

County to resurface 7 roads

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The Estill Fiscal Court will advertise to have the roads resurfaced and will be reimbursed by the state.

If the projects exceed the amount allocated by the state, the fiscal court will pay the difference.

Recently, 10.5 miles of roads were paved by Hinkle's at a cost of \$735,000. These roads were bid on last year but the work was not done until this year due to weather.

The county had received \$708,000 in FLEX funds, but the bill was for \$708,000. The county had to pay \$27,000 out of other road accounts.

Standoff

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Officer Morris arrested the female, Sheila Starnes, 46, of 213 Broadway.

Starnes was charged with second degree hindering prosecution or apprehension, second degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and third degree terroristic threatening.

Gross and Starnes were lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail at Beattyville.

Bail for Gross was set at \$20,000 cash.



Gray Thomblin, Commissioner of Rural Roads, left, talked with Magistrate Gerry Flannery and Judge/Executive Donnie Watson last Wednesday at the courthouse.

Fiscal Court Met Monday

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River City Players will have a youth production of Wizard of Oz this fall.

The next Moonlight Market will be in August and the Jenkins Twins will be the featured singers.

Bids were opened for generators at Chestnut Stand and the Senior Citizens Building. The generators will be paid for by CSEPP.

Boyd Durbin, a resident of Furnace Junction, asked the fiscal court to pass a noise ordinance.

Durbin said he is bothered by barking dogs, and he played a tape of his neighbors' dogs barking.

Both Watson and County Attorney Jason Riley advised Durbin that it was probably a

civil issue.

Watson said if the county passed a noise ordinance, it would also affect businesses such as sawmills. He added that meant people would lose their jobs.

Durbin also told the fiscal court about slips in KY 52 near Hinkles' rock quarry.

Watson said he was aware of the slips, but the road was a state maintained one.

The fiscal court held a 45 minute closed session for personnel. After the session, they voted to place Chad Neal on administrative leave from Estill County Emergency Management for 30 days.

Neal has been on paid leave since July 1 and the 30 days will end on July 31. The fiscal court will either end his administrative leave and extend it.

IPD arrests man for Broadway break-in

An Irvine man was charged with first degree burglary on Wednesday night.

Irvine Officer Stewart Morris reported that Gregory E. Newton, 47, of Turner Avenue Trailer Park entered a residence at 304 Broadway and took a pistol and numerous other items valued at less than \$500.

IPD has recovered some of the items.

In addition to burglary, the officer charged Newton with theft by unlawful tak-

ing/disposition of a firearm, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and theft by unlawful taking/disposition -- all others.

The officer said that Newton also went onto the property at 300 Broadway where he took a black jacket valued at \$89 from the front porch.

Newton was charged with second degree criminal trespass and theft by unlawful taking/disposition -- all others.

Newton's bail has been set at \$5,000 cash.

Man is charged with assaulting a woman

A Low Gap man was arrested for second degree assault by Deputy Chris Coffey on July 11.

The deputy was investigating a call after a woman became hysterical. She stated that a car had chased her in a vehicle down Reges Road and Thomas/Dug Hill.

Coffey located 39 year old Michael Fox at Stop and Shop. He was charged with the assault, no insurance, and license to be in possession.

Fox reportedly told the deputy that he held the female only so she would not hit him.

The citation states the female made it to dispatch where EMS transported her to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital. EMS advised the woman's shoulder may have been broken, and the female was transported to Baptist Health for treatment of her injuries.

Bond for Fox was set at \$10,000 cash.

Deputy arrests man living behind store for drug possession

A homeless man was arrested July 14 by Deputy Chris Coffey.

Jamie Lee Purdue, 35, was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, public intoxication, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Coffey was called by someone reporting that Purdue was beating on the windows of McDonald's.

He said he located Purdue going toward Stop & Shop. He was swinging his arms, tossing his pillow, and talking to himself.

The deputy said that Purdue was sweating profusely and said he was so thirsty. He was wearing boxers and a white muscle shirt. He

said his pants were in the trees behind the grocery store.

