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2019 GED Graduation



Ashley Rheanne Isaacs moved her tassel from one side of her cap to the other on Friday during GED Graduation at Estill County High School. She was one of 18 adults who passed the GED test this year.

BOE gets an update on Estill Springs roof

by CATHY DAWES
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Peter Fisher of Ross Tarrant Architects attended the school board meeting on Thursday night with an update on construction projects within the district.

Fisher said that the weather was making it hard for the contractors to finish up the roofing job at Estill Springs, but they were very close to finishing up. He asked that the board approve a pay application for the contractor in the amount of \$44,650.

Fisher said that a bid in the amount of \$5,904 had been awarded to a firm called Terracon Consultants from Lexington to deal with

contaminated soil and any pyritic shale that might be located at the site of the new technology center. Superintendent Jeff Saylor added that he didn't expect it to be a big issue, but the bid amount was for a locked in price.

Saylor went on to say that there had been a huge crowd turn out for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new technology center the previous week. Several representatives from the area attended the event as well as past superintendents of Es-

till County.

Saylor said he had not heard anything about the EDA grant but they had completed their final review and hoped to know something by the first of July.

Saylor said that that the purchase of the Puckett property was still moving forward but he had received a letter from KDE that listed some key points that needed to be discussed. He asked to move that item into closed session where the board could discuss it further.

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Council approves needle exchange

by CATHY DAWES
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Mandy Watson, a nurse from the Estill County Health Department, spoke to members of the Irvine council on Monday night about the needle exchange program.

Watson said that she had started the program in Powell County several years ago, and it had been highly successful. The number one goal is stop the spread of diseases such as Hepatitis and HIV.

She went on to explain how the program works. People who use needles would come to the health department and anonymously register for the program. That person would then receive educational tools, up to 30 clean needles, and a Sharps container to dispose of their used needles. They would also receive

an ID card that would allow law enforcement to recognize that they are part of the program.

Watson added that not a day goes by that she doesn't see a case of Hepatitis come across her desk because people who are using drugs are sharing needles with friends and family members.

She added that in the last month there have been 39 overdoses, Narcan has been used 72 times, and there has been one drug related death pending the toxicology report. She said this program will also protect first responders because in order to get clean needles participants must bring back their used needles in the Sharps container. First responders won't be picking them up off the streets.

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Handcuffed man escapes from state police cruiser

A handcuffed man escaped from a Kentucky State Police cruiser last Wednesday evening on Old Fox Road shortly after his

arrest.

Ronald Blake Penman, 28, of Old Fox Road, Irvine was arrested around 5:45 p.m. on unrelated warrants

during a traffic stop.

Trooper Ty Robinson stated that a search incident prior to arrest yielded a small "rock" of crystal methamphetamine, several suboxone pills, a small baggie of marijuana, several neurontin pills, and a syringe.

Penman was then charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, third degree; possession of marijuana; and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

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Ronald Penman
Three Forks Jail Photo



Kristi Hull
Three Forks Jail Photo

Mother reports missing son; he is found safe at his home

A nine year old boy was reported missing on Tuesday, June 18, but was found safe at his home.

His mother had reported him missing around 7:19 p.m. that day. She made the call to 911 from Rose's Cash 'n Carry on Richmond Road.

The mother, Charley Taylor, 33, of North Gate Apartments, was arrested after her son was safely found.

The Estill County Rescue Squad was called to help locate the boy, who was located at his home.

The boy told Deputy Chris Coffey that his moth-

er left him at Family Dollar Store on Winchester Road, and he walked home.

The mother confirmed the boy was at the dollar store.

Taylor was charged with endangering the welfare of a minor and public intoxication.

100 Year Celebration

Ten former pastors of the Free Methodist Church attended the 100th anniversary celebration on Sunday. The present pastor, Chris Carlyle, standing in the middle of the back row, is being reassigned to North Carolina. He has served as chaplain of the Irvine Police Department.

The church has had 31 pastors in 100 years, serving as a training ground for pastors who attended classes at Asbury College. After completing college, they were moved elsewhere by the Free Methodist Church. The current church building behind the pastors, was completed in 1920.



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