



I am feeling great today. I walked the property that I am going to hunt, it won't cost me a penny to hunt there. There were no dogs, no loud trucks, and right from the owners mouth, "you will be the only one hunting here." Wow, what more can a person ask for?

When I was a kid growing up in the town of McRoberts, next to the Virginia, Tennessee border, we spent a lot of time hunting and fishing; a trait that is still with me today. This past week, I have received several texts about doing some raccoon hunting stories, from some friends. Sometimes we forget that there are other seasons besides deer and turkey.

The gang and myself never missed a night to

go "coon" hunting. Problem was, we could hunt a month and tree one coon. We hunted Letcher, Harlan, Knott, and Powell counties, and believe me that is what we did, hunt. Things have changed now days; the raccoon has made a come back. I have not put together a reason for the come back - less hunting, better management by hunting clubs - but whatever the reason, they are now back in style.

My friends from Letcher County, Tyler Lucas, and Derek Cook, sent me some pictures of their first three nights of hunting. Even I was impressed. They harvested four raccoons in three hunts, all in Letcher County. Their choice of dogs are Red Bone, and they hunt with a "Grand Night Champion" by the name of Hustler. Hustler is a 5-year-old and in his prime. I am also reminded, they have better lights than we did. We used miners carbide lamps, although I am sure the lights don't affect the dogs' nose.

It is without a doubt, a young man or woman's sport, trying to get to a bayed dog before the animal treed, decides to jump and run again. If anyone in Estill County still raccoon hunts, drop me a line, we will put a story in the paper for you.

Please check out Ole Hustler at work in these pictures.

Turkey season with a shotgun opens on October 24th, we will talk more about it next week.

You can email Steve Brewer at <Steve@EstillTribune.com> and message is forwarded.



Police Activity Report

Trenton Hall, 23, of Blue Run Road, Irvine, Johnathan Barrett, 23, of Louisville, and Alexandria Nakota Lee, 23, of Forest Hill Drive, Irvine, were each charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense by Det. Sam Hensley on October 8. According to citations, Lee was driving a vehicle which was traffic stopped on Broadway. The two men were passengers.

During the investigation, Det. Hensley said that Lee's fanny pack was found inside the vehicle. Inside the fanny pack was a small red baggie, which contained possible methamphetamine.

IPD Officer Jason Conrad served an Estill District Court warrant on Keisha M. Woolery, 36, of Blue Run Road, Irvine on October 7.

Officer Jim Marshall served a Madison County warrant on William Klerna, 30, of Lincoln Avenue, Irvine on October 11. The warrant was served for probation violation of a felony offense.

James Blake Tipton, 30, of Cat Creek, Irvine was charged with improper equipment and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, first offense on Oct. 12.

Marshall said he observed a vehicle traveling south on KY 89 south

with extremely bright off-road fog lights on. He conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle because he was unable to make out the license plate number.

The officer added that he could smell alcoholic beverages and performed field sobriety tests.

Det. Hensley served a warrant for Estill County Court on Christopher Cole, 45, on Oct. 10. The citation states the complaint was on charges of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) and possession of a controlled substance, third degree.

Douglas Earl Brandenburg, 39, of N. Madison Ave., Irvine was charged Oct. 11 with possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, third degree, and possession of a controlled substance, first degree.

Officer Russell "Doc" Morris was dispatched to Evergreen Drive to investigate a suspicious vehicle.

When he approached the vehicle, he said the driver was slumped over the steering wheel. He could also see pill bottle in the center console.

The citation states that the pill bottle contained one oxycodone hydrochloride, two gabapentin, and a small bag of marijuana.

On October 7, KSP Trooper Ty Robinson arrested Rebecca L. Tackett, 22, of Waco for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess, and careless driving, and failure to wear seat belts.

Trooper Robinson observed Tackett driving her vehicle careless on South Irvine Road. A traffic stop was made at Owlhead's Grocery.

She reportedly gave permission for the trooper to look in her bag. He said he found a crystal like substance believed to be methamphetamine.

Deputy Josh King placed Tackett in the back of his cruiser. He asked if she had anything illegal, and she removed a vial that contained a folded up one dollar bill.

Trooper Robinson said that inside the dollar bill was another small baggie of methamphetamine.

After Tackett's arrest, she was taken to Marcum & Wallace Hospital for a blood draw. The citation states that she refused a chemical test before being lodged in Three Forks Regional Jail. She has been released from jail after posting a bond.

Deputy Brad Smith assisted the trooper at the scene.

