

Fiscal court hears from county fire departments

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Fireman Teddy Stamper reported from the Hargett Fire Department. He said 12 car wrecks, including one fatality, have occurred on Spout Springs Road (Highway 82). Stamper said he is working with the state to prevent the wrecks. Emerson McAfee discussed the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame with the fiscal court. Members of the fiscal court and audience personally bought signs from McAfee.

Watson said his dad was at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed on December 7, 1941. His son-in-law, Sheriff Chris Flynn, is also a veteran. The fiscal court then adjourned into an executive session which lasted 25 minutes. No action was taken. Watson said an alley and a lane had been left off the county road system. The court named the West Irvine alley as Elliott Alley. Napier Lane was already named, and they were added back into the county road system.

Acting treasurer Freida Lancaster was appointed as county treasurer to a four year term beginning July 1. The former treasurer, Ann Rogers, was on a leave of absence and was expected to retire. Tom Hart discussed an S curve on Doe Creek Road and a slip on Buck Creek Road. Watson told Hart that Doe Creek Road was a state road. He added that the slip

on Buck Creek Road is on FEMA's list of roads. Margaret Salmon, a resident of Mt. Springs Road, wanted to know about her road situation. County Attorney Jason Riley said he had talked with the attorney representing Kevin Moes about getting the trailer moved which was hindering traffic on the road. "They've had plenty of time," Riley stated. He added that he would be trying to get it moved.

School board breaks ground for its new technical center

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"The governor wants to make this the manufacturing hub of the United States," he stated. He said that an ATC brings schools and businesses together to train for the future. Saylor said three local businesses, Carhartt, Marcum & Wallace Hospital, and Citizens Guaranty Bank have partnered with Estill County Schools. The school system received an award of \$5.7 million to construct the ATC.

Saylor said that is about half the construction cost. Estill County property owners are paying a recallable nickle on their tax bills each year. He added that for every local dollar, the state pays \$2.20, which makes a local dollar equal to \$3.20. When the ATC opens, it is also expected to have students from Madison, Lee, and Powell Counties. Estill students have traveled to Madison County for many years to attend vocational school, and some may

continue to do so for a program they are interested in. The Estill ATC will not duplicate programs which are offered at Madison County's ATC. Plans for the local ATC include an electrical technology lab, engineering lab, diesel technology lab, advanced manufacturing lab, IT lab, and health lab. In the evenings, the ATC will be used for adult education. "All of the students in all of our communities stand to benefit," Saylor stated.



People were lined up as far as you could see on Saturday morning, waiting to get tickets to Kickin' It on The Creek musical festival in Sept.

Agent Orange Benefits for Blue Water Navy?

VETERANS POST by Freddy Groves

The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, known as H.R. 299, seeks to give Agent Orange (dioxin) benefits to blue water veterans. The bill has passed the House (410-0) and went to the Senate in the mid-May. Here, in part, is what it offers:

- * Presumptions of service connection for veterans who served offshore of the Republic of Vietnam, from Jan. 9, 1962, and ending May 7, 1975. If you were there during that time, you are presumed to have been exposed.
- * Presumption of herbicide exposure for certain veterans who served in Korea from Sept. 1, 1967, to Aug. 31, 1971, which is a change of dates.
- * Benefits for children of certain Thailand service veterans born with spina bifida for veterans who served from Jan. 9, 1962, to May 7, 1975.

 Remember that the 1991 Agent Orange Act covered

anyone who'd been in the war theater. In 2002, however, blue water veterans were cut out with the rationale that their boots never touched the ground. Never mind that the ground sometimes came to them in the form of personnel and material that had been covered in dioxin. It was in the air, the water used to wash down planes and decks, and drinking and shower water because it was sucked up into the distillers. Remember, too, that the Institute of Medicine's 2012 update on Agent Orange said there was no reason to keep blue water veterans from getting benefits. Educate yourself see if you think H.R. 299 goes far enough in covering blue water veterans. Go online to the Blue Water Navy Association (www.bwnvva.org). Look up Procopio v. Wilkie, which held that veterans who served within 12 miles of shore were entitled to presumption of exposure. Look up H.R. 299 and keep track of it.

