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## Five indicted for failure to pay child support Grand jury ends February by returning 17 indictments on various offenses

The Estill County Grand jury returned 17 indictments on February 28, and five of those were for flagrant non-support.

The indictments say the defendants can reasonably pay child support for their children.

The indictment for Jared Ross, 37, of Covey Road, Irvine, says he is \$4,356.50 behind in child support, since June 2019. He made his last payment on May 10, 2019.

Ross' indictment also charged him with being a first degree persistent

felony offender. It says that he has been previously convicted of more than one prior felony offense.

Cody Ballard, 28, of Berea allegedly owes \$19,629.00, since November 2019. He made his last payment in October 2019.

Kimberly Samples, 34, of Oak Valley Road, Irvine is reportedly \$18,489.01 behind in child support since August 2017. Her last payment was made in July 2017.

Brandon Rogers owes \$27,529.10 according to the indictment, as of Sep-

tember 2013.

Brian Samples, 37, is allegedly in arrears of \$55,676.92 from November 2017 to the present.

The charge of flagrant non-support is a Class D felony. If found guilty, a defendant can be sentenced to serve one to five years in prison.

Wendy Edmonson, 45, of Winchester Road, Irvine was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. She allegedly had a piece of folded up paper with a brown powder inside on February 1, 2020. She

stated that it was heroin.

Sheriff Chris Flynn was the investigating officer.

Jeffrey McQueen, 34, of Glyn Court, Irvine was indicted for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, fourth offense or greater.

McQueen was allegedly driving under the influence of controlled substances on August 1, 2019. Fourth offense or greater is a Class D felony.

McQueen was traffic stopped by Deputy Chris Coffey on August 1, 2019.

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The Estill County Fire Department responded to a mobile home fire Saturday night on Old Landing Road. The male resident received second and third degree burns on his feet during the fire which Fire Chief Derrick Muncie calls accidental. Photo courtesy of the fire department

## Male resident receives burns when fire destroys his trailer

A male resident was burned Saturday night when the mobile home he was living in at 75 Old Landing Road caught fire.

"He was asleep and woke up," stated Estill County Fire Chief Derrick Muncie.

Muncie was unable to give the man's name because of privacy issues.

The man had walked to 290 Old Landing Road, and Muncie said that was where Estill County EMS picked him up. The ambulance was headed to UK

Hospital, but the man may have been transferred to a Cincinnati Hospital later.

"He was in such pain," Muncie stated.

Because of the man's pain, Muncie said he only talked to him for about a minute. The man was burned on his feet.

The man told Muncie that when he woke up, the fire was on the floor around his kerosene heater and then spread to the heater.

He also stated the fuel in the kerosene heater

was almost empty.

Muncie said they have not determined if there was a fuel leak in the heater, the fuel was spilled, or the heater exploded.

"It was just an accident," the fire chief stated.

He added the fire department found nothing suspicious. Muncie has talked to arson investigators who will not open an investigation.

Muncie said the mobile home was three-fourths burned when the fire department arrived.

## Local food bank may relocate in Ravenna

by CATHY DAWES  
Tribune Staffwriter

The Ravenna council met on Monday night and were introduced to Patrick Kirby who was in attendance to discuss the possibility of a food bank within the city.

Kirby had been at a meeting in 2018 and had discussed the possibility of obtaining a grant to help fund God's Outreach who currently has a location in Madison County as well as on the Winchester Road.

With four new members on the council there were many questions about the grant money and what role the city of Ravenna would play in helping obtain the grant for the food bank.

Kirby explained that the money is federal funds that is dispensed throughout the state. He said that larger cities almost always get some of the grant money and then smaller cities compete for the remainder of the funds.

He added that the city of Irvine is currently participating in one of the grants with the Wisemantown sewer project so they are not eligible to apply for the

grant. He said that upon reviewing the finances for the county he didn't think they would be an eligible candidate either.

Since the city of Ravenna had worked with the CDGB grants before on the housing projects and their finances and audits are in good standing that made them the best candidate to obtain the grant.

The location of the food bank would be built on a vacant lot directly across from the Ravenna Church of God.

Councilwoman Vicki Horn expressed her concerns about the lot being located in a flood plain. Councilwoman Valerie Flinchum agreed and said that water is almost always standing in that lot.

Kirby said that he was skeptical of it himself but would get more into that later on. He added if nothing else the building could be constructed on the backside of the lot.

The grant is in the amount of half a million dollars with the food bank matching with \$223,000. The funds would be used for the construction of the building only. When asked why they didn't try

to find a building that was empty Kirby explained that so many buildings are deemed historical and it makes it hard to work on them.

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## Stacy Lane resident charged with stealing a car from his neighbor

A Stacy Lane man was arrested March 5 by Deputy Chris Coffey for theft of an auto, and two other charges.

The citation states that Thacker, who lives at 2055 Stacy Lane went to 2202 Stacy Lane where he tried to get into the house.

It adds that he then went to a blue mini Cooper car and got into it. The vehicle belonged to Robert Burke's daughter who had just got home from school.

Coffey said that Thacker started the car, but Burke pulled him out of the vehicle. The two began fighting.

Thacker allegedly gave Coffey a man's name who had told him to steal the car. The deputy said that man had been dead for over a year.

Coffey said Thacker also stated that he had diplomatic immunity.

Thacker was taken to the hospital and treated for injuries.

Besides auto theft over \$500, he was charged with third degree criminal trespass, and public intoxication.

Court records say that Thacker was arrested on a new offense while he had a case pending.

His bail has been set at \$5,000 cash.

## Irvine sells Hummer for \$6,200

by CATHY DAWES  
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Irvine Mayor James Gross announced on Monday night that the city had received three bids on the Hummer that had been deemed as surplus property.

Gross opened the bids during the meeting and announced that J. Enterprises had the highest bid at \$6,200. He asked if the council was willing to sell it for that price, and all were in favor of accepting the bid.

Gross announced that after the last meeting the city had purchased a last-minute program for \$199 to do payroll on. He said the old program was outdated and was the reason why there had been

so many complications with payroll checks. He added that this new program will keep track of payroll, W-2's, and will also do monthly and yearly reports.

Eleven properties were turned over to the city attorney for delinquent taxes. Gross said one resident had paid the tax bill. Another had been in probate court and had also been paid. He informed the council that he had received a \$7,000 check from the city of Harrodsburg for a contract reimbursement.

A surplus auction will be held on April 4th at 10 a.m. Gross asked the council if they would like to add the Ford tractor to the list of items to be sold that day.

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