



Today was opening day of archery black bear season in Letcher County. Turkey season with a shotgun opened; and, of course, deer hunting with archery is also open. I never took to the woods. It stormed all night, and I wasn't about to be caught in the mountains again, like

I was a few years ago.

I had decided to do something bold, a few years back, hunt all three game species at the same time. I put my crossbow across my shoulder, took my shotgun in hand, and headed to the top of Pine Mountain in a storm that just wouldn't quit. The wind was howling, the rain falling so heavy, you had zero visibility, and the leaves were blocking everything else. I went into the big mountain before daylight and came out right after dark. Out of the three animals, black bear, turkey, and deer, I had seen nothing. But I did learn a lesson in life. When the weather is bad and you don't have the desire to be wind burned, bruised, and can just barely walk, just sit this opening day out.

I noticed in *The Estill County Tribune*, where this county still has a poaching problem. In my opinion, and just in my opinion, there is no lower form of life than a poacher. They are not hunters, they give hunters a bad name, but poachers are scum. I don't know of

anyone being charged, or even caught poaching, in Letcher County in the last thirty years. Does that show how far behind times we are here.

I know this guy is not guilty, unless he is tried by his peers in a court of law. But from what I read, it goes to the old saying, "if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, quacks like a duck", well, you get the picture.

Estill County people I have learned are slow if ever to turn anyone in to the law, because they have been taught they are rats. Call me what you will, if I know something unlawful is happening, I will call the law. I believe anyone caught poaching, if they have taken game or not, should be sent to prison for life. Harsh, I don't think so. This county will never have the wild game it should have again, in my opinion, as long as the dogs run wild and poaching is happening. Please let us do better.

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School board tours new bus garage and area technology center sites

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Members of the school board toured the technology center and the new bus garage on October 20th. The bus garage 70 percent completed at that time with a completion date of October 31st.

Superintendent Jeff Saylor said that equipment and tools would soon be transferred from the city garage which they have been leasing for several months.

The bleacher project replacement has been put out for bids but will not be completed until February 2021. The board agreed to purchase two more new buses which will make 18 new buses that have been purchased over the past six years.

Mr. Saylor said that there were a lot of happy faces last Monday as students returned to in person classes for the first time in seven months. Students in the district attend in person classes two days per week with group A going

to class on Monday and Tuesday and group B attending on Thursday and Friday. There are no in person classes on Wednesday which allows time for cleaning and sanitizing the buildings.

Saylor said that they will look at the metrics each week to determine whether or not to continue with in person classes or to return to virtual learning.

He added that with the return of sports that students would not be allowed to travel to a 'red' county to play games and they would have to look at other options.

He informed the board that the first cameras from NFHS would be installed before basketball season starts.

Charlotte O'Bryan talked about the school report card from last year. She said the graduation rate was good for the district but there wasn't a lot of data due to schools being shut down in the spring. There were no spring test scores to show due to the shut down.

New library opens on Phase 3

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For those who wish to enjoy the new library, hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance and the exit and masks must be worn at all times.

The financial report was approved by the board after Watson explained that the credit card was almost maxed out due to the purchase of lamps for the new building as well as Lysol and hand sanitizer when they are available.

She added that several people had made donations to the library to purchase lamps and that this is the first time that the credit card has been that close to its' maxi-

mum limit.

The board discussed naming the four meeting rooms at great length. The large meeting room located downstairs will be the Citizens Guaranty Bank room, and one room upstairs will be named after Sarah Noland.

The History room will be named the Blackwell/Long room for a couple who makes a donation to the library each year. The board agreed to get some input on the public as to what the other rooms should be named.

Kathy Watson said they are still working with Joyce Marcum on trying to sell the building on Main Street. Myra Finney said the building

is actually in a residential area and can only be used for a residence or a non-profit organization. Finney said that she is on the zoning commission and that there are only two members at this time, therefore, they are trying to figure out what the building can be used for.

She said she plans on meeting with Mayor James Gross soon and looking at the zones to see what can be done about the building.

The board moved into closed session to discuss the resignation of an employee and to discuss staffing. The next meeting will be held on November 18th at 1 o'clock.

Octogenarian arrested again

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Robinson stated he saw a clear baggie in the palm of Osborne's hand, and Osborne placed it behind his back as if he was trying to hide an unknown substance.

The citation states that Deputy Smith was able to remove the baggie from Osborne's hands. The baggie contained 1.01 ounces of suspected heroin, and Osborne had approximately \$1,500 in cash on him.

A search warrant was obtained for Osborne's residence. The officers stated they seized \$73.00 in cash and a digital scale from inside.

Osborne was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (heroin) and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess. He was lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail.

His bond on the latest charge was set at \$40,000 cash.

The court has set conditions for Osborne if he bails out of jail. He is not to violate any local, state, or federal laws, not to consume any alcohol or illegal

drugs, not use alcohol or illegal controlled substances, and make all scheduled court appearances.

The same officers had gone to Osborne's house on August 26 to investigate complaints of drug activity at Osborne's residence. They also obtained a search warrant on that date.

A citation says the officers confiscated approximately 71 grams of heroin and 50 grams of meth on August 26, along with \$8,921 and drug paraphernalia.

