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## Spring Clean-up



A state highway employee (green jacket) helped to unload garbage from a pick-up during Friday's Commonwealth Clean-up Day in Estill County. The garbage was unloaded into the bucket of a front-end loader and placed in the bed of a highway truck to take it to the landfill. Estill Countians had five locations to take their garbage to on Friday or to the landfill on Saturday morning.

## Woman arrested by KSP with a counterfeit bill

Kentucky State Police have made an arrest after a suspected counterfeit bill was attempted to be used at the Irvine McDonald's on Sunday night.

An employee from McDonald's called Post 7 and said a woman was inside the business trying to pass a fake \$100 bill.

When Trooper C. Caudill arrived, he said the female was still inside attempting to cash the bill and buy food.

The woman told the trooper that a man had given her the bill. It is presently unknown if the man will be charged in this incident.

The citation states the bill was swiped twice by the employee to identify it as being fake. The bill was logged into Post 7 as evidence.

The female was identified as Desiree L. Raider, 25, of Locomotive Street, Irvine.

She was charged with criminal possession of a forged instrument, first degree.

## Madison homeowners say they were deceived by Estill County man

An Estill County man was served Saturday by Irvine Officer Brian Cloyd with two Madison County arrest warrants.

Each of the warrants charges Charles A. Harrison, 43, of Winchester Road, Irvine with theft by deception.

The first warrant was obtained by Richmond Officer Emily Faulkner.

It states that on January 10, Harrison approached a victim and told her that he could fix some issues on her roof.

The complaint states that Harrison went onto the roof carrying only a small bag and stayed for approximately 20 minutes. He gave the victim a list of services he allegedly performed, including gluing loose shingles, sealing the chimney, and replacing ventilation and tubing.

According to the complaint, Harrison never took any supplies onto the roof and never left to buy any materials.

He allegedly told the victim his cost for labor and materials was \$745.00.

He reportedly told the vic-

tim he would cash the check and then return with money so she would not have to pay insurance.

The report states the victim's granddaughter went up to the roof and discovered there had been no work performed.

The complaint states that Harrison cashed the check about an hour after leaving the woman's residence and never returned.

Richmond Officer Shawn Johnson investigated the second incident involving Harrison which occurred between February 1 and 5.

Harrison reportedly approached a victim outside his home and told him that he had a loose vent on his roof. He offered to fix the vent and any water damage caused by water leaking through loose vents.

He also stated there was some faulty wiring and wet insulation from water damage.

Harrison allegedly quoted a price of \$2,400 for labor and materials, and the victim paid him that amount.

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The audience concentrated on remarks made by the eight candidates for Estill County Judge/Executive at the first forum held last Thursday. The forum for sheriff candidates is this Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

## First forum featured judge candidates

The first candidate forum featured the eight candidates for Estill County Judge/Executive last Tuesday.

John Herrin with the ECU Dual Credit Program moderated the forum.

The candidates drew a number and were placed in that number.

Each candidate was given five minutes to give their background to the audience.

Following that, each candidate drew a question to answer. All candidates had the opportunity to respond to the question.

The park, jail, litter, jobs,

and drug problems seemed to draw the most responses.

Donnie Watson, who served two non-consecutive terms as judge/executive, may be one of the older candidates.

Watson told the audience that he is on no medication.

He also listed his accomplishments during his two terms as judge/executive.

Joseph Lambert, 45, a write-in candidate and democrat, said he dropped out of school in the tenth grade when his parents split up.

Write-in votes for Lambert will not be counted until the November election.

Kevin Williams said Thursday was his 80th day as judge/executive after being appointed by Gov. Matt Bevin.

He compared the judge's office to being a firefighter, calling it a rescue mission.

Williams said he inherited a 1.6 to 1.7 million dollar debt.

James Walters was the 8th of 11 children, but his parents encouraged him to graduate. He was in the National Honor Society.

He retired from Frigidare in Dayton, Ohio after 45 years and moved back to Estill County.

Gary Powell, a lifelong Estill Countian, said he runs two companies from his home.

He says he is not a politician but is now trying to work a deal with the railroad to get an unloading facility here.

He also works with God's Outreach in Madison County which helps to feed the needy.

Tom Hart is a retired Air Force Colonel, with multiple college degrees.

After his retirement, he and his wife moved to Estill County.

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Gary Powell updated the Irvine Council at Monday's meeting about God's Outreach, a program that will be expanding into Estill County by the end of May.

Powell said he has worked with the non-profit for 13 years in Madison County.

It operates off private donations and God's Pantry.

The program gives food baskets to needy people and supplies food items for backpack programs.

"We believe we will start seeing 1,000 people a month," Powell stated.

He said Valerie Flinchum has donated the use of her Right Place restaurant building to be used for God's Outreach.

The long term goal is to apply for a grant to build a warehouse like the one Madison County has.

Powell said the program will work with churches to supply items for backpack programs. He has already met with Estill County school officials.

Mayor W.J. Noland said no privilege license was required because the program is non-profit.

Councilman Tobo Bryant said the city has a lot of residents who take care of their properties.

He mentioned the work recently done by First Baptist Church to replace the rarely used steps in front of their church.

Councilman Tim Burkhardt said that subcontractors had been working on Winchester Road, and that work was looking good.

The mayor expects the road project to be completed by August.

Fire Chief Tony Murphy discussed getting another fire truck if the department is approved for a 55/44 grant from USDA.

This means the city will sell one of its trucks and a cascade system to help pay for their share of the grant.

Police Chief Brad Smith requested pay raises for police officers with the money coming from the alcohol account.

The council tabled the

raises until all members were present.

Contracting payroll to EKAT was also tabled. Attorney Rodney Davis said the council must amend the ordinance which gives that duty to the city clerk before contracting out the payroll.

The mayor said the state has agreed to take over Laurel Street and give the city Park Avenue and Orchard Streets.

The council discussed parking on Laurel and a yellow line down the middle.

Mayor Noland said the benefit was the city would get two lesser used streets meaning less maintenance costs.

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