

Irvine Council meeting was a busy one

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She also said that whoever was in charge of writing checks could not be in charge of making deposits. Powell also said that under the current pay ordinance that she was advised that the ordinance should outline a starting salary and end with a top out rate for each employee.

City Attorney Rodney Davis said that he had worked with several different counties and that he had never seen a pay scale ordinance that had a top pay rate on their ordinance.

"I would advise the council not to do anything at this time," added Davis.

At a meeting earlier in the month Dr. Vivian Ong had addressed the council about flood water that was coming out of a creek behind the

office on River Drive. Ong asked the council for help in solving the problem because she was afraid that one of her patients would be injured by falling into one of the potholes in the parking lot. Rodney Davis said that he was still waiting on a document pertaining to the property but after examining the culvert and property he feels like the problem is occurring on private property.

Fire Chief Tony Murphy said that during the parade on Saturday, the fire department was dispatched to an apartment building located on Broadway. He said that they broke away from the parade and reached the location and that two apartments were filled with smoke but there was no fire.

After searching for nearly an hour, Murphy said that

Chad Neal found a garbage can that had recently had an ashtray dumped into it by someone that was visiting the apartment. The can caught on fire but was extinguished by the guest and then hidden in the bottom of another garbage can.

During the 'around the table' discussion, Nelle Williams said that she would like the committee meetings to start back up. She said that meeting with employees would alleviate a lot of the chit chat going on between each other.

"What would help take care of some of these problems that we have been working on for six years such as rental properties being in terrible shape?" asked Williams.

Robert Sanders, the city's new building inspector,

stated that driving through Irvine he had spotted close to 40 pieces of property that he felt like needed to be condemned by the city, torn down and cleaned up, and then put on the market for developers to purchase. He said that the properties that are occupied by tenants could also be condemned by the local health department and would have to pass inspection before anyone would be allowed to move back in.

"Some live like rats but drive Cadillacs," stated Sanders.

Rodney Davis said that the only problem with cleaning up the properties is that the expense of the abatement will always fall on the city. He said that if the council wanted to proceed with cleaning up some properties

then he would recommend to work that into the budget for the next fiscal year.

Tobo Bryant questioned a bill that he had received for the printing of flyers for the car show that was to be held during the Mushroom Festival. He said that even though the Twin City Cruzers were in charge of the car show the main purpose of it was to promote the city and draw people into downtown Irvine. Bryant said that the bill totaling \$339.06 could be paid by the car club but he didn't think they should have to pay it because they were doing the car show in conjunction with the festival.

Robin Powell said that the auditor had concluded that the printing of the flyers wasn't something that the city should pay for and

that it was illegal for the city to print the flyers as a donation.

Davis said that he thought the council could write the expenditure for the flyers into the budget as long as it wasn't a random expenditure. He also said that he thought the auditor needed to show statutes to back up her findings and they would discuss it again at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Janice Bush wanted to publicly commend the Estill County Emergency Management on the hard work that they have been doing and that she thinks it's one of the best things to happen in Irvine. She added that she loves the phone calls that residents get when they need to be informed about things that are going on within the county.



Children dressed in old fashioned clothing for the River City Players float.

Irvine Police Dept. Arrests

A Clay City man was arrested Thursday evening on the Winchester Road for trafficking in marijuana.

IPD Officer John Sturniolo stated that he observed a Chevy traveling 45 mph in a 35 mph zone. The officer said the vehicle and its driver had a strong odor of marijuana.

Sturniolo added that the driver stated that he had smoked marijuana a few hours before his arrest, and admitted to smoking it in his vehicle.

A set of scales was found inside the vehicle. Sturniolo said the driver told him that he buys marijuana and uses the scale to weight it to so he doesn't get ripped off. He sells it once in a while to friends. He reportedly told the officer that his father also used the scales to weigh marijuana.

Sturniolo said the driver failed field sobriety tests. He charged Gary T. Lacy, 22, of Tenth Street, Clay City with driving under the influence of drugs, speeding, possession of drug paraphernalia, and trafficking in marijuana.

Another resident of Clay City was arrested Thursday evening for driving under the influence of drugs by Officer Sturniolo in an unrelated incident.

