

Fiscal court accepts bid to repair breaks in pavement

A special meeting of the Estill Fiscal Court was held Monday at 5 p.m. to open bids for steel and cribbing to repair roads and to transfer funds to make the jail payroll.

The fiscal court received three bids for the steel and cribbing which will be used to repair breaks in pavements caused by spring flooding.

Gary King of King Creek Drilling Corp. in Beattyville was awarded the bid. He asked \$22.75 per foot of railroad steel and \$8.25 a foot for cribbing installed.

King's bid was the lowest.

"(The railroad steel) has got to go into bedrock," King explained. "It needs to be a third into the rock."

He stated that he has been repairing road break-ins for 16 years and his work meets state and federal requirements.

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson said the county will be reimbursed by FEMA for these repairs.

He added the county had fixed some small breaks themselves.

Some of the breaks which will be repaired are on Clark, Tickey Fork, Murphy's Ford, Buck Creek, Jake's Heavenly Highway, Kissy Branch, Sally Ann Mountain, Pryse, and Patsy Roads.

Watson announced the county has received a check for \$608,275.00 from the state for FLEX funds. The roads were recently blacktopped by Hinkles and cost \$637,158.44, leaving the county to pay \$28,883.44.

The fiscal court also transferred money into the jail fund for payroll.

At the regular fiscal court meeting, the court may vote on giving the county treasurer authority to transfer funds to meet the

jail payroll.

The court had previously voted to authorize the treasurer to make the payroll and other recurring bills, such as utilities. However, the transfers are being made because money is not available in the jail fund to meet that payroll.

Judge Watson said that workers are needed in Estill County for the 2020 census for about 18 months. They will be paid \$14 an hour and 58 cents a mile. The mileage is tax exempt.

He also urged all Estill Countians to fill out the census reports, because it affects the amount of federal dollars the county receives.

It is estimated the county will receive \$21,000 per person over the ten years between censuses.

Fiscal court seeks cost of removing trailer

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This includes the use of a back hoe, one ton dump truck, road tractor, and salaries, including benefits, to pay the road foreman and two road equipment operators for four hours.

County Attorney Jason Riley is sending an invoice to the couple's attorney.

When the hearing was held, the county still had possession of the flat-bed trailer, which was registered to Warner Trucking Co. of Omaha, Nebraska. The county did not ask for storage of the trailer as impound lots do.

When Mr. and Mrs. Moes pay the assessment, the money will go into the county's road fund.

Local Police Activity

Sheriff Chris Flynn served a probation violation warrant August 2 on **Raleigh Green**, 35, of Abney Hollow Road, Clay City. Green was found guilty in Powell County of traceficking in a controlled substance, first degree and second or greater offense, and two counts of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense in 2014. He was probated on shock probation in 2015.

Two bench warrants were served on **Lloyd C. Estes**, 43, of Round Mountain Road, Irvine on August 1 by Sheriff Flynn. No other information was available.

Bethany Holton, 19, of Substation Road, Irvine was arrested July 31 by Deputy Chris Coffey for violation of an EPO/DVO. Coffey said he received a call that she was at the residence where a person had the EPO/DVO against her.

Upon Coffey's arrival, the door was locked but the property owner let him inside. The citation states that Holton wasn't inside, but she was located under the trailer. The property owner told Coffey that Holton went out a window and then went under the trailer.

Jeffrey McQueen, 34, of Glyn Court, Irvine was arrested by Deputy Coffey on August 1 at Shell-mart.

The deputy stated that McQueen was passed out behind the wheel of his truck. When Coffey woke McQueen up, he said McQueen was unsteady on his feet.

McQueen was charged with driving under the influence.

Coffey stated that McQueen's passenger, **Tamea Nichole McQueen**, 33, of Tipton Ridge Road, Ravenna, was also passed out in the vehicle, which was at the gas pumps. She was charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance.

A Lee County District Court bench warrant was served August 5 on **Adam B. Childers**, 42, of Beattyville by Officer Jason Conrad.

The bench warrant says Childers failed to appear on June 25 on a charge of public

intoxication.

Zackery Watts, 34, of Stanton, was charged on August 5 with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin), and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Conrad said Watts' vehicle crossed the center line as they met on the Winchester Road. The citation states that Watts was unsteady on his feet.

The officer said he located a piece of aluminum foil with a brown powdery substance, suspected to be heroin, and three syringes in the vehicle.

Watts was also charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin), and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Peggy Baker, 59, of Hughes Lane, Irvine, was arrested August 2 by Irvine Police Captain John Sturniolo.

The officer said that Baker's vehicle crossed the center line several times on Main Street, and she failed to give a turn signal when she turned from Main Street onto River Drive.

The citation states that Baker failed field sobriety tests. She reportedly told the officer different tales about the controlled substances that she had taken earlier.

Sturniolo said Baker had an orange pill (suboxone), 1 1/2 yellow pills (xanax), one white pill (hydrocodone), package of green leafy substance (marijuana), and one cut straw.

