

Police Pursuit

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 The citation states the pursuit continued about a mile down Cressy Road until the truck turned onto a field. Robinson said he continued pursuing the truck until it got stuck in the mud. At this point, the driver allegedly got out of the truck and began reaching with both hands in the bed of the pickup truck. The citation states the driver began fleeing on foot up a hill and into the woods. It adds the driver ignored Robinson's many commands to stop running. The driver had a small backpack in his hands. Robinson said after a long foot pursuit through the woods, he was able to detain the driver while he was unzipping the backpack and trying to dump the contents inside in a creek. The citation states the backpack contained multiple bags of suspected crystal methamphet-

amine, two digital scales and an undisclosed, but large sum, of US currency. Robinson stated that he located an AK-47 in the truck bed. It was loaded with one round in the chamber and two additional fully loaded magazines. The driver was arrested and lodged in Three Forks Regional Jail. He was identified as William J. Klema, 31, of Copperhead Road, Irvine. Klema was charged with fleeing or evading police, first degree (motor vehicle), fleeing or evading police, first degree (on foot), trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (greater than or equal to two grams of methamphetamine), possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, first degree criminal mischief, first degree wanton endangerment of a police officer, tampering with physical evidence, failure to wear seat belts, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Ravenna discusses restrooms at Veterans Memorial Park

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She added that they would need to set a schedule and have someone designated to do that on the weekends. Councilwoman Tammy Howell said that she hoped to be able to spend some of the grant money that was awarded to the city on a camera system that would help in the prevention of vandalism at the park. Sharon Snowden commended Howell on her hard work in obtaining the grant for the city. Howell said that she had help from several individuals. Flinchum said that the first payment to the IRS had been received, and they would be notified within 60 days if there was anything left owed on that bill. She said that in June she hoped to take the interest off of the three CD's and pay the bill to 911 that is over \$15,000. City clerk Angie Napier said that it is very important for flood victims to fill out the application and provide details on estimates, cost of repairs, and the longitude and latitude of the damaged property. She said no permits will be issued until the proper paperwork has been turned in to the state.

Mercy Health participates in Take Back Day

With opioid overdose deaths increasing during the pandemic, Mercy Health - Marcum and Wallace Hospital is participating in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Take Back Day on Saturday, April 24th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The public can drop off potentially dangerous prescription medications including: tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs. Liquids (including intravenous solutions), syringes and other sharps, and illegal drugs will not be accepted. Collection sites will be: Marcum and Wallace Hospital (Therapy Entrance - 60 Mercy Court) and the Irvine Police Department (101 Chestnut Street). Collection sites will adhere to local COVID-19 guidelines and regulations in order to maintain the safety of all participants. Over the 10-year span of Take Back Day, DEA has brought in more than 6,800 tons of prescription drugs. With studies indicating a majority of abused prescription drugs come from family and friends, including from home medicine cabinets, clearing out unused medicine is essential. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. has seen an increase in overdose deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic, with 83,544 Americans overdosing during the 12-month period ending July 1, 2020, the most ever recorded in a 12-month period. The increase in drug overdose deaths appeared to begin prior to the COVID-19 health emergency but accelerated significantly during the first months of the pandemic. According to a 2019 report produced by the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Branch, Estill County had the highest overdose death rate in Kentucky (based on the population adjusted per 100,000 inhabitants) with 11 deaths that were attributed to illicit or prescription drugs. Learn more about Take Back Day by calling 606-726-8217.

Irvine Council Meets

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Larry Riddell spoke to the council about building a home on Broadway. He said the home will be 31 feet long, and he will use the same footprint of the home that was previously there. Mayor Gross and the council gave him permission to start on the home. The council approved a privilege license for Joey Arvin to open a business on Main Street called Joey's Photography. Police Chief John Sturniolo spoke to the council about an agreement between the Irvine Police Department and several other agencies. The agreement would give them jurisdiction in other areas and would allow them to share information. It would also allow the IPD to offer assistance when the need arose and other agencies would be able to assist them as well. Tobo Bryant asked about the old garbage truck. Mayor Gross said they still had it and used it on holidays. It had been for sale but that fell through. Gross said they could try to sell it again if the council chose to do so. Tim Burkhart suggested listing it online and city clerk Robin Powell said she would check into it.

Community News

Mail announcements to The Estill Tribune, 6135 Winchester Road, Irvine, KY 40336 Call (606) 723-5012; Fax to (606) 723-2743; or E-mail it to <News@EstillTribune.Com>

Estill Community Blood Drive

Donors are encouraged to donate at an upcoming drive for the Estill County Community on Saturday, April 17, 2021, from 8am-1pm at the Citizens Guaranty Bank Community Room of the Estill County Public Library at 184 Broadway in Irvine. Access the CGB Community Room from the outside lower level. Despite the ongoing pandemic, Kentucky hospitals continue to transfuse blood to patients at higher rates than normal. Kentucky Blood Center, which provides blood to 70+ Kentucky hospitals relies on volunteer donors to roll up their sleeves as often as possible to help meet the needs of neighbors battling injury and illness. In a time where many are saying, "Something's gotta give," KBC appreciates the thousands of individuals who roll up their sleeves and answer the call to give blood. As a thank you, KBC donors at this upcoming mobile will receive a great t-shirt. Blood donors must be at least 17-years-old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, found at ky-bloodcenter.org. Appointments are preferred to ensure social distancing. Walk-ins are accepted as space allows. A face covering is required to donate. To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.