He was identified as Shawn D. Dehart, 42, of Forge Mill Road.

Officer Sturniolo said he located Dehart passed out in the waiting room of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital. He stated that Dehart admitted to taking suboxone earlier that day and did not have a prescription for it.

The officer said that Dehart failed field sobriety tests. He reportedly admitted to driving to the hospital.

Four bench warrants were served Sunday, April 26 on Jody R. Riddell, 23, of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine. The four warrants were issued by District Judge Bo Leach for two different case numbers.

A Mobile, Alabama woman was arrested at 3:52 p.m. on Saturday, April 25 on Hood Avenue for alcohol in-

toxication.

Irvine Officer Karl Rifenbark responded to Hood Avenue for a possible domestic violence.

When he arrived, he said that Lequita L. Nix, 25, was standing outside, yelling and cursing. He added that she had the odor of alcoholic beverages on her breath. A breath test also showed the presence of alcohol.

A bench warrant from Rowan County Circuit Court was served Saturday by Rifenbark on Douglas W. Riggsby, 27, of Sandy Hook, Ky.

Two bench warrants from Estill District Court were served on Carl Hall, 34, of Turner Avenue, Irvine by Irvine Officer Aaron Curtis.

An Irvine woman was charged early Saturday morning with alcohol intoxication and endangering the welfare of a minor.

Officer John Sturniolo said he located Tonya Cox, 35, of Winchester Road, Irvine at 147 Richmond Road, Irvine around 4:16 a.m. He said Cox's seven year old daughter was sitting on the ground while the temperature was in the low 50's, and she was eating peanut butter.

He said that Cox told him that she was at her boyfriend's apartment when they got into a confrontation. She had left on foot around 4 a.m.

The daughter told Sturniolo that her mother and the boyfriend were arguing over stealing each other's alcoholic beverages.

Brenda L. Proffitt, 45, of Cynthia, Ky. was arrested 6:30 p.m. Saturday at intersection of Broadway and Court Street by Officer Sturniolo.

He said he was attempting to locate Proffitt because she was tripping over people at the festival. He stated that she admitted to taking hydrocodone earlier that evening. She reportedly failed field sobriety tests and had a suspended drivers license.

Proffitt was charged with alcohol intoxication and pos-

session of suspended operator license.

Gordon L. Roberts Jr., 55, of Grace Chapel Road, Irvine was arrested by Officer Rifenbark for public intoxication on Saturday.

Proffitt, identified as his wife, said that Roberts drove them to the festival. The citation states that due to their level of intoxication, they had lost their vehicle. Rifenbark said that Roberts' operator license was also suspended.

Teen killed in Lexington

An Estill County teenager was killed in a four-vehicle wreck on Tuesday, April 21 in Lexington.

Daniel Ethan Stamper, age 19, of Irvine was pronounced dead at the scene. Stamper was going to work at Ball Homes when the wreck occurred.

He had dropped out of high school and he enrolled at the Estill County Adult Learning Center where he passed his GED test last spring.

Mary Skipper, the director of the Adult Learning Center, said he was always a polite young man. She said, Stamper was always say-

Burglary Arrests

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Stone was charged by Farthing with third degree burglary of True Value Hardware and theft by unlawful taking or disposition of \$500 or more.

Sheriff Freeman said that phones taken from AT&T had been recovered. State police and deputies had gone to Richmond on Monday afternoon to recover two of the chain saws taken from D&J Hardware.

Stone was arraigned in district court Monday on the citations from the sheriff's office. He pleaded not-guilty to the charges.

He was scheduled to return to court on May 6 for a

preliminary hearing.

Stone may be facing a third degree burglary charge by Kentucky State Police for the break-in of the AT&T Store.

He may also be charged with attempted break-in of the White House Clinic.

In an unrelated matter, Stone was arrested on April 22 on a bench warrant by Irvine Officer Aaron Curtis.

District Judge Bo Leach had issued the warrant because Stone had allegedly failed to pay a fine of \$258 and a \$30 service fee. Stone was fined after he was found guilty of receiving stolen property on February 12, 2014.

IPD makes arrest for shoplifting from vendor booths at festival

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The firefighters never saw a flame, but they smelled a strong odor of smoke in the foyer. Once they went upstairs, they could not smell the smoke.

