Happy New Year! **Estill County**





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IPD arrests two in stolen vehicle

December 27 by the ald's parking lot. Irvine Police Depart-

NCIC. It showed the had been suspended. vehicle was stolen.

fic stop on Richmond reported as stolen.

A driver and his pas- Road, and the vehicle

Chaney said he ran the driver, Dylan T. cense. the license plate of a Collett, 32, of Rosebud

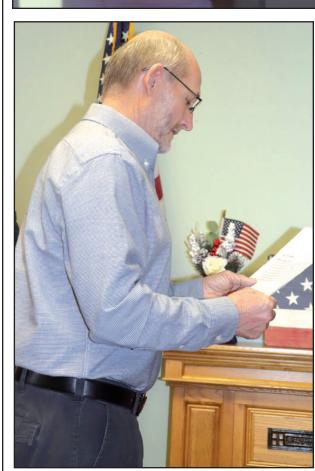
Chaney added that with KSP Post 7 that viduals who had taken he initiated a traf-the vehicle had been the vehicle.

Collett was charged senger were arrested stopped in the McDon- with receiving stolen property \$10,000 or NCIC confirmed more and operating there were five out- on a suspended or Officer Tanner standing warrants on revoked operator li-

The passenger was 2016 Chevrolet Equi- Avenue, Irvine. It also identified as Joyce A. nox through the LINK/ stated that his license Barlow, 35, of Waco. NCIC reported that she Chaney confirmed was one of the indi-

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State Representative Bill Wesley was sworn in Monday at Ravenna City Hall. This is Wesley's third term as state representative of the 91st district, which includes Estill and **Powell counties** and part of Madison County. Outgoing Irvine Coucnilman Billy Arthur (left photo) swore Wesley in. Wesley's mother, Norma Farmer, held the Bible as she has done for his previous two terms. A large crowd was present for the swearing in which opened with prayer by Bro. Hargis Gordon and remarks from Kirby **Easterling of Madi**son County.

Looking back at 2024

Th Estill County received several threats of snowstorms early in January, 2024. The county received its only substantial snowfall in the middle of the

Estill County High School's academic team was named as district champions.

Brian Tipton of South Irvine was arrested by Kentucky State Poice for manslaughter and trafficking in a controlled substance. The arrest was resulted from the death of an Estill County man. Tameka Napier was also charged in connection with the man's death.

U.S. Bank on Broadway announced it was closing its Irvine branch on May 1st.

The City of Irvine made several attempts to pass an occupational tax. The vote was unsuccessful.

Erin Leach was hired as 4-H agent for



Five people were injured in March when an Estill EMS ambulance collided with a vehicle while transporting a child to UK Hospital. The child was not injured. File photo

the Estill County Extension Service.

Two girls, ages 5 and 11, were struck by a truck on Stacy Lane. They were flown to UK Hospital.

In early March, an ambulance belonging to Estill County EMS was involved with another vehicle in Richmond. The wreck caused injuries, and the ambulance was heavily damaged.

At the time of the wreck, the ambulance was transporting a small child, accompanied by its grandmoth-

er to UK Hospital. The child was not injured.

The paramedic was most seriously injured and had multliple surgeries.

A student EMT was treated and released. The EMT was attempting to get in his hours for certification.

Estill County Clerk Brian Crowe resigned on March 31. County Judge/Executive Donnie Watson appointed a long-time employee of the clerk's office, Kim Charles, to fill the vacancy.

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Three local veterans were honored with a trip to Washington D.C. in May. They are left to right, David Creech, Jack Chaney, and Delvin Reece.

of the school year. Charlie Brock swore in one level with each on December 10th in the chief of the SRO's classroom having win- Prestonsburg. File photo

the school year, and

by CATHY DAWES

Tribune Staffwriter

The Estill County

School Board met in

Thursday, December

19th.

their school.

as well as a second dows. SRO. Brock said they had both been work- will make another trip ing within the schools to Frankfort at the end but wanted the official of December to ask for swearing in to be pub- more funding.

Architects give update

regular session on lic. Several students and spoke to the board staff members from about the yearly audit. Estill Springs were on The board accepted it will give students. hand to give the board the audit as well as the a little insight to what district improvement Donna Isfort anhas been going on in plan.

had been three meet-Principal Jessica Mullins said that stuings so far on the new dents have shown tremendous growth with a fourth meeting in Math and Reading since the beginning of about the site prep.

A tentative laythey will continue to out of the floor plan student representafocus on academics of the new building tive to the board, was during the second half was shown by Jeremy congratulated on her Simpson. The new recent scholarship Superintendent building will be all that she was awarded

on new middle school

Mr. Brock stated he

Middle School Prin-Chad Allen from cipal Tasha Halcomb Allen and Associates said she's very excited about the new building and the opportunities

Board Chairman nounced that Ron-Mr. Brock said there nie Riddell has been named as the Lady Engineers Softball coach middle school project and Tanner Crowe will take over as head scheduled in January coach of the Engineers baseball team.

Elizabeth Raider,

Obituaries

Jane Bryant, 71 **Dennis Coomer, 66 Ackie Friend, 93 Angel Gordon, 33** Minnie Knox, 80 Dr. Randall McCoy, 67 --- See Page 6 ---Rickie Jan Means, 68

Michael Ratlif, 49 Mary Smith, 94 Lois Williams, 94 --- See Page 7 ---

Joetta Palmer, 86