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Police Activity Report

Timothy J. Perdue, 29, of Geneva Avenue, Irvine was served a warrant on June 14 by Officer Stewart Morris. The Estill Circuit Court warrant was for Perdue's failure to pay after being found guilty of receiving stolen property in 2017. Judge Michael Dean set the bail at \$380.00 cash. Two warrants were served on June 14 by Officer Morris on **Kenneth P. Stepp**, 41, of Turner Avenue, Irvine. Stepp was found guilty in August of operating on a suspended or revoked license. A charge of failure to improper signal was merged. The warrant was issued because he allegedly failed to pay \$348.00 in fines and a \$35.00 service fee. Judge Wm. Leach set his bail at \$383.00 cash. The second warrant was issued for Stepp's failure to appear for KDP. He had been found guilty in August of operating on a suspended or revoked license, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, and failure of owner to maintain required insurance. Two other charges were merged. The bail was set on this charge at \$300.00 cash. Greg Rose of Blackburn Road, Irvine reported the theft of a firearm to Sheriff Chris Flynn on June 11. The weapon was a 9 mm Smith and Wesson valued at \$500. Sheriff Flynn entered the weapon into the NCIC. Estill County EMS re-

sponded to a one car collision on Wisemantown Road on June 11. The driver was transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital. His vehicle hit an embankment and mailbox before coming to a rest. The accident was investigated by Deputy Chris Coffey, who believes it was caused by a medical emergency. The driver was identified as Billy Wade of Red Lick Road, Irvine. Sheriff Flynn served a bench warrant on **Timothy D. Riddell**, 34, of Matt Riddell Road, Irvine on June 13. The sheriff charged **Amanda Larrison**, 34, of Winchester Road, Irvine with driving under the influence and resisting arrest on June 10. He also served a parole board warrant on Larrison. The state parole board said she has absconded parole and failed to complete treatment for substance abuse. Larrison was convicted in Estill County of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. She was paroled April 18, 2019. Deputy Josh Rison served a bench warrant on **Charles Durham**, 39, of Elmer Richardson Road, Irvine. Durham allegedly failed to pay a fine after being found guilty in Estill Circuit Court of second degree burglary and persistent felony offender. Judge Dean set his bond

at \$270.00 cash. **Austin Carpenter**, 22, of Winchester was cited during a traffic stop on June 16 on the Bypass by Deputy Coffey. He was cited for failure of non owner to maintain required insurance, no tail lights, rear license not illuminated, and failure to produce insurance card. A warrant was served on **John D. Chenault**, 61, of Sand Hill Road, Irvine on June 15 by Deputy Coffey.

Hope Johnson, 40, of Sunrise Valley, Irvine was served with a warrant on a misdemeanor charge on June 15 by Deputy Coffey. **Bradley S. Hardy**, 43, of Hardy Road, Irvine was served by Sheriff Flynn on June 16 with a warrant from Estill Circuit Court. The warrant charges Hardy with flagrant non-payment. **William J. Abner**, 46, of Kirkland Avenue, Irvine, was served with a warrant on June 16 by Deputy Coffey.

Harmon releases audit of sheriff's tax settlement

State Auditor Mike Harmon today released the audit of the former sheriff's settlement - 2017 taxes for former Estill County Sheriff Gary Freeman. State law requires the auditor to annually audit the accounts of each county sheriff. In compliance with this law, the auditor issues two sheriff's reports each year: one reporting on the audit of the sheriff's tax account, and the other reporting on the audit of the fee account used to operate the office. Auditing standards require the auditor's letter to communicate whether the former sheriff's settlement presents fairly the taxes charged, credited and paid in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The former sheriff's settlement is prepared on the regulatory basis, which

is described in the auditor's opinion letter. Regulatory basis reporting for the former sheriff's settlement is an acceptable reporting methodology, and this reporting methodology is followed for all 120 sheriff settlements in Kentucky. The sheriff's financial statement fairly presents the taxes charged, credited and paid for the period April 18, 2017 through April 16, 2018 in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting. As part of the audit process, the auditor must comment on noncompliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. The auditor must also comment on material weaknesses involving the internal control over financial operations and reporting. The audit report can be found on the auditor's website, www.auditor.ky.gov.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you... humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

— JAMES 4: 8, 10 —

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1 year \$16.04	1 year \$26.42	1 year \$30.19	1 year \$32.00
Sales Tax 0.96	Sales Tax 1.58	Sales Tax 1.81	Sales Tax 0.00
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Estill Schools Supt. Jeff Saylor introduced Powell County Supt. Dr. Orr to the audience at the groundbreaking. Powell students may attend the ATC as well as students from Lee and Madison Counties.