

# Hughes retires from teaching after 60 years



Thursday was Mrs. J.'s day at West Irvine School where the students and staff celebrated her teaching career. Students came dressed in the 60s costumes. Above, Matthew Elam came dressed as a young Elvis Presley. Photo courtesy of Lelia Elam

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During this time, another teacher with the last name of Hughes started teaching at West Irvine. She became known as Mrs. J and Elizabeth Hughes was called Mrs. E.

Then she moved into the new West Irvine Elementary building in December of 2012, where she finished second grade that term.

The first and second graders were then moved to Estill Springs Elementary.

Mrs. E moved to Estill Springs, but the two teachers are still referred to as

Mrs. E and Mrs. J.

Mrs. Hughes was faced with the choice of moving to Estill Springs if she wanted to keep teaching second grade or teaching another grade at West Irvine. She stayed at West Irvine and taught interventional reading for two years and then third grade.

If she had not retired this year, she would have had to make another decision about moving. The third grade classes at West Irvine are moving to the lower level, and the fourth graders are moving upstairs.

"I went from a chalkboard and a piece of chalk to a computer and a smart board."

She stated that was the biggest change in teaching.

"I always dreamed of being a teacher. Teaching has been my life. It is the most rewarding profession."

In addition to nine superintendents, Mrs. J has worked under 13 principals at West Irvine and trained 45 to 50 student teachers from EKV.

Last Thursday, she was honored with a retirement party. The students dressed

as characters from the 60s.

One of her retirement gifts was a rocking chair, but she doesn't plan to do much sitting.

She may sign up to do substitute teaching.

"I enjoy my vegetable garden and flower garden," she stated.

When she was younger, she and her husband used to travel. She may start traveling again.

"Teaching has been a real joy. I just wish I had 60 more years to teach," Mrs. J stated.

## Local Police activity report

A bench warrant for non payment of court costs, fines or fees was served May 23 on **Michael Tuttle**, 37, by Sheriff Chris Flynn.

Three bench warrants from Estill District Court were served by Sgt. Josh Rison on **Daniel Bowling**, 47, of Church Street, Irvine on May 23.

One warrant states that Bowling failed to appear in court on a charge of fourth degree assault.

A second warrant says Bowling failed to appear on charges of criminal littering, failure to wear seat belts, possession of a controlled substance, third degree, prescription controlled substance, not in proper container, and possession of open alcoholic beverage container in motor vehicle.

The third warrant states that Bowling failed to appear in court on a charge of fleeing or evading police second degree.

Deputy Colton Lewis cited **Anthony W. Kirby**, 43, of Sandhill Road on May 22 with violation of a KY EPO/DVO.

The deputy stated that Kirby was at his mother's residence. He reportedly

told the deputy that he was only there to get a T-shirt, and if his mother was not willing to press charges, he was allowed to be there.

**Jeffrey S. Henry**, 36, of Estill Acres Lane, Irvine was arrested May 25 by Irvine Officer Sean Morris.

The officer said Henry was at Estill Acres Ct. and gave false information to Deputy Chris Coffey. He allegedly fled into a residence.

The Irvine officer stated that Henry was located underneath the residence and was given verbal warnings to come out.

The citation states that Henry attempted to kick the back side of the underpinning out. He came up through a hole in the floor to the inside of the residence.

The officer said Henry ran off the front door and was apprehended in the yard.

Henry was charged with fleeing or evading police, second degree on foot, and giving officer false identifying information.

**Bekki Ann Hoover**, 36, of Old Landing Road, Irvine was arrested May 25 by Officer S. Morris.

She was charged with

public intoxication of a controlled substance and improper parking violations at Family Dollar on Winchester Road.

According to the citation, Hoover told the officer she had snorted a line of meth before she came to the store. She had parked her vehicle in a handicapped parking space.

**Stevie D. Rose**, 52, of Red Lick Road, Irvine was charged with possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle on May 24 by Officer S. Morris.

**John F. Nunnelley**, 32, of S. Maple Street, Irvine, was charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place on May 23 by Officer S. Morris.

The citation states that Nunnelley was at Northwood Apartments but did not live there. He was wandering around in the parking lot.

The officer said Nunnelley was extremely unsteady on his feet.

**Billy D. Blevins**, 54, of Winchester Road, Irvine was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence and terroristic

threatening third degree.

The citation states that Blevins pulled his vehicle into a parking lot on River Drive where Officer S. Morris and Jason Conrad were parked in their cruisers.

The citation adds that Blevins refused field sobriety tests, but he had slurred speech and was unsteady on his feet.

According to the citation, the man made repeated threats to harm both officers.

A Powell District Court bench warrant was served by Officer Conrad on **Robin L. Riddell**, 50, of James Way, Irvine on May 21.

The warrant says Riddell failed to pay \$298.00 on a bond condition. He was found guilty of theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

His bail was set at \$298.00.

