

# Council approves needle exchange

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Captain John Sturniolo expressed his disapproval of the needle exchange program and said that most people who use drugs get their needles from whomever they buy the drugs from. He added that they are constantly picking needles up off the streets and taking them to the hospital to dispose of them properly.

"I'm sorry, I don't mean to sound cynical, but I just don't buy it," stated Sturniolo.

Watson said that in order for the program to take place she had to have the approval of three government entities, and the Board of Health as well as the Estill County Fiscal Court were already on board.

Councilman Tim Burkhart asked if they could rescind the decision if the program didn't go well. City Attorney Rodney Davis said yes, that he didn't see any reason why they couldn't. Burkhart made a motion to approve the program with the stipulation that if law enforcement saw an increase of needles on the streets then the city would "pull the plug."

Irvine Firefighter Chad Neal spoke to the council about a CSEPP grant that was recently awarded to the county. He said that they were awarded one new fire truck which went to the county, because there wasn't

enough of a need for two new trucks at that time. He said with this new grant the city of Irvine would also be able to get a new truck. It would be a custom truck and could take up to a year to be built.

Neal also said with the council's approval he was going to apply for a \$30,000 grant that would be used to purchase new equipment for the truck. Money made from the sale of one of the old trucks would be put with the grant money to help purchase the equipment.

The council approved the purchase of a sign for the Veteran's Hall of Fame. Mr. McAfee spoke to the council about the signs and said they were \$110 to purchase and that all money made from the signs is used to hold a banquet at the Marriott in Lexington each September.

He said he had only been participating in this program for a short amount of time but one of the veterans that he visits each week will be 100 years old in August and will be honored at the banquet in September. He said that individuals could purchase the signs or the city could purchase one on their own.

A first reading for the zoning amendment ordinance was approved by the council before they moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues.



Caleb Steven Roberts shows off his GED diploma while posing for a photo with his grandfather, Bobby Brandenburg.



Superintendent Jeff Saylor shakes hands with GED graduate Jackie Goosey on Friday night. This year's other GED graduates include Angel M. Blankenship, Ally M. Botkins, Megan P. Campbell, Sherman Dwayne Collins, Frank Dewayne Henson Jr., Ashley Rheanne Isaacs, Alissa Lynn, Jordan Allen McKinney, Dylan Hunter McQueen, Payten Blair Rice, Caleb Steven Roberts, Cody Eugene Sisk, Feliica Nicole Thomas, Austin K. West, and Ebony Hope Willis.

# Handcuffed man escapes

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After Penman allegedly escaped from the cruiser, Trooper Robinson obtained a warrant for Penman's arrest charging him with third degree escape (identity facility).

The warrant states that Penman fled into the woods in an unknown direction around 8 p.m.

Penman and his girlfriend were located at a Richmond motel around 5 p.m. the following day.

A citation states that Penman's girlfriend, Kristi M. Hull, 22, also of Old Fox Road, Irvine was present on Wednesday when Penman was arrested and placed in the cruiser.

Troopers canvassed the

wooded area where Penman allegedly escaped for about two hours and could not find him.

Trooper Ty Robinson and Trooper C. Roark went to Hull's home. They advised her if he showed up there for her to contact troopers or there would be consequences.

The two troopers went back to Hull's residence about two hours later, and her family members advised them that she had left with Penman. They added that he showed up at the home shortly after troopers left the home the first time.

On Thursday, the troopers went to Day's Inn in Richmond where they discovered that Hull and Pen-

man had rented a room. The citation states the room was in Hull's name, and she was inside the room with Penman.

Hull was arrested and charged with second degree hindering prosecution or apprehension, a misdemeanor. Her bail was set at \$650.00 cash.

The arrest warrants served on Penman were believed to be from Madison and Estill Counties, because Madison has a \$363 holder on him and Estill has a \$136 holder.

Penman's bail on the latest charges was set at \$10,000 cash.

Hull and Penman were lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail at Beattyville.

# School Board meets

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Several consent items were approved during the meeting including personnel actions. Saylor said that they were getting people hired to fill vacancies and still had to fill three or four more open positions before August.

The board moved into closed session to discuss the superintendent's evaluation. Upon returning from closed session, Chairperson Rhonda Hardy announced that the board had rated Mr. Saylor's evaluation as "accomplished". Hardy said it was her per-

sonal opinion that Saylor should focus on test scores and daily learning in the classroom.

Saylor agreed and said that he would focus on that as well as the culture throughout the district. Saylor said that there had already been some leadership changes at two of the schools since the end of school.

He added that over the past couple of years they have dealt with some tough personnel issues as well as the loss of some students. He intended to get back a positive momentum throughout the district.

# Judge/exec is appointed FEMA agent

A brief fiscal court meeting was held Monday, and another one has been scheduled for this Friday.

Judge/Donnie Watson also announced another one will be held on July 8 to approve the budget. He said no checks can be written by the county between July 1 and 8 until the budget is approved.

He said the budget delay was caused by the way the holiday fell. The county's budget has been approved by the state Department of

Local Government and given first reading by the fiscal court, but it requires a second reading after advertisement.

In other action, the fiscal court appointed Watson as the applicant agent for FEMA.

The previous applicant agent was former deputy judge/executive Kim Dawes.

Road foreman Brad Goolman continues to serve as a FEMA agent.

The only other action on

Monday was to approve paying Hinkle's \$26,627.48 from the County Road Aid fund.

Watson said that Hinkle's had blacktopped county roads under a contract that was signed last year before he took office. Because of the weather, Hinkle's was unable to do the blacktopping until recently.

The total blacktopping bill was \$635,627.48 of which \$608,000 was paid out of Flex funds.

