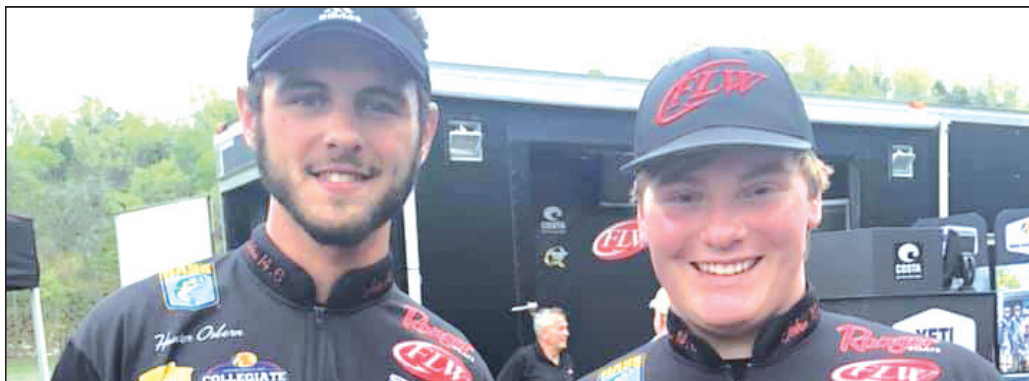


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Two parties agree to settle over Mt. Springs Road

Two parties have agreed to settle with the Estill Fiscal Court in a dispute over Mt. Springs Road. After a closed session on Monday, the fiscal court voted to accept the agreement.

The two parties were the Southern Four Wheel Drive Association, Inc. (SF-WDA) and Estill County Land Company, LLC (ECLC).

Kevin and Rebecca Moes, also defendants in a lawsuit filed by Estill County Fiscal Court, were not part of this settlement.

County Attorney Jason Riley stated that the fiscal court is in negotiations with the Moes couple and is expecting a settlement with them.

He said that because of the rainy weather, Mr. Moes had not removed a piece of equipment because it would require heavy equipment to remove it.

During the next month, ECLC, a landowner on Mt. Springs Road, will convey a permanent roadway easement to the Estill Fiscal Court, which will be filed in the county clerk's office.

By signing the agreement, ECLC acknowledges that Mt. Springs Road is a county road as defined by KRS 178.01.

ECLC may install fencing or foliage up to the road's right of way, with no setback.

Within 30 days of the agreement, ECLC shall permanently remove a gate,

and no trespassing signs from Mt. Springs Road.

Within 180 days of the agreement, the fiscal court shall begin to repair and improve the unpaved portion of Mt. Springs Road, so that the road is accessible by a stock, non-modified, four-wheel drive vehicle in reasonable weather conditions.

The fiscal court also agrees to purchase and install adequate and compliant fencing along the boundary of Mt. Springs Road which abuts ECLC's property.

Within 180 days of the agreement, SF-WDA shall promote TREAD LIGHTLY policies, and instruct those traveling on Mt. Springs Road to stay on the roadway

and any deviation from the roadway onto ECLC's property constitutes a trespass.

The SFWDA shall refrain from posting on social media or its website any videos depicting practices inconsistent with the TREAD LIGHTLY policies on Daniel Boone Backcountry Byway located in Estill County. SFWDA must also remove all such videos on social media which are posted by third parties.

SFWDA must also post a statement to its social media saying, "SFWDA is happy the Declaratory Judgment Action is resolved and appreciates the Fiscal Court and ECLC coming to an agreement that all parties can obey."

Man charged with arson of his home

A Spout Springs man has been charged with setting fire to his own residence.

Deputy Colton Lewis was dispatched to the residence around 7:50 p.m. on April 8.

The citation states that Michael McKinney, 37, admitting to setting his trailer on fire for his own protection.

He reportedly told the deputy that his wife was cheating on him. He also said the military had a kind of suit that could hide people, and he did not feel safe.

The deputy said there was a gas can inside the residence, and the house had been burned severely. A recliner, table, and the floor in the trailer were all severely burned.

The citation states that McKinney's wife entered the residence while he was attempting to burn it to get him to come outside.

McKinney was charged with third degree arson, second degree wanton endangerment, and public intoxication of a controlled substance



Living Lord's Supper Drama

The Living Lord's Supper Drama will be presented at 7 p.m. both Thursday and Friday at Irvine United Methodist Church. The drama is free, a nursery is provided, and there will also be special music by soloists and the handbell choir. Men from Estill and Madison counties held a rehearsal Sunday afternoon. Photo courtesy of Vicki Singleton

Deputy arrests two on Bluebird Lane

Two men, Brian C. Bowman, 28, of Bluebird Lane, Irvine Kevin L. Burns, 35, of Lincoln Ave., Irvine were arrested April 9 by Deputy Colton Lewis.