A Powell District Court bench warrant was also served on **Jessica Moses**, 37, of 4th Street, Ravenna on May 20 by Officer Conrad.

Her bond states that she failed to pay \$248.00 on a bond condition after being found guilty of alcohol intoxication.

## Don't always blame the guy at the top

VETERANS POST by Freddy Groves

At a Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility, a psychologist by the name of "Z" managed to find a way to increase income by overstating productivity by 43 percent.

This was done via double coding. Say the appointment with a patient should be classified as 123. The psychologist would code it as 123 and additionally as 456 ... meaning Z would appear to have done more work. Z averaged 15 hours of actual work in a 40-hour workweek yet managed to accrue payments for 243 hours of overtime.

Appointments were done on Z's personal planner, not the computer where they could be noticed. They were entered in the computer only after the appointments.

Z was caught and claimed that the double coding was per the instruction received in initial VA training, yet Z didn't attend seven of the eight training sessions on coding. Further, it was in none of the training materials and the other psycholo-

gists were not given that instruction.

The punishment? Make Z go to coding class. No administrative steps were taken, no firing, no apparent reimbursement of the overpayments.

The chief of psychology was dragged into it for failing to supervise the coding and the hours Z actually worked. The chief of health information management was pulled into the mess for failing to oversee coding reviews, which would have caught the errors, claiming she didn't know of the requirement.

It gets better. The chief of medical administration and the assistant chief didn't know those review duties existed.

It gets even better. The medical center's director wasn't aware that coding reviews weren't being done.

How many layers is that? The medical center director is effectively supposed to do the job of all those underlings?

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## 11 waive indictments on Rocket Docket and enter guilty pleas

Eleven people waived indictments on May 15 and appeared before Circuit Judge Michael Dean on the Rocket Docket.

**Peyton Rice**, 19, of Geneva Avenue, Irvine entered guilty pleas to possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense and operating a motor vehicle under the influence on March 1, 2019.

She reportedly had heroin in her possession on that date. She was given a diverted sentence.

**James Hunter Yates**, 24, of Lilly Ferry Road, Irvine pled guilty to second degree escape. The waiver states he escaped out the back door of the detention

center while in custody on March 5.

**Yates** pled guilty and was sentenced.

**Dellie Shuler Jr.**, 40, of Fitchburg Road, Ravenna pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

He had hydrocodone in his possession on April 1.

After Shuler pled guilty, he was given his judgment and sentenced. The judge entered an order of probation.

**Trenton Ray Hall**, 21, of Blue Run Road, Irvine pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. He allegedly had methamphetamine in his possession on

April 2.

A deferred prosecution order was entered.

**Bekki Hoover**, 36, of Old Landing Road, Irvine, entered a guilty plea to possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. She possessed methamphetamine on April 12.

Hoover pled guilty and was sentenced. A diversion order was entered.

**Jeanene Nicole Underwood**, 32, of Stacy Lane, Irvine waived an indictment on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and second offense. April 17 was her second time possessing methamphetamine.

She pled guilty and was sentenced. Judgment was entered.

**Daniel Robertson**, 31, of Sunrise Valley Road, Irvine, waived indictments for third degree burglary and tampering with physical evidence.

Robertson was sentenced to five years for third degree burglary and three years for tampering with physical evidence.

The waiver states he entered Family Dollar on December 12, 2017 and stole cigarettes. He burned his clothing after the burglary.

**Timothy Stanley**, 27, of Stacy Lane, Irvine pled guilty to public intoxication, tampering with physical evidence, and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Stanley's waiver states he possessed methamphet-

amine on April 28 and tried to conceal the meth container.

Stanley pled guilty and was sentenced.

A plea by **Priscilla N. Hicks** was rejected. Her case will be passed to the grand jury.

Hicks was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, first degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin), drug paraphernalia, and reckless driving.

**Darrin Austin Harrison** pled guilty to drug paraphernalia and trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and was sentenced.

**Timothy Puckett** pled guilty to charges in two cases. He was sentenced.

One case charged him with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense and greater than two grams (meth), trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree and first offense, tampering with physical evidence, possession of a controlled substance, third degree, and drug paraphernalia.

The second case charges Puckett with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, greater than two grams of meth.

The grand jury will not seek to indict on other charges in the waived cases of those whose pleas were accepted by Judge Dean.

### The Garden Bug

**Starting new plants**

Cut a stem from a plant and remove its lowest few leaves, if any.

Rooting powder

Dip the cut end into some rooting powder, then stick gently into a small pot of moist soil.

Keep it warm and moist with a plastic bag over it, and it will "root" in one or two weeks.

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### Birdling BITS BY Cindy Brook

**Feed Those Babies!**

Babies are everywhere this time of year, and high-protein foods are a must if we want them to grow healthy. Five foods you can put out on tray feeders are:

1. Meal worms.
2. Suet nuggets (any flavor).
3. Whole grain bread.
4. Sunflower chips.
5. Peanuts (no salt!).

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