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## Newly appointed magistrate casts tie vote on transfers, which gives money to jail

*Some jail employees are now without a job*

Bill Eldridge was appointed as the new magistrate of District 2 by Gov. Matt Bevin last Friday.

Eldridge replaces Gerry Flannery who resigned last month after moving out of the district.

Eldridge, a former county road department employee, was sworn in on Monday. He attended his first fiscal court meeting later that evening.

Eldridge voted no, along with Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor, on transferring funds from other accounts into the jail fund. This resulted in a tie since the two other magistrates voted in favor of

the transferring the money. Jailer Bo Morris was present but did not comment on the tied vote.

Later, a jail employee wrote on Facebook that several jail employees had been laid off five days before Christmas as the result of the fiscal court's vote.

Earlier in Monday's meeting, the fiscal court had approved an operating procedure for the jail.

Morris said the state had recommended that because the last procedure had been in place for 15 to 18 years.

The magistrates asked Morris if inmates were work-

ing, and he said no. The state has also made a threat to close the jail by January 3 if an exhaust system is not repaired.

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**Bill Eldridge**



**Hayden Brown gets help with opening his present at Storytime on Friday from Mrs. Santa. Mr. and Mrs. Santa were busy last week with three sessions of Storytime at the Estill County Public Library.**



Two Estill County High School Senior Band members have been selected to this year's All State Band. Martina Sanders and MaKayla Horn successfully passed their live audition and scored high enough to earn a spot in this elite group of musicians. Months of preparation went into this endeavor as the extremely difficult audition music was practiced to near perfection. Over 900 music students throughout the entire state gathered at John Hardin High School in Elizabethtown this past Saturday to go through this audition process. Martina (clarinet player) auditioned with close to 140 other clarinet players statewide and was ranked 34th overall, earning 13th chair in the All State Concert Band. MaKayla (trumpet player) auditioned with 160 other trumpet players statewide and was ranked 16th overall, earning 1st chair in the All State Concert Band. These students will be rehearsing and performing with the All State Band during the Kentucky Music Educators Association conference in February. This is an amazing accomplishment and a well-deserved recognition for these two distinguished musicians.

## BOE honors retiring staff, board members

On December 15th a reception was held for several people who recently retired from the Estill County school system. Two retirees were in attendance that night and were recognized during the board meeting for their dedication. Rosemary Nutter began her career in 1989 and Jeanette Stepp began her career in 1992.

Other retirees who were not able to attend the reception were Barbara Brandenburg, Loretta Cruse, Wayne Parvin, and Jeff Harrison.

The board recognize the Mountain Movers for the month of November. Brenda Honchell was recognized as the classified employee of the month. Honchell has worked at the high school for ten years. She said that she has enjoyed the opportunity to work with lots of great kids during her time at the school. Randy Sutter was recognized as the certified Mountain Mover of the month. Sutter has taught Math at the high school for

23 years and stated that he really enjoys working with the high schoolers.

Caleb Stickney, a senior at the Estill County High School, was recognized by the board for his outstanding academic accomplishments. Stickney is currently attending the Gatton Academy and Superintendent Jeff Saylor praised Stickney for his perfect score on the ACT. Stickney has recently been accepted into Princeton University.

Two ROTC cadets were also recognized for their accomplishments at the recent competition in Georgia. Megan Jones and Matt Young were also commended on the wonderful job they did during the Veteran's program at the high school at the beginning of the month.

Superintendent Saylor became emotional as he presented board members Patty Hood and Robbie Starling with a plaque for their service to the school district. Saylor said that they gave him a chance when his own county wouldn't and he was very appreciative.

Hood has served on the board since 1998 and she said that it had been a pleasure working with Mr. Saylor and that he had proved to them during the interviewing

process that his heart was in it.

"It's been a great ride," said Hood.

Charlotte O'Bryan presented the board with the criteria for the Gifted and Talented program. Chairman Robbie Starling said that he likes the fact that there is a criteria for the students and that it's not just about

grades.

All board members and a few principals recently received an anonymous letter from a parent who was upset about the date of Christmas vacation. In the letter it was stated that Christmas break should have started at an earlier date to allow those who have to travel time to do so.

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**Santa tried his belt on this little girl at the library which was way too big for her.**

**SUNDAY**  
**DECEMBER 25**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Obituaries**  
Earl Cox, 86  
Nakoa Crowe, 32  
Modena Estes, 94  
Joshua Rawlins, 36  
Myrtle Rose, 100  
Harold Thomas, 82  
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## KSP arrest S. Irvine resident on Dec. 14 on trafficking charge

While serving a warrant, a South Irvine man was charged with trafficking in drugs by Kentucky State Police on Dec. 14.

Troopers Robinson and Brumback and Deputy Doc Morris went to the home of Jeffrey Scott Rose, 52, to serve a warrant.

After knocking on the door, the troopers say Rose said to "come in." The citation states that Rose was sitting on the bed dividing pills. It adds there were 94 Neurontin pills and they were separated into groups of 10. There was also four small blue pills identified as clonazepam.

The citation says that a

prescription container had \$45 in cash and six baggies of suspected methamphetamine. There were also needles, a bent spoon and empty baggies on the bed.

Rose was arraigned on Dec. 16 in Estill District Court. He pleaded not guilty to trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (methamphetamine), illegal possession of a legend drug, controlled substance not in proper container, drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance, third degree.

A preliminary hearing was set for Dec. 21. Rose's bail was set at \$15,000 cash.



**Tanner Crowe signed his letter-of-intent on Monday, December 19, 2016 to play college baseball for the Berea College Mountaineers. A four-year starter for Estill, Tanner is the son of Kristi Crowe (left) and Estill head baseball coach Brian Crowe (right). Left to right in the back are athletic director Arthur D. Ballard, assistant Cade Berryman and assistant Blake Crowe, Tanner's brother, who also played for Berea. More on Page 18.**