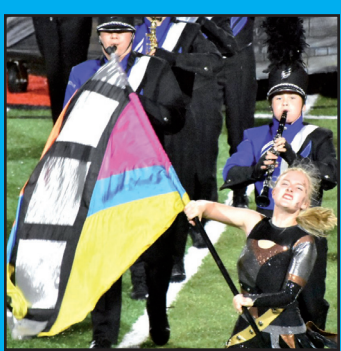


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## Body is found in house fire

One person was found dead after a house fire on Covey Road last Tuesday night.

Covey Road is off Carhartt Drive, and down the hill from the hospital.

Fire departments from Estill County, Irvine, Ravenna, and Hargett responded to the fire which was called in about 7:30 p.m.

"We left around 2:30 a.m. (Wednesday)," said Estill County Fire Chief Derrick Muncie.

The investigation was turned over to Kentucky State Police, the Estill County Coroner, and the state fire marshal.

"(Firefighters) thought it

was an abandoned house because of the weeds," Muncie said.

The firemen searched the downstairs of the one and a half story house and found no one. Chief Muncie said that woman's husband arrived at the scene, and told the firemen where to look in the house for his wife.

Muncie did not identify her by name because the state medical examiner's office has not identified the victim. However, a woman living in a nearby house trailer has talked to television reporters and said on Facebook that it was her mother, Tracey Owens.

Owens is the wife of Dan-

iel Owens, whose parents were well known in Estill County. He is the son of a former Irvine City Attorney, the late Phillip Owens. Daniel's mother was the late Virginia Owens, who retired as a librarian for Clark County Schools. After that she worked many years as a children's librarian at the Estill County Library.

Tracey Owens is 48 years old. She was from Zechariah in Lee County.

She graduated from Lee County High School in 1988 the same year as Kim Charles, a deputy clerk at the Estill County Clerk's office.

"She was my friend," Charles sadly stated.

The house which burned Tuesday had been the home of Phillip and Virginia Owens. Muncie said the wooden structure was 99 years old.

Friends said the Owens' couple have a daughter who is in the Marching Engineer band. She was at band practice when the fire was called in as was her father, a parent volunteer with the band.

Muncie said that investigators returned to the scene on Thursday morning, but the investigation was cut short after a call of another suspicious house fire was called in on Ridge Road, not far from the Estill County Fire Department.

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Four fire departments fought a fire on Covey Road last Tuesday night before finding a body on the second floor. Photo courtesy of Irvine Fire Dept.

## 2019 Estill High Homecoming Court



The Homecoming Queen and Court are: 1st runner-up Hannah Adams, daughter of Keith and Erika Adams; Homecoming Queen Dasha Rucker, daughter of the late Jason Rucker and BJ McGee; and 2nd runner-up Kaitlynn VanWinkle, daughter of Chasity VanWinkle

Photo by Cathy Dawes



Sophomore Princess – Chelsea Riddell, daughter of Greta Hammonds; Junior Princess – Jordan Brooks, daughter of Jason and Jerri Brooks; Freshman Princess – Haley Angel, daughter of Danny Angel and Traci Wilson.

Photo by Cathy Dawes

## Test scores get discussed

by CATHY DAWES  
Tribune Staffwriter

School wide test scores were discussed during the school board meeting on Thursday night.

Lisa Reece stated that the test scores are based on five indicators and scored by 1 star being the lowest and 5 stars being the highest.

She said that West Ir-

vine and Estill Springs are grouped together and received two stars.

The middle school received a four star rating, however, when there is a gap it automatically drops a star. Therefore, on paper the middle school is ranked three stars on their test scores.

Superintendent Jeff Saylor said that scores came back before fall break, but he wanted to give the principals of each school time to review those scores before meeting with the board.

Saylor said that some necessary changes were made throughout the district before the start of school, and they are already seeing positive results from those changes. He said that he would like to have the principals attend a special board meeting on November 5th to discuss those test scores and their plans of improvement.

Assistant Superintendent Tonia Isaacs said that they had already been meeting to discuss changes that need to be made and that their five year goal is for each school to receive a 75 percent proficiency rating.

Students from the high school and middle school choral program performed before the board during the

meeting. Mr. Fletcher is a first year teacher in Estill County and teaches guitar, choir, and general music at the middle school. He stated that everyone has made him feel very welcome since he has been at the middle school.

A couple of deductive change orders were approved by the board on the current construction projects at Estill Springs and the middle school. Peter Fisher, architect, said that the projects are completed but the companies are finishing up the lists of small items.

A pay application in the amount of \$39,764 was approved for the middle school project which left a balance of \$20,000 to be paid once the punch list is completed.

Mr. Saylor said that bids will be in next week for the tech school and they will review those bids on November 5th during the special meeting.

Nicole Winker spoke to the board about the trap shooting club. She said that her daughter shoots and she would love to be involved in a club. She said that the board would not be out any money because parents would provide the weapons.

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## Obituaries

Nellie Ballard, 76  
Pamela Bradley, 59  
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Helen Hawkins, a resident of Irvine Health Care, celebrated her 100th birthday last Wednesday. Helping her to celebrate were her pastor, Bob Casey, at left, and members of Cornerstone Church of Christ.

## Helen Hawkins celebrates 100 years

Helen Hawkins was born October 16, 1919 at Wisemantown to Steven and Pearl Hawkins. She had three brothers and two sisters.

She has eight nieces and a nephew, ages 62 to 82. She said she went to Berea College and graduated from Irvine High School. Back then, many local students went to Berea College to work on high school diplomas.

Her first job was working in the 10 cent store. Then she worked as shipping supervisor at Carhartt's until she was 70.

Vivian Thacker said her Aunt Helen would have worked longer at Carhartt except the company moved the shipping de-

partment to Madisonville, Ky.

As a child she attended church at Wisemantown United Methodist Church. After she moved to West Irvine, she started attending Cornerstone Church of Christ.

Ms. Hawkins took driver's training.

"Yeah, I loved my car," she said. She still has the 1962 Ford Falcon.

"She loved to garden and she loved to go," said Thacker.

She didn't travel much on long trips, but she loved to go to Casey County yearly to watch the Amish make sorghum.

She brought jars of sorghum home with her to cook with, but she also bought enough to give as gifts to family and friends.