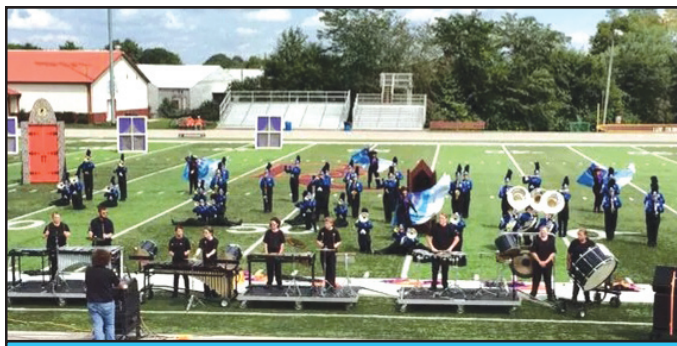




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Students treated to free concert and gift of musical instruments



Halfway to Hazard

A nationally known country music band, "Halfway to Hazard" got students out of class Friday morning at Estill County High School.

After an introduction by Robert Lawson, the executive director of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, the band gave students a concert and answered questions about music.

"If you get involved in music, you will do better in school," one of the band members told the students.

The band's concert was part of the Music Hall of Fame's "Stars over Appalachia program."

David Tolliver and Chad Warrix are two original members of Halfway to Hazard. The come from two different towns in Eastern Kentucky with Hazard in the middle. That's how the band got its name.

At the end of the concert, the band uncovered musical instruments for Estill High's award winning marching band.

Each year, the Music Hall of Fame has been partnering with three schools in Eastern Kentucky. This year they partnered with four.

Band director Jason Bowles estimated the instruments were valued at \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Bowles said he heard that the Music Hall of Fame had been partnering with schools in eastern Kentucky.

The Estill band needed new instruments. The board of education approved money for some band instruments at a recent board meeting. The band has grown to about 65 members which puts it in a higher class at band competitions.

Bowles said that Estill applied to be a partner with the Music Hall of Fame.

He had learned of the program through Marty Snowden, an Irvine resident, who works at the Citizen Bank and Trust Co. in Jackson. Snowden is also on the board of Stars over Appalachia.

Grand jury returns many indictments on Sept. 2

Two of those arrested during execution of search warrant at S.I. garage are indicted for trafficking in drugs

Two of the men arrested during a drug bust by the Irvine Police Department on August 5 have been indicted.

Indictments were returned last Tuesday against Jack R. Cockrell Jr., 46, of 810 South Irvine Road and Thomas Scott Reeves, 35, of 2482 McKee Road, Irvine.

Cockrell was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense; two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree, first offense; trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree, first offense; trafficking in a legend drug; and two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school (South Irvine P-K Center).

The indictment states that on August 1, Cockrell sold

three hydrocodone pills to a confidential informant and unlawfully possessed four Clonazepam pills while near the school.

It adds that on August 5, Cockrell sold a percocet and three suboxone pills to a confidential informant. The indictment states that Cockrell had 15 Neurontin, a legend drug, unlawfully.

Reeves was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense and second degree, first offense; trafficking in marijuana less than 8 ounces, trafficking within 1000 feet of a school, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

The indictment says that on August 5, Reeves had 15 oxycodone pills, 37 suboxone pills, and less than 8 ounces of marijuana, with the intent to sell. He alleg-

edly had a metal pill crusher.

Police Chief Brad Smith said that indictments are expected to be returned against others who were at Rose's Garage in South Irvine during the drug bust on August 5.

If a grand jury does not indict a person charged with a felony within 60 days of their preliminary hearing, the charge can be dismissed. However, there is no expiration on felonies, and an indictment can be returned any time after 60 days.

Charles Henry Hale Jr., 36, of 440 Sweet Lick Road, Irvine was indicted for complicity to theft by failure to make required disposition of property over \$500 and persistent felony offender second degree.

The indictment states that between June 7 and July 29, Hale failed to perform mechanical work on the victim's truck and sold it without permission.

Mike Murphy, 39, of Cow Creek Road and Jeremy Tipton, 37, of Grindstone Road, were named as co-defendants in an indictment. They were each charged with two counts of theft by unlawful taking/disposition.

According to the indictment, the two took a washer and dryer belonging to someone else on May 7 and a stove and refrigerator on May 22.

Murphy was also charged in another indictment for two counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument.

