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## Wreck ties up traffic on Sunday



A two-car wreck at the intersection of Sandhill (KY 1457) and Richmond Roads (KY 52) on Sunday afternoon tied up traffic for several hours. Witnesses said an elderly woman was going home from church and pulled out of Sandhill Road onto Richmond Road and into the path of an oncoming vehicle. The wreck backed up traffic for several miles in both directions.

Sheriff Gary Freeman said he is investigating the wreck, but the elderly lady was taken to the hospital and he was unable to get information from her. He also talked about how dangerous this stretch of road is. The State Highway Department has taken bids to install a turning lane at this intersection, but Freeman said it probably would not have prevented this accident.

The state highway department recently accepted a contract for the turn lane for \$517,276.88. It is scheduled to be completed by November 28 of this year.

## IPD officer says he located pills in body cavity

A Lexington man was arrested in Irvine on Sunday afternoon on drug related charges.

Irvine Officer John Sturniolo pulled over a red 1996 Chevy on River Drive near its intersection with Lilly around 4:42 p.m. Sunday, because he said the driver failed to keep his vehicle in the right lane of the road.

According to Sturniolo, the driver failed field sobriety tests. The driver was identified as Scott Plowman, 36.

He underwent a blood test at Marcum & Wallace Hospital with results pending. While at the hospital, Sturniolo said Plowman used some profane language which caused public alarm.

The officer charged Plowman with improper lane use,

failure to produce insurance card, driving under the influence of drugs, and disorderly conduct.

Plowman was taken to the Estill County Detention Center where he was charged with two additional charges, and these were felonies.

Sturniolo said Plowman told him he had nothing on him when he was taken to the Estill County Detention Center.

The citation states that Soma pills were found on Plowman. Soma is a Schedule 4 narcotic prescribed for muscle spasms. The citation adds that the pills were found in Plowman's anal area.

Plowman was then charged with possession of a controlled substance, first, and promoting contraband, first.

## Gravel hauler tells Estill Fiscal Court he'll haul gravel for bus turnaround

A short fiscal court meeting ended with a verbal disagreement after the meeting was immediately adjourned Monday evening.

Once the items on the agenda were taken care of, Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor asked if anyone had any comments.

No one commented, so Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. That was when Jason Cox of the Hargett area spoke up. He told the judge that he did not realize that Taylor was talking to him when he mentioned if anyone wanted to make comments.

Cox said he came to request the county put a bus turnaround on Hudson Mill Road, off Spout Springs.

Taylor said the county no longer puts in bus turnarounds, and it saves about

\$30,000 a year.

"We cannot rock private property," Taylor stated.

Taylor explained the county now works with the school board on graveling bus turnarounds. The school board determines a need for a turnaround, then pays the county for the gravel.

The judge/executive suggested that Cox go to the school board about the turnaround.

"If you all are so poor, I'll rock it out of my own pocket," said Cox, who is a gravel hauler.

Winchester Mayor Ed Burtner asked Estill County to approve an interlocal cooperative agreement with Bluegrass Area Development District. Burtner said that BGADD will be receiving \$11 million for job training and skill development.

Burtner said that previously Clark County has spent some of their funds on training high school juniors and seniors at George Rogers Clark High School.

"Our biggest thing is trying to get transportation," Taylor stated.

Magistrate Gerald Rader asked the Winchester mayor what had been done with Estill County's share of the monies last year. Burtner replied he did not know, because he only became chairman of BGADD in January.

There are 17 counties in BGADD. It's an agency that came under fire earlier this year over its spending.

Burtner said someone on the BGADD board was attending a fiscal court meeting at each of the counties this month.

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## There are now races for mayor and the council in Ravenna

When the Tribune went to press last Tuesday, there was only about three hours left to file for non-partisan races in the November election. During those few hours, as many candidates filed then as the candidates who had filed in the weeks and days preceding the deadline.

The present mayor of Ravenna, Estine C. Tipton, filed to run as Mayor of Ravenna. Mrs. Tipton has filled the unexpired term of Mayor Charles Crowe, who resigned.

William C. VanCleve, a councilmember, also filed to run for Mayor Ravenna. The mayor's term will last four years, while the council members will only have two year terms.

Seven people have filed for the six seats on the Ravenna council.

Present council members filing to serve another term include Amy Crowe, Betty Wells Hisle, and Tina Barnes Johnson.

Johnson's husband, Terry, also filed to run for a council seat, as did former councilmember and mayor, Beverly Thompson.

Two filing for the Ravenna council were filing to run for their first public office. They were M. Sharon Snowden and Camille Evans.

In School Board District #3, Dr. L.W. Beckley filed to run. That seat is now filed by Charlie Bill Muncy, who is running for reelection to a four-year term.

District #3 includes Ravenna, Millers Creek, Cow Creek, and West Lawn precincts.

In School Board District #5, Jonathan M. Bicknell filed for re-election. Thomas G. Tucker and Paul D. "Bird" Arvin are also seeking that seat.

District #5 includes the precincts of West Irvine, Drowning Creek, and Schoolhouse. Three members of the Soil & Water Conservation Board filed for re-election. They were Floyd Newton Jr., Danny Click, and Jack Stickney.

Jason "J.D." Riley filed to run for County Attorney on the Independent Ticket. Riley will face Rodney Davis, a Republican, in November.

Republican constable from District #1 Danny Conrad withdrew after the May primary election. Conrad's opponent in the Republican primary, Ronnie Means, has filed to run as a write-in candidate to become constable.

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## Estill woman arrested for the fraudulent use of credit card Aug. 11

An Estill County woman was arrested August 11 and charged with fraudulent use of a credit card between \$500 and \$10,000. The charged is a felony.

Ellen C. Townsend, 29, of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine, was arrested at her residence by Deputy Doc Morris and lodged in the Estill County Detention Center.

The citation states that Townsend admitted to Deputies Morris and Randy Farthing that she had used Gene Bunch's credit cards several time.

Bunch said he did not give Townsend permission to use his card.

The citation states that Townsend withdrew \$305.50 on March 26 and \$305.50 again on April 4 from Bunch's card.

Townsend was arraigned in Estill District Court on August 13. She pleaded not guilty to the charge. She is scheduled to return to district court again on August 21 for a preliminary hearing.

Her bail was set at \$5,000 cash.



**Winchester Mayor Ed Burtner addresses fiscal court about BGADD.**

**Obituaries**  
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**Estill senior golfer Andrew Farmer was the individual champion of the Powell County Invitational Tournament held on August 9th at Beech Fork. Farmer has shot under par in two tournaments and continues to lead the senior dominated Estill County team.**