



Scenes from the Railroad Festival



Irvine sets date for Halloween activities

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The Irvine City council met on Monday, September 23rd. Kayla Wolpert, a member of the FBLA from the Estill County High School addressed the council about the Trick or Treat trot that was organized by the FBLA last year.

Wolpert said that she thought there was a great turnout last year during trick or treat despite the weather conditions and she asked the council if the FBLA would be able to hold the Trick or Treat trot in downtown Irvine like they did last year.

"I like what you all did last year and I encourage you to do it again this," Mayor Farmer stated.

Wolpert asked if they could possibly set up any earlier, and that would give the people plenty of time to

get their areas ready before the children get out.

Farmer said the only problem that he could see would be with BB&T and US Banks right there in the middle of where they set up. He said if they could set up a little farther up from the banks then that would be better for them.

The council set trick or treat for the city to coincide with the trick or trot for Thursday October, 31st from 6-8 pm for children 12 and under.

Councilman Tobo Bryant stated that due to rainy weather, the Cruise In had been cancelled last weekend at the Railroad Festival. He said that they plan on holding it along with the last regular cruise in of the season on the second Saturday in October.

He said at that time they

will be collecting Toys for Tots and encourages everyone to attend.

Mayor Farmer said the wet/dry vote will be held for the city of Irvine on October 8th and he would like to encourage everyone to take the time to vote on that day.

Police Chief Brad Smith said that the Irvine Police Department has received two new cruisers from Richmond. He also wanted to ask citizens who live around Cantrill, George, and High Streets to remain vigilant about the vandals who have been spray painting buildings. He said that they have a very good lead on the juveniles who have been doing the damage, and there will be charges filed in those cases in the very near future.

Bryant questioned the council about a sign that

is on a building on Main Street advertising a karaoke bar. The council members all agreed that they had not heard anything about the business opening up, and the city clerk said that no one had applied for a privilege license to operate that business.

Smith stated that he would speak to them on Tuesday and let them know the proper procedure for opening a business in downtown Irvine.

Councilman Tim Burkhart said that the new restaurant located on Broadway called Thyme on Broadway was a good addition to downtown.

Smith said that the 'permit parking only' signs had been removed in the city lot on Broadway to allow more parking for customers at the restaurant.

School Board repeals tax

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Ravenna city councilman, William VanCleve addressed the board about the possibility of the school system helping to pay more on James Gross' salary than what they have been paying in the past year. Gross is the School Resource Officer (SRO).

VanCleve said that the new council members weren't aware that there was a contract between the school system and the city in reference to the SRO officer that was up for renewal in June. He said had they been aware of the contract, they would have approached the board before the deadline.

"By our records, we have Gross 36 days a year and I'm not trying to get rid of him. I think it's a really good program, but the citizens of Ravenna are supporting this program," VanCleve added.

"I think we should just get rid of the program and let the sheriff's office and the state police answer the calls," countered Muncy.

Board member Patty Hood asked VanCleve if it would help if the board paid for the fuel for Gross' vehicle.

He said that would help but he would like to see the cost of the SRO officer split right down the middle between Ravenna and the school system.

"Ravenna is in bad shape," said VanCleve.

"Whose fault is that, Pig?" asked Muncy.

Hensley asked if the mayor of Ravenna would be willing to provide an itemized statement of the total cost for Gross.

"We would be willing to pick up his salary and the cost of his fuel if that would help," said Hood.

VanCleve agreed that he would take the offer before the mayor and council members and would let the board know what the council decided to about that offer.

The next board meeting has been set for October 3rd at 6 pm. At that time the board will meet with principals to discuss test scores. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on October 17th at 6 pm.

Editor's Notes: Leon Roberts, head of a committee to get up a petition to recall the school tax, said the petition is still on.

An emergency meeting of the Estill County Board of Education was called for 5 p.m. Sept. 24. The only item on the agenda was for the school board to vote for recalling the tax.

Lexington man collects suitcases for foster kids

During the 28 years Don Pratt has been a foster parent to over 50 children, he saw many of them bring their belongings in garbage bags.

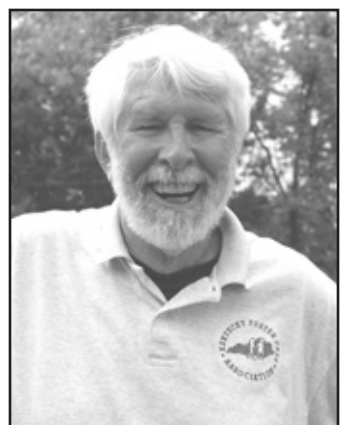
Pratt, a single parent, started collecting suit cases and travel bags for foster children. Now groups, such as church groups, businesses, even individuals, are collecting the cases for him.

This enabled him to bring to bring eight large suitcases to the Estill Division of Social Services on Friday. He took another four cases to the Stanton office to be given to foster children and their parents.

Packed inside each large suitcase was probably 10 to 12 smaller suitcases or carry bags. Pratt said the groups are also collecting stuffed animals, coloring books and crayons for foster children.

