

# Arvin is named as W. Irvine principal

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She went back to EKU where she obtained her Master's Degree in Instructional Leadership. This includes principal certification.

She also has a Rank I in special education.

Arvin left teaching at West Irvine four years ago to work as an educational consultant for Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative in Lexington.

She worked with the many different school systems which were members of the cooperative.

She said she coached teachers to be the most effective teachers they could be.

Arvin has taught alongside most of the teachers at West Irvine. She called them really good staff members. She is also looking forward to working with the new, young teachers.

"There will be changes for all schools," Arvin said of the tests that students take in the spring.

She said it is important that every student achieves all he or she can and really

thinks about his or her destiny.

She and Buddy are the parents of three young adult daughters, Lyda Rae Hensley, Meghan Mills, and Tesla Dixon. The Arvins lost their son, Aaron Thomas Arvin, at four months old.

They also have three grandchildren, Jace and Rocky Mills, and Heidi Dixon.

Arvin's grandchildren call her GiGi. Her older grandson, Jace, is a third grader at West Irvine. He has decided to call his grandmother, the principal, Miss GiGi, at school.

Arvin said that Buddy is in his second year as principal at the high school. He started teaching there in 1993.

She said Buddy has been her skilled supporter. He was such a support to her while she was seeking the principal job at West Irvine.

Following several reconfigurations of students in Estill County Schools, today West Irvine houses all the third, fourth and fifth graders.



The Smith Sisters and the Watsons (the boys and their dad, Matthew, partially hidden) performed at the Estill County Fair Barn on Friday before the Republican Party Rally.

## Fallen tree on McKee Rd. causes two vehicle wreck; a driver receives injuries

A driver received injuries after her vehicle was rear-ended by another one on Friday on McKee Road, about six miles from Irvine.

Deputy Daniel Smith investigated the wreck, in which both vehicles were headed toward Irvine around 5:40 a.m.

According to the report, Bonnie Wilson of McKee braked to avoid hitting a tree which had fallen in the road.

Dwayne E. Townsend, also of McKee, said he braked but could not get his vehicle stopped fast enough

to avoid the collision.

Wilson's vehicle slid sideways and rolled over onto its top. It came to rest in a ditch, right side up.

Wilson was transported to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital with minor injuries. Townsend was reportedly uninjured.

Townsend was driving a 90 Chevy two door pickup. It received only minor damages to the front.

The Chrysler Voyager that Wilson was driving received severe damages to the entire vehicle.

## Woman stole and pawned 22 caliber rifle from home on the Old Landing Road

Kentucky State Police have charged a Whispering Woods woman with theft of a firearm.

The citation by Trooper Z. Pennington says that Kimberly Leigh Richardson, 40, took a 22 caliber rifle on October 2 from the home of Johnny Collison of Old Landing Road, Irvine. It adds that Richardson too the gun to Wade's Pawn Shop in

Richmond and pawned it.

Bail for Richardson has been set at \$2,500 cash.

She pled not-guilty to theft by unlawful taking or disposition of a firearm during her arraignment in Estill District Court on October 19.

She is scheduled to return to district court for a preliminary hearing on October 25. That hearing will be held in Lee County.

## Deputies' Activity Report

Mickie Delusio, 48, of Poplar Street, Ravenna was arrested Friday, Oct. 21 by Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris on a contempt of court charge.

He said that Delusio was talking to Eddie Sizemore in the courtroom. Sizemore was a prisoner.

Jacob Henry, 21, of Blanche Court, Irvine was arrested Oct. 18 by Deputy Morris on an arrest warrant

for a misdemeanor charge.

- Timothy J. Purdue, 36, of Geneva Avenue, Irvine was arrested on two warrants by Deputy Morris on Oct. 18.

- Bailiff Glenn Carroll arrested Seldon Barker, 22, of Beattyville on an indictment warrant on Oct. 19.

- Bailiff Carroll also arrested Elise Fauste, of Louise Court on an indictment warrant on Oct. 19.