Osborne was then charged with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin and methamphetamine), and drug paraphernalia. He bonded out of jail on a \$10,000 bond.

On October 23, a warrant was issued for Osborne's arrest because he had violated his bond conditions with the new charges.

Court records say the person who posted Osborne's bond on the August 26 charges may not post a bond in this new case.

Police Activity Report

Cheyanna Sue Ogans, 21, of Richmond, was arrested October 25 by IPD Detective Sam Hensley for alcohol intoxication in a public place and second degree disorderly conduct.

The detective was investigating a traffic crash on Millers Creek Road when Ogans and **Larry Norton Jr.** arrived on the scene.

Officer Conrad said Norton, 36, of Tyler Lane, Irvine, pushed him. He tried to fight the officer and get his friends to come back to fight.

Norton was charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place, second degree disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

The citation states that Ogans yelled at law enforcement officers attempting to handcuff Larry D. Norton Jr. and started advancing toward them.

Officer James Marshall arrested **Andrew Nathaniel McIntosh**, 24, of Stacy Lane, Irvine in front of the 911 dispatch on Broadway.

McIntosh had been picked up at a party by his brother and was reported to be under the influence of alcohol. The brother stated that McIntosh had tried to start a fight with him.

When officers confronted McIntosh, they say he refused to comply with orders. He reached out and tried to touch Officer Stewart Morris.

McIntosh was charged with second degree disorderly conduct and drinking alcoholic beverage in public place.

Charlie S. Fauste, 41, of Laurel Street, Irvine was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence on Oct. 24 by Officer Morris. The citation states that Fauste was operating an ATV on Sweet Lick Road. He allegedly failed field sobriety tests.

Officer Conrad served a Madison Circuit Court warrant on **James A. Coffey**, 34, of Doe Creek Road, Irvine on Oct. 21.

Melissa Isaacs, 43, of Turner Avenue, Irvine was charged with public intoxication on Oct. 20 by Chief John Sturniolo.

The chief was dispatched to Turner and Rosebud Avenues to investigate a public disturbance. She told the chief that she had taken neurontin. Sturniolo said Isaacs was unsteady on her feet, had slurred speech, and displayed HGN.

An Estill Circuit Court warrant was served by Officer Conrad on Oct. 20 on **Timothy J. Purdue**, 40, homeless of Irvine.

An Estill District Court bench warrant was served on **Jonathan F. Harrison**, 35, of Broadway, Irvine by Officer Marshall. The warrant says that Harri-

son failed to appear for court.

Frank Estes, 35, of Winchester Road, Irvine was charged with tampering with physical evidence on October 23 by Sheriff Chris Flynn. The sheriff arrested Estes on an active Clark County arrest warrant.

While he was searching Estes' pockets, a piece of foil fell out of his cigarette pack. Flynn said Estes inserted it into his mouth. He and Court Security Officer Glenn Carroll tried to get Estes to spit the object out, but he refused.

After Flynn placed Estes in handcuffs, he sat Estes down to check his mouth. Nothing was found.

Mistie E. Combs, 45, of Richmond Road, Irvine was arrested Oct. 22 by Deputy Josh King. She was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Irvine Officer Jason Conrad said he saw Combs' vehicle cross the yellow line on the Irvine bridge. He added that it entered Conrad's lane of travel as it was traveling out of Irvine.

He radioed Deputy King, who initiated a traffic stop.

Combs had consented to a vehicle search, according to the citation. A K-9 was deployed and alerted to the odor of narcotics in the vehicle.

The officers located two small crystals which were suspected methamphetamine.

Deputy Brad Smith also assisted with the arrest.

Bail for Combs has been set at 10% of \$2,500 cash.

Court records say she was arrested on a new offense while she has a case pending.

Jeremiah Scott Hix, 40, of Winchester Road, Irvine was served with an Estill Circuit Court warrant by Officer Marshall on Oct. 24. Hix was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree or greater offense (greater than or equal to 2 gram sof methamphetamine).

The warrant states that Hix was engaged in trafficking in greater than two grams of methamphetamine on Sept. 26. Law enforcement executed a search warrant at Hix's residence that day.

Residents of the apartment identified a room at the apartment which was being used by Hix.

Officer Marshall said when law enforcement entered Hix's room, they located approximately 11.79 grams of a substance believed to be methamphetamine. They also discovered separated baggies, a digital scale and another small quantity of methamphetamine separated for individual use.

Arrest made in armed robbery

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It adds the three threatened the resident with deadly force, and aimed a firearm at the resident. The victim was injured when he was struck in the face with the stock of a firearm.

The warrant states that an altercation ensued when the firearm brandished by one of the assailants discharged. The victim was able to disarm the assailant. He along with another individual in the residence returned fire and disabled the defendant.

All three alleged robbers were shot during the altercation. James Baker, 26, of Mallie, Kentucky was pronounced

dead at the scene. Cross and another man were transported to UK Hospital for treatment of their injuries.

Burglary first degree is a Class B felony, punishable by ten to twenty years in prison. Since his arrest, Cross has been lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail at Beattyville.

The name of the third alleged robber has not been released.

Cross was arraigned by video in Estill District Court on October 21. He pleaded not-guilty to the charge.

Judge William Leach has scheduled a preliminary hearing for Cross on October 28.