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## Petition circulates to recall school tax 524 signatures could force third special election in Estill County this year!

A property tax increase adopted by the Estill County Board of Education is being challenged.

On Friday, a five man committee met with County Clerk Sherry Fox before starting a petition on Monday. The petition calls for the issue to be put on a ballot during a special election.

The committee is made up of Leon Roberts, Darrell Calmes, James "Jay" Bicknell, Jerry Kelley, and Michael Mainous.

"I can take the heat. I've been there before," said Roberts, a former Irvine mayor.

Fox said the petition must include 524 signatures of Estill County voters. This is based upon 10 percent of the votes cast in the last presidential election.

"I can get that many (signatures) myself," Calmes stated.

The school board approved the tax on August 29, and the petition must be completed within 45 days of that day. Fox said that would be around October 13 but it falls on a Sunday. She suggested the petition be turned into her on October 12.

She said any registered voter can sign the petition (or vote in the election). They do not have to own property.

Once the petition is turned back into Fox, she has 30 days to verify the signatures. If the petition meets the requirements, she will turn it over to County/Judge Executive Wallace Taylor, who sets a date for the special election.

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A committee of five was needed to start a petition to repeal a property tax imposed by the Estill County School Board on August 29. On Friday, a committee met with County Clerk Sherry Fox to get that petition started. Pictured above, left to right, are Jay Bicknell, Jerry Kelley, Leon Roberts, Mike Mainous (partially hidden) and Darrell Calmes.

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Over the last several weeks vandals have been spray painting graffiti on buildings in Hudson, George, High and Cantrill Streets in Irvine. The garage above has CBM spray painted in black. Then it was sprayed with a yellow X over the black and the initials SB below it. Residents who see any suspicious activity are asked to call the non-emergency dispatch number at 723-2201.

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### IPD wants vandals

The Irvine Police Department is seeking information on vandals who have damaged vehicles, structures and outbuildings recently on Cantrill, Hudson, George and High Streets in Irvine.

"We are positive it does involve juveniles," Police Chief Brad Smith said Monday.

Smith said the individuals are also facing charges of criminal mischief. Smith said this was a minor charge not related to the spray painting.

Some of the spray painting graffiti said "Corn Bread Mafia" and "CBM." "We think the phrase alone is not tied to anything," Smith stated.

He added that he does not think the vandals know what that represents.

The chief said that many officers of the Irvine Police Department have teamed up for this investigation. Some of the officers have even traveled out of town to conduct interviews.

Because of the number of victims involved, Smith said the investigation has gone on for several weeks. The police department received another report of vandalism this past Monday.

Smith stated that IPD has increased the patrols in the area.

He recommends the residents remain vigilant in watching their property and their neighbor's. Residents are advised to call 723-2201 if they suspect any suspicious property, no matter how small.

### Railroad Festival is this Saturday

Mayor Estine Tipton invites everyone to come to Ravenna for the city's fourth Railroad Festival at Veterans Memorial Park from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday.

Arts and crafts booths will be set up in the park. Tipton says the number of booths is double last year's number.

A kiddie parade will begin at 10 a.m. She stated that

children need to be there before 10 to participate. No motorized vehicles are allowed in the parade.

Once the parade is over, the children can go to Ravenna Greenhouses to decorate a pumpkin. Winners of the decorating contest will be announced later.

Winners of Ravenna Greenhouse's scarecrow contest will be on display.

Mayor Tipton said a train,

the Royal Express, has been added to this year's festival.

Entertainment will be provided at 1 p.m. by River City Players (drama), 2 p.m. Changing Lanes (music), and 6 p.m. Manitoba Rock 'n Rolla (music).

Other musicians and drama groups that would like to perform may contact Mayor Tipton.

Concessions will be provided by Boo Boo, owned lo-

cally by Ricky Tipton, which sells chicken strips, hot dogs, etc., another vendor selling pop corn, and Estill Springs PTO selling cotton candy.

The mayor said there are still booth spaces available. A 10x10 space is \$30, a 20x10 is \$50, and a booth with electricity is \$60.00. If you would like a booth or to perform during entertainment, stop by Ravenna City Hall or call 723-3332.

### Estill FFA Member Is National Finalist Powell to compete at 86th National FFA Convention & Expo

The National FFA Organization (FFA) announced in August that Daniella Renae Powell of the Estill County FFA Chapter was selected as a national finalist for the National FFA Proficiency Award in Diversified Horticulture-Entrepreneurship/Placement. Powell is one of only four people chosen to compete for this award at the national FFA convention held October 30 – November 2, 2013, during the 86th National FFA Convention & Expo in Louisville, Ky.

The proficiency awards recognize outstanding student achievement in agribusiness gained through establishment of a new business, working for an existing company or otherwise gaining hands-on career experience. The Diversified Horticulture – Entrepreneurship / Placement Award is one of 49 proficiency program areas FFA members can participate in to develop valuable experience and leadership skills at the local, state and national levels.

Diversified Horticulture Placement is an area in which the student works

for someone and applies the best management practices available to efficiently manage an SAE program that includes two or more of the following proficiency areas: landscape management, nursery operations, turf grass management, or the specific floricultural production or floral design and floral sales activities accepted in specialty crop production. Daniella's placement included volunteer work at the Estill County High School Greenhouse and Agricultural Laboratory as well as part-time employment at Ravenna Florist and Greenhouses.

Powell, became eligible for the national award after winning the Kentucky FFA competition earlier this year. This award is sponsored by The Toro Company and Wilbur- Ellis Company, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. In recognition of being a finalist, each of the four finalists will receive a plaque and \$500. The national winner of the Diversified Horticulture – Entrepreneurship / Placement Award will receive an additional plaque and

\$500 during a special ceremony at the national FFA convention.

Daniella is the daughter of Joyce Powell and Shelton Powell, both of Irvine.



Daniella Renae Powell

### Obituaries

- Delilah Abney, 65
- Brenda Barnes, 65
- Beverly Cornett, 76
- Franklin Dixon, 72
- Ann Franklin, 100
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- Russell Patrick, 37
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Volunteers in Ravenna, Irvine, and Estill County were recognized Saturday with a picnic at the Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna. The volunteers included firefighters, rescue workers, and other emergency volunteers. After a picnic, they were given gifts in appreciation of their unpaid work. The picnic was organized by former Ravenna Mayor Beverly Thompson.

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