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Judge/Executive to retire before his term ends

Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor will be announcing his retirement from the judge/executive's position this week.

Taylor, a republican who has been in that position for 15 years, went to the state retirement board on Monday afternoon.

His retirement will be effective December 31 of this year.

Taylor stated that he was retiring because of health concerns and potential changes with the retirement system.

On Tuesday, Taylor was having medical tests run all day.

He said he plans on calling Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin as soon as possible to tell him he was retiring.

The governor will appoint someone to fill Taylor's un-

expired term, and this may take up to 60 days.

Taylor's term was to end on December 31, 2018.

When Taylor became judge/executive, he scheduled monthly fiscal court meetings at evenings so more citizens could attend. Special meetings were often held earlier at 4:30 p.m.

Until recent years, he and his staff organized a drug recovery walk where marchers walked around the court house seven times. He always said that drugs affected everyone.

He wasn't afraid to show up at a fiscal court meeting wearing a pink robe when he signed a proclamation declaring breast cancer awareness month in Estill County.

After opening fiscal court meetings with prayer and the pledge to the American

flag, Taylor updated the audience on road repairs, grants received, and other items of interest.

At many meetings, some group was there with a proclamation for Taylor to sign.

Taylor's successor will inherit at least two unfinished lawsuits. A lawsuit over Mountain Springs Road could possibly be resolved by December 31 since a survey of the road has been completed.

The county filed the other lawsuit against multiple defendants over TENORM being brought illegally to Blue Ridge RDF. A hearing on that lawsuit was scheduled for this Friday but it has been postponed because of observation of the Veterans Day Holiday.

Taylor's successor will also probably be asked to reopen the county jail.

Taylor has maintained that the jail was closed because of budget concerns.

Powell County Detention Center is expected to take Estill's prisoners when its expansion gets final approval from the state.

Until then, women are being housed at Clark County Detention Center and males are transported to Three Forks Regional Jail in Beatyville.

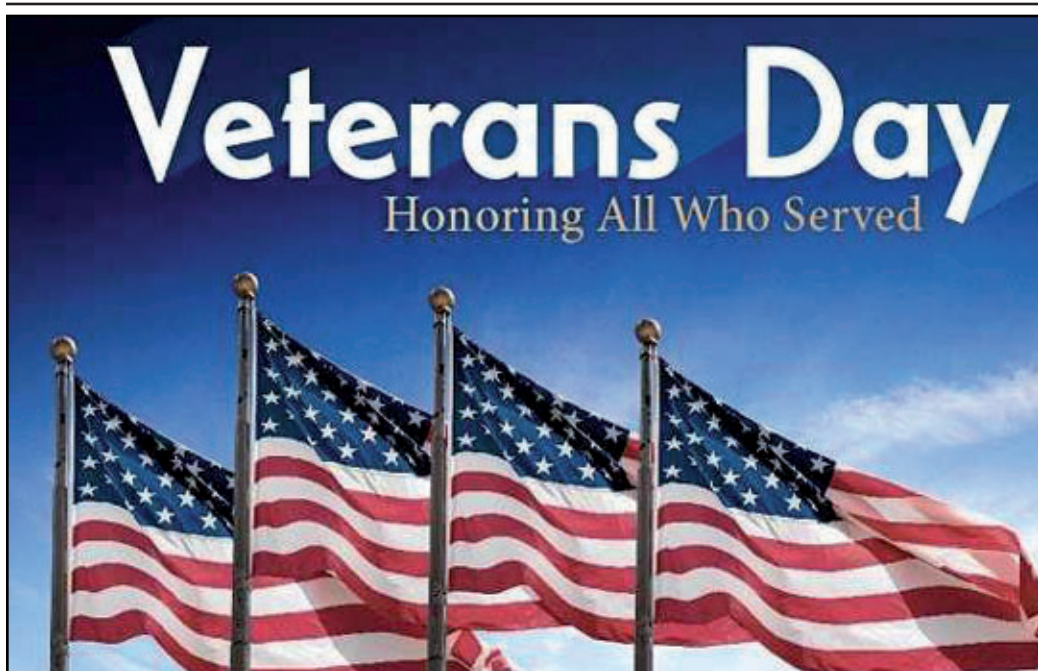
The fiscal court bought the jail a new transport van to transport multiple inmates to Estill County for court hearings.

