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## Grand jury indicts 12

A dozen indictments were returned Friday by the Estill County Grand Jury. An indicted person is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

Brian K. Jones, 45, of Coral Avenue, Irvine was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (1/2 suboxone strip); promoting contraband, first degree; rear license not illuminated; operating on suspended or revoked license; and failure of owner to maintain required insurance.

The indictment states that Jones had the one-half suboxone strip hidden on his person while being booked into the Estill County Jail on March 14, 2016. The case was investigated by Irvine Officer Sam Hensley.

Scottie Wayne Collett, 39, of Winchester Road, Irvine

was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine); leaving scene of accident -- failure to render aid or assistance; failure of owner to maintain required insurance; wanton endangerment, first degree; and assault 4th degree (domestic violence).

According to the indictment on March 11, 2016, Collett backed his vehicle into his wife's vehicle and left the scene. He also allegedly held a gun to his wife's head. The indictment adds that Collett blacked his wife's left eye.

Captain Adrian McKinney conducted the investigation.

Jeri Sneed, 29, of South Irvine Road, Irvine was indicted for fourth degree assault; drug paraphernalia; promoting contraband, first degree;

and illegal possession of a legend drug. The indictment says that on March 23, 2016, Sneed pushed Dr. Donna Isfort.

It adds that she had a syringe and prednisone hidden on her person when she was booked into the Estill County Jail. Prednisone is a legend drug.

Officer John Sturniolo was the investigating officer. Amy F. Thomas, 33, of Webb Road, Irvine was named in a five count indictment.

The indictment charges Thomas with operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs on February 5, 2016.

It states that she was carrying a concealed deadly weapon, a 38 caliber piston in her purse, without a permit

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**Kordel Day received his diploma from his mother, Jamie Day, who is a guidance counselor at the high school.**



**Caitlyn Hardy received her diploma on Wednesday night. She plans to attend Morehead State University in the fall.**

## Class of 2016 is ready for college and careers

by CATHY DAWES  
The Estill County Tribune

The class of 2016 gathered on the football field at the Estill County High School on May 25th among family and friends to complete what they had set out to do, receive their diploma, and move on to the next chapter in their lives. Tears were shed throughout the graduates and onlookers as class president Timbre McCoy delivered an emotional speech to the crowd. McCoy stated that 72.1 percent of the class are college ready, 57.1 percent are career ready, and 51.3 percent are both college and career ready. She added that those numbers are the highest that they have ever been.

Principal Chris Winkler said in his speech that this class of graduates had already demonstrated that they have what it takes to reach

their goals and make all of their dreams come true. Winkler said that within the graduating class that there is the largest number of students in Central Kentucky to be recognized in the Youth Salute program. He also said that Eastern Kentucky University alone has awarded \$250,000 in scholarship funds to students in the graduating class. Winkler went on to say that this class holds several district, regional, and state titles, and described the academic team as a 'powerhouse.' He also added that the ROTC Raiders were a force to be reckoned with at all competitions.

Winkler concluded his speech by saying that the graduating class of 2016 are prepared to take their place in society as well prepared citizens.

"They will forever be Engineers," Winkler stated.



**Veteran Bill Stewart, standing back center, told Girl Scout Troop 7182 about his experiences while they were placing flags on graves.**



**Noah Rettburg places a flag at Oakdale while Aidan Baber of Boy Scout Troop 144 placed a flag on the grave of his ancestor, Sunny Powell.**



**I Love America**

A Patriotic Cantata

by John W. Peterson & Don Wyrzten

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243 Main St., Irvine, KY

Presented by:

Estill County Community Chorus

& The Winchester Singers

Director: Carol Anne Wilson

Please join us for a Patriotic Music Celebration!

Donations accepted at the Performance



**The American Legion Honor Guard fired volleys during the Memorial Day celebration on Monday at Ravenna Veterans Memorial Park.**

## After falling in pit, landfill worker dies of heart attack

An employee at Blueridge RFD Landfill on Winchester Road died of a heart attack on Thursday morning, said Judge Executive Wallace Taylor.

Taylor said he received an anonymous call that morning that an employee had fallen into a solidification pit.

Estill County EMS went to the landfill at 8:30 a.m. and transported the employee to the hospital. Taylor said that Walter Jackson, 56, of Madison County was pronounced dead at the hospital at 9:10 a.m.

Taylor went to the landfill along with Ronnie Rice, EMS director, and Chad Neal, also of EMS. Coroner Tony Murphy also was present.

According to Taylor, Jackson got out of

the pit. He went to the break room and took a shower before collapsing.

Jackson's body and clothing were sent to the State Medical Examiner's Office. Judge Taylor said the medical examiner said that Jackson had an enlarged heart.

Taylor said because the landfill called OSHA to investigate, only Murphy was permitted to view the solidification pit.

He added that one of the landfill employees went to the hospital with Jackson.

"All the employees liked him," Taylor stated. "He was a fine person."

Jackson's obituary said he was a truck driver for Advanced Disposal, which owns the Blueridge RDF Landfill. His obituary and photo appears on Page 6.



**ABOVE: Kristen Beckler, daughter of John and Mandy Beckler, plans to attend EKU in the fall. BELOW: Ryan Patrick, son of Johnnie and Jackie Patrick, received his diploma on Wednesday night.**



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