

Wise reports to fiscal court about ambulance service

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Lucas Barnes, assistant direction of Estill County EMS, said that interest rate went from 5 percent down to 3 percent.

Large costing items purchased by CSEPP are paid for with the line of credit which the federal government reimburses, at no cost to the county.

The accounting glitch was caused when CSEPP purchased items during the fiscal year that totaled over the \$500,000 amount, although there

was never more than \$500,000 spent at one time.

At Monday's fiscal court meeting, the county's surplus property had bids of \$124,020.34, and the bidding had not ended.

Watson said the surplus property included stuff that was in the way. "Some of those old vehicles had titles, and then some didn't," he stated.

The untitled vehicles were being sold as junk.

Jimmie Wise gave a report on the ambulance

service. He stated this is also National EMS Week.

He said the service, which employs 40 people, has made nearly 1500 runs which is about 200 less than last year.

Wise also told the court the ambulance service follows up on some runs later with a counselor, such as a drug overdose.

He presented a copy of the ambulance service budget to the fiscal court. He said the service struggles for funds during a "drug epidemic." The

cost of a new ambulance is \$150,000.

Wise added the service gets help from CSEPP on equipping a new ambulance. The equipment can cost another \$50,000.

The goal of the service is to keep five ambulances in good running order.

Brad Goolman, county road foreman, said the county has just started its mowing season with three mowing tractors.

He said that requires three employees to operate the tractors which

leaves the county short-handed on other roadwork.

He stated the Kentucky River splits Estill County, which owns two back hoes. Goolman said he has placed one back hoe on each side of the river.

Goolman and a contractor have been working recently on a slide in the road.

Barnes opened bids for an ALS mannequin, which is used by the ambulance service for training.

Wise said their current one is 15 years old. The mannequin talks to the trainees.

The bid was \$45,000 with options.

Barnes then opened two bids for a recording system for all phone calls and 911 traffic. The bids were \$13,000 and \$20,000 with options.

The bids will be reviewed by the state CSEPP to make sure they meet all specifications, and their recommendation will be accepted at a future meeting.

IPD charges Waco woman

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The officer stated that upon further investigation, Perry's purse had two more baggies and a cellophane from a cigarette pack which contained a clear crystal substance. It field tested positive for methamphetamine.

The officer located another orange pill bottle with 21 oxycodone/tylenol pills, a clear plastic baggie with 15 Lortab pills, and a yellow pill spsected to be 30 mg oxycodone.

Perry was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, greater than or equal to two grams of methamphetamine, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, greater than or equal to 10 dosage units (drug unspecified), possession of a controlled substance, third degree (drug unspecified), and possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (drug unspecified).

Officer Conrad was assisted at the scene by Sgt. Stuart Morris and Officer Russell Morris.

Crooked Creek man arrested for wanton endangerment

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Estes was now traveling toward Richmond. When Rose was in front of Advance Auto Parks parking lot, the citation states that Estes intentionally swerved over into her lane. The vehicles struck head-on and the Beetle was pushed out of the roadway by the Grand Prix.

There were three witnesses to the head-on collision in the auto parts and Dollar General parking lots.

Flynn said that exact estimates of the damages

were not known at this time, but they were expected to exceed \$1,000.

KSP Trooper Ty Robinson and Deputy Brad Smith went to Estes' residence and arrested him on an active Estill Circuit Court bench warrant.

The Pontiac Grand Prix was also located at Estes' address. The citation states that he had the keys inside his pants pocket.

