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Easter Egg Hunt



Miss Easter Bunny appeared on time to take the kids on an egg hunt Saturday at the American Legion.



Haley and Logan Richardson met with the Easter Bunny Saturday morning at Veterans Memorial Park. The morning egg hunt was held in memory of former Ravenna Councilwoman, Joan Richardson. Haley and Logan are her great niece and nephew.

Photo Submitted

Grand jury indicts on felony charges

An Estill County Grand Jury returned six indictments on Friday, March 23 on felony offenses.

Hillary Combs, 25, of Richmond was indicted for tampering with physical evidence and first degree persistent felony offense.

According to the indictment, on March 2, Combs altered a drug test which was to be used in an official proceeding. The intent was possibly to impair the test for the official proceeding.

The indictment states that Combs had been previously convicted of at least two prior felonies.

The investigation was conducted by Brad Kirby of Probation and Parole.

Brian Doty, 51, of Maupin Hill Road, Irvine was indicted on two counts of committing false statements to receive benefits over \$100.

The indictment states that between November 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017, Doty failed to report household circumstances resulting in a

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) overpayment of \$388.00.

It also states that from December 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, Doty failed to report the correct household circumstances, which resulted in a Medicaid overpayment of \$7,949.96.

General Investigator Eric Tout of the Office of Inspector General appeared before the Estill County Grand Jury.

Randall Jones, 29, of Stacy Lane, Irvine was charged in a four-count indictment.

The charges include trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense; trafficking in marijuana, less than eight ounces; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; and possession of a controlled substance, third degree.

On March 25, 2017, the indictment says Jones had .461 grams of methamphetamine, marijuana, two and a half xanax, a pipe, baggies, two scales, and rolling papers in his possession.

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Life is taken during head-on collision on KY-82, Wednesday

The Kentucky State Police, Richmond Post was called around 6:40 pm Wednesday, March 28, and investigated a two vehicle fatal collision that occurred on KY-82, (Spout Springs Road) north of Irvine in Estill County.

The initial investigation indicates that Megan Newsome, 23 years old of Prestonsburg, was traveling west on KY-82 near Twin Creek Road when her vehicle crossed the center line, and collided head-on with a vehicle that was traveling east, operated by Brenda Puckett, 60 years old of Irvine.

As a result of the collision, Brenda Puckett was fatally injured and pronounced

deceased at the scene by the Estill County Coroner.

KY-82 was closed to traffic for several hours following the collision.

Megan Newsome and a juvenile passenger in Puckett's vehicle were transported to the University of Kentucky Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Relatives identified the juvenile as Puckett's six-year old granddaughter.

Funeral services for Puckett were held Tuesday morning. A complete obituary appears on Page 2 of today's Tribune.

An ongoing investigation is being conducted by KSP Trooper David Hobbs.



Teachers from all 120 counties attended a rally in Frankfort on Monday after state legislature passed a budget bill late Thursday. Estill students did not attend school on Monday so that local teachers could attend the rally. Many of the other school districts were on spring break.

Photo by Teresa Revlett, Kentucky Press Association

Obituaries

Sonny Brinegar, 68

Latushia Brooks, 78

Debra Crawford, 55

Brenda Puckett, 60

Lisa Sidles, 45

Mafrey Townsend, 61

Sarah Woosley, 82

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Children and family members gathered for a photo with the Easter Bunny. The occasion was an Easter Egg Hunt held Saturday afternoon by Christian Worship Center at Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna.

IPD arrests Estill woman for trafficking

An Estill County woman was arrested Sunday evening on a drug trafficking charge.

IPD Sgt. John Sturniolo said that Tarcia L. Richardson, 48, of Hargett Road, Irvine sold for \$100, .97 gram of methamphetamine to a confidential informant on March 17.

He stated that on March 31, Richardson was located at Shallow Creek Road where she was trying to sell more methamphetamine to the same confidential informant.

She allegedly had in her possession two baggies with a crystal substance, five empty baggies, a digital scale, a cut straw, five Promethease

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