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KSP arrests brother for murder, Tuesday

The Kentucky State Police, Richmond Post was called Tuesday, April 24 just before 11:00 a.m., and notified of a shooting on Pryse Road in Estill County. KSP Post 7 personnel responded to the residence and found Travis Tipton, 24 years old of Irvine, KY, deceased inside from an apparent gunshot wound. He was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Estill County Coroner, and taken to the State Medical Examiner's Office in Frankfort for an autopsy. The initial investigation alleges that the victim and his brother, Edward D. Tipton Jr., 29 years old of Irvine, were involved in

an argument inside the residence, when Edward retrieved a firearm and fatally shot his brother Travis. As a result of the ongoing investigation, Edward D. Tipton Jr. was arrested and lodged in the Three Forks Regional Detention Center charged with Murder. The ongoing investigation is being conducted by KSP Post 7 Detective Austin Brashear. Edward Tipton Jr. was arraigned in Estill District Court on April 25 where he pleaded not guilty to murder. Judge William Leach appointed a public defender to represent Edward Tipton Jr.



Edward Tipton Jr.
Three Forks Regional Jail Photo
His bail was set at \$100,000 cash. Tipton is scheduled to return to court on Wednesday, May 2 for a preliminary hearing.

Off to the finish line!



Runners sported this year's Mushroom Festival t-shirts during the 3K race on Saturday. The 2K and 3K races opened up the festival on Saturday.



The 2018 Mountain Mushroom Festival is now in the books, but festival goers are estimating that it had the largest attendance ever. Above is a picture of the food court taken early Saturday morning.

KSP look for wanted man on Happy Top Road area

The Kentucky State Police, Richmond Post received a tip that Terry Hammonds, wanted in connection to a double murder that happened in December, was seen driving an ATV on Happy Top Road in Jackson County Monday morning. This was near the Estill

County line. As a result, KSP Post 7 Troopers responded to the area in search of Terry Hammonds and found someone matching his description driving an ATV at approximately 1:45 p.m. The initial investigation alleges that when Troopers stopped to confront the suspect, he pulled out a gun and shot at them, at which time they returned fire. The shooter ran into the woods, and was last seen

wearing a black sleeveless shirt and camo pants. A thorough search of the area was conducted throughout the afternoon and evening, however the suspect was not located. No Troopers were injured during the shooting, and it is unknown if the suspect sustained any injuries. Anyone with information about the suspected shooter or his location is asked to call KSP Post 7 at 859.623.2404.

Obituaries
Sammie King, 74
Nannie McGuire, 89
Judy Royce, 67
June Spencer, 55
Travis Tipton, 24
Daniel Todd, 75
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Children rode a float in the festival parade, alongside colorful mushrooms, fitting in with this year's theme, "A Fungus Among Us."

Magistrate candidates address roads, jobs, trash, and taxes

During the forum for magistrates Thursday, the same issues came up from previous forums: the county debt, lack of jobs, trash, and the landfill. The forum was moderated by Brianna Palmer, a sophomore and member of the mock trial team at Eastern Kentucky University. She is the granddaughter of former Irvine residents, Herbie and Colleen Rogers. The forum began with candidates in district one. "I think I can have a positive influence on who I work with and work for," stated Robert Sanders. Mike Abney said he would dig in and learn as quickly as possible. "You can't spend money you don't have," he added.

"I'd like to see more business and stuff come into Estill County," said Roy Embs. "I'm already involved and want to be more involved," Joe Crawford stated. District two candidates were asked what would be their biggest challenge if elected magistrate. "I'd like to see work come into Estill County," said Earl Young Jr., a former magistrate. "These roads are a mess, but there's more to it than the roads," said Bill Eldridge, who was appointed magistrate in the fall of 2016. Paul Tipton also said the county needed more jobs. He commented on the loss of population since 1994 due to people leaving for jobs elsewhere.

"If there's no money in the county, you can't have a budget," he added. Tipton suggested giving tax incentives to companies that would locate in Estill County. Keith Bradley also added the roads were bad and would like to see more jobs. "Everybody's got to pay their taxes," Bradley stated. "I've got to pay the same taxes as everyone else." District 3 candidate Melvin Fields drew a question on his opinion for merging city and county governments. "The county is broke. Why do you want to bring a city in to a county that is broken?" he asked. Fields is a part-time farmer and works out of town. **Continued on Page 15**



Boy Scout Troop 144 were at the front of the parade Saturday afternoon. Beauty contestant winners were right behind them.