Coffey said he went to the trees and located Purdue's back pack, sleeping bag, and pants.

He added that beside the pants was a blue baggie with suspected heroin in it. In his cigarette pack was a small plastic from the cigarette pack with suspected methamphetamine in it.

Coffey said Purdue stated that a woman had given it to him that night.

Also in his pants, Coffey said were two needles. One had a small amount of blood in it, and the other one was loaded.

Bail for Purdue was set at \$10,000 cash.

Driver eludes KSP at road checkpoint

A West Irvine man faces numerous charges after allegedly attempting to elude a KY. State Police Road check on July 12.

The citation issued by Trooper C. Caudill says that Eric L. Raider, 28, of Glory Street, Irvine turned around to elude the road check. Trooper Caudill caught up with Raider who was allegedly weaving side to side in his lane. He was also driving recklessly and at a high rate of speed. He made a right turn without signaling.

The citation states that the trooper located a small

clear bag in a cigarette pack containing suspected crystal meth.

Raider was charged with reckless driving, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, no registration receipt, no registration plates, improper display of registration plates, failure of ownerto maintain required insurance, failure to improper signal, failure to wear seat belts, and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine).

Raider's bail was set at \$2,500 cash.

Local Police Activity Reports

◆ Irvine Police confiscated marijuana plants on Saturday, July 6 while assisting Estill County EMS with an overdose patient at 415 Edgewater Drive, Irvine.

The citation states that EMS gave Narcan to the female who had overdosed. As IPD were leaving, a citation states the officers observed some marijuana plants in a bucket. The female then showed them where seven additional plants were.

Paul Albert Descoteaux, 51, of the same residence, stated the marijuana plants were his. IPD charged him with cultivation of marijuana five plants of more, and first offense.

Descoteaux was cited to Estill District Court on August 28.

The citation states before EMS and police left, the overdose victim had to have EMS again.

◆ A woman was charged with driving under the influence after she was involved with an accident on Broadway around noon on Thursday.

Rosemary Wolfinbarger, 67, of Ridge Road, Irvine told Captain John Sturniolo that she was traveling east on Broadway when she dropped her beverage with ice and reached down to get it.

Her vehicle struck two parked cars.

Sturniolo said that Wolfinbarger failed field sobriety tests. She reportedly told him that she had taken valium and something else.

The citation states that two 10mg oxycodone and one valium were found in the lady's purse.

Sturniolo charged Wolfinbarger with driving under the influence of drugs and possession of valium/oxycodone.

Wolfinbarger was released from custody on a \$650 surety bond.

◆ Zachary Wilson, 32, of Wisemantown Road, Irvine was charged with alcohol intoxication, driving without a license, and failure to produce insurance card on July 11 by Deputy Chris Coffey.

Wilson's vehicle had hit a fence on Old Landing Road and his truck was stuck in a ditch.

◆ Larry Barnett, 58, of Stanton, was charged with alcohol intoxication and

open alcoholic beverage in a vehicle. Coffey said that Barnett's vehicle was in a ditch on Meadors Lane.

◆ Timothy Riddell, 34, of Matt Riddell Road, Irvine was charged with violation of an EPO/DVO on July 15 by Sheriff Chris Flynn.

The victim of the EPO/DVO told the sheriff that Riddell had forced himself into her residence. She said she poured a bottle of liquid dish detergent into his eyes and hair.

The sheriff located Riddell at his residence, along with evidence of the liquid detergent.

On July 10, Deputy Coffey had served an arrest warrant on Riddell.

◆ Phillip Walker, 42, of J.R. Furniture Road, Irvine was served with a bench warrant from Estill District Court on July 5 by Deputy Josh Rison.

The warrant was issued because Walker had failed to appear in court to answer a charge of theft by unlawful taking or disposition of all others under \$500.

◆ Ronnie Pierce, 35, of New Zion, Ky., was cited on July 11 by Deputy Coffey for operating on a suspended license, license to be in possession, and failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance.

The deputy said that Pierce had wrecked his vehicle at the intersection of Murphy's Ford and Red Lick Roads. He added that Pierce's vehicle had caught fire.

