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Board rehires architectural firm

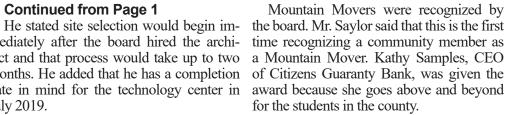
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mediately after the board hired the architect and that process would take up to two months. He added that he has a completion date in mind for the technology center in July 2019.

L.W. Beckley said he felt strongly about this and he added that the board should be prepared to hire a construction manager if they did stay with the current architect.

"I can promise you that I will be involved in the process, and we won't have issues like we've had in the past," said Mr. Saylor.

Board member Donna Isfort made the motion to go with Ross-Tarrant and the motion was seconded by Jenny Niece. The motion carried 3-2 with Beckley and Jon Bicknell voting against Ross-Tarrant.



Mike Flynn who has been an employee of the district for 24 years was recognized as the classified Mountain Mover of the month. Flynn was nominated for his excellent service and positive attitude.

Deanna Caldwell was selected as the Certified Mountain Mover of the month. Caldwell was recognized for her strong leadership skills, creativity, and dedication to her students.

Jessica Lee spoke to the board about the Mobile Medical Innovative Readiness

Mountain Movers were recognized by Training program. Lee said that this program targets basic medical needs as well as dental and vision.

> She stated that a mobile clinic was set up in Western Kentucky back in June and there were people standing in line out in the rain for hours to be seen by the dentist and eye doctor. The program also targets school physicals but anything other than a sinus their primary care physician.

Lee said that almost 1.5 million dollars in services were done in June and that she feels like this will provide basic services to charged \$200 per month for garbage pickthe people of Lee, Owsley, and Estill County who cannot afford it otherwise. Mr. Saylor said that this mobile clinic would happen called them and negotiated with them until during the 'dead time' of school which is in July.

Consent items were approved by the board such as a GEAR UP agreement/partnership with Berea College, out of state trips, adult education contract, and a contract between the school district and Advanced Disposal.

L.W. Beckley asked why the contract between the district and Advanced Disposal had decreased by \$15,000.

Mr. Saylor replied that he had looked infection or head cold would be referred to at the contract and the district was being charged the full rate even in the summer when there was no school.

He also stated that they were being up at the high school and it wasn't even a mile away from the landfill. He said that he they were able to decrease the amount of the contract by \$15,000.

His father hired a tutor which got him on track education-wise.

He made All-State in three sports in high school: football, basketball, and baseball.

He was a defensive back at Marshall University.

"Everybody that was playing with me was the best player in their high school," he stated.

He signed a contract with the NFL.

"I bounced around in the NFL for about three years," he stated. "If you don't play, they don't pay."

Cocaine and alcohol had taken over Thomas' life.

He lost his \$400,000 home, his wife, and

Eventually, he moved into his car and a homeless shelter in Lexington.

He wrote 157 bad checks and was facing four years in prison.

He turned to God.

"I want to be a parent," he said. "I want to be a member of the community, and I don't know how to do that."

He was hoping to go to Blackburn but the judge gave him another chance.

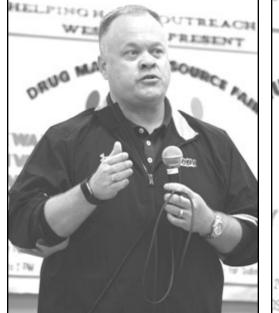
During an ice storm in Lexington, he bought a chain saw for \$200. He made \$6,000 a week and formed Thomas Tree Service.

His first year of sobriety got him out of debt and he paid back \$15,000 in child support.

Eventually, he got his rights back with his son.

He took a counselor's job at Laurel Treatment Center for \$10 an hour.

Thomas said he isn't sorry he didn't get to play for the NFL. "I got to be a parent." He is also reunited with is wife.





William "Bo" Leach **23rd District Judge**

Estill County Attorney Prosecutor, judge speak about Prosecutor, judge speak about Former NFL player **measures to help drug addicts** struggled with drugs,

vis and 23rd District Judge William "Bo" Leach spoke Saturday morning on what the legal system is doing to combat the drug problem in Estill County.

Rodney Davis

Their speeches were made during a drug march and resource fair held by Helping Hands and West Care.

All admit that everyone knows someone who has a drug problem and are affected by it.

"There is always hope on this issue," Davis stated.

Davis spoke about Casey's Law, where usually it is parents who seek help for an adult child with a drug problem.

Judge Leach stated the law is m

Estill County Attorney Rodney Da- Sheriff Gary Freeman handcuffed her and took her to Tennessee for rehab.

"It's very difficult to rehabilitate someone who doesn't want to be rehabilitated," Davis stated.

Davis was appointed last year to the Prosecutor's Advisory Council by Governor Matt Bevin.

This year the council supported Estill County to receive funding for a Rocket Docket program which began July 1.

This allows felony offenders to move through the court system more quickly.

