

Irvine Council accepts compensating tax rate

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Burkhart said the city struggled the last two years to balance the budget and have borrowed money to meet the payroll. "Until this building (city hall) and the fire station are paid for..." he said. The council added they were both much needed buildings. Firefighter Chad Neal asked them to consider an occupational tax. "I will never be for an occupational tax," Burkhart stated. The council discussed having a work session to discuss ways to increase revenues. They accepted the compensating rate which will be 45.9 cents per \$100 assessed property value. Due to lower property assessments in the city, this was .2 cent higher than

last year's rate. The rate for the four percent revenue increase was 48.1 cents per \$100. A person owning a home valued at \$50,000 would have paid \$12 more a year if the tax increase had been taken. Jackie Bennett of Kentucky Utilities discussed replacing street lights with LED bulbs with the Irvine Council. She said, if replaced, the price of street lights would actually increase because KU would have to change the fixtures. She added that Irvine was the first city to discuss replacing the bulbs with her. Bennett said the city is billed at the base rate, the same monthly rate, because street lights are on longer in the winter. The mayor said he was going to check

with the state about paying for the street lights on state-maintained streets. Fireman Neal told the council about a 100 percent grant for thermal cameras. The fire department was given permission to apply for two of them. He also asked them to be looking for land for a training facility. Although the city owns some unused land, it is in the flood plain. The council set Trick or Treat for Tuesday, October 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. This was because Wednesday night is prayer meeting night at area churches. Gross requested transferring \$5,000 out of one fund into another to pay 25% of a KTAP worker's salary. Gross said she works 30 hours per week answering the phone and taking calls for garbage pick-ups.

After four months, the city's rate for the KTAP worker goes up to a 50 percent match for the city. He added the KTAP worker frees up the city clerk to do her work. He said the city is looking for a building inspector. Approval was given for police officers to take their cruisers home with them. "Almost every agency is doing it," said Chief Smith. "If they misuse it, they could lose it." Burkhart said the speed limit signs on Main Street have not been replaced and construction has been completed. The only one is the school flashing sign near Estill Springs. Smith said he has called about it, because drivers are going 55 mph through there.

Former soccer coach waives his case over to Estill Grand Jury

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Because Hatton waived his right to a preliminary hearing, his case was automatically forwarded to the grand jury by Judge Leach. Judge Leach told Hatton that all of his bond conditions were to remain in effect. Hatton posted a \$50,000 cash bond on August 15, the day after his arrest. The conversation in court last Wednesday indicated that Hatton may also be on GPS monitoring. The judge told Hatton the grand jury has 60 days to indict him. If they do not indict him within that time period, then he can get his bail money back and the bond restrictions removed. It does sometimes happen that a grand jury doesn't indict within the 60 days, but it is rare. There is no time limitation on felony charges. Even if a grand jury fails to

indict within 60 days, they can return an indictment at a later date. This happens because the grand jury only meets so many days a year. Then the investigating officer may not be able to fit one of those days in his schedule, particularly state police who work cases in multiple counties. On August 14, Hatton was charged with five counts of third degree rape, two counts of prohibited use of electronic communication system to procure minor: sex offense; two counts of possession of matter portraying sexual performance by a minor; and three counts of distributing obscene material to minors. The grand jury may decide there is not enough evidence to indict him on all or any of those charges. They could also indict him on additional charges.

Bike rider is charged by Irvine Police with trafficking in drugs

An Irvine man faces numerous charges after a confidential informant reported to Sgt. John Sturniolo the man was coming into Irvine buy methamphetamine. The informant told the officer the man was riding a bicycle and was wearing a backpack. IPD located Charles Wayne Horn, 56, at a residence on River Drive. When he left, he drove west. When Horn noticed Chief Brad Smith behind him, he attempted to swerve to the right and to the left. Sgt. Sturniolo had pulled over at Rosebud and River Drive and commanded Horn to stop. He said Horn increased his speed and attempted to run into him. Horn was taken to the ground, but IPD says he continued to resist. He was taken to Marcum & Wallace Hospital where he was treated for head injuries and released.

Sgt. Sturniolo suffered an injury to his right arm/elbow. IPD confiscated three packages of suspected methamphetamine, gabapentin pill, a digital scale, cut straw, and 50 cents from Horn. Horn of Front Street, Irvine was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, possession of a controlled substance, third degree, third degree assault of a police officer, wanton endangerment, second degree, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, persistent felony offender, failure to comply with bicycle safety regulations, fleeing or evading police, second degree (motor vehicle), and resisting arrest. Horn was arraigned August 22 in Estill District Court where he pleaded not-guilty to all charges. His preliminary hearing was scheduled for August 28 in Lee County.

