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Lighting was first suspected as the cause of a fire at the vacant house located at the corner of Dark Hollow and Wisemantown Roads late Sunday. Firemen later discovered the back door to the home had been kicked in, so now the fire is being investigated as an arson.

House fire is believed to be caused by arson

by CATHY DAWES
Estill Co. Tribune

After a widespread severe weather outbreak on Sunday that kept most residents of Estill County on edge, the Estill County Fire Department found themselves battling a house fire at the corner of Wisemantown Road and Dark Hollow Road late that night.

According to Estill County Fire Chief Derrick Muncie the call came in about the fire sometime around 11:30 which was about the time that the last round of thunderstorms swept through the county. He

said that when they arrived on the scene, they suspected that the vacant home had been struck by lightning but after a closer inspection they noticed that the back door had been kicked in.

Muncie said that he had spoken to the homeowner and was told that his mother had lived in the home but had recently moved in with a relative. Some of her belongings and yard sale items were still in the home at the time of the fire.

The state arson investigator has been called in to determine the exact cause of the fire.

Man charged with assault & imprisonment of three

An Estill County man has been arrested by Kentucky State Police for unlawfully imprisoning a woman and her two children.

The man was identified as Joshua Turpin, 32, of 70 Walton Road, Irvine. He was arrested at his residence at 6:56 p.m. on Monday, July 21.

Trooper J. Carpenter stated that he was dispatched to the 911 center to talk to the victim, Pauletta Nicole Calmes. She told him that she and her two kids had been held overnight against their will at a home on Hoys Fork Road, Irvine. The date of the alleged offense was Sunday, July 20.

Ms. Calmes told the trooper that she had been choked unconscious, and was then pushed all around the house and the ground outside.

The state trooper said that Calmes told him she feared for her life. She was granted an Emergency Protection Order (EPO).

Trooper Carpenter served the EPO on Turpin. Turpin was also charged with three counts of first degree unlawful imprisonment, assault fourth degree (child abuse), assault fourth degree (minor injury), and terroristic threatening, third degree.

The trooper said he spoke with a witness who saw Turpin throw Calmes to the ground, get on top of her, and appear to choke her.

The trooper said he contacted social services, but they were already aware of the situation because a child had been taken to Children's Clinic to be treated.

Turpin's bail has been set at \$10,000 cash. He must sign up for home incarceration when released. The home incarceration must have a feature that the victim will be notified.

A preliminary hearing will be held Friday afternoon, August 1, in Lee County.

IPD arrests man twice for disciplining teenager

The Irvine Police Department twice arrested a city resident last week for assaulting his teenage daughter.

Officer John Sturniolo went to 608 Broadway on Thursday night to investigate possible domestic violence.

The citation states the father had gotten into a physical fight with his 14 year old daughter over a cell phone.

The officer said the father had pushed his daughter into a chair and slapped her face three times.

Officer Sturniolo arrested

Bradley Harkins, 35, and charged him with fourth degree assault (domestic violence).

The citation states that Harkins said he was trying to discipline his daughter for leaving home for three days without permission.

The citation adds the daughter had marks on the left side of her neck and her left ear was red.

Harkins was released on bond from the Estill County Detention Center at 10:50 a.m. Saturday. One of his

bond conditions was that he not be in contact or communication with his daughter.

A citation states that Harkins entered the residence at 608 Broadway at 11:23 a.m. Saturday.

The citation adds that Harkins started cursing the daughter. The teenager said her father was kicking the door that he returned to.

She added that he came through the door and grabbed her left arm. He then allegedly turned her over.

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Grass on Cherry St. will be mowed

Argene Benton addressed the Irvine Council on Monday about grass not being cut on a neighboring residence.

Benton said when she moved to Cherry Street many years ago, the house across from hers was the most beautiful one on the street. There's no one living in the house now, and a realtor's sign is on the property.

The grass has not been mowed this year, and Benton said it is up to her shoulders.

Police Chief Brad Smith apologized to Benton. He said he had mailed a letter on June 3 and had not followed up on it. He has mailed letters to the property owners in previous years, and he said they usually cut the grass.

"It's their responsibility to

cut it," stated Mayor Ernest Lee Farmer. "They need to cut it."

The council approved a resolution to apply for a block grant for the Wisemantown Sewer Extension project. The deadline is August 1.

The mayor said it is over \$3 million, but grants will be paying about 70 percent of it.

He announced the Twin City Kruzers will have their next car show on Saturday, August 9. This car show will benefit Hospice and will be on Broadway.

Estill County Middle School has rescheduled their car show for Sunday, August 24. It will be held on Mack Street.

The council approved at their last meeting for Hos-

pice to hold a Color Blaze 5K race on Oct. 25. The mayor said that Hospice wants to reschedule the race for earlier in October.

Revive River Drive is scheduled for Saturday, August 30.



Argene Benton



Above: The Coon Creek Girls performed Friday night at the 36th Annual Bluegrass Festival held on Tracy Jenkins Festival Grounds. Left photo: Tracy Jenkins, left, talks with many of the festival goers. This year's festival was held in memory of his late wife, Colie Jenkins, who passed away a month earlier. He also lost a brother, Boyd Jenkins, and a concession stand owner, Gina Tipton.



Obituaries

Michael Franklin, 46

Gladys Henry, 80

Joe Lakes, 74

Edward Johnson, 60

Denny Rawlins, 56

Louise Richardson, 87

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School board plans for renovations

Members of the Estill County School Board met in special session on July 22, 2014. The construction project at the Estill County High School and a new project at the South Irvine Pre-K Center was the focus of the meeting.

Roland Mueller, an architect for Ross Tarrant, has worked with the school system on several construction projects and was present at the meeting to give an update on the renovations at the high school. Mueller stated

that the projected completion date for the renovations on the locker rooms has been a slow process. He said that Certified Properties, the company that is doing the renovations is an inexperienced construction company but even though construction has been sluggish, it has been good quality.

"Has there been a moisture problem with the floor tile?" asked Robbie Starling.

Mueller said that a moisture test was performed and the original plan to use ep-

oxy was abandoned and the builder is still reluctant to use ceramic tile in the locker rooms. He said more than likely the floors in the locker room will not be completed during this phase of the project but will be put on hold until the board approves the next phase. At that time they will find a subcontractor who will be willing to complete the floors. He said that Certified Properties had given a \$15,000 credit back for the incomplete project.

"We are doing our best to

work with him to see a finished project," added Mueller.

South Irvine Pre-K Center will see some much needed renovations in the near future. The original building was built in 1964 with additions added to it in 1967 and again in 1995. The entire building will get a new roof and windows. Construction will begin in late fall and will be completed sometime during the spring.

"I'm afraid that it's going to go over our budget with

this project," said Charlie Bill Muncy.

Mueller said that the budget for the project was between two and three million dollars and he said he feels very comfortable with the estimate that Ross Tarrant has drawn up.

The next phase of the high school renovations was discussed amongst the board members. If all goes as plan, the high school gym will receive a new set of bleachers in the near future.

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