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Fourteen people are indicted by Estill Grand Jury

Fourteen persons were charged in 12 indictments from the Grand Jury on August 4.

Brian Edward Hall, 48, of Powell Avenue, Irvine was indicted on two charges of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine and heroin), drug paraphernalia - buy/possess (glass

pipe, syringes, and plastic baggies), trafficking in legend drugs, first offense (six kratom pills), possession of marijuana, prescription drugs not in proper container, first offense, and first degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment says that Hall had four grams of methamphetamine, along with the other con-

triband in his possession on February 14. It adds that he had six suboxone pills in a small silver container and not in a proper prescription container.

He has previously been convicted of at least two prior felony offenses.

KSP Trooper Jansen Hacker was the investigating officer.

Katherine Turner, 42,

of Autumn Court, Irvine was named in a five-count indictment for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense; trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree and first offense, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense; and first degree persis-

tent felony offender.

The indictment says that on May 11, Turner had \$580 in cash and heroin with the intent to sell. She also had 22 ¾ alprazolam pills with the intent to sell.

It adds that she had 13 syringes, a metal spoon with residue, a cut straw, plastic baggies, cuticle cutters, and a syringe

loaded with heroin in her possession.

That investigation was conducted by Irvine Police Chief John Sturniolo.

Steve Rison, 39, of Rice Station Road, Irvine was charged by an indictment with first degree strangulation and fourth degree assault (domestic violence) minor injury.

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Sara Noland celebrates her 100th birthday!



Kathy Watson, librarian, presented Sara Noland roses for her 100th birthday. Mrs. Noland was librarian at Estill County High and Middle Schools and helped to start the public library here.



Mrs. Noland's three daughters posed with her at the car parade Sunday. They are, left to right, Amy Hughes, Susan Dick, and Nancy Bidwell.

Irvine's Fire chief plans on retiring August 31st

Anthony (Tony) Murphy was 23 years old when he signed up as an Irvine volunteer firefighter.

That was in 1979, and Murphy didn't know that was entering his lifetime career. Forty-one years later, he is now retiring from fighting fires. He went from volunteer to paid firefighter in 1989 to being the chief of the department in 1992.

Murphy has always worked the "chief's shift" or second shift.

Irvine has about 49 volunteers. Many of them stop by the fire department when they get off their day jobs.

By working the second shift, Murphy said this has allowed him to stay in touch with those volunteers. He's listened to a lot of family problems over the years and given a lot of advice.

"It's a big family, basically," he described the volunteer department.

The volunteers also go through a lot of required training hours in the evenings.

Irvine does not have a lot of fire runs, but there is always something for the chief to do.

He checks the trucks and equipment. He has to see that all the volunteers get the number of training hours to be certified. That's a lot of paperwork to keep for 49 volunteers.

The fire department also does building inspections and tests hydrants. Murphy said he's always searching for grants. A few years ago, the Irvine Fire Department got a new truck with a grant. They will be getting another one later this year from CSEPP funds. A fire truck costs at least several hundred dollars, which the city cannot afford.

The fire department also obtains equipment through grants.

One of Murphy's great accomplishments as fire chief has been getting the city's ISO rating lowered to a 3. This helped to reduce the fire insurance rates for city residents.



Irvine Fire Chief Tony Murphy

For many years, Murphy worked at his business in the morning, building homes. He now works by himself on small carpentry jobs, which he plans to continue.

His construction experience came in helpful for not only the Irvine Fire Department, but other fire departments in Estill County.

Murphy drew up the plans for all the fire departments in the county. Costs were cut on those buildings because Murphy oversaw volunteers to finish the inside work.

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Estill students to begin classes online next Monday through September 28

Students in Estill County Schools will have their first day of class on Monday (at home). The students may be working remotely on computers or receive paper packets if they do not have internet access.

High school students were scheduled to pick up their instructions and Chromebooks on Monday and Tuesday. If they did not do so then, they can call the school and arrange pick-up today (Wednesday).

Students who were planning on returning to school on the A or B

schedules will be doing their assignments by Google Classroom.

Teachers are scheduled each school day to be available from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. to answer questions. They will also be contacting the students by Google Classroom and e-mail.

High school students who chose remote learning will use computer programs monitored weekly by staff. They will use a different program, but it follows the same content as if they were going to school in person.

It is recommended that

all students work at a table or desk from 8 a.m. to 3:15 daily.

Estill County Middle School will be assigning Chromebooks through Friday, Aug. 21 to all students.

A supply list for school supplies is available on the middle school's Facebook page.

Chromebooks are only being assigned to high school and middle school students. When those students are no longer going to Estill schools, they must turn the Chromebooks back in.

They are also respon-

sible for lost or damaged Chromebooks.

West Irvine Intermediate is having a Back to School Drive on Thursday. Third graders can go there from 4 to 5 p.m.; fourth graders from 5 to 6 p.m.; and fifth graders from 6 to 7 p.m.

At all schools when picking up student packets, everyone must stay in their vehicles.

West Irvine's principal, Charlotte Arvin, has been making front porch visits to get acquainted with third graders who will be new to West Irvine this year.

Packets of school work can be picked up at Estill Springs Elementary on Thursday, August 20 from 11 to 1 and 4-6. The pick-up will take place in the bus loading loop in front of the school.

The first day of school for students at South Irvine Early Learning Center will be August 31.

Pre-school screening dates are being held on August 20, 25, and 26. To schedule an appointment for a pre-schooler, please call 723-4700.

The center has a new principal this year. She is Toni Garrett Hall.