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IRVINE & RAVENNA, KENTUCKY 40336

KSP arrests two for trafficking at scene of the alleged robbery

Road.

The men were not word on their status. charged with shooting the men were the shooters.

victims was pronounced for the two men who ficking in a controlled dead at the scene. The were in life-threatening substance, first degree

Two men were arrest- other two were trans- conditions. ed last Tuesday evening ported to the University at the location of a deadly of Kentucky hospital with Crest, Irvine and Daniel O. robbery on Richmond life-threatening injuries. Rhodus, 26, of Richmond There has been no official were arrested at the rob-

Kentucky State Police er Tv Robinson. three alleged robbers. It is identified the deceased unknown if the arrested man as James Baker, 26, them with trafficking One of the shooting been no names released

Andre Fox, 26, of Mt.

pounds, first offense, traf-

and first offense (LSD), and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess.

Robinson's citations give no details on the bery scene by KSP Troop- charges, except that they are in reference to Detec-He charged each of tive Austin Brashear's investigation. Det. Brashear of Mallie, Kv. There have in marijuana over five is continuing to investigate the robbery.

The arrested men were arraigned by video on Friday by District Judge William Leach. Judge Leach has not been having in-person court hearings. Fox and Rhodus pled not-guilty to the charges. Judge Leach scheduled preliminary hearings for them on October 14.

Fox's bail has been set at \$40,000 cash, and Rhodus' at \$50,000.

During a preliminary hearing, evidence will be presented to the judge. He will then determine if there is enough evidence to send the case to the grand jurv.

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Andre Fox Photo/Three Forks Jail



Daniel Rhodus Photo/Three Forks Jail

after pursuit by state police

was arrested October 7 Danny Lee Abney, who ed. on the Richmond Road was known to have felony on numerous charges by Trooper Ty Robinson.

to make a left turn onto to make a traffic stop. Richmond Road.

Obituaries

Victor Cain, 45

Ronnie Criswell, 71

Thomas Hall, 79

Lucy Martin, 76

Joseph Pendergest Jr., 60

Ruth Reynolds, 100

Ogal Spicer, 98

Phyllis Winkler, 60

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warrants for his arrest.

Deputy Smith was trav-Deputy Brad Smith eling on Richmond Road had observed a 2006 and made a "u-turn" in Gold Yukon Denali at the the roadway to go back to said speeds reached 75 end of Clear Creek Road the intersection of Clear mph in a 55 mph zone which was attempting Creek/Richmond Road on Richmond Road. The

The citation states that make a left turn but made onto Stacy Lane. vehicle was believed to a right turn going toward

Trooper Robinson said he got behind Deputy Smith and then took over the lead pursuit vehicle behind the Denalia. He driver refused to stop The Denali did not and made a right turn

While on Stacy Lane,

An Estill County man have been operated by Irvine, the trooper stat- Trooper Robinson said he saw a white object coming

Danny Lee Abney Photo/Three Forks Jail

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Dr. Stack speaks to Irvine council about needle exchange program

Trick or Treat will be on October 31, 6-8 p.m.

by CATHY DAWES **Tribune Staffwriter**

Dr. Steven Stack, health commis- needles. sioner for the state of Kentucky, spoke to members of the Irvine council on Monday night during a virtual meeting about the benefits of the needle exchange program that is organized by the local health department.

the top counties in the United States for opioid abuse, and that withdrawing from the needle exchange program would cause a financial hardship on the community

spread of infectious diseases. He added that he would like to work with tion to the problem. They would be the health department and the city to continue the program.

Mayor James Gross said that recently a little girl found a needle

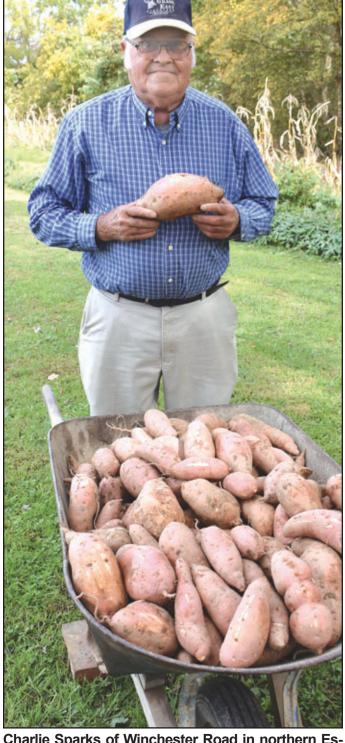
close to Estill Springs and just down the road a lady picked up three more

Gross said that it's been a major problem since the needle exchange program began ,and one of the officers had been stuck picking up a needle in the past few weeks as well.

IPD Chief John Sturniolo spoke Stack said that Estill County is one of about a local dealer who was selling needles that had blood in them along with the drug, and that was just one of the issues that the community has been facing since the program began.

Several of the council members It would also cause an uptick in the agreed that drug use was a big problem, and they didn't know the soluwilling to revisit their decision on withdrawing from the program during their next in-person meeting.

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Charlie Sparks of Winchester Road in northern Estill County shows off his crop of sweet potatoes he raised on his 200-acre farm in the Palmer Community. He and his family moved on this farm on April 20, 1962 and have been farming and gardening ever since. Charlie is now 84 years old and retired but continues raising sweet potatoes and other vegetables. He recently sold several boxes of tomatoes to area stores. Charlie drove a school bus for Estill County Schools for many years and, like other drivers such as Othal Dawson and Sheridan Berryman, he was well-liked and respected by the students. On the Hargett Alumni Facebook page it was noted by one former student under a picture of Othal, "Never rode Othal's but I did ride Charlie's. Great memories with great people!"



The Matthew and Rosemary Watson family opened a fundraising rally for Bill Wesley, candidate for state representative of the 91st district on Friday. The opening song was "The Star Spangled Banner," which the Watsons sang acapello. Two of their sons are not pictured, but they were also singing with the family. Many other gospel groups performed at the fundraiser.

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