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School board votes to delay tax until 2014

Petition continues

by CATHY DAWES
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Members of the Estill County school board met in regular session on Thursday, September 19, 2013. The board discussed the proposed property tax rate increase. Several guests were in attendance to question the board about the tax increase and how they intended to spend the money.

Supt. Bert Hensley replied that the most important things the board planned to do with the money would be to build a vocational school for those students that don't plan on attending college and then build a new South Irvine Pre-K Center.

"Everyone wants things for the kids, but no one wants to do anything about it," said board member Charlie Bill Muncy.

Hensley said that if the board took the four percent tax increase with exoneration then it would cause the tax bills to be delayed this year. He said in speaking with Estill Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor and PVA Jeff Hix, he felt like the board should go ahead with the four percent increase and hold off on taking the extra nickel until 2014.

The meeting quickly took a turn for the worse and words were exchanged between Charlie Bill Muncy and board member Jon Bicknell. Bicknell ended up leaving the meeting and returned after the board had already made a decision on the tax rate. Although Bicknell returned to the meeting, he observed from the back of the room.

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Amy Mullen waited with her son, Parker, for the Kiddie Parade to start on Main Street on a rainy Saturday morning.

KSP arrests 2 in burglaries

Two Estill men were arrested by Kentucky State Police and have been charged with unrelated burglaries.

David (Todd) Harrison, 23, of Winchester Road, Irvine was arrested September 11 by KSP Trooper J. Carpenter on a second degree burglary charge.

The citation states that Trooper Carpenter was dispatched around 9:46 a.m. the day of the arrest to investigate a break-in at a building next to the house at 154 Eades Drive.

According to the citation, Shyanna Harrison told the trooper she had seen the accused taking a plasma cutter worth \$3,000 from the building. A plasma cutter is used for cutting metals.

The citation says the ac-

cused was related to the victim, but does not state the exact relationship.

Harrison was arraigned in Estill District Court. He returned for a preliminary hearing on Sept. 18, but waived his case to the grand jury.

His bond was set at \$15,000 cash. Court records state that Mr. Harrison as arrested on a new offense while a case was pending.

Edward Eugene Marcum, 40, of Lincoln Avenue, Irvine was arrested by Trooper Carpenter on Sunday, Sept. 22, and he was charged with burglary in the third degree.

Trooper Carpenter had investigated a burglary at an outbuilding belonging to Marcum's father on Olive Street, Irvine.

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Acting Animal Control Officer to retire

by DELORES ROWLAND
Estill County Tribune

Sandy Clark went to the dogs for her last career, but she's leaving all those lovable canines behind when she retires this week.

She was placed at the Estill County Animal Shelter in 2001 by the Experience Works Program for senior citizens. She worked 20 hours a week at the shelter and was paid the minimum hourly wage.

Four years ago, the dog warden, Roy Fowler, transferred from the animal shelter to the recycling center. Clark was made acting director of the animal shelter.

"I've seen a lot of changes from the first day I started," Clark stated.

The biggest change was seeing almost all dogs brought into the shelter put to sleep to today when nearly all the animals are rescued.

Shelter animals which are put to sleep now have diseases, injuries, or are vicious. A veterinarian makes the decision on putting the animals to sleep. The shelter took in 2,145 dogs during 2012 from Estill and four other counties. Only 89 of those animals had to be put down.

The shelter works with a rescue group called Way Home Alliance which finds homes for the animals. The rescue group picks up dogs at

the local shelter several times a week. The group makes sure the animals have their shots and a vet visit before they are adopted out.

Clark hears back from many people who adopt animals from the shelter.

"It's always a pleasure to know they've found a good home," she states.

Clark has lots of stories to tell about the dogs, but probably the most famous is about a Weimaraner which was dropped overnight at the Estill shelter.

The dog had been micro-chipped as a puppy, and its owners were traced back to Michigan.

When the owners were contacted, they told Clark their Weimaraner had been stolen as a puppy six years earlier.

With television cameras rolling, the family drove to Estill County for a reunion with their pet.

Since Clark has worked at the local shelter, several additions have been built on, including a quarantine room.

A new septic system is now being installed.

Clark had never heard of Estill County when she was living in Hamilton, Ohio. The factory she worked at made helmets, jackets, and pants.

The factory shut down and Clark was left with three daughters to raise. A friend



Sandy Clark has served as Acting Director of the Estill Animal Shelter for four years. She plans on retiring this week.

knew where an empty house was on Barnes Mountain.

"It was just a hop and skip from Estill County, but (my daughters) had to go to Lee County Schools," she said.

For many years she was the assistant manager at a Hardware's in Lexington. She also bred German Shepherds for 20 years.

She says her health no longer allows her to breed the shepherd dogs.

Clark says proudly that she is now the owner of two pound dogs, a chihuahua and a shih tzu.

"I wouldn't take a farm in Georgia for either one of them," she stated.

"I never thought I would say spay and neuter your pets," Clark said.

She added there are too many dogs. When you want a dog, adopt one from the animal shelter.



Analiess Day was excited about getting to be in Ravenna's Kiddie parade, the opening event of Saturday's Ravenna Railroad Festival.

Obituaries

- James Hall, 72
- Betty Lambert, 87
- Minnie Richardson, 89
- Norma Rogers, 84
- Donna Sparks, 54
- Harold Watson, 58
- Glendon White, 73
- Effie Winkler, 84

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A highlight of Ravenna's Railroad Festival was a train ride. It stayed busy in spite of the steady rain.



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