



Vehicles, antique and newer, filled the Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna on Saturday for the Twin City Kruzers annual car show. The Kruzers will have their last cruise-in of the season this Saturday in downtown Irvine.

Irvine police charge Barnes Mt. man with illegally hunting deer

A man from Barnes Mountain was charged by IPD on October 15 with spotlighting and illegal hunting.

Officer James Marshall said that IPD had stopped Thomas Ray McKinney, 51, on Lincoln Avenue on October 15 for traffic violations.

Officer Jason Conrad ran his K-9 around Mc-

Kinney's truck. He said it alerted on the vehicle. The citation states that a brass container was found in McKinney's left rear pocket that contained suspected methamphetamine.

Officer Marshall said a search of the vehicle turned up a set of scales, marijuana pipe, and three syringes. A spotlight was also found in the front

seat.

He added that a .22 caliber rifle was found along with two hunting knives that had fresh blood and deer hair on the blades.

The officer said that McKinney also had fresh blood on his hand, blood was running in the bed of his truck, and fresh deer hair was all over the truck bed.

McKinney was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, spotlighting - use of an artificial light, resident hunting/trapping without license/permit, and illegal take/pursue deer/wild turkey.

Weekly Police Activity Report

Tina Louise Neal, 39, of McKee was charged October 14 with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense and possession of a controlled substance, third degree.

IPD Detective Sam Hensley said he saw a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and crossing the center line in a curve.

Irvine Officer Jason Conrad deployed a K9 officer which walked around Neal's vehicle. The dog alerted to the driver's side vehicle for drugs.

As she was putting a jacket on, Officer Conrad said he observed Neal trying to hide something. A short piece of drinking straw fell to the ground.

Upon questioning, Ms. Neal reportedly told the officers that she had three lortabs in her back pocket.

Det. Hensley stated that

he found a camouflage color zip-log baggie in the front passenger seat. It contained eight whole and ten half gabapentin pills.

On October 13, Officer Conrad served a warrant for Estill District Court on **Douglas W. Newman, 34**, of Irvine.

On October 13, Officer Conrad served a Madison Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear on **Megan West, 25** of Rice Station Road, Irvine.

After she was arrested, Conrad and Deputy Josh King were at the jail when West reportedly told the officers she had meth. A crystal substance was located inside a wadded up paper towel in a tied baggie.

Timothy Paul Johnson, 25, of Sunrise Valley, Irvine was arrested by IPD on Oct. 17 and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influ-

ence, first offense.

The citation states that he was speeding his vehicle on Winchester Road and turned right into the car wash abruptly.

When he started to pull out, he observed the Irvine officer and backed up. He then jumped out of the vehicle from the driver's seat. Field sobriety tests were administered and a test was also taken at Baptist Health in Richmond.

Richard LeMaster, 33, of Fitchburg Road, Irvine was charged with public intoxication in a public place and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Officer Stewart Morris said that LeMaster was sitting in a parking lot at Carhartt.

Morris said that LeMaster failed field sobriety tests, and he reportedly told the officer that he had just shot up with heroin.

According to the cita-

tion, the officer found an uncapped needle syringe lying in the passenger side floor board.

Eric P. McElroy, 44, of McKee Road, Irvine was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense on Oct. 17 by Officer Morris.

The officer said he went to a residence on McKee Road to serve a warrant on a male. A man who answered the door told Morris that he lived at the residence.

He consented for Morris and Officer Jim Marshall to enter the residence to look for the man with the warrant.

Marshall walked into the room where McElroy was. He stated that McElroy threw a clear bag containing a crystal like substance to the floor. It was suspected methamphetamine.

Cancer patient has a healthy son

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Melinda Hardy gives credit to her husband, Scott, and older daughters, Sahara and Kendra for helping out with her youngest daughter, Madison, while she was undergoing treatment.

Madison was not even three years old when Melinda was diagnosed.

Radiation and chemo eventually came to an end for Melinda after several years.

Then she got a shock. Her cancer doctor was shocked. Melinda was pregnant.

Her check-ups with the ob/gyn and cancer doctor were good.

She will go back to her cancer doctor for a regular check-up in December.

At 44 years old, on September 25, Melinda gave birth to her first son, Jeremiah Scott Hardy.

His name comes from the Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah, and from his dad, Scott.

Her favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (NIV)

"He's over the moon," Melinda said about Scott, who has been the only male in the house for years.

The girls are also excited about their little brother. Sahara is now 21 and working as an EMT for Madison County EMS. Kendra is 16 and a junior at Estill County High School.

Madison will be six in December and is a kindergarten student.

Because of health reasons, Melinda has chosen to let the two younger girls do their school work at home.

Melinda has been fortunate that she has never had to work outside the home.

The family raised a garden this year and canned what they didn't eat.

