

School board approves future building plans

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Renovations at Estill County middle school will include HVAC replacement, security and technology upgrades, ceiling replacement and LED upgrades at an estimated cost of \$2,465,000. Another \$95,000 is expected to be spent at ECMS for life safety upgrades, a secure entry vestibule, and ADA upgrades.

The middle school has 548 students in grades 6-8. The building has a capacity for 667 students.

West Irvine Elementary has 548 students in grades 3-5. The school has a capacity for 575 students.

Renovations and upgrades to HVAC and plumbing system repairs are scheduled for West Irvine and a gravel parking lot will be paved. The board will spend about \$230,000 on these projects.

Non-school building projects, regardless of schedule, include the construction of a new bus garage, a central storage/maintenance facility, and board office.

Construction on the bus garage with three bays and a fueling station will probably begin this summer. Cost is an estimated \$1.2 million. The site of the current bus garage is going to be used for construction of the area technology center.

The storage unit has an estimated cost of \$703,111 and will include a maintenance area.

Estimated cost of a new 4,350 foot board office is \$1,370,426.

Four athletic projects were also listed as district needs with an estimated cost of \$5.5 million. These include a restroom/concession stand baseball/softball field at the high school, a track and field complex, six tennis courts with lighting, and a new field house with indoor practice area.

The most expensive athletic project, the track and field complex, will include a turf football/soccer field with an 8-lane track with stadium. It will also have a press box with bleacher seating for 2,000 people, visitor bleachers, concession stand/restroom/locker building and site lighting.

Supt. Jeff Saylor said the area vocational school and construction projects at the middle school and Estill Springs are not included in this future plan because they are in the existing facility plan.

The school board updates its facility plan about every five years.

The Local Planning Committee is made up 14 members, which includes school administrators, teachers, parents, and community members.

Local Police Dept. Activity Report

Randall B. Jones, 30, of Walton, Ky. was charged by IPD on April 24 with possession of marijuana. The citation states he was in a vehicle stopped for a traffic violation and had a small amount of marijuana.

Priscilla N. Hicks, 41, of Lexington was arrested April 26 by Capt. Sturniolo. Hicks was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and reckless driving.

The citation states that IPD was attempting to locate her vehicle because it was observed crossing lanes to turn left out of a parking lot onto Richmond Road.

Irvine's K-9 Fritz alerted on the vehicle. Officers reported finding six syringes, a plastic baggie with a powder, a black shoe string to tie off an arm and a stainless spoon with residue.

Faye D. LaFountain, 34, of Laurel Street was arrested April 27 by Officer Jason Conrad on a bench warrant from Estill District Court.

The warrant was issued because she allegedly failed to report to MCR on six charges which were sent to the grand jury.

A bench warrant from Madison District Court was served April 26 by Officer Stuart Morris on **Jeremy Barnes**, 32.

Charges of first degree bail jumping and persistent felony offender second degree against Barnes were dismissed, but the citation states that he had violated the terms of his conditional release. No bail was set.

A parole violation warrant from the Kentucky Parole Board was also served on Barnes.

It states that Barnes was convicted of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) in Estill Circuit Court. He was paroled on Dec. 7, 2018.

The parole board issued the warrant because they say that Barnes has absconded his parole supervision and failed to report to the parole officer as directed.

David Allen Holton, 44, of London, Ky., was arrested April 28 by Officer S. Morris. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, obstructed vision and/or windshield, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, tampering with physical evidence, drug paraphernalia buy/possess, and criminal trespassing second degree.

The citation states that Holton pulled out from the Carhartt parking lot and pulled into the Irvine City lot which is posted No Trespassing.

A passenger in the vehicle, **Timothy Stanley**, 27, of Stacy Lane, was also arrested. Stanley was charged with public intoxication, second degree criminal trespassing, tampering with physical evidence, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

A second passenger in the vehicle, **Lillian Williams**, 24, of Barnes Mt. Road, Irvine, was charged with public intoxication and criminal trespass second degree.

A Kentucky Parole Board warrant was served April 26 on **Shawn Hardy** by Officer Russell Morris.

The warrant states that

Hardy was convicted in Oldham County for two counts of promoting contraband in the first degree. He was released on December 28, 2018.

The warrant states that Hardy absconded parole supervision, failed to cooperate with the parole officer, and used controlled substances (methamphetamine, marijuana, and unlisted), and failed to report to the parole officer as directed.

A Laurel District Court bench warrant was served on **James P. Cahal**, 53, of Winchester Road, Irvine for contempt of court. He was found guilty in 2018 of public intoxication. The warrant says Cahal must pay \$184.00 or serve four days.