Davis said it averages \$80 a day to incarcerate an Estill County inmate, one of the highest rates in the states. Since the Rocket Docket program started July 1, 35 defenhas saved the county 1,100 days of incar-

now helping others

Jerad Thomas, a former West Care employee, and now CEO of Shepherd's House in Lexington, was the keynote speaker Saturday at Helping Hands and West Care's Drug March and Resource Fair.

Thomas grew up in West Virginia and told of his struggles at school. He started sneaking his father's liquor at an early age.

4 waive indictment charges;

Former NFL Player

Jerad Thomas

a guardianship, where the addict is evalu- dants have been sentenced. Davis said this ated before going into rehab.

The law is not perfect, because once the ceration. evaluation is completed, often there is no rehab available. The hearing must be held 14 days after the evaluation is completed.

Leach said a second problem is the cost of rehab.

more," he stated.

He said when the final hearing is over, the addict is taken directly to rehab.

A young lady told him that she wasn't going to a rehab in Tennessee that her family had gotten her in. The judge said that

While the defendants in the Rocket they must enter into rehabilitation programs.

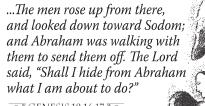
Estill County is more fortunate than two "Insurance is covering it more and other counties in the 23rd district, Lee and Owsley. Estill has West Care and Comp Care to send offenders to. Davis also mentioned there are free rehab programs out there.

> "I still believe incarceration is part of the process," stated Judge Leach.



Sixth district U.S. Congressman Andy Barr spoke about drug resources at the Drug March and Resource Fair on Saturday morning.

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plea guilty on Rocket Docket

Four people have waived indictments two district court cases. He was charged Docket program on Sept. 21.

Jennifer Rena Sparks was facing a charge of possesion of a controlled sub- evading police first degree on Sept. 3. The stance first. The waiver says she had a waiver states that Mays traveled at a high baggie of methamphetamine in her possession on August 30.

A charge of drug paraphernalia buy/ possess was dismissed by her plea.

She was sentenced and given probation.

Sheila Martin Taylor was sentenced trolled substance first and tampering with physical evidence.

The waiver states that on Sept. 17, Martin had a Percoset 10 in her possession, trolle substance. which she tried to conceal.

Martin was given diversion and will be enrolled in Drug Court. Other charges and enrolled in Drug Court. against her were to be dismissed according to the plea.

Bryan W. Mays waived indictments on Department.

Docket Program may not see prison time, to the Estill County Grand Jury. The four with third degree assault and resisting arwere recently charged with felonies and rest on Sept. 3. He allegedly kicked an entered guilty pleas through the Rocket officer and had to be tazed. He allegedly cursed and jerked away from the officer.

> He was also charged with fleeing and rate of speed through a construction zone after an officer had activated lights and sirens.

> Mays pled guilty and was sentenced. Other charges against him were to be dismissed.

Jessie Roy Stone waived an indictment Sept. 21 on charges of possession of a con- on charges of possession of a controlled substance, first and leaving the scene of an accident Sept. 8. The possession charge was amended from trafficking in a con-

> Stone was sentenced after pleading guilty. He was given a diverted sentence

> Per his plea, drugs were to be destroyed and \$150 was forfeited to the Irvine Police

Council learns about jr. firefighters

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Firefighter Program. He said that many people had questioned him about the insurclarify that indeed they are policy.

Neal said that when he was young that he used to hang around at the fire department with Chief Tony Murphy and then in the 9th grade he startwrong crowd and dropped out of school. Murphy told him that he wasn't allowed to be at the department if he wasn't going to get an

Chad Neal spoke to the get his GED in 2008 and he fire department.

> with their grades at school as well. He said that he requires them to show him their re- and I'm proud of you for geta failing grade then they talk cilwoman Nelle Williams. about it. They use old turnschools and their shirts.

education so Neal went on to with pride," stated Neal.

Currently there are 12 council about the Junior considers it a blessing that he junior firefighters but Neal was able to spend time at the said that number fluctu- last cruise in of the year will ates with students who are beheld on October 11th. This As junior firefighters, involved in sports. He said ance coverage on the junior they still have to undergo the that anyone that is 15 years firefighters and wanted to same training as regular fire- or older and would be inter- that he plans to speak to lofighters and Neal said that ested in participating in the cal business owners and try covered under the insurance he holds them accountable program can contact him or Tony Murphy.

"I think it's really good

ed running around with the out gear that has been ex- granted to Brenda Aldridge early Monday morning. He pired when out on a call and to open an auction house at Neal said that they do a lot 88 River Drive. The auc- tained to one room of the of work to pay for training tion will consist of furniture, home but the home suffered home décor, and antiques significant smoke damage. "They wear these shirts and will also house a snack

shop. The auctions will be held on Friday nights.

Tobo Bryant said that the cruise in will be the Toys for Tots fundraiser. Bryant said to work something out with them to coincide with the cruise in.

Fire Chief Tony Murport cards and if they have ting this going," said Coun- phy said that the Irvine Fire Department responded to a A privilege license was house fire on Armour Street said the damage was con-