Irvine Officer John Sturniolo banged on the door of the apartment to the right of the foyer. No one answered, so the fire department unsuccessfully attempted to break in.

At first, Ravenna Fire Chief David Harvey said he suspected one of the residents may have had a cooking fire but would not admit it.

In one apartment, a firefighter found melted blinds. The occupant said they had been melted for over a year. Firemen expressed concern over the melted blinds.

On Sunday, Harvey said the cause of the smoke was determined. He said a person had either set fire to the contents of a trash can in the foyer, or had dropped a cigarette in the trash can which caught the contents on fire.

He said water was then used to extinguish the flames, which causes smoke. He said the burnt contents of the garbage can were then put into a garbage bag and hidden.

Irvine Police made at least four arrests for public intoxication, and one of those arrests included shoplifting charges.

Sgt. Mike Gross received a call to investigate a theft at a vendor booth at the Mushroom Festival.

When he arrived, he asked Cassandra F. McIntosh to hang up her cell phone so he could talk to her. She wanted to know why she had to hang up.

He said he asked her again to hang up and speak with him. Sgt. Gross said at this time, she began screaming and cursing, which drew attention to herself and the officers on the scene.

Gross told her she was under arrest for disorderly conduct. When he started to handcuff her, she said she pulled away. She started fighting him and mule kicked him and Captain Adrian McKinney.

Later, she failed field sobriety tests. The officer said that McIntosh had slurred speech and pupils which would not dilate.

Inside a brown bag was a wooden toy. The booth operator told Gross that she had not sold any of those toys.

Gross added that inside McIntosh's purse was a metal cigarette container. It had a cigarette wrapper with marijuana inside and rolling papers. Gross stated that he found 18 clonexpam pills in

another cellophane wrapper in McIntosh's purse.

She was charged with disorderly conduct, 2nd degree, assault 3rd degree of police or probation officer, possession of controlled substance, 3rd degree, prescription controlled substance not in proper container, resisting arrest, public intoxication, theft by unlawful taking or disposition shoplifting under \$500, possession of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia - buy/pos-

session. McIntosh was also charged with two other charges of theft by unlawful taking -- shoplifting. The items included a three-piece jewelry set valued at \$22 and a bracelet and charms which were reported missing from two different festival booths.

McIntosh, 30, is a resident of 130 Hall-Abney Road, Irvine. A 40 year old male at the same address, Christopher E. Cole, was also arrested for public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance (suboxone strips).

McIntosh was arraigned on her charges Monday in Estill District Court. She pleaded not-guilty.

She had bonds set of \$650 and \$5,000 cash. She will return to court on May 6 for a pre-trial conference on the two misdemeanor charges and a preliminary hearing on the citation which includes a felony charge (assault of a police officer).

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TWIN CITY CRUZERS - schedule of events

- May 1 - Mushroom Festival Car Show
- May 4 - 7pm - meeting
- May 9 - 5-9pm - 1st Cruise In (downtown Irvine)
- May 18 - 4pm - leave from Ravenna park drive to Happy Top for potluck and cookout
- June 1 - 7pm - meeting
- June 18 - 5-9pm - Wounded Warriors Cruise In (downtown Irvine)
- July 6 - 7pm - meeting
- July 10 - American Legion Car Show
- July 11 - 5-9pm - Cruise In (downtown Irvine)
- July 13 - 9am - leaving from Pizza Hut driving to Camp Nelson stopping to eat on the route
- Aug 3 - 7pm - meeting
- Aug 8 - 5-9pm - Hospice Cruise In (downtown Irvine)
- Sept 7 - noon - Cookout Cruise - leave from Pizza Hut, return to Darrell & Dorothy Hall's for cookout and pot luck dinner at 4pm
- Sept 8 - 7pm - meeting
- Sept 12 - 5-9pm - Cruise In (downtown Irvine)
- Sept 19 - 5-8pm - Railroad Festival Car Show in Ravenna
- Oct 5 - 7pm - meeting
- Oct 10 - 5-9pm - Toys for Tots Cruise In (downtown Irvine)
- Oct 12 - 9am - leaving from Main St. to Natural Bridge for cookout and pot luck dinner