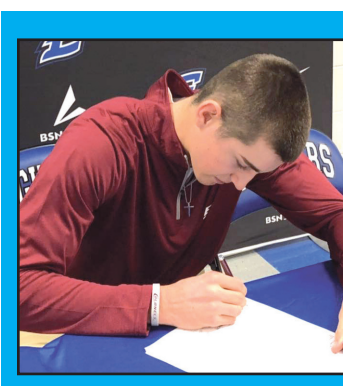


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Law enforcement officers are recognized

Bro. Bill Wesley, pastor, and the congregation of Body of Christ in Irvine hosted a recognition ceremony for local law enforcement officers on Saturday at the Estill County Fair Barn. The officers and their families were invited to a feast before the award presentation. The meal included barbecued pork and friend chicken, side dishes, and donuts.

This is at least the fourth year that Wesley and his church have recognized the officers. Wesley serves as chaplain for the Ravenna Police Department, Irvine Police Department, and Estill County Rescue Squad. When he travels, he visits the local police and fire departments there and says prayer for those officers.



Officer Day of the Ky. National Guard presented an American flag which had flown over the state capitol to Sheriff Chris Flynn, a veteran of the United States Marines.



Irvine Chief Brad Smith, left, also received an American flag which flew over the capitol the same day from another officer from the National Guard Army in Ravenna. Smith is an Iraq War veteran.



Ravenna Police Chief Ken White was awarded a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Matt Bevin. Tammy White, left, and the wives of the other officers were presented with gifts.



For the second straight weekend, Santa was in Irvine. He and Mrs. Claus were in the Kiwanis parade on Friday night and at the Elizabeth Witt Christmas party on Saturday.

Soccer coach is sentenced to 2 years for third degree rape and other crimes

A former Estill County High School soccer coach was sentenced December 3 by Special Circuit Judge Jerry Mattox of Georgetown.

The judge reportedly called the sentence a lenient one which he gave Andrew Hatton, 29, but it was an apparently a plea deal between Hatton's attorney and the prosecuting attorney.

The juvenile victims allegedly were not willing to testify and agreed to the plea deal. Hatton pled guilty to one count of third degree rape and two counts of distribution of obscene matter to minors, first offense.

Judge Mattox ordered Hatton to serve two years on the charges he pled to and register for 20 years as

a sex offender.

According to the clerk's office, Hatton will be given credit for the time he spent in jail and on home incarceration.

The Estill Circuit Clerk's Office said that Hatton has served about 30 to 40 days in jail and on home incarceration.

The three charges that Hatton pled guilty to are all Class D felonies, punishable by one to five years in prison. Sentences can be served concurrently. Hatton had been indicted for three counts of third degree rape for reportedly having sexual intercourse with a female under 15 years of age on three separate occasions.

He allegedly sent obscene photos of himself to

juveniles and asked them to send photos of themselves in return.

Hatton was arrested on the sex related charges on August 18, 2018, a day after classes began in Estill County.

He was jailed but later released on a \$50,000 cash bond. He was also on home incarceration for a while.

His positions as soccer coach and attendance clerk at Estill County Middle School were terminated



Andrew Hatton
Photo/Three Forks Jail after his arrest.
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Grand jury returns ten indictments

Ten indictments were returned by the Estill County Grand Jury on November 22.

Aaron Martin Noland, 27, of Seventh Street, Ravenna was indicted on a single charge of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense - methamphetamine.

The indictments says that on August 6, Noland had in his possession methamphetamine in aluminum foil.

The investigating officer was Ravenna Chief Ken White.

Michael Shane Bishop, 23, of Eades Drive, Irvine was named in a four count indictment as the result of a traffic stop on June 16 by Irvine Officer Jason Conrad.

The indictment charges Bishop with rear license not illuminated, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, first offense, tampering with physical evidence, and trafficking in a

controlled substance, first degree and first offense, greater than two grams of methamphetamine.

According to the indictment, Bishop removed a plastic baggie containing methamphetamine from his waistband with the intent to impair its verity in the official proceeding.

It adds that he was trafficking in 2.5 grams of methamphetamine. Christian Kohen Williams, 20, of Red Lick Road, Clay City, was named in a ten-count indictment following a traffic stop on July 18 by KSP Trooper Brandon Roark.

Five of the charges were violations or misdemeanors, which included speeding 26 mph or greater over limit, failure to dim headlights, reckless driving, failure to or improper signal, and failure of owner to maintain required insurance.

Williams was charged with fleeing or evading police in the first degree (motor vehicle), a felony.

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Four outstanding Estill County Band Students have been chosen as members of the 2019 Bluegrass All Regional Band. These students prepared a given lyrical and technical musical selection, and performed for judges as part of a live audition process. Over 20 different schools participated in these auditions. Only a select few were chosen to fill the chairs in this band. The All Regional Band will be performing at Madison Central High School during an upcoming event in January. From left, congratulations to All Regional Band members Aiden Owens (trumpet), Avery Duechle (trumpet), Blake Benton (baritone), and Lauren Mullins (french horn). (Photo courtesy of Jason Bowles)