"They are given to the kids and parents, even for visits back home," he stated.

"You don't know what you're going to get with the



Don Pratt

donations," he added.

Inside a suit case collected from a church in northern Kentucky was a drug scale.

Pratt encourages others to become foster parents. When he first started, he lived on one side of the street and ran a grocery store on the other side.

If you are interested in collecting suitcases, stuffed animals, and carry-on cases for Pratt, he can be contacted at (859) 552-2235.

A drop off of the cases can also be made to Bella Blooms on Brannon Crossing in Nicholasville.

Letter to the Editor

Sponsors Thank Supporters of "Thank You Party"

Letter To The Editor (1)

I want to give a special "Thank You", to our Ravenna Fire Chief, David Harvey, and his sister Donna Richardson. They have worked every night and many days looking for great gifts for our "Volunteer Thank You Picnic." You have no idea just how much work goes into this picnic. We started this project in May and they have shopped and looked for great affordable gifts almost every day. These picnics do not happen overnight. It takes planning and work to make them a success. No one knows how to shop for a bargain better than David and Donna. My thanks to these two dedicated young people who have proven over and over how much they love and appreciate all our "Volunteers."

Thank You,
Beverly Thompson

Letter To The Editor (2)

The "Thank You Picnic" on Saturday, September 14th, 2013 at the Veterans' Memorial Park in Ravenna, Ky., was a huge success. Mayor (Estine) Tipton wanted it to be a grand tribute to our volunteers and I believe she was well satisfied. Every volunteer and all the children got nice gifts, and "Randy Lovin" did a great job as our cook.

The picnic could never

have been a reality except for the many donations from our generous businesses and loving friends. Our volunteers are so important to this community, and I was so happy to be there and see them receive their gifts. You have no idea just how much that our volunteers mean to our community until you need them. Seeing their smiling faces and knowing that they are there for you, lets you know that all is not lost, because help has arrived.

I want to especially thank Delores Rowland from The Estill County Tribune for taking the time to make so many nice pictures for the paper. I want to thank Joey Hicks for being our roving photographer and making so many great pictures for Facebook.

The donations came from Advance Auto, AJET Store, American Legion, Art Long, BB&T, Garland and Irene Bell, Bryant's Paint Shop, Bunt Gross, Bergman House Bed and Breakfast, B.G. Sherrard, Bic and Harris Nursery, Stephanie Brinegar, Eugene and Janice Bush, Carhartt Factory, Cathy Begley, Charles Crowe, Christian Worship Center, Citizens Guaranty Bank, Shirley Clevenger, Teresa Covey, Crabtree Motor Sport, Amy Crowe, Crowe's Nest, Michael Dean, Dollar Deals, Dollar General in Ravenna,

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Christian Church, Riddle Construction, Valerie and Bertie @ Right Place Restaurant, Rice Station Christian Church, James Richardson, Roses Cash and Carry, Sammie's Furniture, Save A Lot Food Store, Sharon's, Debbie Sparks @ Shear Creations, Joy Snowden, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Beverly Thompson, Bryan and Kathy Thompson, Bryant and Amber Thompson, Bryn and Triston Coe, Brent and Carol Thompson, Estine Tipton, Tobacco Barn, Toler Funeral Home, True Value Hardware, Unique Hair Salon, Judy Tuttle, Ravenna Greenhouse, Charlie Van Huss, Billie White, Bryan and Donna Whorley, W.I.R.V., Melvin Wiseman, Ravenna Market, Estill County Sheriff Gary Freeman, The Bill Wise Family in honor of Will, The Thompson Family in honor of Brandon, The Alcorns, The Becklers, and The Fletchers, who came in with a box of change that put us over our goal. We have no idea who all contributed to make the box of change so we just called them our "Unknown Angels." The Volunteers, Mayor Tipton, Fire Chief David Harvey and I want to say "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Thankfully Yours,
Beverly Thompson,
Fundraiser

S. Irvine man arrested with growing marijuana

A South Irvine man has been charged by Kentucky State Police with growing marijuana.

The citation states the Governor's Marijuana Eradication Detail located and destroyed 14 marijuana plants in the general vicinity of 630 Sugar Hollow Road, Irvine.

KSP charged James D. Hardy of 630 Sugar Hollow Road with cultivating marijuana (five plants or more),

first offense and possession of marijuana.

Trooper S. Foley wrote in the citation that Hardy stated the plants were his and he had cultivated them.

Hardy was arraigned in Estill District Court last Wednesday, Sept. 18. He entered not guilty pleas to both charges. His attorney is former Judge Bill Trude.

A preliminary hearing for Hardy is scheduled for October 9.

KSP makes arrests

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According to court records, on April 1, 2013 the younger Marcum had removed items from the outbuilding.

Marcum reportedly had split the money from the sale of the scrap with another person who hauled the items to Cox Scrap Yard.

After his arrest, Marcum was incarcerated in the Estill County Detention Center. His bond was set at \$5,000 cash or \$10,000 property. He was released from jail on a property bond on Monday.

He was given a court date of October 9.