

New 4-H Agent

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Lewis plans to take the middle schoolers to a 4-H Summer Conference at the 4-H camp at Jabez. Teens will go to a conference on the UK campus. She said this will give them leadership opportunities.

While attending UK, Lewis had an internship in 4-H in Franklin County. She was also a program assistant in Harrison County.

One of the programs she did as the program assistant was a chick program, which she hopes to get started in Estill County.

Lewis has Kentucky roots which she is proud of. Her great grandmother was born at Tyner, Ky., which is in Breathitt County.

Her great grandparents married in Breathitt County. They moved to Ohio so her great grandfather could find work.

She has a younger brother who is now attending college, and a younger sister still in high school who is also active in 4-H.

Lewis, 22, will be working on her master's degree at UK.

The Estill County Extension Service remains will now be working on filling a vacancy for a Consumer Science agent.

KSP arrests couple

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Smith was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, fleeing or evading police, first degree (on foot), resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct, second degree.

Trooper Brandon Roark charged Smith's girlfriend, Sheila Michelle Ray, 48, of Clay City with possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

He said he located a .22 caliber revolver in a cabinet shared by Ray and Smith. The citation states that Ray was convicted of a felony in 2010 stemming from a drug

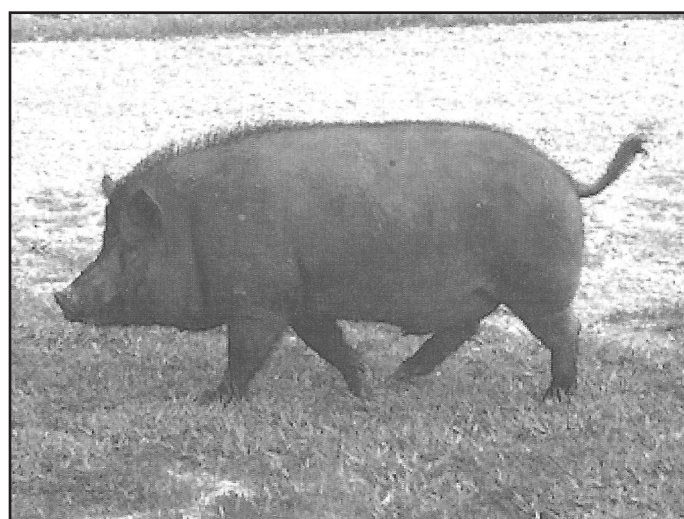
charge.

Ray was arrested and transported to jail. Before she was turned over to jail staff, Trooper Roark asked Ray if she had any contraband on her. She allegedly replied that she had approximately an eight ball of meth inside a body cavity.

The trooper transported Ray to Marcum Wallace Hospital, and ER staff reportedly watched her remove the drug. The citation states that a small baggie of methamphetamine was inside Ray's body cavity.

She was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine).

Trooper John Northern assisted with the investigation.



Animal Control Officer Tommy Mullen recently got an unusual call. Over the years, the shelter has kept many animals besides dogs and cats. But last week, Mullen got a call about a wild hog on Dry Ridge Road. The hog was trying to turn over a side by side ATV. When a county worker arrived on the scene, it made threatening moves toward the worker. Mullen thinks the pig was once a tame animal which was turned loose. Because of its actions, it had to be euthanized.

Photo by Tommy Mullen

Woman arrested for shoplifting over \$3,000

On Sunday afternoon, an Irvine woman was arrested for shoplifting over \$3,000 in merchandise from the local Rite Aid.

Melissa McMaine, manager of Rite Aid, called 911 to report the shoplifting.

Deputy James Marshall

said while he was on his way to Rite Aid, the woman left the store with the shopping cart full of merchandise heading west on Richmond Road.

He requested assistance from Irvine Officer Stewart Morris who stopped the woman until he arrived on the

scene.

Deputy Marshall charged Marie Belle Stepp, 40, of Stacy Lane with theft by unlawful taking or disposition shoplifting \$500 or more but under \$10,000.

The deputy also served an arrest warrant on Stepp

from Madison County which charged her with the same offense in that county.

That warrant says she shoplifted from a business on Lantern Ridge Drive on June 27 and took over \$500 worth of items. The items were described as make-up.

Local Police Activity

Christopher Henson, 48, of Tickey Fork Road, Ravenna was charged with violation of an EPO/DVO on September 8 by Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith.

His ex-wife reported to IPD that Henson had thrown some screws and personal items behind her vehicle.

Chief Smith said by using surveillance, that Henson was observed on two separate occasions traveling by his ex-wife's residence.

Irvine Officer Stewart Morris pulled over Mr. Henson's vehicle at 8th Street in Ravenna.

The citation states that he had been within 50 feet of his ex-wife's house within city limits of Irvine.

A Madison District Court bench warrant was served Sept. 2 on **Joshua G. Rose**, 27, of Kirkland Ave., Irvine. The warrant says Rose failed to appear for three traffic related charges. Judge C. Hardin set his bail at \$250.00 cash.

