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Turtleman in Estill?



Ernie Brown Jr., aka "The Turtleman" was in Estill County on Sunday afternoon. A deputy sheriff reported seeing Brown's truck. One person who was present at a pond on New Fox Road said that Turtleman did not bring a film crew with him, and he did not catch any turtles on Sunday. Brown caught his first snapping turtle at 7 years old. He has been diving in Ky. ponds for 40 years and catches about 300 in a given year. In 2006, he was featured on KET's "Kentucky Afield" program. After the episode went viral, Brown became the star in 2010 of "Call of the Wildman," on Animal Planet. He also works at removing nuisance animals. The animals are relocated.

Kentucky Water Trail Conference to be held in Irvine, November 14

The Kentucky Water Trail Fall Conference will be held locally on Saturday, November 14, Francine Bonny told the Irvine Council at Monday's meeting.

"There is a growing interest in water trails," Bonny told the council.

The pools of Locks 11 and 12 have been designated as part of the Kentucky River Water Trail, which is recognized by the Department of Interior.

She said that brochures have been prepared which maps the tributaries, creeks, ramps and portages along the river trail. She added that Irvine's tourism will benefit because the brochures list historical and cultural events.

Bonny stated that she expects 60 to 80 people to attend the morning conference at Rice Station Christian Church from Carrollton to Hazard.

Someone will give an update on the locks and the Clean Sweep.

Elaine Wilson of Adventure Tourism will explain what a trail town is. Livingston and Dawson Springs are already designated as trail towns. Thirty other towns are seeking to become trail towns.

Lunch will be served at Rader's River Grill under the bridge.

Tom Bonny said after lunch, the two local mayors and judge/executive will be on a boat for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The canoe and kayak ramp at the county part has been completed.

Tom Bonny said the group will go to Lock 12 in the afternoon and visit the

Lockmaster's house.

"We are wanting to highlight what is good about Estill County that day," he stated.

Francine Bonny said that local arts and crafts will be highlighted that day. A DVD produced by the Estill County Historical and Genealogical Society will show historical events from the past on the river, such as flooding.

"Irvine is kind of a unique town in that the river runs through it," stated Tom Bonny.

He said only three other towns are unique in the same way: Beattyville, Frankfort, and Carrollton.

He added that Estill County has the second most river miles with 40, close behind Jessamine's 42.

Anyone interested in attending the conference may contact the Bonnys. The cost is \$15.00 which includes meals.

In other action, the council discussed trick or treating in Irvine.

Mayor Ernest Farmer said that majority of the children will go to Trick or Treat on Broadway from 6 to 8. Some youngsters will continue to go from house to house from 6 to 8.

Only children 12 and under are permitted to participate in halloween activities.

The mayor stated that over 70 cars were in the last cruise-in of the year on Saturday.

Taxpayers have until October 31 to receive their discount on taxes.

Alcohol sales in Irvine will be delayed until red tape is completed

One third of Irvine's voters turned out last Tuesday to decide if the city would sell alcohol or not.

Only 528 of Irvine's 1,836 registered voters went to the polls to cast their votes. Forty-four more votes were cast for wet than dry.

Two precincts were split almost equally on the issue, with only a one vote difference. Schoolhouse had one more no vote, while Estill Springs had one more yes vote than no.

The Courthouse and West Lawn precincts were more decisive in voting yes. The grand total,

including absentee and walk-in voters, was 286 for yes and 242 for no.

After the votes were tallied last Tuesday, City Attorney Rodney Davis said it will be a process before alcohol is sold in Irvine.

He said the state allows one liquor license for every 3,500 people. That's more than the population of Irvine.

However, Irvine is expected to get the minimum of two package liquor stores.

Don't expect a liquor store to appear anytime soon. In other cities which have voted wet, the process can take up to a year.

At Monday's council meeting, Davis said he is waiting to get information from the state alcoholic beverage board to tell them what to do.

Police Chief Brad Smith said he has requested that someone from the ABC to come to Irvine to meet with him.

After the council meeting, Smith said there are multiple licenses involved in the selling of alcoholic beverages.

Selling drinks in restaurants is usually based upon the number of seats. At this time, Irvine only has two restaurants, Thyme on Broadway, and the Mexican food restaurant on River Drive.

Smith said he has been studying the changes made by SB 13 just this year. Those changes were the recommendation of a governor's task force after six months of study.

The police chief said his department will be ready when the first alcoholic beverage is sold in Irvine.

The Irvine Police Department has made more arrests for driving under the influence this year than last.

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Special Election in Irvine October 8, 2013

	Yes	No
Mail-In	0	10
Walk-In	10	9
Total Absentee	10	19
Courthouse	80	45
Schoolhouse	63	64
West Lawn	71	51
Estill Springs	62	61
Grand Total	286	242

Old Time Days



Glenn Richardson said he was using a draw knife to make oak shavings during Old Time Days at the Estill County Historical & Genealogical Museum on Saturday. He added that oak shavings can be used to bottom chairs with. The remaining boards can be used for chair legs.

Obituaries

Edward Conner, 75

Franklin Dixon, 89

Joe Dozier II, 61

Lee Hamblin, 79

Isaac Napier, 83

Connie Richardson, 55

Frank Thompson, 90

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A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held between 1 and 1:30 p.m. at the Irvine Boat Dock on November 14 designating the pools of Locks 11 and 12 as part of Kentucky's River Trail. The ribbon cutting will take place on a boat. The boats above were waiting at the boat dock during a recent bass fishing tournament to load their boats.

