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## Grand jury returns 30 indictments

Thirty indictments were returned by the Estill County Grand Jury on July 6. Danny Lee Abney, 32, of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine, was indicted on ten charges resulting from a traffic stop by Trooper Ty Robinson on October 7. The indictment charges Abney with speeding 20 mph over limit, fleeing or evading police, first degree (motor vehicle), trafficking in a controlled substance (drug unspecified), trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), tampering with physical evidence, op-

erating a motor vehicle under the influence, second offense, possession of a controlled substance, second degree, possession of a controlled substance, third degree (drug unspecified), operating on a suspended or revoked operator license, and persistent felony offender, second degree. According to the indictment, Abney had fentanyl, 2.108 grams of methamphetamine, suboxone, and three white oval pills. It adds that he threw a small container out of the vehicle window. The grand jury indicted Lucas Decker,

26, of Rockaway Road, Irvine for public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (drug unspecified), drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess, and prescription controlled substance not in proper container, first offense. The indictment says on April 30, Decker had in his possession oxycodone pills, a digital scale, and oxycodone not in a prescription bottle. The case was investigated by IPD Officer James Marshall. Decker was served

with an indictment warrant July 15 by Court Bailiff Glenn Carroll. Betty Moore, 38, of Fourth Street, Ravenna was indicted for public intoxication of a controlled substance, (excludes alcohol), possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (drug unspecified), and possession of a controlled substance, second degree (drug unspecified). According to the indictment, Moore had fentanyl and buprenorphine in her possession on February 3. **Continued on Page 2**

## ECHS Class of 2020 holds Prom a year late



**RIGHT PHOTO:** Kaitlynn VanWinkle, Kaylee Riddell, and Cheyenne Lamb dressed up for the prom that was held on Saturday night for the class of 2020. VanWinkle organized the prom that was held at the Estill County Fairgrounds because the class of 2020 was not able to have a prom due to the pandemic. **TOP PHOTO:** Prom goers enjoyed catching up with friends on Saturday night. *Tribune Photos/Cathy Dawes*

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## School board prepares for students' return

by CATHY DAWES  
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On Thursday night during a school board meeting Superintendent Jeff Saylor announced that board meetings would be getting back to normal starting in August. Before the pandemic struck each school was taking turns doing presentations for the board members, and Saylor said since students would be returning back to the classroom next month, he felt like it was time to resume the presenta-

tions. He also announced that the board would start recognizing Mountain Movers once again. A certified employee, a classified employee, and a member of the community will be recognized during each board meeting. Saylor explained to the board how ESSER funds were being utilized throughout the district. He said that this is one time money and was not meant to be used for long term positions or bonuses like other districts had done. He said he just didn't feel like that was the right thing to do, therefore, employees will receive a 2 percent raise over the next 2 years, and funds will be set aside to provide extra services for the students. He added that \$75,000 will be spent on school supplies for the students of Estill County. They will not have to purchase anything to return to school in August unless they want to buy their own backpacks. Mr. Saylor said that back in June the mask mandates were lifted by the governor and the community now expects to return to school in August without masks. He said that it was his recommendation for students that are not eligible for the COVID vaccine to wear masks, but would not enforce it unless there was an outbreak in one of the schools. Saylor said that there would be several vaccination clinics when school returns and urged everyone that was old enough to receive the vaccine. He added that athletes and coaches should receive the vaccine because if an outbreak were to occur those vaccinated would still be able to play games, whereas those that were not vaccinated would be required to quarantine. Saylor said that he felt like it was dead wrong for the decision about masks to be put on the local school boards. **Continued on Page 5**