

90 animals are pre-registered for free spay/neuter

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Mullen stated that 90 animals have been pre-registered. Dogs and cats under 20 pounds were eligible.

According to Mullen, he also has a waiting list if someone who is pre-registered does not show up.

There will be another spay/neuter clinic, but Mullen does not yet know the dates.

He added that spaying and neutering is paying off. In 2019 no animals have been euthanized. All of them have been rescued or adopted.

He added this year that 1,105 dogs have been turned in to the shelter. With just over a month left in the year, this is considerably lower than 1,500 dogs turned in last year.

Shelter cats have increased with 826 to date. Mullen said the shelter had 750 cats in 2018 and

500 in 2017.

Estill County is a regional animal shelter because it contracts with other counties to accept their dogs and cats. Mullen said they were recently contacted by Breathitt County to bring their animals here.

Sheriff Chris Flynn reported that his office has served 245 warrants and investigated 315 accidents which take time. Injury accidents accounted for 140 of those accidents.

He and his deputies were also called to 109 alarm drops, most of which are false alarms. Usually, someone has forgotten their password or the dog set it off. He said the first thing his office does when there is an alarm drop is try to call the key holder.

The sheriff's office also serves papers for the circuit clerk's office, such as small claims suits.

Sometimes the sheriff gets out of his routine, which including chasing three pigs on Drip Rock recently.

Judge Donnie Watson recognized the Estill County High School band leaders for the band placing second in Class 1A at the state level and in the national Bands of America contest.

Bowles said the band could not have done this without the support of the families and community.

When Watson was judge back in the 1980's, Bowles' mother worked at the courthouse.

"Bowles was a little tot," Watson stated. "Now he's band director."

Bowles' staff was at the fiscal court meeting also.

Hargett Fire Chief Rob Forehand reported on a new truck that department has received through grant funds.

He said this is a "record setting year." Last year the department answered 158 calls and had answered 151 as of Monday.

Chief Derrick Muncie also said the county fire department has an increased number of runs this year. Last year, the department had 292 runs and is already up to 336 for this year.

The department has also made six structure runs this quarter, which is up a little. Last year, there were 23 for the year.

Road foreman Brad Goolman gave an update on roads being repaired with FEMA funds.

He said that in February and March there were 24 slip sites on county roads due to flooding.

The 24 slips were grouped into five projects. Goolman said one of the projects is 100 percent completed.

He added that FEMA

projects are not usually completed in the same year.

He stated that information on two more projects has been completed, and two others are needing certificates from the Division of Water.

"It's a long drawn-out process," he added.

"We're probably down on (jail) population by 20-30 the last two months," said Jailer Bo Morris.

It was estimated the county's jail bill was down by about \$25,000.

There were 58 inmates in jail on Monday.

Morris asked the court to hire two part-time deputies with the holidays coming up.

Magistrate Paul Tipton reported on an event that happened at Hollerwood over the weekend. He said the crowd was larger than expected.

Fifty to sixty showed up at Shell-mart in Irvine on Saturday morning.

Lucas Barnes addressed the fiscal court on behalf of CSEPP.

Permission was given to advertise for a pump-tanker for the Estill County Fire Department and a custom cab pump-tanker for the Irvine Fire Department. These will be paid for by CSEPP funds.

The county will also be advertising for portable generators for CSEPP.

The county approved a transfer of funds from CSEPP to the General Fund. It was explained that the county had been paying the electric bill for Emergency Management for some time. The county was not able to recoup funds for all the electric bills it had paid.

Barnes said this was not the fault of CSEPP, but it had happened in the judge's office. He said CSEPP will pay electric bills when they are presented to them.

Arrests made by Irvine Police, Sheriff and KSP

An Irvine man was charged with possession of drugs following a verbal dispute on November 15.

Officer Sam Hensley responded to the verbal dispute on N. Plum Street when he saw **Julian Cain Jr.**, 44, walking across the street to a truck.

The officer said he asked Cain to stop, but Cain of Mt. Crest Drive, Irvine, continued to get into the truck.

He added that Cain appeared to be trying to hide something in the truck or on the ground. He said Cain was agitated and would not remove his hands from inside his overall pockets.

The officer stated that Cain complied after he told him that he was going to check him for weapons due to his movements.

Officer Hensley said he removed a prescription bottle from Cain's pocket. Cain told him that it was xanax but he had a prescription for it. The officer said the pill bottle was for suboxone and the label was very faded with the issue date in October 2018.

He said that inside the bottle were four full xanax bars.

Hensley stated that he also found a half xanax bar beside the truck on the drivers side.

Two and a half more xanax bars were reportedly found during a search of the truck.

Cain was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (opiates), tampering with physical

evidence, and public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Jack Neal, 69, of Church Street, Irvine was cited November 12 by Irvine Chief Brad Smith with violation of city ordinance 92.02 (duty or maintenance of private property).

