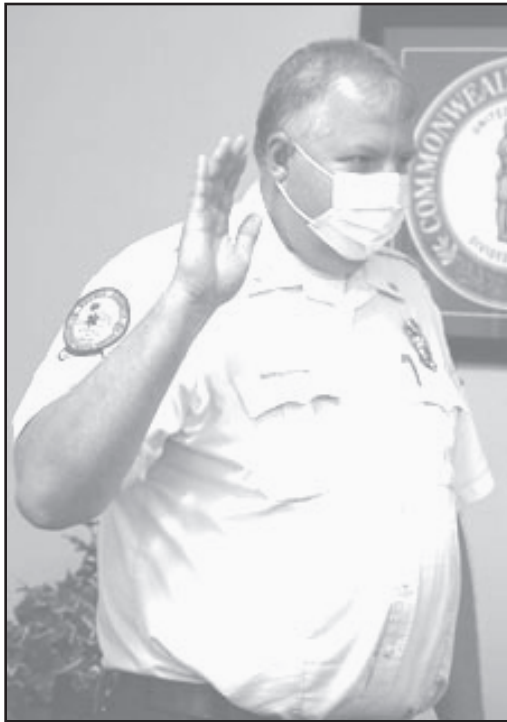


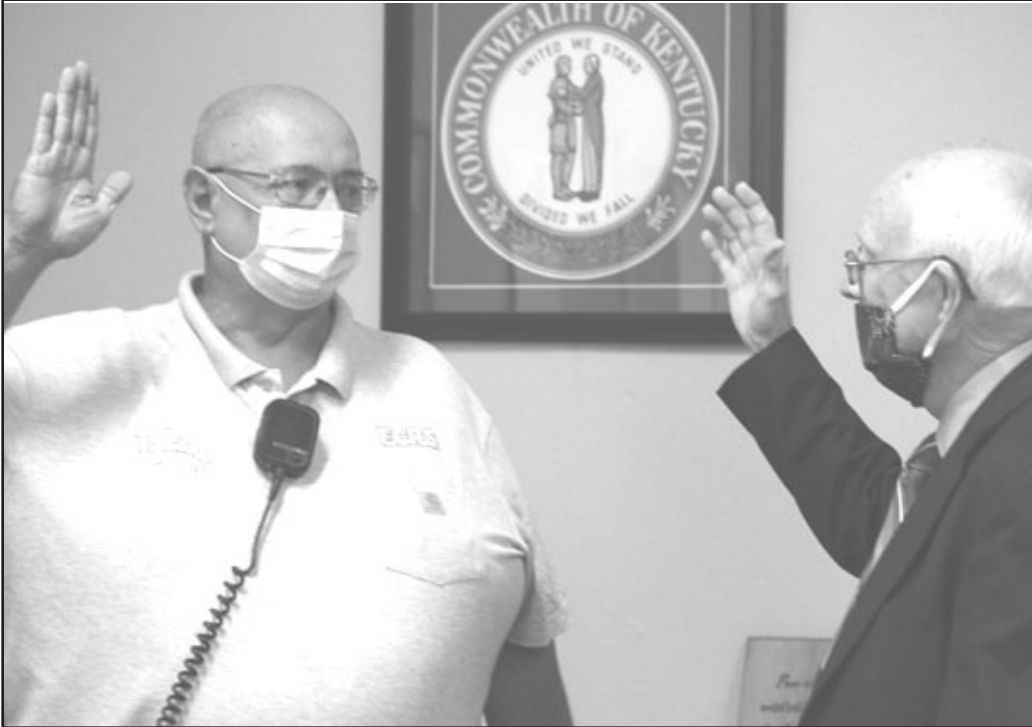
Wise is appointed new Estill coroner



Jimmie Wise, deputy coroner for 25 years, is sworn in as Coroner



Darren Muncie is sworn in as deputy coroner under Jimmie Wise.



Tommy Lane is sworn in as a deputy coroner by Judge/Executive Donnie Watson.

Estill County has a new coroner. Jimmie Wise was sworn in as coroner on Wednesday by Judge/Executive Donnie Watson.

"He's well qualified," Watson stated.

Wise has been a deputy coroner for 25 years. He and Tony Murphy were both sworn in as deputy coroners at the same time when John Toler was coroner.

Murphy became coroner upon Toler's death. The office is an elected one, and Murphy usually ran unopposed.

When Murphy retired August 31 as Irvine Fire Chief, he also retired as coroner.

Wise will serve the remainder of Murphy's term, or until the November election for county officials in 2022.

