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**School board recognizes 30 for retirement**

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After a walk through of the newly constructed area technology center school board members gathered in the Estill County High School for a reception to honor retirees and a special called board meeting.

Superintendent Jeff Saylor said that the board would be recognizing those who retired in 2020 and 2021 because they were not able to do so last year due to the pandemic.

Those recognized during the meeting were Dickie Arthur, Tim Burkhart, Felcia Campbell, Mary Fields, LaDonna Johnson, Lisa Reece, Chris Winkler, Connie Witt, Susie Hall,

Kathy Chaney, Marilyn Rogers, Kathy Hall, Elizabeth Hughes, Marilyn Goosey, Jennifer Palmer, Lesia Barnes, Kay Hudson, Charles Lancaster, Hyman Riddell, Debbie Roberts, Jenny Walters, Amy Farmer, Teresa Adams, Katherine Stewart, Jennifer Wiseman, Samantha Young, Lois Crowe, Libby Wilson, Jenny Woolery, and Noreen Lahrmer.

Mr. Saylor recognized Summer Evans who had served as the student representative for the past year. Saylor said that Evans had been knocked out of a lot of time with the board due to COVID, but she had done an excellent job.

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**School Board Student Representative**



**Malorie York**  
Malorie York has been chosen to serve as the Board's student representative for the 21-22 school year. York is the daughter of Marty and Staci York. She is senior class president at Estill County High. Photo courtesy of Staci York

**Estill man charged with sexual abuse of juvenile, age 12**

An Estill County man was arrested June 30 on two charges of first degree sexual abuse.

Deputy Brad Smith and KSP Trooper Ty Robinson investigated the complaint late June 29 regarding the sexual abuse of a 12 year old juvenile.

The juvenile reportedly told the officers that a male had exposed himself to her and made her touch his exposed genitals. She told the officers that this had happened on another occasion several weeks earlier. She provided details of that encounter.

The citation adds that the juvenile said the male had asked her that day to video herself in the bath, and he had left a toy in a specific location.

Deputy Smith said he

checked the location and photographed a woman's sex toy.

The officers interviewed the girl's mother. She said that she had walked into the bedroom and saw the exposed male standing close to the girl.

Smith charged Joseph Michael Coffey, 32, of Rogers Lane, Irvine with two counts of first degree sexual abuse. Coffey is scheduled to be arraigned on July 28.



**Joseph Coffey**  
Photo/3 Forks Jail

**Man charged with having drugs, gun**

Officers from two police agencies arrested Brian Henry, 40, at his home on June 29.

Deputies Brad Smith and Josh King went with Irvine Officers Russell Morris and Jason Conrad to Henry's home to serve an arrest warrant on him.

Deputy Smith and Officer Conrad located Henry in his bedroom. Officer Conrad said he saw Henry drop something off the side of the bed.

After handcuffing Henry, Officer Conrad said he saw a handgun laying next to the bed.

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**SNAKES ALIVE!**

**Local man starts business to remove unwanted wildlife**

Brian Brooks recently started up a new business, but it's not one that many will want to compete with.

The business is called Brooks Nuisance Wildlife Solutions. He first had to get a permit from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife.

His initial calls of nuisance wildlife were about poisonous snakes, such as timber rattlers and copperheads.

On June 24, he worked

to remove four male timber rattlers at a communications tower in Breathitt County. This allowed employees to do necessary maintenance at the tower.

Brooks does not kill the wildlife. He relocated the rattlers about a mile away from the tower site.

The timber rattler population is declining which makes them an endangered species.

"They're a vital part of

our ecosystem," Brooks stated.

Before he captures the snakes, Brooks scouts the area. He is careful not to relocate the snakes close to a home or business which will endanger anyone else.

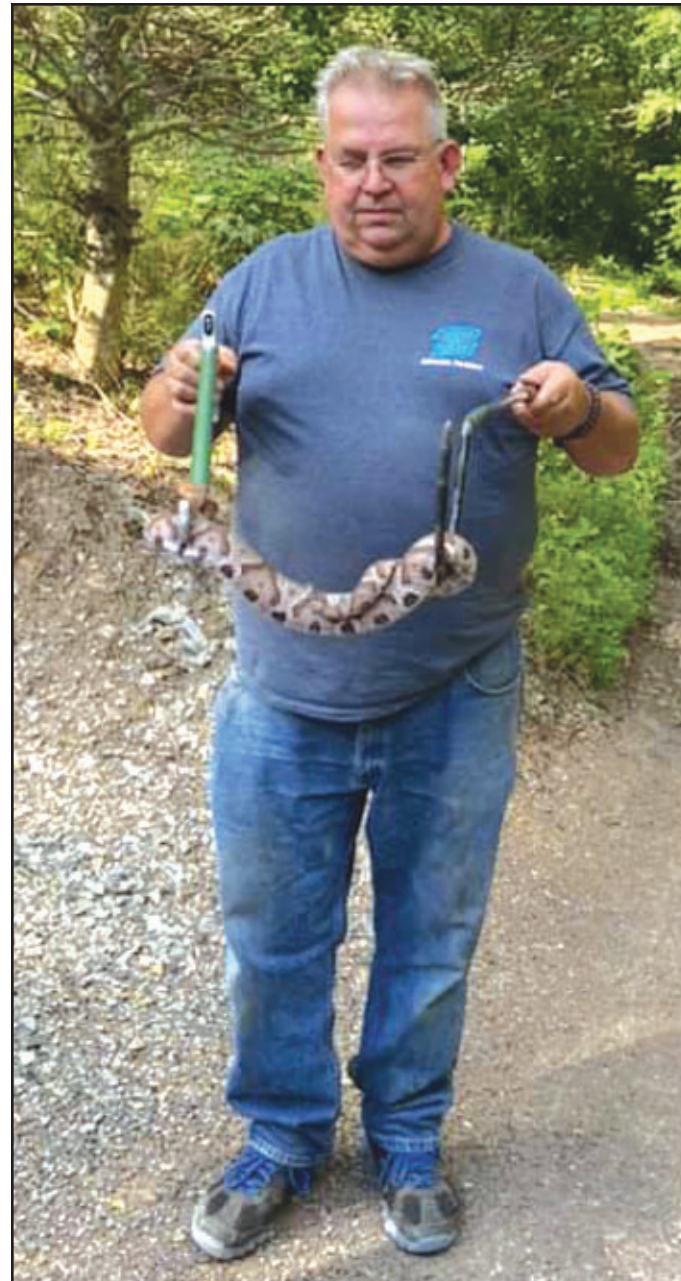
He said the snakes will die if they are relocated too far from their den. They must be able to make it back to their den by winter time.

On June 28, Brooks received a call to relocate a copperhead from a residence for the safety of children and pets in the home.

On June 30 he went back to another communications tower in Breathitt County owned by the same company as the first one. This time, he removed a copperhead and timber rattler.

His work took longer that day than expected because the rattler went under a building. It took Brooks about three to four hours to get it back out.

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**Brian Brooks**, owner of Brooks Nuisance Wildlife Solutions, removed a copperhead June 28 from a residence for the safety of children and pets.



This timber rattler is one which was relocated from a communications tower in Breathitt County. Brooks said that timber rattlers live in all areas of Estill County.

**Obituaries**  
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Roger Estes, 38  
Jackie Goosey, 53  
Randall Wallace, 44  
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