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## IPD arrests three on drug offenses

Three Estill Countians were recently charged on drug related offenses by the Irvine Police Department's Drug Task Force.

Johnny Richardson, 64, of Cantrill Street, Irvine was arrested at his residence August 31 by Sgt. John Sturniolo on four counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree and first offense.

The citations state that on four separate occasions, Richardson sold two suboxone pills for \$40 to a confidential informant working for the Irvine Police Department. Those sales allegedly occurred on Friday, August 3, two times on Friday, July 19, and on Saturday, July 20.

The citations state that two of those transactions occurred in the garage at Richardson's address.

Richardson reportedly told officers that the suboxone had been subscribed to him legally. He gave permission for officers to search his bedroom closet, safe, and night stand.

IPD located \$133 in cash. They plan to seize the cash.

Richardson was lodged in Three Forks Regional Jail.

Irvine Office Sean Davis assisted with the investigation.

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## Revive River Drive

Cops were out in full force as promised Saturday night during this unofficially planned Revive River Drive. A few said it wasn't as much fun without the burnouts, but the majority said they were pleased with the event. Without the burnouts, maybe the sponsors will return next year along with food trucks, live music, and vendors. Car enthusiasts had the opportunity to show off their vehicles, including the Chevy from the 50's and the Chevelle from the 60s, pictured below.



## The 4th fire this year reported at apartment bldg.

The Irvine Fire Department responded to a fire at an apartment building off Valley Drive early Thursday morning.

This was the fourth fire this year at the apartment building. The other fires were on June 2 and two on August 1.

The Irvine Police Department charged a person with arson following the two fires on August 1. He remains incarcerated.

That man allegedly said there were squatters in the apartment building, and he wanted to get them out. He lived in a nearby apartment building.

When the Irvine Fire Department arrived Thursday, Fireman Chad Neal said they discovered a fire at a second floor apartment and going through the roof.

He said the apartment involved with fire was where some homeless people were living.

According to Neal, the apartment had been furnished with beds and other furnishings by those homeless people. He said they lost everything in Thursday's blaze.

Neal said the apartment building had first caught fire about two years ago.

An investigation is being conducted into Thursday's fire by a Kentucky State Police arson investigator. Neal said there was no electricity connected to the building.

The Estill County Fire Department and the Hargett Fire Department brought tanker trucks to help fight the fire.

Valley Drive is just outside Irvine city limits. The drive turns off Winchester Road near the car wash.

## Library plans five forums in Oct. for local candidates to answer questions

The Estill County Public Library has scheduled forums for the fall campaign season.

The forums will be held in the auditorium of the Estill County High School, like they were held this past spring.

The public was invited to the forums. In addition, they were video streamed live to home audiences.

All of this year's forums are scheduled for October. The first forum will be on Monday, October 1 featuring the candidates for mayor of Ravenna and those running for Ravenna and Irvine council.

The county clerk and jailer candidates are scheduled for the Thursday, October 4.

There will be no forums during the week of fall break.

Sheriff, constable, and jailer candidates will appear at the Thursday, October 18 forum.

The forum for Sixth District Representative Candidates Andy Barr and Amy McGrath is set for Monday, October 22.

The final forum on Thursday, October 25 will feature the candidates for county judge/executive.

Residents of Estill County will have the opportunity to submit questions which will be asked of the candidates at the forums. (Not all questions can be asked.)

Librarian Kathy Watson said the fall forum will have a different format from the spring one.

## River City Players hosts "Christmas in the Fairbarn"



Estine Tipton arranged food at her group's table at the fair barn on Saturday night. River City Player's "Picnic in the Park" was moved there because of the rainy weather for the second straight year.

Rebecca Parvin made a tie-dye T-shirt during the event on Saturday night. This year's theme was "Christmas in the Park," and the ladies dressed for that season.



Photo above: Youth performed skits during Saturday night's program. Below: Clay Case sang and played the guitar. Other musicians were Jen Richardson and Eddie Hughes, Geno Seale and his daughter, Ella.



## Obituaries

- John Bowlin, 77
- J.M. Brandenburg, 82
- Joseph Horn, 45
- Eunice Lainhart, 65
- Larry Lainhart, 66
- Hazel Noland, 94
- Isabelle Roberts, 87

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