Local Police Activity Report

A driver and passenger were arrested August 21 on an Estill County warrant by IPD Officer Colton Lewis. The officer said he could see a loaded needle beside the passenger, **Orville Eguene Puckett**, 59, under the seat. He added that Puckett refused to obey commands to show his hands and exit the vehicle. The citation states the officer found a bag of crystal like substance in the center console in reach of both the driver and passenger (Puckett). It adds that a needle also fell from Puckett's pants onto the ground. Puckett was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and second offense (methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia buy/possess, resisting arrest, tampering with physical evidence, and wanton endangerment second degree (police officer). The driver was identified as **Autumn F. Reed**, 42, of Little Ross Creek, Irvine. Reed was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and second offense (methamphetamine), tampering with physical evidence, and resisting arrest. Puckett and Reed were arraigned in Estill District Court on Aug. 22 where they each entered not-guilty pleas to the charges made against them.

Daniel Benjamin Davila, 21, of Bloomington, IN failed to maintain control of his vehicle and it slid across three lanes of traffic and upon a curb. The officer stated that Davila refused FSTs and a PBT test. He also refused a blood draw at Marcum & Wallace Hospital and did not contact an attorney. Lewis said inside Davila's vehicle, there were one open 25 ounce beer can and six open 12-ounce beer cans. He added there were several empty whip-it cans in the trunk. Davila was charged with reckless driving, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of an open alcohol container in a motor vehicle, and failure of owner to maintain required insurance. **Jessie R. Stone**, 33, of Stone Fox Lane, Ravenna was arrested August 21 following a traffic stop on Kirkland Ave. by Officer Lewis. The officer stated as he approached Stone's vehicle, the driver failed to dim the headlights at 12:27 a.m. Stone was charged with failure to dim headlights, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, and license to be in possession. **Zachary Lee Thomas**, 23, of Wisemantown Road, Irvine faces five charges after his arrest on August 23 by Officer Lewis. The officer stated that Thomas' vehicle had no working license plate lights. Thomas was charged with rear license not illuminated, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and operating on suspended or revoked operator license. During a search, the officer reported finding two empty baggies and a baggie containing suspected methamphetamine.

Blake Austin Warren, 18, of Meadows Lane, Ravenna was charged August 25 by IPD Officer Jason Conrad with driving under the influence. The citation states that Conrad observed Warren's vehicle swaying from side to side on River Drive, where it crossed into the turning lane multiple times and almost struck a guardrail. **Tracey H. Harrison**, 40, of Richmond was arrested August 23 at the intersection of Main Street and Carhartt Drive by Officer Lewis. The officer stated that Harrison's vehicle had only one working tail light. During a search, Officer Lewis reports finding 10 indomethacin pills and two gabapentin pills and a needle. Harrison was charged with no tail lamps, failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, illegal possession of a legend drug, possession of a con-

trolled substance in the third degree, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence. **Anthony Wayne Brandenburg**, 29, of Thomas Road, Irvine was cited by for cultivating marijuana (5 plants or more), first offense. The citation states the Governor's Marijuana suppression detail located 10 marijuana plants growing in two patches on Brandenburg's property. Brandenburg will be arraigned in Estill District Court on Sept. 19. **David Hackworth**, 32, of Turner Avenue, Irvine was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense on August 24 by Sgt. John Struniolo. A confidential informant reportedly bought two suboxone pills from Hackworth. The citation states they were medicine prescribed for Hackworth. Hackworth returned the \$40 to IPD.

Job Fair

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ESTILL COUNTY COMMUNITY CHORUS:

It's hard to believe that Summer is ending, and Fall is around the corner! So, that could only mean one thing, and that is, it is time for the Estill County Community Chorus, to meet again for our rehearsals, to sing and learn some new music, and maybe some music that has been put on the back burner. No matter which, we are inspired, challenged, and led by our Director to master our talents and skills, to become better singers and artists, to prepare for another upcoming Public Annual Christmas Concert. MUSIC is being selected, BUT Something is **MISSING**, and that would be **YOU!!!!**

WELCOMING MEMBERS who New, Past, Present, Additional Voices **COME GIVE US A TRY AND JOIN US!!!! NO AUDITIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

Our first rehearsal starts back for our Fall Semester, **On Thursday, September 06, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** We practice every Thursday night, except Thanksgiving. One night a week, for approximately an hour, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at Irvine United Methodist Church - 243 Main St., Irvine, KY. Rose D. Daniels, Ph. D - Chorus Director

We will be performing our Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 02, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

For More Info Call, or check our Facebook page: Robin Reed, ECCC President - (606)-723-4678, Debbie Carlyle, ECCC Public Relations - (606)-531-0465

SAVE A LIFE: Community Overdose Response Training

Community forum to educate and prevent opiate/heroine related overdoses including FREE Narcan Training

Thursday, August 30th
7:00 pm
Estill County Extension Office
76 Golden Court, Irvine, KY

Join us to learn about:
 >Overdose causes and prevention
 >>Overdose intervention to save a life
 >>>How to use Narcan (an overdose reversal drug)

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