevens, J. B. Wiseman, Tony Bybee, Eddie Ballard, Sam Watson, Glenn Sexton, Elvin Brinegar, Wayne Price. Not pictured: Coach Joe Ohr. (Courtesy of Sam Watson)

## Police Activity Report

Kimberly M. Samples, 33, of Richmond was charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition on Oct. 12.

The warrant obtained by Trooper Ty Robinson states that Samples took two Michael Korea purses, Nike Air Max, a Vera Bradley satchel, and a gold wedding band on Sept. 8. The victim was identified as June Lakes. The items were valued at \$795.

Lakes was arraigned on Oct. 12 where she entered a

not guilty plea. her preliminary hearing is set for Oct. 17.

• Randall J. Hall, 26, of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine was arrested Oct. 18 by Trooper Ty Robinson for theft by unlawful taking, theft by deception, and drug paraphernalia. Buy/possess.

The citation states that Hall had pawned an air conditioner, weed eater, and torch wrench.

He allegedly received \$110 for the items, which

were valued at \$850.

When arrested, the trooper said he found two syringes in Hall's pockets.

• Kendra D. Ivey, 21, of Richmond Road, Irvine was charged Oct. 5 with theft of identify of another.

The arresting officer, Trooper D. Lovett, said that Ivey was placed under arrest on Oct. 5 when she gave Trooper Roark another woman's name and social security number.

• Jason Jordan, 34, was arrested Oct. 6 on Winchester Road by deputy Chris Coffey.

Jordan was charged with instructional permit violations, failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), and tampering with physical evidence.



Selisa Adams smiles as she bags potatoes and other produce for food baskets at God's Outreach. She is a retired teacher who is volunteering from her church.