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A few hours were left for candidate to file when this issue of The Estill County Tribune went to press. We will keep you updated on any additional filers in next week's issue, on our web-page and Facebook page.

Democratic candidates for sheriff include Teddy Hunt, Terry Carroll, and Christopher Shawn Flynn.

That winner of the May primary will face the winner of the Republican primary which includes Russell "Doc" Morris, Ken White, and Kevin Chaney.

Sheriff Gary Freeman will be retiring.

County Attorney Rodney Davis is seeking re-election as the republican candidate. He will face democrat Jason Riley in the November General Election.

Jailer Bo Morris is seeking re-election and is a member of the republican party. He will be challenged by Larry Stewart, a democrat in the General Election.

Jeff L. Hix, a democrat,

is running unopposed for re-election to the Property Valuation Administration (PVA) Office.

Six republicans and one democrat are seeking the office of County Judge Executive.

The republicans include Tom Hart, Gary W. Powell, Kevin T. Williams, Dwight E. Richardson, and Donnie Watson.

Rhonda Childers is a democrat seeking the office.

Four republicans and two democrats are vying for election to the county clerk's office.

The republicans include Brian Crowe, Elizabeth Henry Walling, C J "Taylor" Neal, and Chris Carroll. The democrats include Felicia Fike Campbell and Ernest L. Morris.

County Clerk Sherry L. Fox will be retiring.

Justin M. Rogers, a democrat, is unopposed for county surveyor.

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There was standing room only Monday as residents attended a meeting to learn about Advanced Disposal's Corrective Action Plan (CAP) on TENORM. The audience was not in favor of letting the radioactive material stay in Estill County, which the landfill says is the safest way to handle it.

Residents say "NO" TENORM stays in place at Estill landfill

A meeting on Advanced Disposal's Corrective Action Plan (CAP) on TENORM was heated Monday night even though it was snowing outside.

It is unknown if anyone from Advanced Disposal attended the meeting. Officials from the state Environmental and Energy Cabinet (EEC) declined to attend because they said the CAP was Advanced Disposal's proposal.

However, EEC has given preliminary approval to accept this revised plan presented by Advanced Disposal. Residents may comment on the plan through February 12. Information is at the end of this article on where to send written comments by mail or email.

The recent CAP presented two options for the TENORM which was deposited of illegally at Blue Ridge RDF in 2015 and 2016.

Advanced Disposal claims it is safer to keep the TENORM in place, which is estimated to cost the company \$342,000. The plan calls for a permanent cover and monitoring.

The CAP report indicates there is no increased cancer risk for 2700 years.

If the landfill has to move the TENORM, they will hire a professional company to transport it to a landfill owned by Advanced Disposal located in Pennsylvania, which is permitted to accept the TENORM. This plan will cost \$6.2 million.

The CAP states there is a risk when transporting the TENORM. They also predict wear and tear on the roads and rerouting traffic.

The TENORM was brought to the landfill in 92 shipments. It is estimated that it will take 1,823 truck loads over 93 working days to take

the material to another landfill.

Besides Advanced Disposal, EEC fined eight others companies and one individual. Most of those companies have gone bankrupt and paid lesser fines. EEC is still in litigation over the fines with four companies.

Corey Hoskins of West Liberty and his company, Advanced TENORM, have filed bankruptcy. Hoskins allegedly brought the material illegally to the local landfill.

State Attorney General Andy Beshear declined to press charges against Hoskins.

State regulations prevent EEC from levying criminal charges against Hoskins.

However, Commonwealth's Attorney Heather Combs is looking into possible criminal charges against Hoskins.

"I'd like to see him go to

jail, at the very least," Tom Hart, chairman of Concern Citizens of Estill County (CCED) stated. "He falsified records."

Advanced Disposal paid \$95,000 in lieu of a fine. Of that amount, \$60,000 goes to the Estill County School System. The company installed radioactive detectors at its landfills in Irvine and Morehead.

"If anything (radioactive) comes in, you can hear it all across the landfill," said Hart.

A host community agreement between the previous landfill company and the county prohibited the dumping of radioactive waste, as well as out of state waste.

At the time, Kentucky law allowed local landfills to accept radioactive waste generated in Kentucky or Illinois.

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Wreck claims life of an Irvine man

The Madison County Sheriff's Office investigated a fatal collision which occurred around 5:00 a.m. on Friday, January 26, 2018 on KY 52.

The initial investigation indicated a 2002 Honda Accord operated by 31 year old Joshua R. Adams, of Irvine, KY, was traveling west on KY 52 when the vehicle left the roadway and struck the end of a guardrail.

According to Madison County Sheriff Mike Coyle, the Honda then struck a group of trees and came to rest.

Joshua Adams was fatally injured as a result of the collision after being ejected from the vehicle.

He was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Madison County Coroner Jimmy Cornelison.

The collision was investigated by Madison County Sheriff's Deputy Josh Horn. He was assisted on the scene by Madison County EMS, Madison County Fire Department, Waco Fire Department and the Madison County Rescue Squad.

Adams, a Berea native, was a contractor for the United States Postal Service. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force.

His wife, Elizabeth, is an employee at the Irvine Post Office. They have three children.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 1, at New Heights Church, 316 Mini Mall Drive, Berea, with Pastor John Burdette officiating. Acceptance of friends at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Berea has been entrusted with arrangements.

A complete obituary appears on Page 6.



Joshua Adams



Craig Williams read a letter from Bob Shaffer who could not attend Monday's meeting. Williams has fought against TENORM from the beginning. The Berea resident started the Kentucky Environmental Foundation Chemical Weapon Working Group.

Fiscal court holds an emergency meeting to meet the payroll

An emergency meeting of the Estill County Fiscal Court was held on Thursday morning.

An emergency meeting can be held without announcing the meeting at least 24 hours in advance, any actions taken cannot wait for 24 hours.

During Thursday's meeting, the fiscal court authorized Judge/Executive Kevin Williams to borrow \$40,000 in a short-term loan from Citizens Guaranty Bank.

Williams said the debt-consolidation loan with Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO) had not been completed.

Thursday was the end of the pay period, and the loan was expected to cover the payroll and other expenses.

Judge Williams said seven or eight jail employees were being laid off.

Jail employees received their layoff notices last week.

The employees were advised they could apply to work as jail transportation officers for the fiscal court.

In addition to the layoffs, Williams said some employees in other departments were cutting back their hours voluntarily to help with the budget crunch.

For example, one employee at the senior citizens center will work only three days a week, instead of five. The center has already lost one position.

Road salt is another item that is affected by the county's budget shortfall.

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Mary Bowlin, 58

Julian Shane McKinney, 46

Margaret Stamper, 70

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