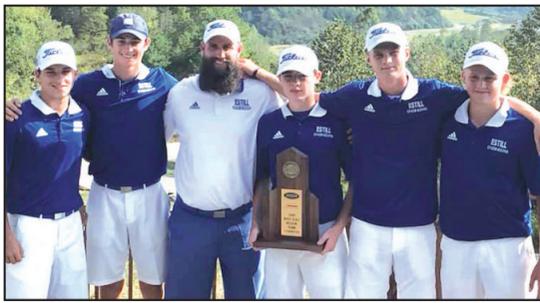


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Homeless man arrested for breaking into school

A homeless man was charged October 1 with breaking into South Irvine Pre-school late the night before.

Deputy Chris Coffey said he was dispatched to the school to investigate an alarm drop at the school at 12:27 a.m.

He began searching the property and found that all doors were locked and windows were intact.

The school's keyholder arrived and went through the school with Coffey. They noticed that juice had been opened on the kitchen floor. There was an applesauce container on the floor along with the freezer door opened.

One room had biscuits which had been taken out of the freezer, along with frozen hamburger, pop, and other miscellaneous items.

Coffey said they reviewed the camera footage and identified Timothy Joe Purdue, 39, a homeless man had been at the school when the alarm went off.

They also noticed that someone had put

toothpaste on one of the cameras. Purdue admitted to being on the roof and putting toothpaste on the camera because he thought that someone was watching him have sex on school grounds.

There were some keys missing from the school. The citation states that Purdue showed Coffey and the school principal his key collection. Three of the keys unlocked a side door, a register, and a filing cabinet in the school.

There were also fingerprints on the roof hatch which Purdue is believed to have gone through to the kitchen.

Purdue was charged with possession of burglary tools and third degree burglary.

The cost of food items, which included stolen, eaten or damaged totalled over \$1,000. All containers which were open had to be thrown away.

Purdue's bail was set at \$20,000 cash. He was arrested on a new charge while he had a case pending. He was lodged at Three Forks Regional Jail.



The Estill County Marching Engineers won their second straight "Grand Champion" at the Madison Central Parade of Bands Tournament in Richmond on Saturday, October 5, 2019 and will be traveling to Tennessee to compete before regionals begin the following week. See pages 14 and 15.

Please, buy from me!



Maverick Muncie helped his nana, Barbara Chaney, and his mother, Elizabeth Muncie in their booth on September 28 at the Main Street Market. It was held at the Estill County Fairgrounds. Maverick attracted customers to the family's booth of homemade crafts and collectibles.

Tribune Photo/Delores Rowland

Grand jury indicts thirteen

Thirteen indictments were returned Sept. 27 by the Estill County Grand Jury.

Anthony Kirby, 44, of Sand Hill Road, Irvine was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, possession of marijuana, and public intoxication of a controlled substance.

The indictment states that Kirby had methamphetamine, a cut straw, three rolling packets, and a marijuana cigarette in his possession on April 12.

The investigating officer was Irvine Officer Stuart Morris.

Barbara Gehrer, 27, of Cantrill Street, Irvine was charged by indictment with unlawful transaction with a minor, first degree, second degree sodomy, unlawful transaction with a minor second degree and three counts

of unlawful transaction with a minor third degree.

The indictment states that Gehrer engaged in illegal sexual activity with a minor under 16 and committed sodomy with a thirteen year old child between November 8 and March.

It adds that on July 12, she assisted a minor to engage in an illegal controlled substance activity (marijuana).

Also on July 12, Gehrer allegedly bought Burnett's Whip Cream Vodka, Twisted Strawberry Shots, and Bootleggers for a minor.

Irvine Capt. John Sturniolo conducted the investigation.

Corey Michael McKinney, 24, of Mountain Junction, Irvine was indicted for fourth degree assault (domestic violence) minor injury, alcohol intoxication in a public place (first and second offense), and stran-

gulation, first degree.

On Sept. 3, the indictment says he intentionally caused physical injury to Shawna McKinney while under the influence of alcohol.

It adds that McKinney also applied pressure to Shawna McKinney's throat causing her to pass out.

Deputy James Marshall investigated the case.

Jamie Purdue, 35, homeless, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, public intoxication of a controlled substance, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

On July 14, Purdue allegedly had methamphetamine and two needles in his possession. He also appeared in a public place while under the influence of a controlled substance, excluding alcohol.

Deputy Chris Coffey was the arresting officer.

Faye LaFountain, 34, of Laurel Street, Irvine was indicted for second degree escape and alcohol intoxication in a public place (first and second offense).

Her indictment says she escaped a vehicle in Estill County on July 27 while she was being transported to Three Forks Regional Jail. The indictment also charges her with alcohol intoxication in a public place (first and second offense). She allegedly consumed alcohol after escaping.

Deputy Coffey was the investigating officer.

An indictment charges Billy Gross, 48, of Broadway with two counts of first degree wanton endangerment of a police officer, fleeing or evading police, second degree (on foot) and also first degree (on foot, and public intoxication of a controlled substance).

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Lifesaving event planned for Tuesday, October 15 at 5:30pm

Ladies Night Out for Breast Cancer Awareness

Mercy Health - Marcum and Wallace Hospital is planning a Ladies Night Out for Breast Cancer Awareness on Tuesday, October 15 at 5:30 p.m. at Rice Station Christian Church located at 1675 Rice Station Road in Irvine.

This free event will feature a presentation on breast cancer risks and women's health. All ladies who attend will receive a free dinner, gift and door prize chance. Please sign up for the free event by Thursday, October 10 by calling 606-726-8185.

"While breast cancer affects people throughout the year, October has been marked as breast cancer awareness month. It's used as a reminder to make sure women are keeping up with preventative and early detection measures", said Marcum and Wallace Hospital Director of Radiology Sharon Whitaker. "It

is so important for women to get annual mammograms and be proactive about their health."

Marcum and Wallace Hospital expanded radiology services in October of 2017 with the addition of 3D mammography, the newest screening and diagnostic technology for breast cancer detection. The funding for 3D mammography was provided by Mercy Health Foundation - Irvine.

Speak with your healthcare provider about your annual mammogram. The Marcum and Wallace Hospital Radiology Department uses only the highest quality digital mammography (2D/3D) and breast ultrasound to get fast, accurate results. Provider and self-referrals accepted. Free gift for mammograms in October (while supplies last). Call 606-726-2106 to schedule your mammogram.

Obituaries

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Burn ban now lifted

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson lifted the burn ban for Estill County on Monday.

The ban was enacted after a dry September and the county was declared in a drought stage.

Rain on Sunday and Monday allowed the judge to lift the ban.

However, the fall forest fire season began October 1st. Burning is permitted between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. if you are within 150 feet of forestland or brushland.

The fall forest fire season ends on December 15.

Schools receive test results

The Estill County School District received assessment results on October 1.

This was the first year for a new 5-star accountability system. For the first time, schools received ratings

from one star, the lowest, to five stars, the highest.

Both West Irvine Intermediate and Estill County High School were given two star ratings.

The Estill County Middle

School received a rating of three stars.

Supt. Jeff Saylor said the middle school was close to receiving five stars, but was penalized because of the achievement gap between

all students and students with disabilities.

"Our middle school is a top performing school," said Tonya Isaacs, assistant superintendent.

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