Estill County Arts Council

The Estill Arts Council will be meeting on Tuesday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Any members or potential members that want to attend via Zoom please email Michele Benton at webenton@yahoo.com. She will send you the invitation code for the meeting. You need to download the Zoom app to an electronic device that has a camera. Then, open the app a few minutes before the meeting to make sure that everything is working properly. Michele will let everyone join the meeting around 6:30 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Basement Sales

We truly have had some Spring days off and on. So now we have our spring/ summer things out. WE have plenty of nearly new clothing, light jackets, sheets, books and all kinds of knick-knack and spring items. We also have some baby diapers and wipes. So please come and get some nice things as well some great deals! We have to make an appointment a bit longer. But soon we will again be open for a sale. So please call (723-8216) any day, Monday thru Saturday, between 9:00AM and 5:00PM, and shop at your convenience. St. Elizabeth Church is at the top of Fifth Street in Ravenna, Kentucky.

Lady Veterans Connect Spring Sale

Come on out to 11400 Irvine Road at Trapp, Winchester, Kentucky on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 from 8:00am-3:00pm. We have lots of women's/men's clothing, tons of baby and kids clothes, furniture, housewares and electronics, hardware, toys, books and much more. See you there!

Giveaway of clothing, small items

Ivory Hill Baptist Church on Winchester Road, will be having a giveaway on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. There is a large selection of Plus Size women's clothing and men's shirts. Social distancing will be in effect.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE OFFICER TO ASSIST AREA VETERANS

Mike Miller, field representative for the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs for Estill County is limited to work electronically and cannot meet in person due to COVID restriction. However, veterans and their families will still be provided assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. This is a free service provided by the state of Kentucky. For more information, or to answer any questions you may have please call Mike Miller, Field Representative II for the KDVA, at (859)-531-9144.



Books in poor condition may still contain usable **illustrations** of plants, birds, insects, flowers, landscapes or other outdoor favorites. Frame them for your own home or to give as gifts. Use in making cards, scrapbooks or other craft items.

Irvine Police Dept. Activity

Alisha Dale Gabbard, 36, of Sydney Lane, Irvine was charged April 9 by Sgt. Sam Hensley with trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than 10 dosage units of opiates) after IPD reported finding an empty prescription bottle in her vehicle. The citation states that prescription for Hydrocodone-APAP was filled on April 5 for a quantity of 60 units. The sergeant said he asked where the pills were, and Gabbard replied that she kept two for herself and sold the rest to a woman named Lisa. She reportedly said she met Lisa in the Save-A-Lot parking lot in Irvine. Sgt. Hensley said that Gabbard also had a large amount of cash. Gabbard was also charged with failure to produce insurance card, no tail lamps, and operating on a suspended or revoked operator license. Sgt. Hensley served an Estill County warrant on **Melissa Henry-Neal**, 38, of Elizabeth Street, Irvine on April 11. The charge was failure to appear for court ordered evaluation

of Casey's Law. The warrant was served on Court Street. An Estill County warrant was served by Officer Jason Conrad on **Melissa D. Neal**, 37, of Elizabeth Street, Irvine for failure to appear. This arrest was made on Rice Street. Officer Conrad served a warrant April 5 on **Betty Moore**, 38, of Plum Street. The warrant for failure to appear was served on Moore at Three Forks Detention Center. **Angela M. Peel**, 25, of Broadway, Irvine was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense on April 5 by Officer Conrad. The officer said he made a traffic stop on South Irvine Road, and Peel was the front seat passenger. During a search of the vehicle, Conrad stated that a red and black zipper pouch was located in the front passenger seat. Inside it was a clear baggie containing a crystal like substance suspected to be methamphetamine. The driver of the vehicle, **Jonathan F. Harrison**, was charged with

no registration plates, no registration receipt, rear license not illuminated and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine). Two Estill County warrants were served April 5 on **Tommy L. Swift**, 48, of Hillsboro Heights Irvine for failure to appear. The warrants were served by Officer Doc Morris at Swift's residence. **Charles Creech**, 25, of Noland Hill Road, Irvine was served with a warrant on April 7 by Officer Conrad. The Estill County warrant was for failure to appear and was served on Carhart Avenue, Irvine. Officer Jason Conrad said he observed a vehicle traveling south on Doe Creek Road on April 11, and the rear license was not illuminated. When he made a traffic stop, he said the driver, **Damien Young**, 27, gave him a false name and address. During a pat-down, Conrad said Young told him he may have had an uncapped needle in his pocket. The K-9 Titan was deployed to give an open

air sniff of the vehicle. The citation states that Titan gave a conditioned response to the odor of illegal narcotics inside the vehicle. Officer Doc Morris located a small black box containing a small baggie of a green leafy substance, suspected to be marijuana. The citation states that officer also found a small baggie containing 33 large oval white pills, that were identified through poison control as gabapentin. Officer Conrad said a small amount of a loose crystal substance suspected to be methamphetamine and 12 syringes were located inside the vehicle. Young was charged with rear license not illuminated, no operators - moped license, giving officer false identifying information, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance, third degree, possession of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess.