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## Fire destroys home during freezing temperatures



The home of John Moreland on Highway 213 was destroyed by fire early Thursday morning. Moreland was awakened by the gas heater falling off the wall and quickly got out. He plans to move a mobile home to the property. Photo by Katherine's Auction House

During the early morning hours on Thursday, John Moreland of Furnace Junction Road, Highway 213, was awakened by a fire in his home.

Moreland thinks the noise of a gas heater falling off the wall woke him up. He saw it laying in the middle of the hardwood floor. His house was filled with smoke.

The temperature outside was in the single digits. Moreland grabbed a pair of Crocs, a pair of pants, a tee shirt, and a little, thin hoodie to escape the burning inferno.

He was thankful for the pair of pants which he grabbed. It had his truck keys and wallet in the pocket.

He was able to move his truck away from the house. Otherwise, it would have burned along with his other clothes and contents of the house.

Moreland's medications were even destroyed in the fire. He is a disabled veteran and called VA who quickly replaced his

medicines.

Once outside, he was able to call the Estill County Fire Department.

"The water kept freezing up on them," Moreland stated.

The two lane highway in front of his home became ice covered.

Moreland said he thought the fire department even had to bring tankers of water with them.

His daughter, Katherine, posted pictures on Facebook and told readers her dad had lost everything in the fire.

John and Katherine said that soon, friends and family members started donating.

"Anything you wanted to give me is appreciated," Moreland stated. "I've had so much outpouring of stuff."

He and Katherine said Monday that so much stuff has been donated, they haven't been able to go through it all.

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John Moreland, a disabled veteran, escaped from his burning home with Crocs, pants, a tee-shirt, and hoodie.

### Women arrested on drug charges

An Estill County female was arrested January 30 by Capt. John Sturniolo for trafficking in methamphetamine.

The citation states that on Tuesday, January 5, a confidential informant traveled to Bobby Miller Road, Irvine to buy methamphetamine.

It adds that informant purchased \$30 worth of a crystal substance from a female living at the residence. It was wrapped in white paper.

The female was identified as 30 year old Diane Estes. She was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine).

Another woman was charged with possession of drugs the following day, January 31, in an unrelated incident.

Capt. Sturniolo was dispatched to the parking lot of the Estill County Courthouse at noontime to investigate a possibly intoxicated female.

He stated he came in contact with Pamela Childress, 49, of 8th Street in Ravenna. The citation states the woman had slurred speech and was unsteady on her feet.

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### Local agencies violate open record requests

The state attorney general's office has given the opinion that the Estill County Sheriff's Department and Estill County 911 Dispatch Center have violated the state's Open Records Act.

Both agencies denied requests for records to Justin L. Knappick. Knappick is an attorney with the law firm of Dressman, Benzinger, and LaVelle in Crestview Hills, Ky.

On November 9, Knappick requested all police reports, dispatch logs, citations, or other documentation evidencing that the sheriff or any police deputy responded to calls and/or traveled to any property along Mt. Springs Road in Estill County from August 24, 2014 to the present.

Knappick also requested the same records for October 12, 2018 which led to the arrest of Kevin Moes, charging him with possession of a firearm by a fel-

on.

Moes is a resident of Mt. Springs Road. The Estill Fiscal Court filed a lawsuit against him several years ago over closure over Mt. Springs Road.

He requested similar records from October 12, 2018 that led to the arrest of Moes on a charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The sheriff's department apparently asked Knappick to request those records from the 911 Dispatch Center, which he did.

Then County Attorney Rodney Davis responded to Knappick's request stating Knappick's request "must be denied as there is an open criminal investigation related to the matters you are requesting. KRS 61.878(1)(h) specifically exempts records related to law enforcement agencies involved in an investigation of an individual."

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### Jeff Crowe is Named "Man of the Year"

Estill County Native, Jeff Crowe has been named the 2018 Man of the Year for Bardstown-Nelson County. Crowe has only been in Bardstown for about five years, but he feels loved and accepted by the community.

Crowe, general manager of Heaven Hill Distillery Visitor Experiences, was bestowed this honor and his impact on the Bourbon and tourism industry was made clear in the comments from local leaders. He oversees the Bourbon Heritage Center in Bardstown, Kentucky and the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience in downtown Louisville.

"He has always been a leader in the tourism industry," Tourism Director Mike Mangel said, adding that Crowe has done what was asked of him and what is in the best interest of the community.

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Estill native Jeff Crowe, right, has been named 2018 "Man of the Year" for Bardstown-Nelson County.

### Kaylor is named new Estill softball coach; Former Lady Engineer and all-stater Amanda Edwards is hired as assistant

Former Richmond Model head coach and Madison Central assistant Amy Kaylor has been named to replace highly-successful Estill Engineers fastpitch softball coach Shirley Beard, a member of the Softball Coaches Hall of Fame, who has retired after more than 30 years with the program. Former Estill player Amanda Edwards who was named All-State in 2008, was named as one of Kaylor's assistants to replace Danny Wood who worked with Estill softball the past few years after being named to the Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. He also coached over 30 years.

Kaylor is currently an instructional assistant at Madison Central High School

where she has been an assistant softball coach for the past two seasons. She previously led Richmond Model as head coach for three seasons. Amy is married to Scott Kaylor and has a step-daughter, Jasmine, who is 13.

Coach Kaylor is originally from Stanton, California and played softball for four years for Eastern Kentucky University, from 2004-2007. She has 11 years coaching experience working with all ages from travel ball, local city leagues, school ball to camps.

"I am truly honored to be a part of such a strong program, full of tradition and community support," said Kaylor. "The support that I have received from the administration, the

girls and their families has been so humbling. I look forward to my future with the program and the success that we can build together."

Edwards who is a manager at Stacy Lane Apartments, said, "As an Estill County native, I am thrilled to be a member of the Engineer family once again. I was a member of the Estill County Lady Engineer softball team from 2005 - 2008 and I am so excited to return as an assistant coach! I am looking forward to continuing the history of excellence associated with Estill County softball. I know that Coach Kaylor and I are committed to growing the success of the program through hard work and dedication."

### Estill senior Meagan Bellamy tops 1,000 all-time scoring



Senior Meagan Bellamy and Coach Ruth Hughes

Estill County senior Meagan Bellamy reached her 1,000 career points milestone on a two-point field goal in the second half of the game on January 18, 2019, against the Lee County Lady Bobcats at Beattyville. She is a 3-year varsity starter and a 5-year varsity player for the Lady Engineers. She currently is ranked 32nd in the state in 3-point field goals per game with a total of 185 career three-pointers. She was honored before the home game on Thursday night against Madison Central.



Estill softball coach Amy Kaylor



Softball assistant Amanda Edwards

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