



Kim Plowman was named the Certified January Mountain Mover. She was recognized by her peers for her excellence in the classroom, dedication to her students, her creativity, and strong leadership ability.



Matthew Robertson was selected as January Mountain Mover. He was chosen by his peers for the excellence service he contributes to Estill County Schools and for his positive attitude.



Rodney Davis was the Community Mountain Mover for January. Estill County Schools recognizes him for his development of positive relationships that have had a direct and lasting effect on the students of Estill County.

School board meets, recognizes teachers, students

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There were only two applicants and Mr. Saylor made the recommendation based on the rates that were sent in but said that both law firms were quality law firms.

The board also approved keeping the same auditor that they have used for the past three years and to keep their banking services with Citizens Guaranty Bank. He said that Citizen's Guaranty Bank beats all other competitors and that they had been a good community partner with the district and was confident in renewing a three year contract with them.

They also agreed to keep Hilliard Lyons as their fiscal bonding agent and the student insurance coverage through Roberts Insurance. Mr. Saylor said that property insurance was carried through Linville Insurance Agency and asked the board for the approval to shop around.

He stated that there had been a couple of incidents involving a bus and personal vehicles where the district was at fault and it was a struggle to get the insurance company to pay those claims. He added that he was not a big fan of having to put up a fight to have claims paid and thought they should

shop around.

A draft budget for the fiscal year 2020 was approved by the board before hearing comments from former board members Patty Hood and Robbie Starling. They began by welcoming the new board members and stated that they wanted to explain why they chose Mr. Saylor as the superintendent.

Starling said that across the state most superintendents average between \$129,000 and \$130,000 per year. He said that when they hired Saylor they had three charges to improve on and that was academics, equity and fairness of employees across the district,

and a vocational school because so many students do not attend college after graduation.

Patty Hood said that Mr. Saylor had met all the criteria that was given to him and they are so proud of the job that he's done since they hired him. She added that not only has he been out in the community but he has also brought the district into the technology world with posts on Twitter and Facebook. She concluded by saying that they think he has done a wonderful job for the district and they are sure there is more to come.

Local Police Activity Report

• **Wesley Edmonson Jr.**, 48, of Red Lck Road, Irvine was arrested January 16 by Irvine Officer Jason Conrad.

Conrad was dispatched to South Court Street to investigate a possible domestic violence.

After he arrived, he made contact with Edmonson. He stated that Edmonson gave him a false name and date of birth two or three times.

When he got Edmonson's correct information, the officer asked him why he lied. Edmonson replied that he thought he had active warrants and did not want to go back to jail.

Conrad charged Edmonson with giving officer false identifying information.

Then he served an escape warrant on Edmonson from the Kentucky Department of Corrections.

That warrant states that Edmonson had been convicted and was confined in the state's Electronic Monitoring Program, but he had escaped from that program.

Edmonson was incarcerated at Three Forks Regional Jail.

• On January 17, Officer Conrad served an Estill Circuit Court bench warrant on **Tisha D. Burchett**, 46, of Millers Creek Road.

Burchett had been sentenced to diversion for cultivation of marijuana (5 plants or more).

Judge Dean issued the warrant saying Burchett had violated the terms of her release by failing to report to drug court.

She was to be held without bail.

• A bench warrant from Garrard District Court was served on **Timothy W. Bartlett**, 32, of Cow Creek Road, Ravenna on January 15 by Officer Conrad.

Bartlett had been found guilty in 2016 of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, first offense.

Garrard District Judge J. Booth ordered Bartlett to be held without bail for failure to appear.

• **Michael B. Hensley**, 56, of Beatyville was arrested January 14 by Officer Colton Lewis at the Irvine Shell Mart. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident - failure to render aid or assistance, and driving on a DUI suspended license, first offense.

The citation states that someone called in and gave a description of Hensley. The caller said he was passed out behind the wheel of a

car at River Drive and Main Street.

The officer said he saw the man get out of the driver seat of the vehicle at Shell Mart, where he paid for gas.

Hensley told the officer that he was taking the vehicle to get it fixed. He had run off the road in Estill County to avoid hitting a deer.

The officer said the vehicle had visible front end damage, and the right tire could not hold air due to a bent rim.

Hensley was unable to perform field sobriety tests and was taken to Marcum & Wallace Hospital, where he refused a blood draw, according to the citation.

• A parole violation warrant from the Kentucky Department of Corrections was served on **Andrew Means**, 30, of Lilly Ferry Road, Irvine.

That warrant states that Means was convicted in Estill Circuit Court of two counts of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin and methamphetamine).

Means was paroled on July 13, 2018. The warrant states that Means has absconded parole supervision, and failed to complete treatment for substance abuse and to report to his parole officer.

Means was arrested January 13 by Officer Lewis. He was charged with rear license not illuminated, failure to or improper signal, first degree fleeing or evading police (on foot), operating on suspended or revoked operator license, resisting arrest, second degree disorderly conduct, and second degree wanton endangerment (police officer).

• **Frankie Scott Young**, 49, of Leighton Road, Irvine was arrested by Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris on January 16 and was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The citation states that Young pawned a Remington Rifle at Estill Gun & Pawn Shop on Nov. 17 for \$50.00.

It adds that Young is a convicted felon.

Young's bail has been set at \$1,500. Court records state that he was arrested on a new offense while he has a pending case.

• Deputy Morris arrested **Johnathan L. Barrett**, 21, on January 17 on a warrant obtained by Irvine Capt. John Sturiolo.

The warrant charges Barrett with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

It states that on December 13, Barrett told methamphetamine to a confidential informant working for the Irvine Police Department for \$40.00.

New fishing regulations for 2019

An old blues song "High Water Everywhere" lamented the damage caused by the great 1927 Mississippi River flood.

Kentuckians so far this winter can empathize with those sentiments. Many rivers still run high, Lake Cumberland is at summer pool in January and other reservoirs are well above winter pool. The weather forecast calls for more rain, followed by wicked cold.

The spring fishing season seems eons away, but it is not. March will be here in little more than a month, bringing warm winds, a new license year and some new fishing regulations that go into effect March 1.

Walleye, sauger and saugeye, a hybrid of walleye and sauger, now have a 14-inch minimum size limit and a six-fish daily creel limit statewide.

A 12-inch minimum size limit on catfish stocked by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is another new regulation for the 2019-2020 license year.

After March 1, paddlefish, sometimes referred to as spoonbills, will be under a two-fish daily creel limit and

a four-fish possession limit for traditional and non-traditional fishing methods.

A new regulation aimed at helping stem the movement of young Asian carp also goes into effect March 1. Live wild caught fish of the species mooneye and goldeye may only be used in the waters from which they were collected.

Several special regulations on certain waters go into effect March 1. "One of our goals is simplification of regulations when we can," Ross said. "We also look at the lakes that still require better protection and management of the fisheries with special regulations."

The largemouth bass in Benjy Kinman Lake in Henry County, Lake Reba in Madison County and Paintsville Lake in Johnson and Morgan counties will revert to statewide regulations of a 12-inch minimum size limit with a six-fish daily creel limit on March 1.

Buckhorn Lake in Perry and Leslie counties will have a 40-inch minimum size limit on muskellunge, while Lake Carnico in Nicholas County will have a 15-fish

daily creel limit on sunfish. All ponds collectively on the Rockcastle River wildlife management area in Pulaski County will be under a 15-inch minimum size limit with a one-fish daily creel limit for largemouth bass and a 10-fish daily creel limit for bluegill and sunfish. These lakes will also have a 15-fish daily creel limit for crappie and a four-fish daily creel limit for catfish.

Also, effective March 1, anglers using non-traditional methods may not harvest lake sturgeon.

Keep these new regulations in mind in 2019. Anglers should obtain a free copy of the 2019-2020 Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide available soon wherever fishing licenses are sold and online at the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at www.fw.ky.gov.

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