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Kentucky River Water Trail

The Kentucky River Water Trail may become a national park. This includes 40 miles of river in Estill County. Above, Tom Bonny walks along the Lock 12 wall Thursday afternoon during a tour by the Ky. River Water Trail Alliance. Local residents would like to see the area at Lock 12 made into a park.

Right Photo: Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor, Irvine Mayor Ernest Farmer, and Ravenna Mayor Estine Tipton joined state and national leaders on Thursday to cut a ribbon during the dedication of Lock pool #11 and Lock pool #12 of the Kentucky River. The ribbon cutting was done on a houseboat in the river. Irvine and Ravenna are expected to be designated as Trail Towns, which will create business from tourism. See Page 14 for more photos and story on Thursday's conference.



Deputies charge man with possession of pot

They were at a home to serve an Emergency Protection Order (EPO)

The Estill County Sheriff's Office made an arrest for marijuana possession on Saturday, Nov. 16.

Deputies Russell Morris and Randy Farthing said they went to a residence on Clark Road to serve an Emergency Protection Order (EPO).

The deputies said that marijuana was in their plain view on a coffee table. They were told that it belonged to Kenneth A. Merritt, 48, of Clark Road, who was not at home at the time.

A citation states the home-

owner opened an end table which had several bags of marijuana inside. She told the deputies that it also belonged to Merritt.

The deputies said Merritt showed up and was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. They said that several packs of rolling papers and a pair of scissors were found with the marijuana.

The deputies gave Merritt a court date of December 18.

Four more file to run in next year's election

Four more Estill Countians have filed to run for office next year.

Rodney Davis, a republican, has filed for re-election for county attorney. Davis is seeking his third term.

Terry Carroll, a democrat, has filed to run for Estill County Sheriff. He will face the incumbent sheriff Gary Freeman in the May democratic primary. Freeman is the longest serving sheriff in Estill County in recent his-

tory. Carroll once worked for Freeman as a deputy sheriff.

Jailer Beverly "Bo" Morris, a republican, has filed for re-election.

Anyone interested in running for a county office may contact County Clerk Sherry Fox. The deadline for county offices is January 28, 2014.

The Ravenna mayor, council, and Estill School board seats are non-partisan. That filing deadline is not until next August.

Light Up Rivertown

It's that time of year again!

Estill County High School FBLA will be hosting Light up Rivertown this coming Saturday, November 23, 2013 at the Estill County Courthouse.

Various booths will be set up inside the courthouse,

and several local bands will be performing on the courthouse steps.

If you are interested in participating in this event by setting up a booth or providing entertainment, please call Connie Witt at Estill County High School at 723-3537.

\$160,000 is needed for fire fighting equipment

The Estill County Fire Department's equipment will be out of date as of January 1, Fire Chief Derrick Muncy told the fiscal court on Monday.

Muncy said that laws have been changed which says that all equipment over 10 years old is obsolete.

This law will affect nearly all of the equipment belonging to the Estill Fire Department.

Muncy estimates the cost to replace the soon to be obsolete equipment is \$160,000. He has applied for a grant and will not learn until March or April if the fire department receives it.

"You're not required to follow (the equipment recommendations), but if any-

thing happens, they will hold you to it," Muncy said.

The fire chief stated the fire department hopes the grant will cover 25 turnouts for firefighters and 13 air packs which are placed on the trucks. The cost of a turnout suit is \$2,500 each.

Muncy said he did not know if this would affect the Hargett Fire Department.

The fire chief stated the county fire department has made 291 runs this year, which is down a little from last year. This includes 24 structure fires.

Judge Wallace Taylor reported on hiring at the old Southeast Coal Wash business.

The judge's office was accepting job applications, but

said the company has not yet hired. He expects that employees will be hired around January.

"Most of the people are going to be heavy equipment operators," Taylor stated.

He said the county had received a grant to replace a water line going to the business office.

Brad and Amanda Hall asked the fiscal court again to adopt Shallow Creek Road into the county road system.

Magistrate Earl Young said he had traveled the road that morning with the county's road foreman, Larry Arvin.

He recommended a large tree be removed because of a sight distance problem at

Shallow Creek's intersection with White Oak Road. After some discussion, the court stated the tree may be in state highway right-of-way on White Oak Road and asked the Halls to contact the state.

The Halls were also told the dead-end road needed a cul-de-sac for county road trucks and school buses to turn around.

The Halls said they purchased their property from Jerry Arnold II. Judge Taylor said that Arnold had worked well with the fiscal court before on roads in the Vashion Estates Subdivision at Spout Springs. He asked that the Halls contact Arnold for his help on the road adoption.

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Ravenna Councilman Apologizes To Former Mayor

by CATHY DAWES
The Estill County Tribune

The Ravenna City Council met on Thursday, November 14, 2013.

Councilman Louis Officer informed the council that he had spoken with former mayor Charles Crowe about a statement he made at last month's meeting regarding \$130,000 that was missing from city funds. He had stated that he wanted Crowe to attend a council meeting and explain to the council where that money had gone to in such a short amount of time.

Officer said that he did speak with Crowe about the money and was told that the majority of the money had been spent on the city employees' retirement fund.

"I would like to say that if I offended him in any way, then, I am sorry," added Officer.

Officer said another concern that he had was the condition that the old Ravenna Grade School is in.

Mayor Estine Tipton said that the building will be sold at auction on December 1st and at that time the city will

be able to collect on unpaid taxes on the property.

Officer said that he had a good friend who purchases buildings like Ravenna Elementary, and that if his friend is able to purchase it at the auction, then he plans to remodel it and turn it into apartments for senior citizens.

The council discussed the amount of Christmas bonuses that the city employees would receive this year due to the lack of funds in the budget.

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Obituaries

- Lillian Alcorn, 92
 - Kimberly Barnes, 45
 - Lucian Cox, 88
 - Verlon Crawford, 89
 - Marvin Hereford, 81
 - Robert Hoover, 94
 - Roy C. Puckett, 78
 - Virginia Reeder, 73
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Light Up Rivertown Schedule of Events

- 8:00 Craft/Christmas Fair Set Up (Court House)
- 10 - 6 Craft/Christmas Fair Open to Public (Court House)
- 10 - 6 Pictures with Santa (A break will be taken for Storytime and Tree Decorating at 4:00)
- 12 - 6 Entertainment on the Court House steps
- 2 - 5 Horse and Carriage Rides (Donations for riding. Either money or non-perishable food. Please be generous. It is to feed children in Estill County.)
- 2 - 6 Christmas Cookie Decorating for Children (Free)
- 2 - 6 Face Painting for Children (Free)
- 10 - 3 Children enter Decorated Gingerbread Houses. Winners to be announced at tree lighting.
- 6:00 Tree Lighting Ceremony

Thanksgiving Deadline

Because of Thanksgiving, the deadline for next week's **Estill County Tribune** is at 1 p.m. Monday. The deadline is in effect for both news and ads.

Happy Thanksgiving!

