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**Over 100 people gathered Under the Big Top for the 10th anniversary of the Estill County Summer Fun BBQ Saturday evening. The event was created as a way for the Estill community to raise funds for the work Hospice Care Plus does in the county. Each year, including this one, the BBQ raises approximately \$10,000 for the non-profit hospice's programs. The theme for the 2016 event was Under the Big Top, with circus-themed decorations and activities. A local volunteer committee with leadership from Citizens Guaranty Bank organizes the BBQ. ABOVE: Gail McGillis, CEO of Hospice Care Plus, presents Kathy Samples of Citizens Guaranty Bank with a plaque recognizing the bank's 10 years of outstanding support of the BBQ and of Hospice. Joining Kathy to accept are Verlon Prewitt, Tina Pasley, Justin Dixon and Lisa Puckett.**

## Ballot is complete for school board and city councils

When the filing deadline ended last Tuesday, newly appointed board member Jenny Jo Niece was unopposed in District 4.

The competitions are on in District 1 and District 2.

Four people are vying for the board seat in District 1. They are Robert C. Burns, Larry Farwell, Thomas Hart, and Donna Arvin Isfort.

Rhonda Adams Hardy, Brandon Holloway and Valarie Flinchum filed for the seats in District 2.

Board chair Robbie Starling did not file for re-election in District 1, and Patty Hood did not seek re-election from District 2.

District 1 includes Barnes Mountain, South Irvine, and Red Lick precincts. District 2 includes the Estill Springs, Court House and White Oak precincts.

Niece will represent District 4, the Forks and Cedar Grove precincts.

School board members serve four year terms.

Races for the Ravenna and Irvine councils will also be competitive. Each council has six seats, and more than six have filed for each council.

Beverly Thompson, Sharon Snowden, Louis Officer,

Betty Wells Hisle, William C. VanCleve, Amy Crowe, Tina Johnson and William Jones have filed to run for the six seats on the Ravenna Council. This is for a two-year term. Thompson, Snowden, Hisle, Crowe, and Johnson currently serve on the Ravenna Council. Officer and VanCleve are former councilmen.

The Ravenna council is non-partisan.

There were no changes to the seven people on the ballot of the Irvine Council because their deadline had ended in January. This is also a two-year term.

Republicans seeking a council seat include Glenwood "Woody" Tipton, Tim Burkhart, Tommy Joe "Tobo" Byrant, Billy D. Arthur, O'Brene Richardson, and Nelle B. Williams. All but Richardson are now serving on the council.

Council lady Janice Bush is seeking re-election on the democratic ticket.

One candidate was eliminated in the May republican primary.

William J. Beard, Donnie Arvin, Jason Crowe, and Fred Brown II have filed for the four seats on the Soil Conservation District.

## IPD executes search warrant, arrests couple for trafficking

Two Irvine residents were arrested last Tuesday at their apartment on Carhartt Drive for manufacturing meth and trafficking in drugs.

A citation by Chief Brad Smith says the Irvine Police Department has been conducting a drug related investigation at the apartment.

IPD officers executed a search warrant at the apartment around 2 p.m. last Tuesday, and that is when they say they found ingredients for making meth.

Smith says that IPD also found pre-packaged baggies of meth, heroin, and various other pills.

He added they located

coffee filters, batteries, tubing, cotton, drain cleaner, ammonia, and starter fluid all of which were neatly labeled inside the woman's vehicle. These items are known as precursors to the manufacture of methamphetamine.

The officers located \$2,600 in the apartment, a citation states. They also report that a field test was conducted on the suspected meth, which was positive.

Sasha Brzezinski, 33, and Daniel W. Brezeale, 37, both residents of 190 Carhartt Drive, Apt. #2, were charged with manufacturing meth first, unlawful posses-

sion of methamphetamine pre-cursors, first offense, possession of drug paraphernalia, and trafficking in a controlled substance first, methamphetamine.