A mandatory re-entry supervision violation warrant was served on Rodney Shane Hix on September 3 by Officer Jason Conrad.

The warrant was issued because Hix allegedly absconded his parole supervision and failed to report to his parole officer. Hix was released on July 3 after being convicted in Estill County of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin) and tampering with physical evidence.

A bench warrant for failure to pay in Estill Circuit Court was served Sept. 5 in **Devin Coffey**, 23, of Glory Street, Irvine.

Coffey had been found guilty of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) in April 2018.

Judge Michael Dean set Coffey's bail at \$245.00 cash.

Jesse L. Swartz, 35, of Salt Lick, Ky., was arrested August 27 on a Montgomery County bench warrant by Officer Stewart Morris.

He was given a diverted sentence in 2014 for receiving stolen property under \$10,000.

Judge P. Isaacs set his bail at \$10,000 cash for an alleged probation violation.

Craig A. Mullins, 41, of Jackson, KY was charged with public intoxication - controlled substance, and two counts of possession of a controlled substance, first

degree and first offense (heroin and methamphetamine) on Sept. 8 by Sheriff Chris Flynn.

The sheriff was called to 82 Food Mart because Mullins and a female had been at the business for a long period of time and appeared to be under the influence.

Devan Renee Wilson, 38, was charged by the sheriff with public intoxication at 82 Food Mart.

Kayla C. Brinegar, 27, of Kirkland Ave. was arrested Sept. 3 by Deputy James Marshall and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine).

She called 911 from McKee Road (Highway 89) and said she did not know how she got there.

Marshall said he had been looking for her vehicle due to an earlier complaint. He almost struck her vehicle parked in the middle of the highway at 2:12 a.m.

EMS responded to the scene but she refused medical treatment.

Marshall arrested **Corey Michael McKinney**, 24, of Mt. Junction, Irvine on Sept. 3 on charges of second degree assault (domestic violence), alcohol intoxication and strangulation, first degree.

He found McKinney sitting on the hood of a car outside 255 Lincoln Avenue. McKinney's wife was at a neighbor's house.

Irvine Officer Jason Conrad made contact with the wife, who was covered in blood. Her face was bruised and swollen. She had marks around her neck.

She told the officer that her husband had beat her with his fist, kicked her, and choked her to the point of passing out. She was transported to the hospital for treatment.

McKinney was arraigned on Sept. 6 where he pleaded not-guilty to all charges. His bail is set at \$5,000 cash.

Devin Amery Hall, 26, of Clay City was charged with second degree burglary and criminal mischief third degree on Sept. 6 by Deputy Marshall.

He had been sharing an apartment at Stacy Lane with a female when he moved out about a month ago.

When he returned on Friday morning, the female left the apartment in fear, according to the citation. The

citation states he followed her and threw a rock through two windows of the apartment where she went.

He returned to the shared apartment, where Marshall said he found him. Hall had been advised by management not to be on Stacy Lane Apartments property.

His bail was set at \$750 cash.

A criminal complaint obtained by Deputy Chris Coffey was served on **Tabitha Smith**, 36, of Crooked Creek Road, Irvine by Deputy Marshall on August 31.

The complaint charged her with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine).

It says she left her wallet at Family Dollar on June 24. The suspected methamphetamine was reportedly inside the wallet.

A bench warrant was served by Sheriff Chris Flynn on Keisha J. Hardy, 36, of Henry White Road, Irvine.

The warrant says Hardy failed to pay after given a diverted sentence in August 2018 for third degree criminal trespassing.

Estill District Judge William Leach set her bail at \$128.00 cash.

Deputy Marshall charged Kenneth G. Collins, 51, of McKee Road, Irvine with driving on a suspended license, first offense, on Sept. 7 on McKee Road.

The deputy also served a bench warrant on Collins from Madison County for alleged failure to appear.

Deputy Josh Rison served an arrest warrant on **Ronald B. Penman**, 28, of Old Fox Road, Irvine, for failing to appear in Estill District Court on August 21 to answer seven traffic charges.

Ralph Brewer, 60, of Court Street, Irvine was cited Sept. 5 by Deputy Marshall for operating on a suspended or revoked operator license.

Deputy Marshall served an arrest warrant from Scott District Court on Sept. 5 on **Ronald E. Wells**, 25, of clay City. It says Wells failed to appear on a possession of marijuana charge. His bail was set at \$500.00 cash.

Deputy Rison served a bench warrant on **Shannon Hardy**, 39, of Cedar Grove Road, Irvine for failure to appear in Estill District Court on July 29. He had been charged with operating a motor vehicle with expired operator license, no registration receipt, failure to illuminate head lamps, and

failure of owner to maintain required insurance.

No bail was set for Hardy.

A Powell County bench warrant was served on **Ronald E. Wells Jr.**, 34, of Stacy Lane, Irvine on Sept. 5 by Deputy Marshall.

