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IPD charges man with burglary and theft of cigarettes

An Estill County man has been charged with a burglary at Family Dollar Store on December 12, 2017.

The burglary was reported to the Irvine Police Department after someone broke out the front door and stole cigarettes.

A citation by Chief Brad Smith says that IPD initially suspected Daniel Robertson, 31, of Sunrise Valley Road, Irvine, who was living in the area.

Officers obtained a cigarette butt from the floor, which had fallen from the suspect's pocket. It was sent to the KSP Crime Lab.

In 2018, IPD says Robertson consented to a Bucal Swab which was submitted to the lab. The swab came back to Shonna Jones, identified as Robertson's girlfriend.

IPD interviewed Jones on April 8. They interviewed Robertson on April 25.

Chief Smith said that Robertson admitted to breaking in the dollar store and burning his clothes.

Robertson was charged with third degree burglary, tampering with physical evidence, and theft by unlawful taking or disposition under \$500.

He pleaded not-guilty

to the three charges during his arraignment on April 26 in Estill District Court. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for May 3.

Two Estill District Court bench warrants were also served April 25 on Robertson by the police chief.

One warrant says that Robertson failed to pay after being found guilty of theft by unlawful taking or

disposition. His bail was set at \$278.00 cash.

The second warrant says that Robertson failed to appear for a continued first appearance on charges of improper equipment, operating on a suspended or revoked license, failure to produce insurance card, and no registration receipt. No bond was set in this case.



Brad Holman gave blacksmithing demonstrations on Saturday for the Estill County Historical and Genealogical Society on Broadway. The ECH&G Society had its museum open to the public during the festival also. If you missed a visit there, the museum is open on most Saturdays.



Sheriff Chris Flynn rests Saturday morning with his young daughter, Tenley, after they competed in the Fun-gus 5K race on Saturday morning. It was her first race. He also ran in the 5K last year.

Parade Grand Marshall



Guy Strong was the Grand Marshall of the Grand Ole Parade on Saturday during the Mountain Mushroom Festival. Strong was a member of the Irvine High School basketball team which went to the state in 1948. He is a veteran of the Korean War. He went on to become a successful teacher, administrator, and basketball coach.

School board approves new district facility plan High school is #1 for renovation

by DELORES L. ROWLAND
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The Local Planning Committee of the Estill County Board of Education presented its facility plan during a public hearing on Thursday. No citizens showed up to comment.

Following the public hearing, a meeting of the Estill County Board of Education was held. The board voted 4-0 to pass the facility plan. Board chair Rhonda Hardy was absent.

The plan will be presented to the state board of education at their June meeting. If they disapprove of the plan, it will be sent back to the local planning committee and board of education.

Estill County High School is at the top of the list as a capital construction priority with construction to occur during the 2020-2022 biennium. An estimated \$7.5 million plus will be spent on expansions and renovations, including the kitchen, cafeteria, library, administrative area, auditorium, and gymnasium.

The renovation includes HVAC replacement, plumbing system upgrades, LED lighting upgrades, technology upgrades, replace ceilings and other interior finishes, including flooring and paint.

About \$90,000 will be spent at the high school for life safety and ADA upgrades. This includes securing the entry vestibule and upgrading the building to make it accessible to disabled persons.

The high school has a capacity of 693

students, but currently has 720 students and 13 in the Success Academy

The new plan includes the closure of South Irvine Pre-school. That school now has 193 students and can accommodate 200.

Because South Irvine is scheduled as a transitional center, no construction is planned for it.

South Irvine will not be closed until an addition and renovation is made to Estill Springs Elementary.

The plan calls for construction at Estill Springs to begin after the 2020 biennium. New construction will include a new gymnasium, six preschool classrooms and one standard one.

The school's present gym will be repurposed into two classrooms and expansions of the media center and cafeteria.

Another \$45,000 will be spent to make the school ADA accessible.

Estill Springs currently houses 454 students in grades K-2 but has a capacity for 400.

The facility plan includes the demolition of classroom areas at the old Irvine High School. The existing gym and stage will serve as a facility for Estill Springs at a cost of \$1,255,000. This is listed as a district need with no time line set for the classroom demolition and renovation projects.

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