They also tend honey bees and quickly sell the extra honey.

October is breast cancer awareness month.

When women become 40, they are recommended to get a mammogram for early detection of a mammogram.

7 die from Covid-19

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The schools are thoroughly sanitized on Wednesdays between the two groups, and again on weekends.

On the days the students are not attending in-person classes, they are doing their work at home on computers as they were doing.

Some parents chose not to send their children back to school. Among their considerations were the health of a child or a family member.

On Monday, the health department reported that 252 Estill Countians have tested positive for Covid-19 since May 31. Forty-three of those have active cases while 209 have recovered.

(A person with an active case is still showing symptoms and is considered contagious.)

The total number of Estill Countians tested is 2,524 with four results pending.

Seventy-four residents

of Irvine Health Care have tested positive, and 48 of them have recovered. Active cases total 21.

Thirty-five staff members there have tested positive. Twenty-two have recovered and 13 cases remain active.

The Estill County Health Department gives a daily update through the week on their facebook page. Nursing home numbers are listed on the webpage of CHFS.

"We all need to wear masks and protect ourselves," stated Judge/Executive Donnie Watson. "We're all tire. We're worn out with it."

He added that students may have gone back to school prematurely. It worries him because he has grandchildren and great grandchildren in school.

Everyone is encouraged to do their part by washing their hands often, wearing masks, and practicing social distancing.

EKU announces new scholarships

Eastern Kentucky University is continually improving student affordability and access to advanced education through innovative scholarship models. For Fall 2021, the University announced today it would have new merit and need-based scholarships for Kentucky residents. The focus on successful student outcomes will continue to ensure ECU's status as the School of Opportunity.

The new model allows students to receive substantial scholarships to cover tuition and fees costs without a qualifying ACT score. Grade point averages ranging from 3.0 to 3.8 qualify for merit-based scholarships. The criteria and amounts are as follows:

\$6,000 for 3.8 GPA,
\$4,000 for 3.3-3.7 GPA
\$3,000 for 3.0-3.2 GPA
Additionally, with a qualifying ACT score of 28

or above and a 3.8 GPA, the new scholarship model provides up to \$9,266, the full cost of tuition and fees, to any Kentucky student.

Any Madison County resident who achieves a 2.5 GPA and wants to attend ECU will receive the Madison County Promise, which guarantees a minimum \$1,000 scholarship, and is also eligible to stack that aid with other need-based or foundation scholarships.

Eastern Kentucky University also has new need-based scholarships that it will offer in Fall 2021. The "Colonel Commitment" Scholarship is an ECU Advantage need-based scholarship for any Pell Grant-eligible student. The scholarship will cover up to 100 percent of tuition and fees for first-year students who have a 3.0 high school GPA. This scholarship is intended to act as "gap funding" for any student who has exhausted

all avenues of federal, state and institutional scholarship and grant assistance, and still has a remaining balance for tuition and required fees.

"The introduction of the Colonel Commitment, Madison County Promise, and restructured merit model will directly impact the accessibility of the transformative Eastern Experience for Kentucky students," said ECU President Dr. David McFaddin. "These changes will ensure that more students receive aid and that the University is bridging the gap for our students with the most financial need."

The revised scholarship models will pull additional students into the University's scholarship pool, and shows an increasing monetary commitment to students who want to attend a four-year comprehensive university.

"EKU serves a region with some of the low-

est income in the United States, and we are committed to making sure all students have access to a quality education. We strive to nurture their abilities and help them meet the challenges they face when returning to those communities to live and work after completing their degrees," said Dr. Tanlee Wasson, ECU senior vice president for student success. "As a native Eastern Kentuckian, I fully understand the value of an ECU degree for individual students, their families, and the history rich, but economically challenged communities in which they live."

For more information about the ECU Advantage visit <https://advantage.eku.edu/>. For specific scholarship information, including more details about the new scholarship models, visit <https://advantage.eku.edu/scholarships>.

Police say man held health care worker, threatened her with a weapon

A Winchester Road man was arrested by Irvine Police Chief John Sturniolo on Oct. 15 after allegedly restraining a caregiver.

The chief said that IPD was dispatched to a residence on Winchester Road to investigate a man pulling a gun on a woman.

When he arrived, he said he made contact with the female health care worker. She said that she was the caregiver for an elderly man at the residence.

She told the chief the man had a gun and had

threatened her and refused to let her leave the residence twice after her shift was over. He had also made threatening motions with a loaded gun on his hip.

Sturniolo said IPD found Dwayne Kevin Horn, 52 in the back bedroom of the residence he shares with his father. He added that a 26.38 special with five live rounds was located in Horn's bed.

Horn was charged with first degree unlawful imprisonment, menacing, and first degree wanton endangerment.