The citation states the police department and city continue to receive complaints about Neal's property, because the owner has failed to keep the property free of junk and other items.

It adds that Neal, the owner has coordinated several times with the city to have items picked up, but items have further gathered.

It also says that status of the property could cause substantial diminution to the value of other properties.

Neal is scheduled to appear in Estill District Court on January 22.

Irvine Officer Jason Conrad served a bench warrant from Lee District Court on **James Hobbs**, 32, of Wildflower Road, Ravenna on November 11.

The warrant says that Hobbs failed to appear on Sept. 10 on a charge of theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others under \$500.

Kentucky State Police arrested **Wayne Scott Cornett**, 52, of Crabtree Lane, Irvine, Nov. 13 after receiving a tip from Sheriff Chris Flynn that Cornett was at the Crabtree Lane where his mother lives. His mother has an active EPO against her son, who was court-ordered

to have no contact and to vacate the residence on Crabtree Lane.

Sheriff Flynn also had two outstanding warrants for Cornett's arrest.

When the sheriff and Trooper Ty Robinson arrived at the residence, they found Cornett sitting on a bed in his bedroom.

The trooper said that Cornett put his hands in his pocket. He removed one hand and threw an unknown item on the floor between the nightstand and bed.

The trooper added that he located a small baggie that contained a white powdery substance believed to be crystal methamphetamine. He also located a glass pipe beside it.

Cornett was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), tampering with physical evidence, violation of a Kentucky DVO/EPO, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. He was lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail.

Lucas Decker, 24, of Rockaway Road, Irvine, was arrested Nov. 15 by Deputy Chris Coffey at the McDonald's parking lot.

The deputy says that Decker was passed out inside his vehicle. When

he knocked, Decker woke up and rolled the window down.

Coffey stated he could smell marijuana and saw a small baggie in the console change holder. A gray powder was in the baggie, and he said Decker told him that it was a percocet from 20 that he bought from someone and crushed

The deputy reported that he observed a scale, pipe, and small baggie of marijuana with a crusher beside it.

He charged Decker with public intoxication, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, possession of marijuana, and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (opiates).

Deputy Chris Coffey performed a traffic stop on Stacy Lane Nov. 15 on a 1998 Toyota Corolla driven by **James L. Sparks**, 62, of Little Doe Creek Road, Irvine.

Sheriff Chris Flynn arrived to assist Deputy Coffey with the search of the vehicle.

The sheriff stated that he located a set of scales, a crystal like substance, three syringes, and a spoon with burn marks.

Sparks was charged by the sheriff with failure of owner to maintain required insurance, possession of a controlled

substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Court Security Officer Glenn Carroll served an Estill Circuit Court bench warrant on **William Addison**, 24, of Lexington on Nov. 14.

The warrant states that Addison violated the conditions of his release by receiving a new misdemeanor charge. He has also had three prior arrests since February.

Circuit Judge Michael Dean set no bail.

Addison was found guilty in June, 2016 of operating on a suspended or revoked license, failure to produce insurance card, giving officer false name and address, and theft of identity of another without consent.

Charges of speeding 11 mph over limit and license to be in possession were dismissed.

Sheriff Chris Flynn served a criminal summons Nov. 13 on **Michael K. Stevens**, 31, of Irvine.

The criminal summons says that on Sept. 21, Trooper Casey Caudill was serving an unrelated warrant on Barnes Mountain when Stevens did a burn out and screeched tires.

The trooper stated that

Stevens drove toward him at a high rate of speed and then pulled into the driveway where the trooper was.

The criminal complaint states that Stevens became aggressive. He refused to comply and attempted to reach for Deputy Chris Coffey's gun belt.

Stevens was charged on Sept. 21 with other misdemeanor charges.

Court Security Officer Glenn Carroll served an indictment warrant on **Timothy Purdue**, 37, homeless, on November 8.

Purdue was indicted for third degree burglary, first degree criminal mischief, and persistent felony offender.

Deputy Chris Coffey charged **Michael Rose**, 36, of McKee Road, Irvine with operating a motor vehicle under the influence on Nov. 9.

The deputy said he was responding to McKee Road for a report of domestic violence when he received a call that a man had left the house and was intoxicated.

Coffey said he got behind Rose's vehicle. He added that Rose almost hit a guard rail three times and crossed the yellow line. He added that Rose failed field sobriety tests.

Hunter's Hounds rescue missing Lincoln Co. girl

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The Lincoln County Sheriff was convinced to drive down the driveway to the house where the canines were targeting.

"When the sheriff came running down the driveway, she came running out," Conrad stated.

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson commended Conrad and the other handlers of Hunter's Hounds. Watson said he had seen the mother on television crying and begging.

Sunday made the 13th day the girl had been missing.

The Garden Bug
First impression

When guests are coming, don't neglect making your entrance area clean and welcoming. Sweep away all cobwebs, leaves and yard debris. Make sure your porch light is working. Add fresh flowers, and maybe a new doormat.

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