# Iowa man charged with harassment

A man from Davenport Iowa was arrested on Springview Road in Estill County on June 19 by Deputy Chris Coffey.

Corey Lee Edward Ruby, 36, was charged with third degree criminal trespass, second degree stalking, harassing communications, and third degree terroristic threatening.

The citation states that Ruby started calling non-

stop and sending messages to a victim who was at the location on Springview Road where Ruby was arrested.

A trooper had spoken to Ruby and told him to have no contact or communication with the victim.

The citation mentions messages from Ruby that Coffey heard. Ruby allegedly said he would attack the female and destroy her car-

reer. He also stated what he would like to do to her while she slept, and she wouldn't know what hit her.

Coffey said when he arrived, Ruby was on the property. He had driven nine hours to get to Estill County.

The deputy stated the victim was afraid of what Ruby might do. She said she had blocked his number but he could still use it.

# IPD charges man with burglaries

Irvine Police arrested an 18 year old homeless man and charged him with two counts of burglary on June 21.

Officer Stewart Morris said that Darold Patton entered a residence on North Hudson Ave. on June 17 and took a television and other items.

The officer added that Patton then entered a detached garage and took gasoline and a battery charger/booster.

Patton allegedly took a 2004 Nissan Altima and a license plate off another ve-

hicle. The citation states the vehicle and license plate were recovered.

Patton was charged with second degree burglary (of the residence) and third degree burglary (the garage).

He was also charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition of all others above \$500 and less than \$10,000, and theft by unlawful taking or disposition of the automobile more than \$500 and less than \$10,000.

# Police Activity Report

Kathleen Rawlins of Sycamore Street in Irvine reported that her bank card had been used by someone else. She told Sgt. Josh Rison at the sheriff's office that she had last used it at Rite Aid.

Her card was then used at Rose's Cash 'n Carry by an unknown party. The card has been cancelled.

Sheriff Chris Flynn served an order of arrest on **Albert Shawn Kirby**, 40, of Overlook Drive, Irvine on June 24.

The sheriff served a bench warrant from Estill District Court on **April Goosey** of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine. The warrant was for her alleged failure to appear in court on a charge of theft by unlawful taking or disposition/shoplifting. She was to be held without bail.

A warrant was served June 20 on **Philip Walker**, 42, of J.R. Furniture Road, Irvine by Deputy Coffey.

The sheriff served three warrants on June 18 on **Tobie Kirby**, 32, of Hardy - Riddle Road, Irvine.

**Michael Bishop**, 23, of Eades Drive, Irvine was served with an Estill District Court bench warrant from Estill District Court by Sheriff Flynn.

The warrant was for non-payment of court costs, fees or fines. Bishop's bail was set at \$20.00 cash.

**Timothy Sizemore**, 28, of Witt Road, Irvine was served with a warrant on June 19 by Deputy Coffey.

**Charles Walling**, 50, of Bybee Loop Road, Waco was served with a warrant from Estill District Court for

theft by unlawful taking or disposition/shoplifting. He was denied bail.

**Brandy Crim**, 33, of North Stacy Lane, Irvine was arrested June 18 by Sheriff Flynn on a bench warrant from Estill Circuit Court.

The warrant was issued because she allegedly failed to pay court costs, fees, or fines. Circuit Judge Michael Dean set her bail at \$275.00 cash.

Sheriff Flynn served three warrants on **Christie Crowe**, 41, of Main Street, Irvine on June 17. All three warrants were for failure to appear on charges of theft by deception including cold checks.

No bail was set for Crowe by District Judge William Leach.

An arrest warrant was served on **Tony W. Garrett**, 55, of 605 Sandhill Road, Irvine on June 13 by KSP Trooper Darrell Hicks.

The warrant had been obtained by Trooper Toney Allen. It stated that in Estill County on May 27, 2018, Garrett damaged properties belonging to Rachel Townsend and Sara Riddell.

Townsend's vehicle allegedly had damages exceeding \$1,000, and Riddell's has estimated damages between \$500 and \$1,000.

Garrett was charged with criminal mischief, first degree, a felony, and criminal mischief, second degree, a misdemeanor.

An Estill County man was arrested after he assaulted and made threats to Sheriff Chris Flynn on June 19.

The citation states the sheriff was dispatched to the

area of Ruby Lane and Rain-tree Court where a man was lying in the road.

Before he arrived there, Sheriff Flynn said he noticed **Larry Hall**, 27, of Ruby Lane, on Joseph Proctor Bypass. Hall matched the description of the man he was looking for.

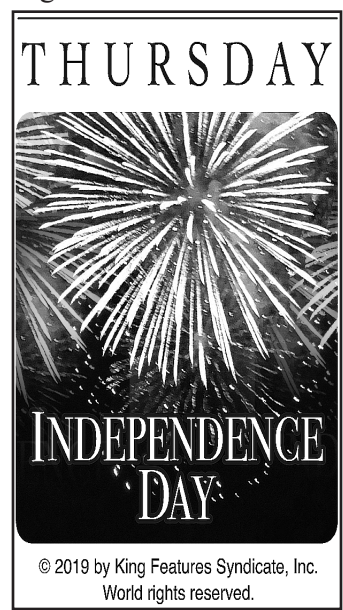
Flynn stated that Hall waved his arms to flag the sheriff down. When the sheriff pulled over, he said Hall came running to his vehicle with his hands imitating he was shooting him.

The sheriff got out of his vehicle. He said Hall ran towards him and tried to push him back into his car.

The citation states that sheriff got into a physical conflict with Hall. He tried to place Hall under arrest, but Flynn said Hall made several attempts to get his gun.

The citation states that Hall said he was going to shoot Flynn.

Hall was charged with assault on a police officer, third degree.



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