Steven Johnson of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine was arrested on a bench warrant from Estill District Court for failing to appear on a charge of third degree criminal trespass. No bail was set.

Deputy Josh Rison served a warrant on **Kevin Jordan**, 37, of Main Street Irvine on April 29. The warrant says that Jordan failed to pay court costs, fees, and/or fines.

Andrew Means, 31, of Lilly Ferry Road, Irvine was served with a Madison District Court bench warrant on April 26 by Sheriff Chris Flynn. Means was charged in Madison Co. with theft of identity of another without consent and contempt of court.

A bench warrant was served on **Timothy Riddell**, 34, of Matt Riddell Road, Irvine by Sheriff Flynn on April 26.

The sheriff served two bench warrants on **Christopher Hamm**, 37, on April 28.

Deputy Chris Coffey served a bench warrant on **Beverly Barnes**, 72, of Sandhill Road, Irvine.

Coffey also served a warrant April 24 on **Heather Jones**, 31, of New Fox Road, Irvine.

The sheriff served two bench warrants on **Jonathan Millard**, 23, of Stacy Lane, Irvine on April 24.

Deputy Colton Lewis served a warrant on **Tara Lou Fox**, 35, of South Irvine Road on April 24 for non payment of court costs, fees, and/or fines.

Sheriff Flynn served two warrants April 26 on **Johnnie Abney**, 29, of Dry Ridge Road, Irvine for non payment of court costs, fines, and/or fees.

Christopher Hamm, 37, of Walton Road, Irvine was charged April 28 with theft by unlawful taking under \$500, giving officer false identifying information, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Flynn made the arrest.

Megan L. Estes, 25, of Kirkland Ave., Irvine was served by Irvine Officer Stuart Morris with a bench warrant from Jackson County District Court on April 20.

The warrant charges her with failure to appear for an arraignment on April 15. She had been charged with drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

When arrested, a citation states that she had a syringe needle concealed inside her clothing. The syringe was disposed of in a sharps' container.

Estes was charged by IPD with drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

A bench warrant from Estill District Court was served April 20 by Officer S. Morris on **Todd Childers**, 53, of Geneva Ave., Irvine.

Childers had been

charged with no registration plates, no registration receipt, and failure of owner to maintain required insurance. He was found guilty of the last charge, and the first two charges were merged with it.

The bench warrant states that Childers failed to appear for motion hour.

Judge William Leach set Childers' bail at \$200.00 cash.

Letitia Ross, 31, of Fowler Road, Irvine was served with a bench warrant from Madison District Court on April 17 by Officer Jason Conrad.

The warrant says that Ross failed to appear in December on charges of theft by unlawful taking or disposition and contempt of court. Her bail was set at \$250.00 cash.

Stephanie L. Thompson, 33, of Beattyville, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence and reckless driving at the intersection of River Drive and Hood Ave. on April 15 by Deputy Colton Lewis.

Jeremy B. Turner, 34, of Beattyville was charged April 16 by Sheriff Chris Flynn with operating a motor vehicle under the influence on Millers Creek.

Deputy Lewis served an e-warrant April 17 from Shelby County on **Amber LeShea Adkins**, 20, of Drowning Creek Ridge, Irvine. The e-warrant charged Adkins with theft by unlawful taking or disposition/shoplifting.

Carla J. Kissick, 22, of Watson Road, Irvine was served by Deputy Lewis with an e-warrant from Montgomery County on April 17.

On April 15, **Jared L. Ross**, 36, was served with an indictment warrant from Estill Circuit Court by Deputy Lewis. The warrant charges Ross with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, public intoxication of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and disorderly conduct, second degree.

Carl D. Hall, 38, of Broadway was charged April 17 with no registration plates, failure to maintain insurance, and operating on suspended license by Deputy Lewis.

Sheriff Flynn served a warrant April 20 on **Christopher E. Means**, 38, of Lilly Ferry Road, Irvine.

The sheriff also served three warrants April 19 on **James Robert Collins**, 39, of Rockaway Road, Irvine.

Jeanene Nicole Underwood, 32, of Stacy Lane, Irvine was arrested April 17 by Kentucky State Police.

Troopers C. Roark and Trooper Ty Robinson were conducting a Traffic Safety Checkpoint at a pre-approved location on Wisemantown Road.

Underwood was a passenger inside a vehicle going through the checkpoint. The citation prepared by Trooper Roark said there were four active warrants for Underwood's arrest.

The trooper stated that an odor of marijuana was coming from inside the vehicle, and a search of the vehicle was conducted.