The indictment states that on June 14 and 15, Murphy possessed two forged checks that were on the account of his mother.

Cody Tyler Berryman, 25, of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine was charged by indictment with three counts of forgery, second degree.

The indictment states that three times on June 13, Berryman forged checks belonging to Dustin Arvin dba Arvin's Heating and Cooling.

Irvine goes into closed session to discuss possible litigation

Property tax bills are scheduled to come out October 1, which resulted in the Irvine Council going into a closed session on Monday concerning pending litigation.

As Mayor Ernest Farmer has done at many recent council meetings, he had the topic city map on the agenda.

"We've got the tax bills ready to mail out," he said, while asking the council's opinion about sending tax bills on several farms located on Kirkland Avenue.

City Attorney Rodney Davis said he had shared information with three of the farmers that he had received from the Secretary of State office concerning the city map.

That was when Davis announced for an executive session at the end of the meeting.

In recent months the farmers said last year was the first time they had received a city tax bill. One gentleman said he thought the issue was resolved back in the 60's.

Farmer asked the council to update its pay scale ordinance and the alcohol beverages ordinance.

The pay scale ordinance will be presented at the next meeting and will go into effect November 1 for new hires.

Farmer asked that Irvine change its alcohol sales in restaurants from 70/30 to 50/50.

Davis said he would look to see if that is legal for a fourth class city.

He said the percentage of sales is not made by an individual ticket, but the restaurant's overall sales. Davis added that many individuals will go into a restaurant and not order alcohol.

This year's Revive River Drive was praised. Councilman Tobo Bryant said he had received no complaints except for those who wanted it more than once a year.

"I like how the police officers' presence was always known," he said. "I think that kept everybody from getting crazy."

The mayor announced the following upcoming events: Twin City Cruisers cruise-in on Saturday, One Day at a Time March for Drug Recovery on Sunday; and the Hospice 5K Run/Walk on October 11.



Virginia Owens was honored last Thursday upon her retirement as Children's Librarian at the Estill County Public Library. This Friday will be her last day. One of her gifts was the flower pot saying, "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." Another of her hobbies is following the Estill High Marching Band. She is wearing a shirt advertising this year's band program, "Nevermore."

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Ravenna lowers insurance premium tax

by CATHY DAWES
The Estill County Tribune

The Ravenna Council met on Monday, September 8, 2014, and Mayor Estine Tipton made the suggestion that the insurance premium tax be lowered by 2.5 percent. Tipton stated that in August when the property tax rate was set by the council she said that the insurance premium tax would be discussed at the meeting this month.

City clerk Susan Lay said that the city of Ravenna took in \$83,158.79 during the 2013-2014 fiscal year from the insurance tax. She added that according to her calculations, if the council voted

to lower the tax rate by the two and a half percent, the city would only be losing approximately \$2,079 from the amount last year.

Councilman Louis Officer said that Mayor Tipton had been on top of collecting property taxes this year and that had helped the city a lot. All members of the council voted yes to lower the tax rate, except Councilman James Richardson.

Bryan Kirby from CEDA attended the meeting to ask the council to pass several resolutions pertaining to the second phase of the renovations taking place in Ravenna. He informed the council

that the property owners will have a five year forgivable bank note that will lower by ten percent each year. He added that the property owners will not be able to borrow money against the new homes and if for some reason the homes are vacated before the five year time frame, the money from the sale of the property will pay off the bank note.

Kirby said that the decision of who will get the remodels are based on the priority of need and they start with the elderly, disabled, and families with children under 18 years of age. Full time residency is required by

the property owner and Kirby said that they would do their best to hire local contractors to do the jobs.

Richardson asked Kirby when the contractors were paid for their work.

Kirby said that payment was typically made in three installments. The first payment is made when the floors and walls are put in, the second payment when the roof was completed with shingles, and third payment made after the electrical and plumbing was completed.

Councilman William Van Cleve asked if the new homes could have brick on the outside, and Kirby said

that homes in Richmond were the only homes that he had ever known to get brick on the outside.

Officer addressed the council again about the proposed skateboard ramp at Veteran's Memorial Park. Susan Lay said that she had contacted the insurance company and asked about the liabilities of the ramp but the agent hadn't returned her call yet.

Officer stated that he had spoken to several local business owners who are willing to donate money to help build the ramp and he is ready to proceed with the project.

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