◆ An Estill District Court bench warrant was served on Ricky J. Westerfield of Peyton Ave., Irvine on July 18 by Officer Jason Conrad.

The warrant says Westerfield failed to appear in court on August 28 to answer charges of operating on a suspended or revoked license, no brake lights, and improper equipment. No bail was set.

◆ On Monday, July 8, Chief Brad Smith received complaints about a man at the courthouse being under the influence.

Smith charged James K. Gilvin, 60, of 2350 Lilly Ferry Road, Irvine with public intoxication.

Gilvin's arrest came about ten minutes after Smith had arrested Susan Freeman,

47, of 2330 Lilly Ferry Road on the same charge.

Her citation states that Freeman was slumped over in her vehicle while it was parked on Main Street.

◆ Billy Gene Stepp, 44, of Blackburn Road, Irvine was charged with criminal mischief, first degree on July 10 by Deputy Chris Coffey.

The deputy said that he received a call that an individual hit the window and head light out of a truck. Coffey spoke with the victim

at Sandhill Church. Then he went to Stepp's address. The citation states that Stepp admitted to damaging the truck and showed the deputy the pipe he had used.

He told the deputy that he had asked the ladies to leave and they did not. So he started hitting their vehicle.

Coffey said that Stepp was heavily intoxicated.

He said the vehicle belonged to Charles Poe and had heavy scratches down its side. Stepp's bail was set at \$1,000 cash.

Thefts of everything

VETERANS POST by Freddy Groves

We've seen these stories before: a Department of Veterans Affairs employee finally gets caught stealing drugs. Usually this happens in a VA hospital, but not always. Recently, a former chief pharmacist at a veterans care home admitted that he stole 12,000 doses of various opioids and tampered with the electronic and manual prescription logs to cover it up. And how long will he stay in the slammer? It's likely to only be four years.

There are problems in veterans care homes, but it isn't always drugs that are taken. Sometimes it's cash. In one care home, the receptionist was charged with stealing \$8,000 in pre-purchased meal money and then fixing the books. Turns out this receptionist was a convicted felon and had stolen \$60,000 from a previous employer, a fact that never showed up in a background check.

At another VA nursing home, an assistant administrator got hold of a veteran's

ATM card and checkbook and used it as his own personal piggy bank.

A fiduciary, responsible for managing a veteran's money, misdirected \$71,000 of a veteran's assets and kept collecting after the veteran had gone into a veterans' care home.

A registered nurse at another veterans' care home brazenly stole money. At yet another veteran home, two people were charged with stealing donated money that was to be used for an event for the residents.

Sometimes, though, it's not drugs or cash. Sometimes it's medals. That's when it gets personal. A 96-year-old veteran had his Legion d'Honneur medal, France's highest decoration (given to him by the French consul general for his efforts on D-Day) stolen from a bedside drawer. The veteran's job during the war in France was to mark minefields. I'm glad to report that the veteran's nephew managed to get him a replacement medal from France.

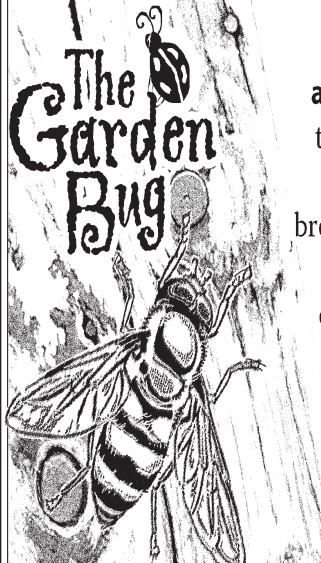
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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Do not envy a violent man or choose any of his ways, for the Lord detests a perverse man but takes the upright into his confidence.

— PROVERBS 3: 31, 32

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The Garden Bug

Wasp or bee stings can cause **anaphylaxis**, a severe reaction that may include itching of the eyes or face, swallowing and breathing difficulties, abdominal pain, cramps, vomiting, diarrhea, hives or angioedema (swelling similar to hives, but beneath the skin). Seek help right away if you experience any of these symptoms.

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