Taylor will be the second one to retire this year from the fiscal court because of retirement concerns.

Gerald Rader was forced to resign as magistrate from District 1, retired earlier this year when he retired from CSX Railroad.



Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor, recently reading a proclamation above, will be retiring Dec. 31 because of health and retirement concerns.



Local Veterans Day Events

Estill Countians will be observing Veterans Day this Friday and Saturday, and there are three local events in which veterans are welcome to attend.

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is having a Veterans Program at Estill County High School on Friday, Nov. 10, starting at 9 a.m.

Kentucky State American Legion Commander Bill Stewart will be the speaker.

A reception will be held following the program.

For questions or to RSVP, please contact Kristen Wil-

son at (606) 723-3537.

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, a Veterans Program will be held at Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna. Everyone is invited, but please dress for the weather.

There will be speakers. The American Legion Honor Guard will perform a 21-gun salute.

Then at 1 p.m. Saturday, a special program for Veterans is being held at the Estill

County Historical and Genealogical Society on Broadway.

The society will unveil the "Estill County Veterans Showcase."

State Commander Stewart will be speaking.

Because Veterans Day falls on Saturday, the Estill County Courthouse and other government offices will be closed in observance on Friday.

Three more are indicted for bail jumping, a felony

Several others are indicted for trafficking

The Estill County Grand Jury returned indictments on Friday, October 27, including bail jumping charges against three who allegedly did not appear for their scheduled court appearances on Sept. 22.

Those three were Cody Begley, 23, of Cantrill Street, Irvine; Ricky Richardson, 49, of S. Irvine Road, Irvine; and Justin A. Mosley, 22, of Crabtree Lane, Irvine.

Their indictments state they had been released from custody by court order, with or without bail.

Bail jumping first degree is a Class D felony. It is punishable by one to five years in prison and/or a fine.

Commonwealth's Detective Joie Peters conducted the investigations into bail jumping.

Brian Edward Hall, 45, of Cantrill Street, was indicted on charges of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; and being a second degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment says on August 26, Hall had less than two grams of heroin in his possession with the intent to sell.

It adds that he also had in his possession a glass meth pipe, digital scale, metal scale,

corks, tubes, a straw, and several baggies consistent with packaging of illegal drugs.

Sgt. John Sturniolo of the Irvine Police Department was the investigating officer.

Earl Willis, 51, of Thomas Road, Irvine, was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (less than 10 dosage units of oxycodone).

According to the indictment, Willis sold two 30 mg. oxycodone pills to a confidential witness for \$80 on Sept. 28.

Sgt. Sturniolo investigated the offense.

James Rodney Adams, 50, of S. Hudson Avenue, Irvine and Tonia Rogers, 41, of Wisemantown Road, Irvine were named as co-defendants in an indictment.

The indictment charges the pair with three counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

The indictment says that on August 22, 23, and 24, the couple sold heroin to a confidential informant.

The indictment also charges the couple with drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, which is a misdemeanor.

It states that on August 22, they had a digital scale consistent with weighing drugs in their possess.

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IPD charges four in car with possessing drugs

Four 21-year-olds were arrested by the Irvine Police Department on November 1 after a caller stated there was drug activity going on at a black Jeep parked in the lot of Renaissance Apartments.

Chief Brad Smith said when he and Sgt. John Sturniolo arrived, the driver identified as Travis Cooper attempted to back out. Cooper was told to stop.

Smith said he opened the left rear door because the dark tinted window was broken and would not roll down. He stated that needles and meth pipes were visible in plain sight.

Cooper, of Sweet Lick Road, Irvine and his three occupants were asked to

exit the vehicle.

Irvine's K-9 Fritz alerted on the vehicle.

Smith said that under the driver seat was a small blue container with spoons, needles, cotton, liquid container and other paraphernalia in a kit.

Devin Coffey, of Glory Street, Irvine was reportedly sitting in the passenger seat behind the driver.

Chief Smith said two needles were visible, including one of them which was loaded. Coffey reportedly told him the needle contained methamphetamine.

Sgt. Sturniolo identified the front seat passenger as Jeffery Berryman, of Collins Street, Irvine.

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The twin daughters of William and Erin Leach passed out candy to Trick or Treaters on Halloween night.



Madison Hardy made a cute Minnie Mouse on Halloween night during Trick or Treat Trot on Broadway. As usual, the event was well attended.