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Hargett man is charged with stealing copper pipe from coal wash property

One arrest has been made into several recent burglaries at Bowie Refined Coal that is located at the former South East Coal Co. property. Danial Patterson reported on July 20 to Deputy Randy Farthing the office had been broken into several times between July 16 and 20. Farthing's report states that entry was gained into the office by breaking a window. A chair was sitting in front of the window with boot prints

visible on it. The report adds the office building had been destroyed. The dry wall had been torn out to cut out the copper wire and pipe. Damages to the building are estimated at \$20,000 to \$30,000. The deputy said the intruder returned to the property after the report was made by Patterson. A red Chevy truck was located on the property which had a piece of copper

pipe matching that taken from the office. Farthing said the intruder was not found in the office area, but he took as evidence a red bandana, hacksaw, flash light, and a can of tobacco. The deputy said he had the red truck towed, and a truck driver watched the area where the truck was parked but its owner did not return. **Continued on Page 15**

Woman is robbed Wednesday

Investigation continues into the robbery of a woman at her residence on Little Buck Creek last Wednesday night. Deputy Randy Farthing is calling it a first degree robbery because force was used to illegally take property and the victim was injured during the theft. The report says that a couple, who were friends with

Melissa Lewis, came to her residence to take her to the store around 8 p.m. Lewis went to the road to meet her female friend, who was a passenger in a vehicle driven by her husband. Lewis told Deputy Farthing there were two children in the back seat and she asked where she was going to ride. The victim told the deputy the female passenger grabbed

her hand which had \$95 in it, and the male drove off, dragging the victim about 100 feet down the road before she could free herself. Farthing said that Lewis had a large gash on her head and road rash on her back. Because the couple has not been charged, their names are being withheld. Arrests are pending in the case.

New principal at Estill Springs leaves for job at Eminence Robbins is named interim principal

by CATHY DAWES
The Estill County Tribune
With approximately two weeks until the beginning of a new school year Estill Springs Elementary is left without a principal. On Wednesday, July 17th Principal BJ Martin turned in her resignation to Superintendent Bert Hensley. Martin had been hired in 2011 by the site based council of West Irvine Elementary and served as the principal until the end of 2012-2013 school year when the school district made the decision to reconfigure the two elementary schools. Martin was then moved to Estill Springs where she had been working diligently over the summer to prepare the school for first and second graders when school resumes in August. She had also worked for the school system once before back in 2003. After teaching in Jackson County, Martin came to Estill Springs to teach 5th grade and was later given the job

as Curriculum Coach for the district. In 2007 she left to take a position in Shelby County. Before returning to Estill County in 2011, Martin was hired by the Kentucky Department of Education to assist low performing schools. She was assigned to Western High School in Jefferson County and Leslie County High School. "This was a bittersweet decision for me professionally, but one that will allow me to spend more time with my family," stated Martin. Martin has accepted an administrative position in Eminence, Kentucky. She will serve as assistant principal for the high school and middle school which consists of approximately 360 students. She will also serve as the District Assessment Coordinator, oversee KPREP assessments, EPAS administration, and end of course exams at the high school and College Career Readiness Assessments. **Continued on Page 15**

She added that the high school is currently ranked in the 82nd percentile in the state of Kentucky and the middle school is ranked in the 71st percentile. Martin and her family plan to move to Frankfort in the next few weeks to be closer to her job and her husband's as well. She stated that for the past three years her husband has had to commute to Frankfort each day and some weeks has had to stay away from home during the work week. The new change will allow the three of them to spend more quality time together by eliminating his long commute. She said that family is the most important thing and she is ecstatic about the extra time that they will be able to spend together. Martin says they still plan to keep the farm that they own in Estill County and look forward to spending weekends there with their friends and family. **Continued on Page 15**



Amy Kash Stefanic placed third in the KMSHA/SMHA Open Ladies Trail Pleasure class on Saturday. The Horse Show was an event of the 2013 Estill County Fair. Because it was scheduled several weeks after the rest of the fair, the horse show was not plagued by the rain which cancelled most other fair events.

Dog causes motorcycle to wreck on Pea Ridge Road, injuring rider

Deputy Josh Rison investigated a motorcycle wreck on Pea Ridge Road on Tuesday, July 16 around 2:30 p.m. The deputy said that Kevin S. Abney of Dark Hollow

Road was traveling west on a 2013 Harley when a dog crossed the road in front of the bike. The bike wrecked, and Abney was transported to

Marcum & Wallace Hospital by Estill County EMS. His injuries were described as minor. The motorcycle did receive damages.

Estill Student Graduates From Rogers Scholars Youth Leadership Program

Estill County High School student Kaylee Isfort graduated this summer from The Center for Rural Development's 2013 Class of Rogers Scholars. Isfort attended a one-week summer session of Rogers Scholars held for the first time on the campus of Lindsey Wilson College in Adair County. "This program has taught me so many valuable lessons that will stick with me all through my life," said Isfort. "It also has opened doors and opportunities I would have never dreamed of before Rogers Scholars." The Rogers Scholars program provides leadership and exclusive college scholarship opportunities for rising high school juniors in Southern and Eastern Kentucky to realize their full potential as the region's next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs. "This year's class of Rogers Scholars is an exceptional group of young leaders," said Delaney Stephens, community liaison and youth programs coordinator for The Center. "I have high hopes for all of them as they return to their hometowns in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. There is no limit on what these Scholars can do, and I look forward to seeing them develop

into future business and civic leaders this region needs." Kaylee is the daughter of John and Donna Isfort. Graduates of the Rogers Scholars program earn access to exclusive scholarship offers from 18 partner colleges and universities.



Kaylee Isfort

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KY-89 North in Estill County to be closed on Monday, July 29
JACKSON, KY - In order to replace two damaged drainage pipes, the Kentucky Department of Highways plans to close KY 89 in Estill County on Monday, July 29. The road will be closed near mile marker 16, or between Dry Ridge Road and KY 794. The project will begin around 9 a.m. and will continue until approximately 1 p.m. During this time, the road will be closed to all through traffic. No marked detour will be posted, but drivers can use either KY 1705 (White Oak Road) and KY 794 (Dry Branch Road), or Dry Ridge Road, as a detour route. Motorists should plan their trips accordingly. In case of inclement weather, the closure will be postponed until the next suitable day.