The warrant charges Wells with flagrant non-support and probation violation.

Dakota Collett, 24, of Stacy Lane was served with an arrest warrant by Deputy Rison. It was for failure to appear in Estill District Court on charges of endangering the welfare of a minor and alcohol intoxication in a public place. No bail was set.

Toni Heather Niece, 27, of Main Street, Ravenna was charged Sept. 5 by Sheriff Flynn with failure to produce insurance card during a traffic stop.

A bench warrant was served on Kevin Moes, 57, of Mt. Springs Road, Ravenna by Deputy Rison for Estill Circuit Court.

It says Moes failed to appear on charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and fleeing or evading police second degree (on foot). No bail was set.

Deputy Marshall served a Madison District Court bench warrant on **Andrew Gill**, 34, of Clearview Drive, Irvine. It says Gill failed to appear on three traffic related charges. His bail was set at \$250.00 cash.

Gill was also served with a bench warrant from Estill District Court by Deputy Marshall. It says he failed to appear for operating on a suspended or revoked license. No bail was set.

Erica M. Coffey, 37, of Crooked Creek Road, Irvine, was served with a warrant by Deputy Rison on Sept. 2. She had allegedly failed to appear in Madison District Court. Her bail was set at \$250.00.

A bench warrant was served Sept. 3 by Sheriff Flynn on **Michael Crim**, 30, of George Street, Irvine. He allegedly failed to appear in Estill District Court on seven traffic related offenses. No bail was set.

Angelica Bishop, 28, of Richmond was cited by Deputy Marshall on August 30 for disregarding a traffic control device, no operator/moped license, and failure of owner to maintain required insurance. She is scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 25.

Fiscal court keeps same tax rates on real estate

The Estill Fiscal Court met in special session Wednesday afternoon to adopt tax rates and amend the budget.

The fiscal court first discussed rates for county real estate, and decided to keep the same rate of 8.9 cents per \$100 as last year.

Tax rates for all taxing districts remain the same except for the Estill County Board of Education.

Property taxes for the school board dropped from 51.80 cents per \$100 to 51.30.

The fiscal court really has no control of the taxes by special districts but has to enter the taxes into the minutes of their meeting. This is so the number will be printed on tax bills.

Bids were opened for blacktop and gravel. Hinkles submitted the only bids for both, which were accepted for the fiscal year ending

June 30, 2020.

A bid for radios and batteries was awarded to Wise Radio and Electronics. These items will be paid for out of CSEPP funds.

The current budget was amended to include a federal grant of \$1,085,445. This is CSEPP funds for designated items.

Judge Donnie Watson thanked Hunter's Hounds for finding a little boy on the previous Sunday. The group went back two days later to find the youngster again.

He said that all of the sites on county roads on the FEMA list have been repaired with the exception of three.

This year, the county has been reimbursed \$9,924.64 for mileage transporting some prisoners.

"That's money the county wasn't getting before," Watson stated.

Ravenna finally gets audit of '17 fiscal year

Ravenna Council met with auditors from Jones & Associates during their meeting on Monday.

The auditor presented the audit for fiscal year 2017.

She stated the city received an unmodified opinion on the audit. She explained this was the best of four opinions they could have received.

The city was written up on a few areas, and the auditor explained because Ravenna was a small city, they could not change that.

She said that Municipal Road Aid funds for 2017 should be available when City Clerk Ashley Moore mails in a copy of the audit. The auditing firm must also submit an online copy.

A Ravenna couple for the last six and a half years complained to the council saying they had been harassed by the city since they moved to Ravenna.

The couple was told to move chairs, toys, and a camper from their lawn.

The lady said she had eight grandchildren.

She presented to the council multiple photos of other spots in Ravenna which she said need to be taken care of. She asked the council to be more fair.

Five runs were reported by Fire Chief David Harvey, including an alarm going off.

The department extinguished a recliner fire on Main Street and went to a controlled burn on Cantrill Street.

A 12 year old got stuck in a swing at the park but was freed by the time the fire department arrived.

On August 15, the fire department went to Poplar Street to assist EMS until they could arrive at the scene.

Police Chief Ken White reported 32 activities for August, with six of them being traffic stops. He issued four warnings about city ordinance violations.

Man transported to UK after fleeing from KSP

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The trooper said he shone his light on the pond where he saw the man in the water. Rescue pulled the man from the water, who complained of pain in his shoulder. EMS arrived and administered first aid.

The trooper said he observed a prescription pill bottle laying next to the man while he was in the water. He retrieved it. KSP located a white powder substance and another unidentified substance to be sent to KSP lab.

Trooper Bobea charged Jimmy Lee Draggoo, 56, of Wall Street, Irvine with fleeing or evading police, first degree (motor vehicle), speeding 20 mph over limit, reckless driving, failure to and or improper signal, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, wanton endangerment, second degree of a police officer, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and operating on a suspended or revoked license.

EMS transported Draggoo to Marcum and Wallace Hospital. He was then transferred to UK Hospital.