"In the coroner's absence, I am the coroner," Watson stated. He added that he is not capable of doing that job.

Wise stated that someone must be on call from the coroner's office seven days a week and 24 hours a day.

Darren Muncie has been a deputy coroner for the past two years. He was sworn in again as a deputy coroner on Wednesday.

Watson also appointed a new deputy coroner, Tommy Lane.

Wise is the director of the Estill County Ambulance Service. Muncie works at the ambulance service and is a volunteer fireman for the Estill County Fire Department, where his brother, Derrick is chief.

Muncie is also the coordinator for Estill County Search and Rescue. This position also requires training.

Lane, a former Ravenna Fire Chief, is active with the Hargett Fire Department. He has been over the Estill County Rescue for the past few months.

He said the rescue squad has been active in assisting Powell County with ac-

cidents at the Red River Gorge.

Coroners and their deputies must undergo training for their positions at the Department of Criminal Justice in Richmond.

Watson said he expects that Lane will begin his training in the spring.

He added that the coroner and the deputy coroners must be bonded to do their job. They each receive a small salary from the county.

"It's busy," Wise stated of the coroner's office.

The coroner's office is called anytime someone dies, unless the person is under hospital care or a hospice patient. But if someone dies in the hospital emergency room, the coroner's office must be called.

The coroner's office determines the cause of death. If it is questionable, he may order an autopsy. The body is then sent to Frankfort for the autopsy.

Wise said that toxicology and blood work reports can also be requested.

Wise added the coroner's office will be called when skeletal remains are located.

He estimates that about once a month, his office gets a call from another county that an Estill County resident has died there. It is his job to notify the next of kin about that death.

Sometimes it is difficult to find any family members of the deceased.

Residents of nearby counties which do not have hospitals are sometimes brought to the Marcum Wallace Memorial Hospital emergency room where they die.

Wise said the local coroner's office must go to the hospital and pronounce those out of county residents as deceased. Then the coroners of their home counties are notified to identify the next of kin.

New Drivers

Monday, August 31

Intermediate licenses
Jay Patel, Sierra Riddell, Cameron Townsend, Susan Mays, and Noah McDaniel.

Operator permits
Jaddin Estes and Nathan Neal.

Driver licenses
Anna Fowler and Jeremy Reynolds.

Covid-19 Numbers Updated

As of Monday, Sept. 21

Total # Tested - 2071

Negative - 1987

Pending Results - 22

Active Positive - 42

Total Ever Positive - 162

Recovered Positive - 120

Cases at IH&R - 25 residents & 10 employees

Sheriff's department, KSP charge 3 with receiving stolen property

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The witnesses also said the items were towed in by Fred Rogers Jr.

Law officers coordinated by phone to get Bullen and Rogers to return to get the stolen property. Bullen and Rogers were both stopped on Cressy Road.

Deputy Smith charged Bullen, 35, of Bybee Loop, Waco with receiving stolen property, \$10,000 or more and possession of burglar tools.

Bullen's citation says that Deputy Smith also recovered a Cobalt tool set and three sets of bolt cutters from the trunk of Bullen's vehicle.

KSP Trooper Ty Robinson had observed Bullen's vehicle coming out Cressy Road to make a turn onto KY 89, the Winchester Road.

Robinson said he ran Bullen's registration plate through Post 7 Dispatch. It was confirmed through NCIC the vehicle was stolen out of Rockcastle County. The vehicle was a 2017 blue Hyundai Sonata.

The trooper asked Bullen if he had anything illegal or drugs in the vehicle. The citation states that Bullen replied there were drugs between the seat and middle console.

The citation states the trooper located three folded up pieces of paper that contained a brown substance, believed to be heroin. A digital scale was found in the driver side door and syringes in the passenger side floorboard.

Robinson charged Bullen with receiving stolen property \$10,000 or more, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin), drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess, and operating on a suspended or revoked license.

Rogers, 41, of Sweet Lick Road, Irvine

was charged by Deputy Smith with receiving stolen property over \$10,000 or more.

Rogers' citation stated that during interviews, three other people had said Rogers helped to tow the items to 1330 Cressy Road.

Rogers was also stopped near the Cressy and Winchester Road intersection. The citation states that he was attempting to recover the items taken to Cressy on Monday, Sept. 14.

The fifth person arrested was not charged with receiving the stolen property. Jonathan Curry, 49, of Winchester Road, was arrested at Rosie Smith's home about three hours before the others were charged.

Sheriff Chris Flynn and Deputy Smith went to Rosie Smith's residence on Tuesday after receiving a tip the lawn mowers and trailer were at her home.

