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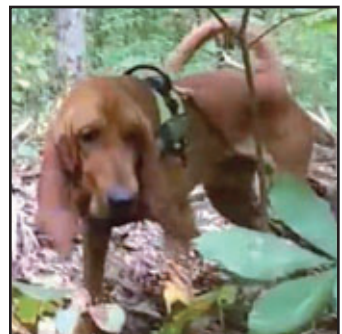
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Members of the newly elected Fiscal Court were sworn in Thursday morning by Circuit Judge Michael Dean, right. They are left to right, magistrates Gerry Flannery, Mike Abney, and Paul Tipton. Judge/Executive Donnie Watson is second from right.

KSP arrests man after rescue dog found dead



A man is in jail accused of shooting and killing a search and rescue dog in Estill County.

Hunter, a full stock blood hound, was used by the Estill County Rescue Squad to search for missing persons.

His handler, David Conrad, let the animal out to use the bathroom in the Kiskey Branch and Red Lick area on Sunday morning. The 18-month-old service canine never returned.

Search and rescue teams looked for Hunter for nearly 24 hours. His body was found.

An investigation was conducted by Kentucky State Police, which led to an arrest.

On Monday night, Trooper Casey Caudill arrested Charles Collins, 59.

Collins was charged with first degree assault on a service animal and second degree cruelty to animals.

He was lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail.



Sheriff Chris Flynn was sworn in to a four-year term on Sunday afternoon. His wife Ashley, holds the Bible for him to place his hand on. At his first swearing in, he was appointed sheriff to fill a vacancy from January 1-6.

2 fiscal courts hold meetings

The Estill Fiscal Court met twice in the last five days for special meetings.

Thursday's meeting was the last for the judge/executive, all magistrates, and the county attorney.

Monday's meeting was a standard procedure at the beginning of term for all county officials.

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson has served two terms in that position in the past.

He wants to keep the county moving forward and make it a better place to live. He also mentioned that providing jobs was a concern.

All department heads were reappointed, and county employees were rehired.

This has become a formality in Estill County, but in the past, when a new administration took over, it brought new employees.

Watson said the county finance officer is retiring but has agreed to stay for a month to train her replacement, Teressa Reeves. Reeves has already been working in occupational tax collections.

The fiscal court approved the payment for re-occurring expenses, such as payroll and utility bills.

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IPD charges four with trafficking Deputy charges 1 with trafficking

Four people have been arrested for trafficking in drugs over the past week by the Irvine Police Department.

The department received a tip that the woman was at 115 Cow Creek Road and had multiple active warrants.

Chief Brad Smith said the officers received consent to search the residence from the homeowner on Jan. 2.

The citation states that Matewood Kortbein, 41, was asleep in the back room of the residence.

It adds that in plain view and lying on the bed was a small bag of suspected meth-

amphetamine.

During a search, officers reported they found several large bags of suspected methamphetamine.

IPD seized an estimated 6.7 grams of suspected methamphetamine and \$83.

IPD was assisted by KSP Trooper Toney Allen.

Kortbein was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, over two grams of methamphetamine.

Her bail has been set at \$7,500 cash.

Sgt. John Stumliolo served three warrants on Kortbein.

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Two new school board members take office oath

by CATHY DAWES
The Estill County Tribune

A special meeting for the school board was called on January 3rd to elect officers and swear in two new board members. Bryan Covey and Sheila Samples were sworn in and replace Jon Bicknell and L.W. Beckley who both served several years on the board.

Members voted to keep Rhonda Hardy as chairperson and Donna Isfort as vice-chair. Both women will also remain as president and vice president of the finance officers.

The regular monthly meetings will remain the same as last year. The board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6 at Central Office. Superintendent Jeff Saylor said this was a good time of the month because it allowed them to get the finances in order before each

meeting.

Covey asked that with his work schedule would it be possible to change the meeting time if need be. Mr. Saylor said that if the meeting had to be rescheduled then it would be considered a special meeting. The agenda would be set which meant they would only be able to discuss what was on that agenda.

Saylor went on to say that he would get board members a booklet on the open meetings law and they would also review the strategic plan that was developed in 2016 for the school district.

Saylor informed the board that grades 7-12 would soon have their own personal computer device. He said that they would come equipped with a program that would allow monitoring on all devices at all times.

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Marcum is hired as new Estill head football coach

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On January 2nd the Estill County High School announced the hiring of Jordan Marcum as the head football coach. Principal Chris Winkler stated that it had been an extensive search and that the screening committee had reviewed over twenty applications before making the decision to hire Marcum. Winkler added that the committee was impressed with the work that Marcum has done at two other schools and feels like he will lead this program to success.

Marcum is a native of Bell County where he attended high school. He then attended Eastern Kentucky University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science - Business Marketing Education. He went on to receive a Master of Arts, Math 5-9, and LBD K-12 from Union College and is currently taking classes

through the University of the Cumberland.

Marcum's coaching background includes the offensive and defensive coordinator at Jackson County High School, defensive coordinator at East Jessamine High School, and defensive back coach/return game at Madison Central High School. He was also the head track coach while at East Jessamine and stated on his resume that the track team had only twenty five members when he started coaching and has grown to more than sixty members. Marcum plans to be involved with the track team at the Estill County High School as well.

Marcum stated that he felt like the Lord had guided him in this direction, to a school so full of tradition and pride and that it's an honor and a blessing to be an Engineer. Marcum will be teaching Freshman Geometry at the Estill County High School.



Jordan Marcum, his wife Whitley, and daughter Ceanna

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