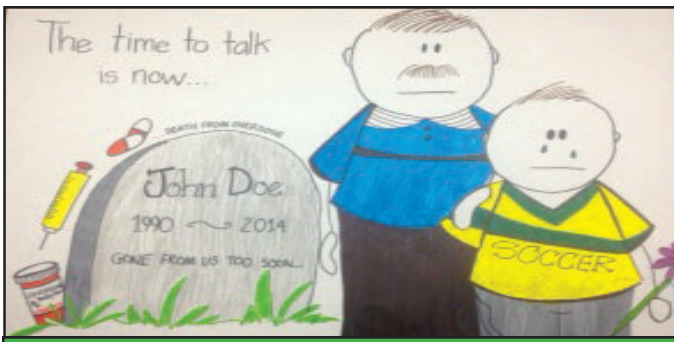




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River City Players Present "Murder at The Bingo Hall"



The River City Players presented "Murder at The Bingo Hall" during a dinner theatre at Estill High on Saturday. Left photo: Belinda Buttaface (Rebecca Patrick Howard) points a gun at Granny Gravelgrit (Beckie Mc Gee-Parvin). In the bottom photo, Detective Henry Swartz (Jerry Smith) draws a line around the murder victim. In the background are crowd members who attended the mystery dinner theatre. Queenie Dramameeny (Ora Lee Thomas) cries while Father Angelo O'Shea (Robert Dawson) right, points.



KSP gets marijuana and \$4,000 during traffic checkpoint

A Lost Creek man was arrested Saturday for drug trafficking during a safety traffic checkpoint conducted by Kentucky State Police at the intersection of Highways 82 and 89. Trooper J. Carpenter wrote that he and Trooper Pennington witnessed a vehicle stop suddenly and pull erratically in between two gas pumps at 82 Food Mart around 7:15 a.m. He added the man went inside the business, and he made con-

tact with him there. The trooper said he walked with the man to his vehicle to get the driver's license. He said a strong odor of marijuana was coming from the car, and a baggie of marijuana was in plain view. The citation adds the driver stated he had \$1,500 cash in his pocket. A search warrant was obtained for the vehicle. During the search after the arrest, Trooper Carpenter said he found rolling papers and

approximately \$4,000 in cash. While waiting for the K-9 unit, the citation states the store clerk located a small baggie of marijuana. It adds that Trooper Pennington also found a small baggie containing 120 10mg Methadone pills and a half ounce of suspected heroin. The citation states that five large Hefty bags of marijuana were found in the trunk. **Continued on Page 16**

Mother of senior loses life in wreck on Furnace Jct.

On Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 6:03 p.m. EDT the Kentucky State Police, Richmond Post responded to a single vehicle collision on Furnace Junction Road in rural Estill County. Initial investigation has revealed that a 1995 Dodge Neon, operated by Marinda Lewis, 39 years old of Ravenna, was traveling north on Furnace Junction Road. The vehicle left the roadway and overturned, causing the driver to be ejected. It appears that Lewis was not wearing her seatbelt. Marinda Lewis was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Estill County Coroner. There were not any passengers in the vehicle. Trooper Zach Pennington is the investigat-

ing officer and was assisted at the scene by the Estill County Rescue Squad, Estill County EMS and the Estill County Coroner. She is survived by her son, Joe Snowden, who is a senior at Estill County High School. Joe lost his father to cancer about two weeks ago. The school and friends are accepting donations for his senior year expenses for the senior trip, prom, and graduation. Donations toward the funeral expenses may be made to Warren F. Toler Funeral Home, 99 Cedar Grove Road, Irvine, 40336. Funeral services for Marinda Lewis were conducted Tuesday afternoon. A complete obituary appears on Page 6.

Property owner questions Irvine over annexation

"When was it annexed?" Dwight Arvin asked the Irvine Council about his family farm on Kirkland Avenue. Arvin's family has owned the farm for many years, and 2013 was the first time the family received a city tax bill. City Clerk Robin Sewell said she had called the PVA office and PVA Jeff Hix said Arvin's farm was in the city so she mailed a tax bill. Arvin voiced his concern about the farm being in city limits because of city plan-

ning and zoning. He was assured that farm operations could continue because of a grandfathering clause. Mayor Ernest Farmer said he has been researching the issue. He added that all he had to go on was a city map approved by the council a few years ago. "One of our council members asked about annexing the golf course over there," Farmer said. He said the golf course has not been paying city taxes. "I ran into this problem in 1980," said J.B. Martin, who owns property near the Arvin farm. "I agreed, and the council agreed, I would pay taxes on a house and 12 acres," Martin stated. City attorney Rodney Davis did not give the council an opinion on the matter because it was a "fresh issue" and would require investigation. "I don't see how you can send a tax bill until you show it's in city limits," Arvin stated. **Continued on Page 16**



Sam Hensley has been hired by the Irvine Police Department. He started Monday and was introduced to the city council during their meeting that night. Police Chief Brad Smith said that Hensley has served as a police officer in Florida and most recently worked as an officer with the Kentucky State Park System. Smith also added that Hensley is originally from Estill County. He will update his police training with a 32 hour course.

Ravenna to hold easter egg hunt at veterans park

All children, sixth grade and younger, can hunt easter eggs Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna. Ravenna Mayor Estine Tipton said that 5,000 eggs will be hidden. This year's egg hunt will be in memory of a late councilwoman, Joan Richardson, who lost her battle with cancer in 2013. Eggs were donated by Larry and Harriet Henry. It takes volunteers several hours to hide the eggs, but "the kids can pick them up in 10 minutes," said Mr. Henry. "Yeah, it's like a bunch of chickens after a june bug," said Councilman James Richardson, the widower of Joan Richardson. Mr. Henry added there will be four age groups at the egg hunt. In other action, Councilwoman Tina Johnson asked if the city's dog ordinance limited the number of dogs a resident may own. She said she knew of one residence which had at least six dogs inside.

She was told there was no limit on the number of dogs that could be kept inside a home. "Anytime they bring them outside they're supposed to be on a leash," said Police Chief Ken White. White added a resident is supposed to be coming into city hall to register a vicious dog under the city's ordinance Johnson also stated a resident was going to add a driveway which would go out into an alley at the back of the residence. Council William Van-Cleve thanked Magistrate Gerald Rader for getting the pot holes fixed in the city. He also thanked the county judge for removing snow off the streets. Mayor Tipton said she had thanked the county earlier for fixing potholes and snow removal. White presented the police report for March which had 68 total activities. Fire Chief David Harvey was not present, but the mayor said the city fire department did not respond to any fires.

- ### Obituaries
- Clarietta Bolton, 72
 - Marinda Lewis, 39
 - Jesus Reyes, 44
 - Millie Roberts, 96
 - Samuel Tipton, 69
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