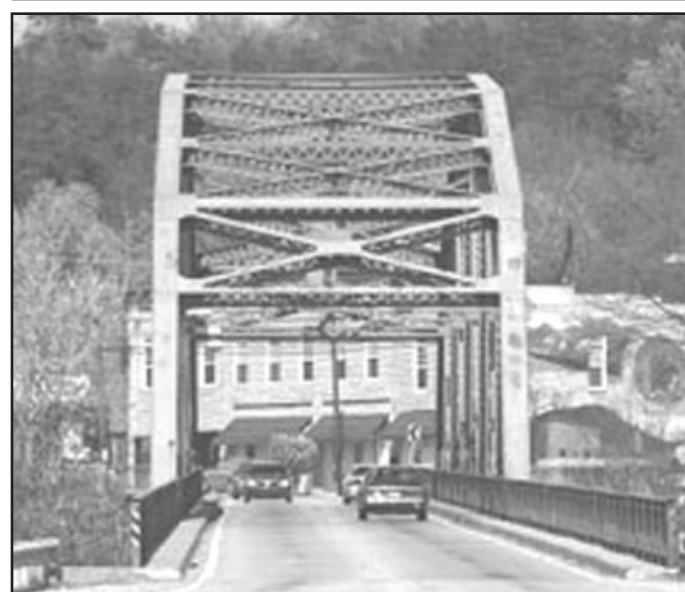
Estes was charged with wanton endangerment, first degree and criminal mischief, first degree in connection with the hit and run.



Jeanette Hughes retired a few years ago as teacher at West Irvine Intermediate. On Monday, as a member of Four Seasons Garden Club, she was educating students there about the butterfly garden maintained by Four Seasons.

Rock Fill Needed

American Legion Post 79 on Millers Creek Road is in need of rock (no trash) to fill in a slip. The Legion has obtained a state permit. For more information, please call Ralph Martin at (606) 723-3149.



91st District State Representative Bill Wesley of Ravenna said he learned Monday the Irvine bridge over the Kentucky River will be repainted this summer. Wesley is making other requests for the bridge including walkways for persons having to cross the bridge and other improvements. The bridge was last painted in 1998 before the Bypass was constructed.

Irvine Police Activity

Officer James Marshall served an Estill warrant May 15 on **Troy James Moore**, 46, of Kirkland Ave., Irvine. The warrant was for alleged failure to appear in court.

Officer Marshall also served an Estill warrant May 14 on **Kristin Neal**, 36, of Stone Fox Lane, Ravenna. She allegedly failed to appear in court.

A Ravenna man was arrested just after midnight May 13 by Officer Marshall on a drug related charge.

The officer said he was parked on River Drive and a vehicle passed him, which the Irvine Police Department and Estill County Sheriff's Department had received numerous complaints about.

The officer said that due to the dark tint on the windows, he was unable to see who was driving it.

He conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle on 7th Street in Ravenna, and **Jeffrey Smith**, 57, of 7th Street was the operator.

The citation states that Smith is on home incarceration. A check through NCIC showed an active warrant on Smith and said his license was suspended.

Officer Conrad deployed the K-9 Titan for a free air search around the vehicle. He alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics on the passenger door.

Marshall said during a search of the vehicle, an uncapped syringe was located and a small baggie with a white powder substance that field tested positive as methamphetamine.

Smith was charged with operating on suspended or revoked operator license and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and second offense

(methamphetamine).

The active warrant from Madison County Court was served by Marshall on Smith.

Sgt. Stuart Morris arrested a passenger in Smith's vehicle and charged her with public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol).

The passenger was identified as **Cynthia K. Puckett**, 37, of 7th Street, Ravenna. The citation states that Puckett did not have a drivers license and was unable to drive. She reportedly told the officers that she had shot up with heroin within the last hour.

A Winchester Road man was arrested by Officer Conrad on May 12 following a police pursuit.

Officer Conrad said that a vehicle driven by **Zackery T. Jones**, 27, was all over the roadway and in the left lane several times. The pursuit began on Richmond Road.

Conrad said that Jones wrecked at the end of Crooked Creek Road. His vehicle hit a fence post and wire fence causing damage.

After his arrest and a search, Conrad located 9 large white oval pills which are expected to be Gabapentin.

Irvine Officer Russell Morris and Deputy Brad Smith assisted with the investigation.

Randall Willis, 22, of Mountain Crest, Irvine was charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place, first and second offense, by Officer Conrad on May 12.

Conrad said when he arrested Willis, he had been dispatched to Main Street in reference to an intoxicated male staggering down the sidewalk.

Congratulations Class of 2021!



The Estill County Tribune will be printing a special section with photos of the 2021 ECHS and home-school graduates on Wednesday, May 26. Please submit color photos of graduates to news@estilltribune.com for the best print format by May 19. Thank you!