



Estill County Board of Education: From left, Superintendent Jeff Saylor, Board Chairperson Rhonda Hardy, Vice-Chair Donna Isfort, Member Jenny Niece, Member Shiela Samples, and Member Bryan Covey.

Estill County School Board Is Honored In January

Estill County School Board is honored this month. As Kentucky observes School Board Recognition Month in January, Estill County is joining in the celebration. Bryan Covey, Rhonda Hardy, Donna Isfort, Jenny Jo Niece and Shiela Samples are among the more than 850 school board members in the state's 173 local school districts being recognized this month for their service.

"This is the perfect time to thank school board members for serving in a role that has become increasingly complex," said David Webster, president of the Kentucky School Boards Association and chairman of the Simpson County school board.

"Members of the Estill County Board of Education are responsible for making decisions aimed at ensuring that every child in their district has a chance to be successful

both in school and in life," Webster said. "To do that, members oversee a multi-million dollar budget, keep up with changing education laws and policies and spend hours on professional learning and state-mandated training."

"The voters in Estill County have elected these local leaders, who work to give every child in every classroom access to high quality teaching and learning," said Jeff Saylor, Estill County Superin-

tendent. "At a time when state and federal funding continue to shrink, our school board members haven't flinched in the face of the challenges or shied away from their responsibilities," Mr. Saylor said. "Our community can be very proud of this team of board members, and I'm proud to be their partner in striving for education excellence for our children." Each of these individuals will

be recognized at the regular called board meeting scheduled for January 17, at 6:00 pm at the Estill County Board of Education located at 253 Main Street in Irvine, Kentucky. As always, the public is invited and we request your presence during this special presentation.

Finally, during January, please use social media to share your appreciation of school board members by using the hashtag #LoveKySchoolBoards.

Ravenna Council

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Van Cleve stated that he thought the job should be paid hourly and Flinchum agreed. Moore said that she would make members of the council a copy of the current ordinance so they could review it and discuss it at the next meeting.

A lengthy discussion among the council resulted in everyone agreeing to find a local auditor once the 2016-2017 audit is completed. Mayor Tipton explained that the current auditors had just completed the 2015-2016 audit and had called last week to request documents to start the next audit.

The current auditors are based out of Lexington and Tammy Howell said that she would like for someone local to get the business because not only would it keep that money in the county but it would be much easier to correspond with them.

All council members agreed to search for a new auditor once they had a completion date for the 2016-2017 audit.

Flinchum asked why the bathrooms at the park stay locked. She said that she had spoken to several people that complained about not being able to take their children to the restroom while playing at the park and she felt like if people were paying to rent tables for parties then they should have access to the bathrooms.

Mayor Tipton said that she always tried to keep them unlocked during events and that the reason they had started locking them was because of vandalism.

Irvine sanitation workers will do their best while garbage truck is broken

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Mayor Gross said that the city employees would do the best they could to keep up with the garbage pickup, but they may have to get some overtime in order to get it all picked up in a timely manner.

Mayor Gross told the council that he had received a letter from Harold Friend stating that he was in the process of purchasing 622 Cantrill Street. This is one of the properties that had been discussed several times before because it was damaged in a storm that hit the city several years ago and had never been cleaned up. Gross said that Friend stated in the letter that he would clean the property up in a timely manner once it was purchased.

Gross said that a property located on Wildwood Place had become a gathering place for druggies. He said the home has all the windows and doors broken out of it and he believes that

a letter should be sent to the property owner and ask her to either board it up or tear it down. City Attorney Rodney Davis said he would send the property owner a nuisance/abatement letter.

Police Chief Brad Smith said that there is an ordinance from 1979 that he would like to see pulled from the books. He said that the council also needed to take a look at an ordinance prohibiting the discharge of firearms within city limits which would include no target practicing or shooting pop cans in the backyard. Smith said that there were also a few properties within the city that he was working on including the one on the corner of Rice and Laurel street which was vacant once again.

Councilman Ernest Farmer said that he was glad to be serving on the council once again and was looking forward to working with Mayor Gross and moving the city forward.

County won't tolerate illegal dumpers

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"There was a house trailer abandoned at Hinkle's blacktop plant," he stated.

The 55 ft. long trailer stayed there about a month. It even had a sign duct-taped to it which said, "FREE".

After investigating, Mullen said that Clayton Mobile Homes had a check where they had paid someone to move the trailer from Pitts Road.

He said the man who was paid to move the trailer said he had been ill. Mullen said he was given one week to move the trailer.

Watson told about an illegal dump on Knob Lick

Road that was being cleaned up during his first term in office. While workers were cleaning at the dump site, someone came along and dumped a large appliance.

Mullen said the county currently has six cameras at undisclosed locations of illegal dumps, which are rotated weekly.

He added the county is ordering four more cameras.

"If we get your picture, it's going to be in the news," Mullen stated. "We are going to start charging these people."

Mullen said there are several other dumps in the Barnes Mountain area.

The day after Watson took office for this third term, a Red River Ranch truck lost lots of garbage on Highways 82 and 89 on its way to the local landfill from Powell County.

Once the business was notified they had lost the garbage, they picked it up that morning.

Mullen is planning on attending state workshops to train him as a Solid Waste Coordinator. One of them focuses solely on the Solid Waste Coordinator's job.

Other workshops are on tire disposals and crumb rubber.

He plans to get in touch

with Bluegrass PRIDE and start a PRIDE group in Estill County.

Watson said the county hopes to purchase a box trailer to store tires in the dry to eliminate the mosquito problem.

"No one wants to see (garbage)," Goolman stated. "This county is absolutely gorgeous."

"We have a beautiful county. We take pride in it, and we want to keep it that way," Mullen stated.

To report an illegal dump, you can contact Mullen at the Animal Shelter at (606) 723-3587 or Judge Watson at (606) 723-7524.

Local Police Activity Report

• On January 7, **Derek A. Bishop**, of Lebanon, IN was arrested by IPD Chief Brad Smith.

The police chief stated that he responded to a residence on South Madison Avenue in reference to domestic violence.

A woman at the residence, Angel Bishop, told the chief that her brother became upset after she refused to give him a ride or money for marijuana.

She also told the chief that he broke several items around the house, and threw a lamp at her.

The chief said he saw a broken door, lamp, and shades torn from the wall. He added the woman had minor injuries to her hands.

Derek Bishop, 29, was charged with assault fourth degree and criminal mischief second.

A bench warrant from Estill District Court was also served on him. It says he failed to appear for an arraignment on charges of second degree disorderly conduct, menacing, public intoxication, and resisting arrest.

District Judge Wm. Leach did not set bail for D. Bishop.

• **Trey C. West**, 25, of White Oak Road, Irvine was arrested January 13 by Irvine Officer Colton Lewis.

The citation states that West was walking through woods near John Rawlins Road, Irvine where law officers were actively searching for a male who ran from a traffic stop.

The officer said West was on someone's property without permission. He reportedly told the officer that he had driven to the area and his vehicle had broken down.

West was charged with resisting arrest, third degree criminal trespassing, and operating on a suspended or revoked license.

A bench warrant from Clark District Court was also

served on West. Bail on the Clark warrant was set at \$250.00 cash.

• Two bench warrants were served on **Jamres Burton**, 54, of W. Cedar Grove, Irvine on January 13 by Officer Lewis.

One of them says that Burton failed to appear in Estill District Court for a pretrial conference for operating on a suspended or revoked operator license.

A warrant issued by Circuit Judge Michael Dean was also served on Burton, who had been charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, theft - receipt of a stolen credit/debit card, and public intoxication.

The warrant was issued because Burton allegedly violated the conditions of his release by failing to report back to Three Forks.

He was to be held without bail.

• **Kayla N. Patrick**, 28, of Valley Drive, Irvine was charged January 12 with public intoxication by Officer Lewis.

• **Michael Bishop**, 44, of Rosebud Avenue, Irvine was charged with third degree criminal mischief by Capt. John Sturniolo.

The officer said Bishop was being transported by the Estill County transport van while he was in possession of a grease pencil.

According to the citation, Bishop wrote graffiti inside of the van. The Estill County Jail is requesting a \$100 reimbursement for removal of the graffiti.

• **Justin Shane Roberts**, 29, was arrested January 11 by Capt. Sturniolo on charges of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and public intoxication.

During a search, officers found a bag of a crystal substance (suspected methamphetamine) and a glass pipe.

• **Robert Anthony Tipton**, 46, of Dawes Road, Irvine, was charged January 10 with failure to or improper signal, reckless driving, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

• A warrant from the Kentucky Parole Board was served January 9 by Officer Jason Conrad on **Brian Hall**.

It states that Hall, who was released on November 16, had absconded parole supervision and failed to report to a parole officer.

A Lee County District Court warrant was served January 7 on **Stanley Cress**, 45, of Beattyville by Chief Brad Smith.

The warrant charged Cress with terroristic threatening, first degree.

• **Pamela S. Childers**, 49, of Jackson was arrested January 9 on Main Street of Irvine by Chief Smith.

She was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, first offense.

The chief said he received several complaints regarding two intoxicated persons at Family Dollar.

When he saw the vehicle, he said it drifted to the yellow line.

He added the driver failed field sobriety tests. She told him that she had taken xanax and smoked methamphetamine.

Man charged with drugs

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Smith said the man was passed out with half of his body out of the car.

He charged Hobbs with public intoxication. The chief stated that he found a pill container crusher on Hobbs during a search. Inside it were a cut straw and a piece of folded paper, which contained a brown substance, suspected heroin.

The officer said he also located four blue pills on Hobbs, which were identified as hydrocodone.

Hobbs was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (drug unspecified), public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin), and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Bail for Hobbs has been set at \$5,000 cash.

Hobbs was arraigned Monday in Estill District Court.

Man swam creek to escape

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Then he added that Means swam across a creek that he had to cross to pursue him. The temperature was below 35 degrees, which created a risk of harm to Lewis.

Means was located almost ten hours later at his residence on Lilly Ferry Road. Lewis said that Means refused commands to show his hands and would not comply with commands. He had to be escorted to the ground.

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

An arraignment is scheduled for Means today in Estill District Court.

Irvine did not violate request of records

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Before making a decision, the Attorney General's Office asked for copies of the records which were withheld, which was granted.

The assistant Attorney General Gordon Slone cited similar rulings in making his decision as well as viewing the records sent to him by the City of Irvine.

Van Cleve can file an appeal of the Attorney General's Decision in Estill Circuit Court.

To read the Attorney General's opinion in its entirety, you may go online to the Attorney General's site and this appeal case number is 19ORD008.