## Woman faces many charges

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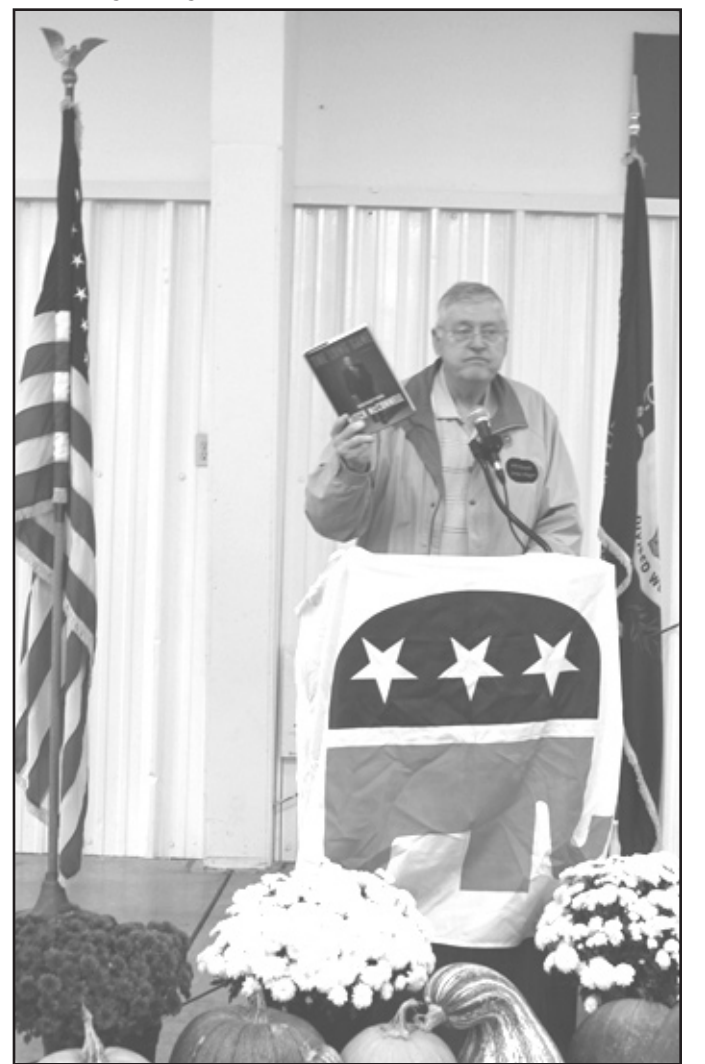
Jones was also charged with expired registration, failure to proper signal, illegal possession of legend drug, possession of a controlled substance third (suboxone), possession of marijuana, tampering with physical evidence, escape second degree, attempted escape second degree (two counts), and fleeing or evading police (two counts). Bail for Jones has been set at \$7,500 cash.



**Bats** are important to ecosystems as predators of night-flying insects. Some bat species eat fruit, nectar or small fish. Vampire bats live in Central and South America and feed on animal blood. Many bats pollinate plants and spread seeds, and bat droppings can be used as fertilizer.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection



Irvine Mayor W.J. Noland auctioned off items at the Republican Party Rally on Friday evening. Above, he is holding a book written and autographed by U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell. Other items donated for the auction included country hams and floral arrangements.

## VA in the News

**VETERANS POST**  
by Freddy Groves

If you're in Virginia and your claim seems to have vanished... well, it may have. The Virginia Department of Veteran Services has found a personal storage locker in the Richmond area where for years a former employee was stashing boxes of veteran claims. It came to light only after the contents of the storage unit were auctioned off. Thankfully, the winning bidder called the sheriff.

Piles of paperwork are still being checked, but it appears that the time period runs from roughly late 2011 through June 2015. The 20 to 30 boxes of documents came from McGuire VA Medical Center and include everything from correspondence to claims.

If your information is found in any of these documents, you'll be contacted at some point. If you have a claim that seems to have vanished, contact veteransassistance@dvs.virginia.gov or call 804-786-0286.

Also in the news, the Phoenix VA now has its seventh director in three years.

That's the center where 35 veterans died while waiting for care because of secret wait lists. The new director comes with a history: She managed another VA facility where 1,800 veterans were in danger of HIV infection due to lack of cleanliness of equipment.

As a reward, this director was sent to the Department of Veterans Affairs' only overseas clinic: the outpatient clinic in Manila, Philippines, where she lived in a condo on the grounds of the U.S. Embassy and most of the medical services were contracted out in the community. But that's OK, because the facility's actual mission is to process veterans benefits paperwork. Now, having apparently pounced swiftly on the previous cleanliness problem, she's thought to be the ideal person to whip Phoenix into shape.

This new director will have her to-do list waiting for her, because the VAOIG just released yet another investigation report on Phoenix that included 14 recommendations.

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## School Board Meets

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Skipper said that sadly the amount of people who are trying for their GED has dropped tremendously over the years. She said part of that is due to the fact that the cost of the test is now \$120. She said that the other factor is that there is no place in Estill County where potential graduates can take the test so they have to travel to a different county in order to take the test. Skipper said that transportation and childcare also play a big role in the decline of GED graduates.

Skipper said that with the help of the school system that people wanting to take their GED will soon be able to take the test at West Irvine. She said that Trent Singleton will be working in the computer lab at West Irvine and will be assisting students taking the test. She added that she hopes to receive donations to help pay for the test.

Mr. Saylor said that grant papers had been filed the previous day for a career and technical center and that the building would house the Adult Education Center. Saylor said that if the school district wasn't fortunate enough to receive the grant then they would look at other ways to get the building. He said that people will go where there is opportunity and he feels like a career and technical center would bring opportunity to Estill County.

The Bass Fishing group is 'rocking and rolling' according to Steven Tipton. He said that currently there are 14 members of the group and that they travelled to Lake Linville last weekend for their first tournament of the season. He said that the second tournament will be held under the Irvine bridge this weekend. The group consists of 13 boys and 1 girl at this time.

Under consent items, the board approved the second reading of revisions to the fund raising policy, approved a surplus sale, approved PIPE grant, and approved four out of state trips. They also approved and updated the check signing authority.

The board then adjourned to go into closed session to discuss the pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. Mr. Saylor reported that no action was taken.

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