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Grand jury returns 21 indictments

Twenty one indictments were returned on Tuesday, March 5 by the Estill County Grand Jury. Most of the indictments were for drug related charges.

An indictment charged Dakota S. Harvey, 24, of Laurel Street, Irvine with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and unlawful transaction with a minor, first.

The indictment states that on November 9, Harvey gave a small baggie of methamphetamine to a juvenile to sell to a confidential informant working for the Irvine Police Department.

The case was investigated by Capt. John

Sturniolo.

The grand jury indicted Bryan Shawn Kirk, 42, of Perryville, Ky. for fourth degree assault.

Because the charge is a misdemeanor, Kirk's case was remanded back to Estill District Court.

The indictment says that Kirk caused physical injury to Chris West on August 10. The investigating officer was Irvine Officer Jason Conrad.

William D. Puckett, 27, of Hood Ave., Irvine was indicted on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$500. The indictment states that on May 23, Puckett was in

possession of railroad track material which belonged to CSX Railroad.

The grand jury also charged Puckett with being a first degree persistent felony offender. According to the indictment, Puckett has been previously convicted of two prior felony offenses.

The investigation was conducted by B.J. Brock, CSX Railroad Police.

James Newman, 54, of Lincoln Ave., Irvine was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school.

The indictment says that Newman sold

five hydrocodone to a confidential informant on Dec. 12.

It adds that on the same date, he trafficking in marijuana within 1,000 feet of South Irvine Elementary School. Kristopher O. Estes, 43, of Blue Run Road, Irvine was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. The indictment states that he sold methamphetamine to a confidential informant on Dec. 18.

The indictment also charged Estes with being a first degree persistent felony offender.

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Just A Beautiful Snow



Snow did not cover the roads last Friday morning, but it gave a light blanket to its surroundings. A year ago Tuesday, Estill County received one of its largest snowfalls of the season. It didn't last long but crippled residents with days-long power outages.

Two escape from custody, but are quickly recaptured

Two Estill County men escaped from custody last week, but freedoms were short lived.

Mike Murphy was incarcerated at Three Forks Regional Jail when he reportedly escaped around 10 a.m. on Friday.

An address for Murphy, 44, was given at 101 Newman Cemetery Road in Estill County.

KSP Troopers Casey Caudill and Roark went to Murphy's address looking for him.

The citation states the troopers saw Murphy through a window laying on a bed just

before 11 p.m.

Troopers announced several times for the door to be opened. After no answer, the door was kicked in.

The citation states that when Trooper Caudill entered the residence, Murphy was standing with an aggressive posture in the living room.

The trooper said that Murphy would not lay on the ground as was told, and he had to physical take him down.

He charged Murphy with escape second degree, resisting arrest, and menacing.

Bail for Murphy has been set at \$50,000 cash. The second escape had oc-

curred on Tuesday, March 5 at the Estill County Detention Center on Tuesday.

A citation states that 24 year old James Hunter Yates of Lilly Ferry Road, Irvine, was remanded into custody by Circuit Judge Michael Dean. It adds that staff from the Estill Detention Center immediately took custody of Yates.

They took him to the holding area at the local jail awaiting a transport to Three Forks Regional Jail

The citation states that Yates got up and went to the guard shack where he asked one of the employees a question.

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Ravenna Council explores grant funds available for some community projects

by CATHY DAWES
Estill County Tribune

Shane New and Bob Casher from Bluegrass Area Development spoke to the Ravenna council on Monday night about grant money that the city could possibly obtain for community projects.

New said that the grants that were available were matching grants which meant the city could obtain 80 percent of the money for a project but would have to match that with 20 percent. He added that the cap for the grant was \$100,000 per project.

New asked if the council had any projects in mind and Council Member Tammy Howell said that she would

like to see the park expanded and enhanced since so many people in the county utilize the facility.

Mayor Estine Tipton added that people in surrounding counties also use the park.

The first reading of an ordinance pertaining to the collection and disposal of solid waste for the city of Ravenna was read by City Clerk Ashley Moore.

The council approved the first reading and will hold a special meeting on Wednesday afternoon for the second reading.

While reviewing the financial report Council Member Valerie Flinchum asked what kind of interest bearing accounts the money that

was left to the city by Arthur Long had been put into.

Moore said that there were two CDs that contained \$150,000 each and the remainder was put into an interest bearing account.

Flinchum said that she felt like the money should have been broken up into CDs with no more than \$20,000 per CD. If the city needed to cash in one of those CDs then they would pay a hefty penalty on a larger CD.

Moore replied that the bank had recommended that the money be broken up that way.

Flinchum went on to say that she used to work at a bank and the city would benefit more from having the

money in several small CDs instead of two large ones and recommended that the Charlie Vanhuss account be split into smaller portions.

Council Member William Van Cleve asked about removing Larry Stewart's name from the Vanhuss account. Mayor Tipton said that she had spoken with the city attorney and that it was possible to do that.

Moore spoke up and said that it was recommended that three people be on the new account because it would require two signatures. In the event that she or the mayor wasn't available to sign a check, then someone else would be able to do so.

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Take Part in Commonwealth Cleanup!

Help pick up roadside litter & illegal dumps in your community. Take advantage of one of the following two options:

(1) Friday, March 29, 2019 from 9 - 2 p.m.

Dump trucks available at the following sites:

- Pea Ridge (Soccer Fields)
- Greenbriar Church (foot of Drip Rock)
- Barnes Mountain (Eli Sparks Road & 851)
- Cobhill Fire Station
- Winchester Road, Highway 82 (82 Food Mart)

(2) Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 8-11 p.m.

Advanced Disposal (located at 2700 Winchester Road, Irvine)

If you wish to participate in either of these two options, please remember the following rules:

- ABSOLUTELY NO TRASH can be left along roadsides. Neither the county nor state will be offering door-to-door pickup. Those leaving things along the roadside will be cited.
- NO TIRES WILL BE ACCEPTED!
- ALL white-goods (i.e. appliances) must be taken directly to the landfill. Please keep in mind, white-goods are FREE every day at the landfill.

If you have questions, please contact Judge Donnie Watson's Office at 723-7524

Deputy traffic-stops vehicle; charges driver with heroin, meth, and marijuana in car

Following a traffic stop early Friday morning, a Winchester Road man was arrested by Deputy Chris Coffey.

The deputy said he got behind 50 year old Gregory Scott Jones at Shell-mart.

He said he followed Jones' vehicle to the Dark Hollow Road intersection at 55 mph in a 45 mph zone.

The deputy reported that he found meth, heroin and marijuana in a container under the seat.

He added there was also a spoon and needles in the container.

The deputy also stated that Jones' license had expired in October of 2016.

Jones was charged with speeding 5 mph over the limit, driving on expired license, possession of heroin, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bail for Jones was set at \$2,500 cash.

Obituaries

Judith Adams, 77
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Beverly Moore, 74
Brenda Rogers, 74

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Some of the prettiest daffodils are now blooming along roadsides. They come back year after year. They are the harbingers of spring. When we see a daffodil, we know that winter is soon over. The buds of the daffodils were peeking out during February and March snows.