Baker was charged with driving under the influence, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (hydrocodone), possession of a controlled substance, second degree (suboxone), possession of a controlled substance, third degree (xanax), possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

She was lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail. Her bond has been set at \$2,500 cash. She is scheduled to be arraigned on August 5.

Blue Water Vets Gain Agent Orange Benefits

VETERANS POST by Freddy Groves

It passed! H.R. 299, known as the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, is now Public Law 116-23.

It extends disability benefits to Blue Water Navy veterans who were presumed to be exposed to Agent Orange between Jan. 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975. It will take effect on Jan. 1, 2020 when the VA will begin processing claims.

Here are some of the specifics you need to know:

If you were on a vessel within 12 nautical miles of the Vietnam or Cambodian coasts, you may be eligible for presumption of exposure.

You also may be eligible if you have any of the diseases previously connected

with Agent Orange: AL amyloidosis, chloracne or similar acneform disease, chronic B-cell leukemias, diabetes mellitus Type 2, Hodgkin lymphoma, ischemic heart disease, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Parkinson's disease, early-onset peripheral neuropathy porphyria cutanea tarda, prostate cancer, respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx or trachea) and some soft-tissue sarcomas.

If you applied for AO disability and were turned down, file again. Eligible survivors should also file. If you're age 85 or older and you are ill, your claims will be processed first.

We can thank in part the Institute of Medicine, which was asked years ago to determine whether shipboard

veterans could possibly have been exposed to AO, and if so, how.

The answer was in the water distillers that converted sea water into water used on the vessel for showers, coffee, laundry, etc. They called it a "plausible pathway of exposure."

To determine if you're eligible for benefits, go online to www.va.gov and put Blue Water Veterans in the search box. Look for the first link, titled Agent Orange Exposure in Vietnam Waters (Blue Navy Veterans).

You also can contact your Veteran Service Office or call the VA at 800-827-1000. And keep an eye on www.bwnvva.org, the Blue Water Navy Association website.

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When a veteran dies without family

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When a veteran dies and there is no family to tend to the details, the cremated remains will sometimes stay in storage for years. They're called Unclaimed Veterans.

If the eventual burial takes place in a Department of Veterans Affairs cemetery, it's called an Unattended Interment.

Sometimes these veterans are homeless; sometimes they're in a care facility. Sometimes no one knows the whole truth unless VA paperwork is found in the veteran's belongings.

I know of three situations in the past six months where veterans with no relatives were buried -- yet hundreds and thousands showed up at

their funerals. In those instances, word went out via a social media blog requesting that people come to pay their respects. Some traveled many miles to be able to attend and notified others in the area.

Now and then a local funeral home will put out word for nearby residents to attend the funeral of a veteran without family. Use it as the clearing house for any plans you might make, such as for "Taps" or notifying veteran motorcycle groups. That way you won't be duplicating efforts.

Ask specifically what they need. It might be they only require your attendance and anyone else you can bring with you. Either way, the veteran can re-

ceive military honors, including "Taps" and a gun salute, often performed by the American Legion if the burial takes place in a civilian cemetery.

If asked to attend the funeral of a veteran without family, please try to go. While they don't have a biological family, these veterans do have a military family -- us.

To learn more, there are Unclaimed Remains Burial Resources and Unclaimed Veteran Remains fact sheets available on the VA's cemetery website (www.cem.va.gov). Also look online for the Dignity Memorial Homeless Veterans Burial Program (www.dignitymemorial.com).

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New 'Surviving College' booklets are available

Revised versions of "Surviving College" and "Surviving College for Adults" are now available from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

The booklets include sections about:

Majors and class schedules.

Staying healthy and safe on campus.

Learning styles and study tips.

Campus life.

Financial basics.

To order a free copy, email publications@kheaa.com. Please include your mailing address.

Online versions of both can be found on and downloaded from www.kheaa.com.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses.

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans for its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC).

For more information about Advantage Education Loans, visit www.advantageeducationloan.com. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

Visit KHEAA at the state fair

Kentuckians attending the state fair in Louisville Aug. 15-25 can pick up free student financial aid information at the College Info Road Show booth in the South Wing of the Kentucky Exposition Center.

The College Info Road

Show is a mobile classroom sponsored by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

At the fair, students and parents can find free college planning and financial aid materials and resources, including information

about the Oct. 1 opening date for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). They can also register to win a \$529 college savings account from KY Saves 529, the state's official education savings plan.

KHEAA staff will be on hand to answer questions from students, parents, school counselors and other college access providers.

Visitors to KHEAA's booth will find helpful free guides such as "The College Circuit," "Surviving College," "Getting In" and "Adults Returning to School." Students and families can also learn how to request a free copy of "Getting the Facts," a personalized report that helps students estimate how much financial aid they may receive at the schools they want to attend.

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call (800) 928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

KHEAA also offers low-interest Advantage Education Loans, the state's only non-profit private education loans. For more information, visit www.advantageeducationloan.com.

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