

# IPD arrests two in stolen vehicle

A driver and his passenger were arrested December 27 by the Irvine Police Department.

Officer Tanner Chaney said he ran the license plate of a 2016 Chevrolet Equinox through the LINK/NCIC. It showed the vehicle was stolen.

Chaney added that he initiated a traffic stop on Richmond Road, and the vehicle stopped in the McDonald's parking lot.

NCIC confirmed there were five outstanding warrants on the driver, Dylan T. Collett, 32, of Rosebud Avenue, Irvine. It also stated that his license had been suspended.

Chaney confirmed with KSP Post 7 that the vehicle had been reported as stolen.

Collett was charged with receiving stolen property \$10,000 or more and operating on a suspended or revoked operator license.

The passenger was identified as Joyce A. Barlow, 35, of Waco. NCIC reported that she was one of the individuals who had taken the vehicle.

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# Looking back at 2024

Th Estill County received several threats of snowstorms early in January, 2024. The county received its only substantial snowfall in the middle of the month.

Estill County High School's academic team was named as district champions.

Brian Tipton of South Irvine was arrested by Kentucky State Poice for manslaughter and trafficking in a controlled substance. The arrest was resulted from the death of an Estill County man. Tameka Napier was also charged in connection with the man's death.

U.S. Bank on Broadway announced it was closing its Irvine branch on May 1st.

The City of Irvine made several attempts to pass an occupational tax. The vote was unsuccessful.

Erin Leach was hired as 4-H agent for

Five people were injured in March when an Estill EMS ambulance collided with a vehicle while transporting a child to UK Hospital. The child was not injured.

the Estill County Extension Service.

Two girls, ages 5 and 11, were struck by a truck on Stacy Lane. They were flown to UK Hospital.

In early March, an ambulance belonging to Estill County EMS was involved with another vehicle in Richmond. The wreck caused injuries, and the ambulance was heavily damaged.

At the time of the wreck, the ambulance was transporting a small child, accompanied by its grandmother to UK Hospital. The child was not injured.

The paramedic was most seriously injured and had multiple surgeries.

A student EMT was treated and released. The EMT was attempting to get in his hours for certification.

Estill County Clerk Brian Crowe resigned on March 31. County Judge/Executive Donnie Watson appointed a long-time employee of the clerk's office, Kim Charles, to fill the vacancy.

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State Representative Bill Wesley was sworn in Monday at Ravenna City Hall. This is Wesley's third term as state representative of the 91st district, which includes Estill and Powell counties and part of Madison County. Outgoing Irvine Councilman Billy Arthur (left photo) swore Wesley in. Wesley's mother, Norma Farmer, held the Bible as she has done for his previous two terms. A large crowd was present for the swearing in which opened with prayer by Bro. Hargis Gordon and remarks from Kirby Easterling of Madison County.

# Architects give update on new middle school

as well as a second SRO. Brock said they had both been working within the schools but wanted the official swearing in to be public.

Chad Allen from Allen and Associates spoke to the board about the yearly audit. The board accepted the audit as well as the district improvement plan.

Mr. Brock said there had been three meetings so far on the new middle school project with a fourth meeting scheduled in January about the site prep.

A tentative layout of the floor plan of the new building was shown by Jeremy Simpson. The new building will be all one level with each classroom having windows.

Mr. Brock stated he will make another trip to Frankfort at the end of December to ask for more funding.

Middle School Principal Tasha Halcomb said she's very excited about the new building and the opportunities it will give students.

Board Chairman Donna Isfort announced that Ronnie Riddell has been named as the Lady Engineers Softball coach and Tanner Crowe will take over as head coach of the Engineers baseball team.

Elizabeth Raider, student representative to the board, was congratulated on her recent scholarship that she was awarded on December 10th in Prestonsburg.

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