The citation states that Burns was found inside a residence at 75 Bluebird Lane, and another man had fled from Lewis at that address and hid in a storage building.

Lewis said there were

syringes and a broken methamphetamine pipe inside the residence. He also located a clear bag of a crystal-like substance.

The deputy stated that he saw the other male, Bowman, at the corner of Bluebird Lane and South Irvine Road.

He added that neither man inside the residence claimed ownership of those items.

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State and district highway officials attend fiscal court meeting Monday

South Irvine residents, court discuss homeless problems

State highway officials were at the Estill Fiscal Court meeting on Monday.

Deputy Secretary Paul Looney said there are over 80,000 miles of roads in Kentucky, but only 28,000 miles are state-maintained.

"We want to partner with you when problems exist, Looney said, "to listen to the concerns you have."

During recent floods, over 300 roads were flooded, and there were some slides.

"We've still got roads closed in Perry County. We've got a lot of roads down to one lane," stated Corbett Caudill with the District 10 Highway Office in Jackson.

"We do have a lot of road problems," stated Judge/Executive Donnie Watson.

He spoke about the state helping the county with Sunrise Valley Road, where water was pooling in the road.

The state provided a temporary solution, which has worked well.

The county approved an agreement with the state for receiving County Road Aid (CRA) funds.

By law, the state sets aside 18.3% of the revenue it generates from motor vehicle fuel taxes for construction, reconstruction of county roads and bridges.

This year, Estill County will be receiving \$887,910.36.

The county's first in-

stallment will be 60% or \$516,765.00. The state sets aside 3% of the money for an emergency fund.

The county will be paid the remaining funds at a later date.



Paul Looney, Deputy Secretary of Highways

In other action, the fiscal court approved an agreement with the Montgomery Detention Center for \$35 a day.

Judge Watson said there was sometimes a need to take an inmate to a jail other than Three Forks. This is the same rate that is charged by Three Forks Regional Jail.

Apparently, an inmate from Estill County has already been jailed in Montgomery County because discussion over a bill being paid.

A Complete County Committee for Estill County was authorized by the fiscal court. This is related to the upcoming US Census.

Watson stated there has been a census every ten years since 1790.

Tyler Sewell has been recommended by Irvine to serve on the Board of Assessment Appeals. Watson said that Sewell will serve a two year term ending in 2021.

Members of the board assess appeals which come from the Property Valuation Administrator.

The fiscal court approved a grant for the Mack Theatre will use for renovation construction.

"We worked really hard to get that grant," stated Rebecca Parvin.

The county's administrative code was amended for employees during emergencies.

Watson said the code did not allow overtime for an employee who was on paid vacation and called in for an emergency, such as a snowstorm.

Ronnie Riddell, Estill Emergency Management director, addressed the 911 outage on Sunday. The seven hour outage lasted about seven hours.

He added that Windstream was unable to transfer 911 calls.

Residents were able to call 723-2201 or 723-2205 and those numbers were transferred to the Kentucky State Police.

Riddell said the public was informed through social

media and radio.

According to Riddell, the outage was caused by equipment failure.

"We try our best not to have outages," he stated.

The fiscal court bid on a new 911 equipment system last year, which it has not yet received.

After Sunday's 911 outage, Riddell is now asking that the equipment have a cellular back-up.

Suzi Gross was promoted to working 911 supervisor. Watson said she has 20 years of experience and will train employees.

The current supervisor, Renaye Merrill, will be handling the paperwork for 911 calls.



Gary Mullins

Gary Mullins thanked the fiscal court for fixing his road quickly.

He then addressed the homeless problem. Continued on Page 12

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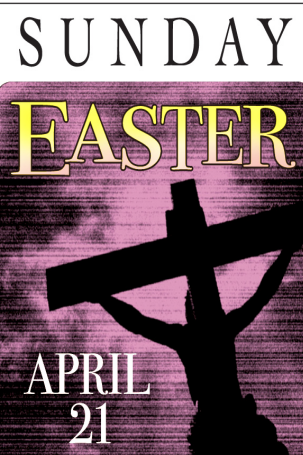
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Egg Hunt

Ravenna's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 20 in Veterans Memorial Park for children 12 and under. Mayor Estine Tipton said coupons will also be given out for free children's meals.



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