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The Estill County Fire Department fought a house fire on Tucky Lane Saturday afternoon. At least seven other fire departments assisted with mutual aid. Fire Chief Derrick Muncie said those departments brought tankers of water. No one was at home when the fire began.

## Fire destroys home on Saturday

Volunteer treated and released after falling through the floor

A volunteer fireman with the Estill County Fire Department was injured Saturday afternoon while fighting a house fire.

The fireman was identified as Shawn Riddell.

Fire Chief Derrick Muncie said that Riddell was inside the house fighting the fire when he fell through the floor.

He added that Riddell was able to get himself out through a basement door.

Riddell was checked out at the scene by Estill County Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

According to the chief, Riddell was stiff and sore. He was advised to go to the hospital, where he was treated and released.

The fire department got the call about the house fire on Tucky Lane at 4:45 p.m. Saturday. The lane is near O'possum Run and Sandhill Roads.

Muncie said the male homeowner, Dan Ball, was out of town. His wife, Cindy, came home and observed smoke in the garage.

The chief stated that

Cindy Ball then drove to her daughter's house nearby and called 911.

One of the biggest problems the fire department encountered Saturday was the size of the house. It was a first story home with a basement.

Because the house was located in a rural area of the county, water could have also been a problem.

Muncie said all the local fire departments joined in fighting the blaze: Irvine, Ravenna, and Hargett.

Mutual aid was also provided by fire departments from Madison County, Waco, Red Lick, and Union City.

Muncie stated those fire departments brought tanker trucks with water to help extinguish the fire.

The firefighters were also challenged when the floor of the home collapsed.

According to the chief, a cause of the fire has not yet been determined. He believes the fire was smoldering for a while before Cindy Ball returned home.

## Ravenna man is indicted for murder, assault

A Ravenna man has been indicted for murder in connection with an October 15, 2017 wreck on the Joseph Procter Bypass.

Austin N. Shockley, 23, of Ravenna was the driver of a 2001 Dodge which was traveling east on the bypass. Kentucky State Police said Shockley's vehicle crossed the center line and struck a vehicle driven by General J. Bowen, 26, of Clay City.

Bowen was pronounced dead at the scene by the Estill County Coroner.

Shockley and Bowen's

passenger, Mason Powell, were airlifted to UK Hospital.

Shockley was also charged by the indictment with assault, first degree in connection with Powell's injuries.

The indictment states that Shockley operated a vehicle under circumstances manifesting extreme danger to human life and caused the death of Bowen and a grave risk of death to Powell.

It adds that Shockley was driving under the influence.

## Indictments charge men with thefts from golf club

Two men were indicted for breaking into the Estill County Golf Club on December 12, 2017.

Chris Bowman, 27, of South Irvine Road and Barry Roberts, 44, of Richmond were indicted on charges of burglary third degree and two counts of receiving stolen property \$10,000 or more.

The indictment says the two men entered a building owned by the golf club to commit a crime.

According to the indictment, they had in their pos-

session on Dec. 12 a Grass Hopper 725D, a John Deere Gator with spray system, a John Deere bumper rack, and a Ferris zero turn mower that had been stolen from the golf club. The items were valued at \$65,628.

Also on Dec. 12, the indictment states the two had in their possession three trailers that were reported stolen from the Estill County Road Department. The value of the trailers is listed at \$19,800.

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## Grand Jury returns indictments for drug-related infractions

Four out-of state residents were indicted after they were traffic-stopped in Irvine on Dec. 13.

They were identified as Rebecca M. Howard, 35, of S. Lebanon, Ohio; Ronald E. Kamieniecki aka Ronald Baker, 59, of Huntley, IL; Nancy M. Smith, 48, of Waynesville, Ohio; and Timothy Brown, 23, of Trenton, Ohio.

All four were indicted on a charge of trafficking in a controlled substance,

first degree and first offense (greater than two grams of methamphetamine).

According to the indictment, the four had 7.3 grams of methamphetamine in their possession with the intent to sell.

Howard, Kamieniecki and Smith were also charged by indictment with drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. The indictment states the trio had a digital scale, several plastic bags and glass containers with white powder.

Smith was charged with operating on a suspended or revoked operators license.

Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith presented the investigation to the grand jury.

Bradley "Joe" Young, 51, of Chestnut Stand Road, Irvine, was indicted on a single charge of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and second or greater offense.

The indictment says on August 31, Young possessed less than two grams of methamphetamine in 11 baggies with the intent to sell.

The investigation was conducted by KSP Trooper Jake Shepherd.

Melissa Kaye Drake, 48, of Irvine, was indicted on a single charge of possession of a controlled substance,

first degree and first offense. The indictment says that Drake possessed methamphetamine n November 3.

David Hobbs of Kentucky State Police presented the investigation to the grand jury.

Thomas Scott Reeves, 39, of McKee Road, Irvine was named in a three count indictment.

The indictment says that Reeves sold methamphetamine to a confidential informant on two occasions. It adds that he was paid \$40 on Nov. 7 and again on Nov. 8.

Reeves is also being charged with being a second degree persistent felony offender.

The investigation against Reeves was handled by Irvine Sgt. John Sturniolo.

Cornelius Wilson, 56, of Stacy Lane, Irvine, faces charges in a three-count indictment.

Wilson is charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and being a second degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment states that on Oct. 17, Wilson had methamphetamine, scales, baggies, and two phones in his possession.

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Shelbi Goe and Analiase Day with Girl Scout Troop 661 sold cookies on Saturday at the Opportunity Store. A schedule of the sales and locations of all three Girl Scout Troops in Estill County is on Page 9. You can also see Kim Charles at the courthouse for cookies. The Scouts plan to use their profits to take a trip to the zoo.  
Photo by Emma Day

### Obituaries

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