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Megan Bellamy, right photo, was crowned Miss Estill County during opening day of the Estill County Fair on Saturday. She will be a senior at Estill County High School. She will present awards during fair events this week. She will also accompany Little Miss and Mr. Estill County to the Kentucky State Fair in August. The fair continues through this Saturday.

Photo/Delores Rowland

Bottom Photo: Miss Estill County Teen winners are : Chelsea Latham - 1st runner-up, Shaelyn Parsons - Miss Estill County Teen and Miss Congeniality, and Camari Davis - Miss Estill County Teen Fair. More pageant photos are on Page 2.

Photo/Cathy Dawes



Fiscal court contemplates selling old Guard Armory

The old National Guard Armory in Ravenna may be sold at public auction.

Judge/Executive Kevin Williams asked the magistrates at a special meeting on Thursday to think about selling the old armory. The court's decision may be made at the regular meeting on July 16, at 6 p.m.

A small factory once was located there. One of the buildings houses a food

bank. At one time, it was used as a youth center.

The other building, once used by the county road department and recycling center, has been used by Helping Hands.

"It's more of a liability," Williams stated. "It's an expense."

He mentioned cost of utilities and repairs to the buildings, such as broken water lines. The county pays insurance on the buildings. There are some drainage issues in the back.

Williams' suggestion comes at a time when the county is in debt recovery.

"It's a nightmare on who's got keys to it right now," Williams stated.

He told the magistrates that he has talked with the directors of programs which use the buildings.

Magistrate Marty Snowden suggested the county give the property to organizations which need them.

State law only allows the fiscal court to donate their property to other governmental bodies. It can be sold at a public auction, by sealed bids after advertising

it, or at appraised value.

Renaye Merrill, director of 911 services asked the fiscal court to increase the costs of open records, such as for traffic collisions. She asked that a copy go from 10 cents each to 25 cents, a CD recording go from \$2 to \$5, and include postage.

A motion on that issue was tabled at the suggestion of County Attorney Rodney Davis.

He said the costs of copies for open records should be uniform across all the departments. Action may be taken at a special meeting in early July.

Procedures for open records requests is addressed by KRS 61.870 through KRS 61.884.

Over the years, Kentucky's attorneys general have addressed the charges for copies by local governments. Those rulings say that governments cannot charge more for copies than their cost.

As an example, the Kentucky Department of Revenue charges 10 cents per page for copies, \$10.00 for a CD, and recovers postage.

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Grand jury returns indictments

A large number of indictments were returned by the Estill County Grand Jury on June 22 on various offenses.

Jack Cockrell Jr., 50 of Wisemantown Apts. and Harold Durham Jr., 50 of Doe Creek Road, Irvine were named as co-defendants on drug related offenses.

They were both charged with trafficking in a controlled substance first degree on April 27. The indictment says they sold heroin to a confidential informant on the Richmond Road.

The indictment states this was Durham's first offense and Cockrell's second offense at trafficking.

Cockrell was also charged with possession of a controlled substance, second degree (one suboxone strip) and tampering with physical evidence. The indictment says that Cockrell threw heroin in the back of a vehicle to conceal the evidence.

The indictment charges Durham with being a first degree persistent felony offender. It says he has been previously convicted of two felonies.

Durham was named in a second indictment which charges him with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

The indictment states he sold heroin to a confidential informant on both May 2 and May 25.

He was also indicted for possession of marijuana on May 25 and first degree persistent felony offender.

Cockrell was also named in another indictment, which charges him with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. The indictment states he had

heroin in his possession on May 18.

Those cases were investigated by IPD Sgt. John Sturmiolo.

Cockrell has been held at Three Forks Regional Jail since May 18. Durham has been incarcerated there since May 26.

Dallas Gene Harrison, 56, of Wall Street, Irvine was indicted on 40 charges related to an investigation on May 19.

The indictment charges Harrison with five counts of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

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Passenger dies after ejected during wreck on Barnes Mt.

An Estill County man died Saturday as the result of injuries he received in an automobile wreck.

Jeffrey Fox, 49, was pronounced dead at the scene by the Estill County Coroner's office.

He was a passenger in the vehicle which wrecked around 6:30 p.m. on Barnes

Mountain. The vehicle left the roadway.

Fox was ejected from the vehicle.

As of presstime, the driver had not been identified. It was unknown if the driver was injured or has been located.

The wreck remains under investigation.

Woman graduates with GED; her 2nd graduation this year

Very few people can graduate twice in the same year, but Melinda Powell went through her second graduation in 2018 on Friday night, and the year is only half over.

On Friday, she was one of a dozen people to be awarded their diplomas through the Estill County Adult Education program.

Melinda dropped out of high school when she was 17, "because I got married."

Her husband wasn't tall, but he was dark and handsome.

Nevertheless, their marriage wasn't made in heaven.

The abusive marriage finally ended after multiple attempts to save it.

Melinda was arrested for using drugs, but this may have been the turning point in her life.

When she went to court, she was enrolled in the Drug Court program.

"I have been through a lot," she stated.

While things are looking

up for Melinda, she doesn't dwell on the things that she will never get back.

It takes at least 18 months to complete the Drug Court program, and she graduated from it this past March.

Participants in the Drug Court program work on getting their GEDs. They either work at community service or get a paying job. They are also drug tested.

Melinda enrolled in the GED program about 18 months ago. She passed the test a month ago.

She also got a job at Wendy's about 18 months ago.

Six months ago, she was promoted to manager at Wendy's.

"I might go to college next year," she stated. "I'm undecided in what I want to do with myself."

Tom Bonny, former superintendent of Estill Schools, addressed the GED class of 2018. It seemed as if he was speaking directly to Melinda.

"You're setting an example for (others)," he said.

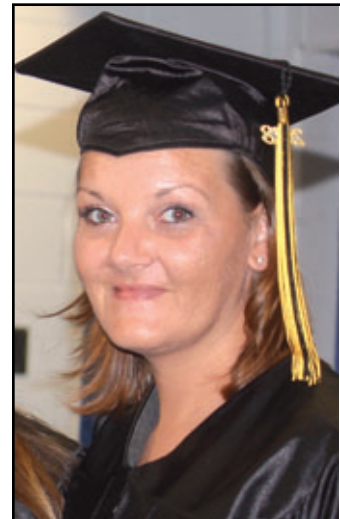
"We all need to be an example."

He also read a poem to the class, "A Sermon to See."

Two of the twelve graduates did not want publicity.

The other nine graduates include Kim Addison, Jeremie Alcorn, Andrea Calderon, Henry Crawford, Jamie Combs, Pearl Hoskins, Katelyn Lainhart, Zachary Ramey, and Caria Rose.

For more information on the Adult Learning Program, please call 723-7323.



Melinda Powell



GED graduate Henry Crawford, right, shakes hands with (left to right) Mary Skipper, director of Estill County Adult Education; Donald Norton, GED teacher; and Sherry L. Fox, Estill County Clerk.

Obituaries

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