While walking up to the side door, Sheriff Flynn stated he saw Curry with a double shotgun in his hands walking toward the glass screen door. The main door was open.

Flynn said he announced his presence and told Curry to put the shotgun down. Curry laid down the shotgun on a recliner by the door and exited the residence. The shotgun was loaded with two shells and had more in a sleeve on the butt stock.

On Wednesday, the sheriff, Deputy Smith, and Trooper Robinson returned to the residence to continue their investigation.

Sheriff Flynn said the Intrac Arms shotgun was in plain view hanging on a gun rack on the wall. He confirmed that Curry was a convicted felon.

Flynn charged Curry with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

School sports are suspended for 1 week

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Saylor said that all sports and extracurricular activities would be suspended for one week due to the rise in cases. They would look at the numbers again on Thursday and see if they could resume games. The high school football game against Rockcastle County, which is a district game, has been cancelled for Friday night.

Student representative Summer Evans said that she had been contacted by several different students about the virtual learning and early graduation. Evans said that she was frustrated at times knowing that this is their senior year and they are missing out on a lot of fun times because of the virus but urges everyone to stay strong.

Saylor replied that there are exceptions for students to graduate early but he wants students to step up and social distance, wear their masks, and be able to return to the classroom.

"This pandemic and COVID-19 is probably one of the cruelest things I've ever dealt with in my 58 years," said Saylor.

Once the number of cases has declined Saylor said that COVID testing among anyone participating in sports would be a requirement. He said he wanted at least 20 percent of athletes tested and added that band director Jason Bowles said the entire marching band would be willing to be tested.

The board reviewed the schematic design on the renovations on the athletics facility that will be taking place in the near future. With 10.8 million dollars in bonding capacity and low interest rates the district will have enough money to finalize the high school renovations that

have been ongoing for quite some time.

Saylor said that five years ago the district only had one million dollars in bonding capacity and they couldn't do any construction but since the community stepped up and passed the recallable nickel and with grant money they are now able to finalize the projects at the high school.

The board approved the working budget for the 2021 fiscal year. With some retirements Saylor said that things were looking good within the budget although they would have to hire two full time nurses so that each school would have its' own nurse.

He stated that the district had CARES Act money that would help with the budget this year but that was quickly being spent on thermometers and other items to ensure the safety of staff and students once schools did open back up.

New 4-H Agent

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The UK Extension Service recommended that she continue the programs the county already has planned.

LaDonna Dawes, 4-H assistant, has worked with several 4-H agents and will continue working with Miles.

"It's a different dynamic," she said of the pandemic. "We're still trying to figure it out."

Last Wednesday, 4-H passed out 25 "grab and go" bags within 25 minutes on the curbside.

A Cloverbuds meeting on Zoom was scheduled Monday. Cloverbuds is 4-H for children 5- 8 years old. Those participating had to pick up a packet on Friday.

Births - Baptist Health Richmond

County	DOB	Parents	Town	Gender
Jackson	Sept. 1, 2020	Sheena Sandlin and Floyd Merritt Jr.	McKee	Girl
Madison	Sept. 4, 2020	Alayna Hager and Kyle Daniels	Richmond	Boy
Jackson	Sept. 6, 2020	Shalyn Brewer and Aaron Bowles	McKee	Girl
Madison	Sept. 7, 2020	Haley Morgan and Michael Mason	Berea	Boy
Madison	Sept. 8, 2020	Ashianna Lachelle Howard	Richmond	Boy
Madison	Sept. 8, 2020	May Ahmed and David Speicher Jr.	Berea	Boy
Estill	Sept. 10, 2020	Kelsey Bowman and Jacob Henry	Irvine	Boy
Madison	Sept. 10, 2020	Carolyn Dortch and Jahson Hatcher	Richmond	Boy
Madison	Sept. 10, 2020	Mary Anderson & Michael Monroy	Richmond	Girl
Madison	Sept. 13, 2020	Sherri Cates and Joshua Thomas	Richmond	Girl
Madison	Sept. 13, 2020	Jessica Luna	Richmond	Boy
Breathitt	Sept. 14, 2020	Victoria and Adam Roberts	Jackson	Girl
Madison	Sept. 14, 2020	Mariha Ervin and Le'Ron Floyd	Richmond	Girl
Madison	Sept. 15, 2020	Emily Lemieux & Marcus Childers	Richmond	Girl
Madison	Sept. 16, 2020	Anna King and Austin Lamb	Richmond	Boy