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**Burn Out! Get A Ticket!**

This photo of a car "burning out" was taken two years ago. Liability issues forced sponsors to say this year's event was cancelled. However, many still plan on cruising River Drive on Saturday night. IPD and KSP will be out in full force to issue citations to those who choose not to obey the law.

## Revive River Drive is still going to happen

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Labor Day weekend is just around the corner and in the past several years, folks from all over have travelled home to Estill County to Revive River Drive. The event was organized by a group of friends seven years ago and their main objective was to Revive River Drive, back to what it was in the old days when people cruised town, visited with friends, and shopped at local businesses.

The annual event was a huge hit from the very start, so much so that the Estill County Chamber of Commerce partnered up with the group of friends to help organize the event. Vendors set up along River Drive and at the end of the night a huge fireworks show marked the end of the festivities.

As with any event of this size there was bound to be a few downfalls and a few 'bad apples' that led the Estill County Chamber of Commerce to make an announcement two weeks ago that Revive River Drive

had been cancelled. According to a statement released by the ECCC on their Facebook page the Chamber had discussed the situation with community leaders and law enforcement and came to the conclusion that due to the amount of garbage left in parking lots, people doing burnouts, and local businesses being unable to operate during the event, they felt like it was in the best interest of the community to cancel Revive River Drive.

Backlash from the community erupted after the statement was released and close to one hundred people commented on the post about how disappointed they were that RRD had been cancelled. Many people agreed that the cruising should still go on even if there would be no live music, vendors, or fireworks that night.

T-shirts are being sold by local business owner Shayne Puckett and there are plans in the works for a city wide scavenger hunt for that night. Keep an eye on Facebook as more details will be posted sometime later in the week.

## Former soccer coach waives his case to the Estill grand jury

The former Estill boys' soccer coach, accused of rape and other sex offenses, appeared for only a few minutes in Estill District Court last Wednesday.

Andrew J. Hatton, 28, of Blackburn Road, Irvine was scheduled for a preliminary hearing on the charges recently made against him.

The hearing was scheduled for 11:30 a.m., but it was about 45 minutes later before Hatton appeared with his attorney. Apparently, the bench had been notified that Hatton was on his way.

While waiting for Hatton to show up with his attorney, District Judge William Leach seated a jury for a trial on misdemeanor charges. He sent the jurors out to lunch before the trial was to begin, as Hatton came walking in.

One side of the courtroom was filled with the high school soccer players, their families, and friends. Hatton and his mother sat on the other side.

The alleged victims are two female soccer players.

Hatton's attorney, Randy O'Neill of Richmond, then

waived his client's right to a preliminary hearing. Judge Leach bound Hatton's case over to the grand jury.

It isn't often that an accused waives their right to a preliminary hearing. It usually happens in a high profile case, such as Hatton's.

During a preliminary hearing, the investigating officer tells about the evidence he has in the case.

Then the district judge decides if there is enough evidence to send the case to the grand jury or dismiss it. **Continued on Page 13**

## RCP will be presenting "Christmas in the Park"

The excitement is building as we look forward to the annual River City Players Picnic in the Park, 2018. We have talented local musicians ready to entertain you as you enjoy your picnic supper.

The theme of this year's Picnic in the Park is "Christmas in the Park" and will be held in the Ravenna Veterans Memorial Park, Saturday, September 1st. Gates open at 5 p.m. with entertainment to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Sit back and relax, enjoy the lush greenery of the Estill County foothills, or dance the night way as you experience the awesome talent provided musician/singers: Geno Seale; Clay Case; Jen Richardson and Eddie Hughes.

Twelve tables, sitting six people each, are available for a \$60 donation per table. Individual admission is a \$10 donation for adults, \$5

for ages 6-18, children under 5 are admitted free. Those desiring not to reserve a table can bring your own blanket or chairs, and even a small table if desired.

Bring your own food, decorate your table or blanket for judging, and participate in an evening designed to provide a safe family friendly environment for all ages. The park is fenced, and playground equipment is available.

Proceeds for the evening are targeted for the repair to the Mack Theater marquee. Please contact Susan Hawkins at 606-723-5755 or message her through messenger for reservations or more information.

Support the Mack and help Estill County become a better place in which to live and work.

## Irvine welcomes residents to Revive River Drive

Irvine Mayor James Gross announced at Monday's council meeting that the city is not opposed to Revive River Drive.

Word was sent out that this year's Revive was cancelled. Gross said this was because the sponsors withdrew their sponsorships because of liability.

Residents have complained of smoke for days after past Revives were held. Each year, the burn outs had

created more danger for the crowd gathered along River Drive.

Many are still planning on cruising River Drive this Saturday night as they have for the past six years.

Gross and Police Chief Brad Smith both stated the city welcomes them at any time, as long as they obey the laws.

The mayor stated that all Irvine Police officers will be working Saturday night,

as well as Kentucky State Police.

There will be "zero tolerance" of those who choose to have burnouts. Smith said they will be issuing tickets for offenses including improper start to reckless driving.

Councilman Tobo Bryant encouraged owners of old vehicles to come out and cruise River Drive.

The council discussed the city's property tax rate

for a long time. They had kept the motor vehicle tax rate the same as last year's rate at the last meeting.

Their choices were to take a four percent revenue increase or the compensating rate which would give them about the same revenue they received last year.

If the council took the four percent, they are required by law to hold a public hearing. The tax increase is not subject to voter re-

call.

City Clerk Robin Powell said the four percent increase was expected to give the city \$13,692 in additional revenue.

Bryant said a property tax touches just a handful of people. Instead, he suggested they increase each garbage bill by \$1 a month. The city has approximately 1,300 customers.

Councilwoman Nelle Williams added that so many

people were not paying their property taxes anyway. The city has been working hard to get delinquent taxpayers to pay up.

"If you never take the four percent revenue, you never get it back," stated Councilman Tim Burkhardt.

"We all know we need more revenue. How do we get it?" Bryant asked.

"\$13,000 is not all we need," Williams stated.

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### Obituaries

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## 2 arrested for burglary

Two have been charged in connection with a burglary and theft of six firearms on August 21.

They were identified as Bobby Lynn Arvin, 41, and Lorrie Sue Mays, 46, both of Stacy Lane, Irvine.

Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris arrested the two on Sandhill Road.

He stated that Arvin removed six firearms from a home on North Sulphur Wells Road. The victim's girlfriend saw Arvin throw the weapons in the back of his truck.

Morris said the girlfriend also tried to stop Arvin.

Mays was with Arvin when he removed the weapons, according to Morris.

Arvin was charged with first degree burglary and Mays was charged with complicity to first degree burglary.

Arvin and Mays were arraigned August 22 in Estill District Court where they each pleaded not-guilty to their charges.

Their preliminary hearings were scheduled for August 28 in Lee County.

Bail for Arvin and Mays was set at \$20,000 cash for each.



Jessica Mullins, Estill Springs principal, and Charlotte Arvin, West Irvine principal were recognized by the school board recently upon completion of the Leadership Institute for School Principals. Also pictured is board member L.W. Beckley.