During the search, the chief says that IPD located several bags of Schedule 2 narcotics, including hydrocodone, amphetamine, and methulphenidate. The Schedule 4 narcotics included norazolam and clonazepam in two different types.

The citations state along with the packaged pills were drug paraphernalia including scales and pipes. Heroin was field tested, and Smith said that test was positive.

The two occupants were then charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (Heroin), trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (over 10 dosage units), and trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree.

Officer John Sturniolo said that a .32 caliber semi-automatic pistol was found in a dresser drawer under the male's clothing. The officer said that Brezeale is a convicted felon.

A bench warrant from Montgomery District Court was served on Brezeale.

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## Two sought in Lee Co. murder were arrested Mon. evening

Personnel from the Kentucky State Police, Richmond and Hazard Posts apprehended two suspects alleged to be involved in the death of Billy Roark that occurred more than a week ago in Lee County.

Jay N. Shoemaker, 39 years old of Beattyville, and Raigan D. Griffin, 22 years old of Beattyville were located at a residence off of Rock Lick Road in rural Breathitt County and taken into custody just after 6:30 pm Monday.

Both Shoemaker and Griffin were lodged at the Three Forks Regional Detention Center, charged with Complicity to Commit Murder.

Two additional individuals, Amy Turner, 31 years old of Beattyville, and Alysia Hensley, 33 years old of Beattyville were arrested and charged with Hindering Prosecution. They were also lodged in the Three Forks Regional Detention Center.

The ongoing investigation is being conducted by KSP Detective Jesse Armstrong.

## Fiscal court sets property tax rates and hires 6 more 911 dispatchers

Tax rates were set and part-time dispatchers were hired during a short, regular meeting of the Estill County Fiscal Court.

Property tax rates on real

estate in the county will remain at 8.6 cents per \$100 assessed property value, while the tangible rate stays at 10.5 cents.

The ambulance service remains at 10 cents and the health board at 8 cents.

The library tax decreased from 13 cents to 12.7 on real property. The tangible rate went down from 13.48 to 13 cents.

The extension service remains the same at .8 cents, 3.9 for motor vehicles and 17.45 for personal property.

The conservation district will be 1.5 cents.

County residents will pay 3 cents per acre if they own forestland. The money

is used to fight forest fires. Also some residents will pay 50 cents per \$100 for watershed.

The school system has not yet set tax rates.

Six part-time dispatchers were hired. They include Monica Hall, Jeff Oliver, Michael Ferguson, Pamela Warner, JoAnn Mulberry, and Tiffany Lewis.

Only one bid was received for a NOAA weather transmitter. The magistrates sent the bid to CSEPP to check to see if it meets specifications. If the bid is accepted, it will also be paid for out of CSEPP funds.

The court voted to advertise for CSEPP IT support.

That will also be paid out of CSEPP funds.

County attorney Rodney Davis reported on a lawsuit filed a few years ago by an employee at 911 dispatch. He said the lawsuit has gone to the Kentucky Supreme Court. He expects a decision in about four to five months.

The lawsuit was filed over the issue of smoking in the dispatch center, Davis stated.

Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor did not attend the meeting because of illness in the family.

The Estill Fiscal Court meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the little courtroom.

## IPD charges South Irvine man with drug trafficking

A South Irvine resident has been charged with trafficking in a controlled substance by the Irvine Police Department.

The citation states that Dustin Adam "Dusty" Sutton, 36, of 785 South Irvine Road made a transaction on July 4 with a confidential informant working for IPD. He allegedly sold methamphetamine to the confidential informant for \$40.

Sutton was arrested by Irvine Police on Sun., Aug. 14.

Officer John Sturniolo said the transaction was recorded on both audio and video.

The citation adds the suspected meth was field tested, and a positive result was obtained.

Sutton was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance first degree (methamphetamine).

Bail for Sutton was set at \$10,000 cash.

Court dates for Sutton were not available.

**Obituaries**  
**Harold C. Horn, 78**  
**Keaton D. Rogers,**  
**newborn**  
**Charlie Tipton, 72**  
**James Walling, 78**  
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