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Arrest made in assault to Barnes Mt. pedestrian

An Estill Countian is charged with assault after a man was injured with a knife on Barnes Mountain on May 1.

The victim, Joshua Collins, told Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris that he and his brother were walking down Barnes Mountain Road when he was assaulted.

He told the deputy that William McKinney, 40, of Bobby Miller Road, Irvine stopped in the roadway and started arguing with them. He added that McKinney then swung a knife at him and injured his right arm.

Deputy Morris charged McKinney with assault second degree.

McKinney was lodged in Three Forks Regional Jail.

He was arraigned in front of a trial commissioner on Monday.

A preliminary hearing will be held within 10 days for McKinney unless he waives it.

Prom King and Queen



Jericho Puckett and Lindsey Isfort were crowned prom king and queen on Saturday night at the Estill County High School. Puckett is the son of Shayne and Joy Puckett and Isfort is the daughter of John and Donna Isfort. More prom photos are in the B Section. Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes

Members are appointed to new boards

A special meeting of the Estill Fiscal Court was held on Tuesday, May 1. Judge/Executive Kevin Williams updated the fiscal court on things going on within the county.

He congratulated the city of Irvine for the successful Mountain Mushroom Festival. There were several people from out of town and state attending.

Over 7,000 pounds of liter have been picked up as of Friday, April 27. He added the fiscal court was going to address the issue of trucks without tarps which allows the trash to blow out of them.

Cleanup on a Sandhill illegal dump began May 1. An area is being looked at on Mt. Scratchum Road.

Judge Williams said the county is going through illegal dump sites and getting names. Names have been turned in as well. Letters are

being sent to those people.

Three bridge projects are proposed with an 80/20 funding match. The county is also repairing two or three slips in roads. The road department is also installing culverts and cutting trees.

Magistrates were asked to turn in their list of roads that need patching, resurfacing, chip sealed or graveled by May 14. The fiscal court is going to Frankfort on May 22 to present this list.

As of May 1, Estill County had 52 inmates. Williams said this was the lowest number in a while.

Twelve members were appointed to the Kentucky River Park & Recreation Board. They are Brad Asher, Scott Jones, Mark Reece, Blaine Click, Tom Kirby, Trent Singleton, Kristie Crowe, Candie McMaine, John Webb, Kim Dawes, Andar Niece, and Dan Wood.

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Last forum featured mayoral candidates

The last forum before the May primary election featured candidates for mayor of Irvine, Estill County Jailer and constable candidates on Thursday.

The forum was moderated by Kaisee Riddell, a former Estill resident. She is majoring in political science and communication studies at Eastern Kentucky University.

Tommy Joe "Tobo" Bryant and James Edward Gross, both republicans, are the only two candidates on the primary ballot for Mayor of Irvine.

Bryant cited his almost 30 years experience on the Irvine City Council.

If elected mayor, he wants to appoint council members to serve on police and fire

committees.

He added the city is looking good, but he has some ideas for cleaning up right of ways.

Bryant said he will balance the city's budget while looking for new revenues.

Gross is a former police chief for Irvine. He also worked as a police officer for Ravenna and a juvenile worker for the state.

He was forced into retirement after serving as School Resource Officer (SRO) for ten years. He was diagnosed with cancer and had a kidney removed.

Gross said he wants to retain police officers, get equipment for the fire department so they can improve or keep their ISO rating of a 3, and

look at grants to help kids and the park.

The former police officer said that he has talked to someone about grant writing if elected mayor.

It is suspected that Gross is talking about his daughter, Jessica Lee, who until recently worked at the Department of Local Governments in Frankfort.

Lee's husband, Joseph, is a former city policeman. While working for the city, the Lees wrote grants and obtained surplus equipment from the federal government for the police and other departments.

Larry Stewart, a democrat, and David Hardy, a republican, participated in the forum for Estill County Jailer Candidates.

Stewart was a self-employed businessman for 27 years. He worked two years as a Fayette County deputy jailer and four years as a deputy jailer in Estill County.

Both candidates supported reopening the Estill County Jail.

Stewart said he wanted to implement an aggressive inmate work program where inmates would be given credit for two days jail time for each day they work.

"It's just a win-win for everybody," he stated.

For the last 30 years, Harvey has been fire chief of the Ravenna Fire Department, where he's been responsible for the training of 32 volunteer fire fighters.

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James Gross, a former Irvine police officer and chief, plans to actively pursue grants if he is elected as Mayor of Irvine. Gross had to retire as a police officer because he had cancer.



Tommy "Tobo" Bryant has been a councilman for 30 years. He plans to bring back Police and Fire Committees made up of council members and continue cleaning up the city.

Obituaries

Floyd Clemmons, 65
Lohris Johnson, 78
Eddie Marcum, 44
Chelsie McMillan
Irene Lowry, 92
Kathy Turner, 56
Gary Wasson, 63
Edgar Winkle, 81
Janet Woosley, 64
Elvis Young, 59

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Doty Twins Sign To Play For Berea College



The Estill County Basketball Engineers "Twin Towers" Andrew and Lane Doty signed their letters of intent on Friday at ECHS to play basketball for the Mountaineers of Berea College. The two were instrumental in leading Estill County to its first ever regional win and a trip to the Sweet 16 Tournament at Rupp Arena. Estill head coach Jon Bentley spoke highly of how easy it was to coach the two. From left, are their grandfather, Donnie Kearns; their mother, Donna Doty; Lane Doty, Coach Jon Bentley; Andrew Doty; their father, Todd Doty; and Crystal Young.