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Volunteers erect storage buildings for flood victims

Ten families whose homes had flooded received storage buildings Saturday.

Materials for the pre-fab 8x12 foot buildings were delivered from the International Disaster Emergency Services in Indiana.

John Isfort and Leonard Stone, members of Crooked Creek Christian Church, coordinated construction of the storage buildings.

Isfort said that Stone was the perfect man to oversee this building project. He has been on 40 different missions to India, Haiti, and Honduras.



Volunteers raised the walls on a pre-fab storage building on Third Street in Ravenna on Saturday. Two teams were working side by side at two adjacent residences.



A completed storage 8x12 foot building on Wall Street is pictured above. The teams working on the buildings completed them in one day.

Mattresses to Sleep On

Leggett & Platt in Winchester donated hundreds of mattresses this past week for flood victims in Estill and other counties. State Representative Bill Wesley had asked the company for the donation. The four counties that Wesley represents were all severely flooded on March 1. Many of victims have been sleeping on floors and in tents. Right photo: Kirby Easterling, chairman of the Madison County Republican Party, helped Shannon Graham unload mattresses on Friday at Body of Christ. Connie Witt, chairperson of the Estill County Republican Party, and Judge/Executive Donnie Watson also volunteered to unload mattresses. Bottom photo: All the volunteers stood in front of the semi from Leggett & Platt after the mattresses were unloaded.

Photos courtesy of Jamie Farmer



IPD charges one man with drug trafficking of oxycodone tablets

An Estill County man was arrested March 18 after allegedly obtaining a medication through mis-identification at a pharmacy drive-through.

The prescription was for 90 oxycodone pills in 30 mg strength.

Detective Sam Hensley stated he visited the residence of Jerry Richardson, 56, of McKee Road Irvine and recovered the bottle of medicine.

He returned to the pharmacy which verified there were only 73 pills in the bottle.

Hensley said he returned to Richardson's residence who stated

that he had taken a couple of pills. He said he gave some away to other people.

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Jerry Richardson
Photo/Three Forks Jail

He reportedly refused to identify to whom he had given pills.

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Chief and officer join foot pursuit to catch homeless man Friday

A homeless man escaped on foot from the Irvine Police officers on March 19, and Cody Begley, 26, homeless, was later arrested on a complaint made to Officer James Marshall.

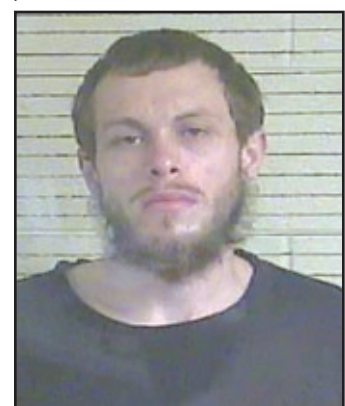
He was watching every action made by the caller. The man was also reportedly on the caller's property.

The officer stated that he and Chief John Sturniolo were headed up River Drive when they noticed a man fitting the caller's description in front of the Commonwealth Attorney's office. When they turned the vehicle around, the man started to run toward Main Street.

Marshall activated the cruiser's lights and siren. He gave chase, along with the police chief. He said the man ran toward the Irvine bridge and went behind the buildings.

He added that as the man was running across Main Street, he pulled down his mask.

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Cody Begley
Photo/Three Forks Jail

The caller with the complaint told Officer James Marshall that a man was at his residence dressed in all black with a face mask on.

School board pleased with new construction

by CATHY DAWES
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The Estill school board met on Thursday night and were pleased with the progress of the construction projects going on throughout the district.

Jeremy Faulkner, construction manager, said that the area technology school is starting to come together and looks really great. He said that everything is right on track for the completion date of July and will be ready for students in August of next year.

Board chairperson Donna Isfort asked if it would be a problem for the construction crews in June when Estill County will be hosting tournaments at the softball and baseball fields.

Faulkner said that it wouldn't be a problem and they would move all the equipment out of the way so traffic

could flow easily through the area.

Isfort announced that the new bus garage is 100 percent occupied. She said there is fuel in there and it is fully functional.

Superintendent Jeff Saylor said they still need to add canopy lights and get the pressure washer fixed but the majority of the project is complete.

Peter Fisher spoke with the board about Phase 7 renovations at the Estill County High School which will begin as early as June. Fisher said that they will accept bids on the project in April on the athletic facility.

The facility which will consist of a new football field, tennis court, greenhouse, baseball and softball fields, and several other upgrades which will be one of the best in the state according to Mr. Saylor.

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