Justin Edward Insprucker, 35, of Fairfield, Ohio was arrested on an Estill County warrant on Sept. 30.

The warrant was served by Trooper Joseph Semtak of Rowan County State Police, Post 8. It had been obtained by KSP Trooper John Northern of the Richmond state police post.

Trooper Northern said that on December 9, Insprucker was in possession of a 2004 GMC truck which had been stolen out of West Carrollton, Ohio.

The citation states that Trooper Northern received information and located the truck in Estill County.

Insprucker was charged with receiving stolen property under \$10,000.

Irvine man is charged with DUI after nearly hitting band students

An Irvine man was arrested Tuesday morning after nearly hitting students and band staff who were practicing on the field behind Estill Springs Elementary.

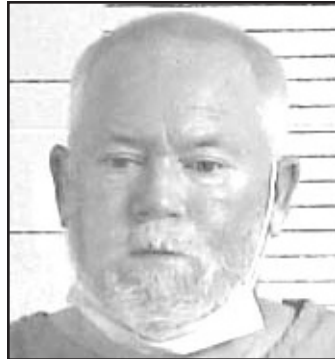
IPD Detective Sam Hensley charged William Caudill, 52, of Irvine with driving under the influence, third offense, and

15 counts of wanton endangerment.

Police say the students and band leaders from the percussion group ran to avoid being struck.

According to police, Caudill's blood alcohol level was .311, almost four times the legal limit.

Caudill was lodged in Three Forks Regional Jail.



William Caudill
Photo/Three Forks Jail

Late UK golfer's sister, Cathryn, shows her talent & toughness with 7th-place finish at state tourney

by Larry Vaught

Getting to play in the last group on the final day of the girls state high school golf tournament and finishing in the top 10 are both terrific accomplishments.

But for Lyon County sophomore Cathryn Brown, her seventh-place finish at last week's state tourney was even more meaningful. Not only has she had to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic but her brother, University of Kentucky golfer Cullan Brown, died at age 20 in August about a year after being diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer.

Cathryn Brown had a 3-over par 75 in round one and came back with a 77 — she did birdie her final hole — to finish 8-over par and tie for seventh. She was seven shots off the winning score.

"I am super proud of her," her mother, Emily Brown, said. "She is real close to being where she wants to be. The putter was not there (on the final day) but she hit her driver like a champ."

No one would have been prouder than her brother. He told me two years ago if his sister decided to make golf her primary sport instead of basketball that she could be special. She was 12th in the 2019 state tourney and her mother says she may have "flipped" to where basketball is no longer her primary sport.



Cathryn Brown with state high school champion/best friend Macey Brown of Owensboro Apollo at last week's tournament. "Macey has been a rock of support for Cathryn the last two months," Emily Brown, Cathryn's mother, said. (Emily Brown Photo)

"I think she has flipped that switch," Emily Brown said.

Her play in Bowling Green at the state tourney showed not only the talent she has but how tough mentally she is despite being 15 years old.

"It was very emotional," Emily Brown said. "She is one tough cookie. She can put it in gear and focus on what she needs to do. That's pretty cool and is just part of the territory we are in as a family."

"She knows there are certain things we have to do each day to get by. I have described her as my tough girl. Fortunately she has an abundance of wonderful friends and a strong support system."

No one is a bigger supporter/role model than LGPA Tour regular Emma Talley of nearby Caldwell

County. Cullan Brown counted Talley as his role model and often played practice rounds with her.

"Emma has been a God-send," Emily Brown said. "She takes her to practice (when she's home). She calls or texts at least once every day just checking in and encouraging her. The first text she got (after the state tourney ended) was from Emma. There is just not a finer young lady than Emma."

Talley said she was proud of Brown's play at the state tourney. Talley won the state title three times — and would have won a fourth if she had not disqualified herself for signing an incorrect scorecard.

"Obviously the Browns have gone through a lot this year and she has really worked hard."

Men arrested at robbery scene

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Once the grand jury gets a case, the grand jury has 60 days to indict or charges can be dismissed. This rarely happens in high profile cases.

If the grand jury does not indict within 60 days, they can indict the accused on the same charges at a later date.

The two drug trafficking charges against Fox and Rhodus are Class C felonies. If found guilty, they could face five to ten years in prison on each charge and pay a fine of up to \$10,000.

The drug paraphernalia charge is a misdemeanor. The punishment is one year in jail and a \$500 fine.

If they are found guilty and at their sentencing, the judge may consider if a weapon was involved and if someone was seriously injured or killed, intentionally or otherwise.

A person is presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law.