He reportedly located a loaded syringe and a small baggie of suspected methamphetamine in a purse located in the rear floorboard.

Trooper Roark added there was also a small amount of marijuana inside the purse.

He said that Underwood claimed ownership of the methamphetamine and the loaded syringe.

She was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and second offense (methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

The trooper stated the Underwood was arrested because of the above charges and the four warrants.

The suspected meth was sent to KSP crime lab for positive identification.

An Estill County man was served with an arrest warrant for trafficking in a controlled substance on April 14 by Kentucky State Police, Post 5 in Oldham County.

Irvine Police Captain John Sturniolo had obtained the warrant on **Danny Lee Harrison**, 39, of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine.

The warrant states that between February 9, a confidential informant working for the Irvine Police Department traveled to Harrison's residence. The informant allegedly purchased \$50 worth of a brown substance from Harrison, which field tested positive for heroin.

The warrant states that again on February 15, an informant working with the Irvine Police Department went to Harrison's residence and purchased \$100 worth of a brown substance, which field tested positive for heroin.

Harrison was charged with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Heroin is a schedule 1 substance. The above charge is a Class C felony, punishable by five to ten years in prison on each count.

According to the copy of the warrant, Harrison was served at the Old-Roederer Farm Center in La Grange.

Bail for Harrison was set at \$15,000 cash.

Two vehicles were involved in a sideswipe collision April 16 on Millers Creek Road. One of the drivers was transported by Estill County EMS to the hospital to be treated.

The wreck was investigated by Sheriff Chris Flynn.

The collision report states that other drivers on Millers Creek Road reported a vehicle was crossing the center line in front of oncoming traffic.

The report adds that before Sheriff Flynn could arrive on the scene, the vehicle had sideswiped another vehicle.

According to the report, a 2003 Chevy truck driven by Jeremy B. Turner of Booneville crossed the center line and sideswiped a 2018 Toyota Camry driven by Larry Pack of Beattyville.

Pack and his passenger were reportedly uninjured during the collision.

Turner was transported to Marcum and Wallace with possible leg injuries. Because Turner had possible leg injuries, Sheriff Flynn was unable to perform field sobriety tests. A blood draw was taken at the hospital.

Both drivers had insurance on their vehicles, which sustained moderate damages.

Ravenna man charged with stealing clothing from woman's vehicle

A Ravenna resident was charged with felony theft on April 25 by Deputy Chris Coffey.

Coffey was investigating a report that someone had broken into Amanda Roush's vehicle and had taken a bag of clothes and shoes from the trunk.

The deputy stated he traveled to 75 Bluebird Lane where he located Dustin Reynolds, 25, of Ticky Fork Road, Ravenna.

He said that Reynolds

told him he had taken the stuff, but had thrown it over the side of the road at the saw mill on Cow Creek Road.

Coffey said he located Roush's property under the bed of the residence.

He charged Reynolds with theft by unlawful taking over \$500 but less than \$10,000.

Reynolds was arraigned April 26 where he pled not guilty. He will return for a preliminary hearing on May 3.

Man allegedly left scene of collision on Hwy. 52

A Richmond man has been charged with leaving the scene of an accident.

Deputy Chris Coffey said a vehicle was involved in a collision with a truck near the intersection of KY 52 and the Bypass.

Coffey said the vehicle fled to Advance Auto, and the truck that had been hit pulled in behind the vehicle.

The deputy then stated the driver rammed him vehicle into the truck behind him and attempted to hit a female passenger who was in the truck.

Coffey said the man then drove on to South Irvine, where he located the vehicle.

A citation states that Trooper Casey Caudill issued the man a citation for driving under the influence.

According to Coffey, the man had an eight year old female in the vehicle with him, and he was driving the car on its rim.

Coffey charged Bradley Still, 24, with two counts of wanton endangerment, first degree, and leaving the scene of an accident.

IPD arrests S.I. man for meth trafficking

A South Irvine man was arrested April 25 by Capt. John Sturniolo.

James Rose, 61, of S. Irvine Road was arrested by IPD on April 25 and charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

A confidential informant allegedly traveled on March 15 to Rose's Garage on South Irvine Road. The citation states the confidential informant purchased 2.44 grams of a crystal substance for

\$140 cash, supplied by the Irvine Police Department.

According to the citation, the substance was sent to KSP Labs and was confirmed to be methamphetamine.

Chief Smith assisted Capt. John Sturniolo with the investigation.

Rose pled not-guilty during his arraignment in Estill District Court on April 26. He will return to district court for a preliminary hearing on May 3.

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