

Road Closings

Kentucky Department of Highways

Thursday, October 16th

KY-1571 in Estill County

In order to make repairs to a bridge, the Kentucky Department of Highways plans to close KY 1571 in Estill County on Thursday, Oct. 16. The road will be closed at milepoint 0.4, at the one-lane bridge crossing Cow Creek just east of Ravenna. The project will begin around 8:30 a.m. and will continue until approximately 3 p.m. During this time, the road will be closed to all through traffic. This will impact travel between Lee and Owsley counties and Irvine and Richmond.

No marked detour will be posted, but drivers can use KY 52 as an alternate route. Motorists should plan their trips accordingly.

Saturday, October 18th

KY-1057 in Powell County

In order to replace a drainage structure, the Kentucky Department of Highways plans to close KY 1057 (Hardwicks Creek Road) in Powell County on Saturday, Oct. 18. The road will be closed at milepoint 3.1 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. During this time, the road will be closed to all through traffic.

A detour will be signed using KY 2001 (Spout Springs Road), Plum Branch Road and Frames Branch Road. Motorists should plan their trips accordingly.

*** In case of inclement weather, these closures will be postponed until another suitable date.

Conservation District Announces Annual Contest For Local Students

The Estill County Conservation District is proud to announce the annual Conservation Writing and Jim Claypool Art Contest. This contest is sponsored by the Kentucky Division of Conservation, Kentucky Farm Bureau, and Kentucky's 121 Conservation Districts. The contest has begun every year since 1944 with the announcement of the theme. The 2014 theme is "Protect Kentucky's Soil"

The art contest is open to students in grades 1-5 and the writing contest to grades 6-12. This includes all students in public, private and home schools.

2014 Contest materials and teacher's guide are available online: kyfb.com/federation and conservation.ky.gov. If you are unable to locate these please contact the local conservation district at 606-723-5104 for assistance.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

State Winners: \$250 first place, \$150 second place and \$50 third place

Area Winners: \$50 to the writing and art winner in each of the nine Soil & Water Conservation Commission areas.

District Winners: \$25 to the writing and art winner in each of the 121 conservation district in Kentucky.

*State and Regional winners will receive a personalized plaque and certificate. County winners that win regional or state awards will only receive one check for the top prize.

Deadline: All entries are due to the Estill County Conservation District by December 1, 2014, located at 1505 Richmond Road.

Golf Scamble

The Estill County Community Involvement Center will be having a "Golf Scamble" for metal furniture and mural repairs, at the Estill County Golf Course on Saturday, October 18, 2014, with a shotgun start at 11:00 a.m.

Entry fee is \$200 per team with hole sponsorship set at \$100.

Local Modern Woodmen of America members are sponsoring this fundraiser. All proceeds raised from this project will be matched by Modern Woodmen, up to \$2,500.

For more information, contact Glenda Oliver, activities coordinator, at 859-582-2669.

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The weather didn't exactly cooperate for Friday night's Tackle Breast Cancer.

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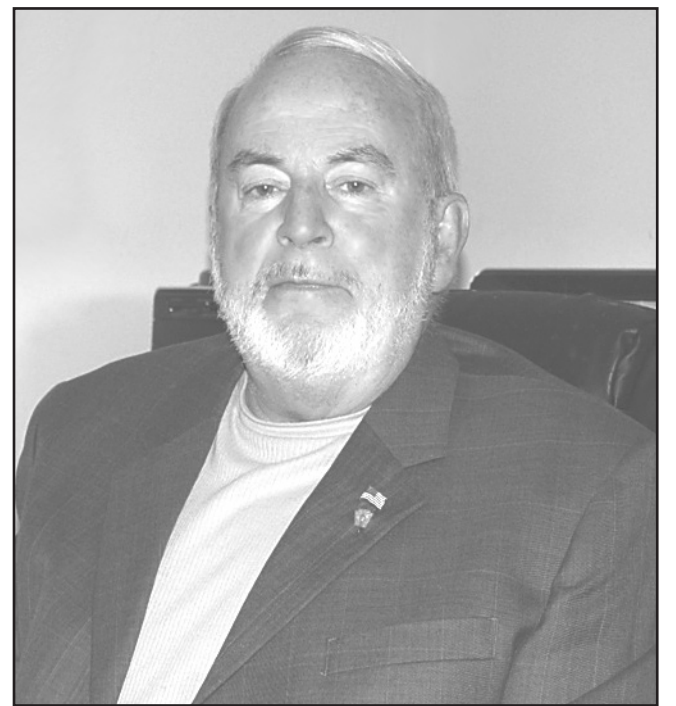
ELECT

JIM

WALTERS

MAYOR

CITY OF IRVINE



After the long hot days of summer and a few weeks of "you gotta' be kidding weather," Mother Nature has again shown us that we cannot control her. We are now fast approaching a date on which we CAN have some control. That date is November 4, 2014, when we will honor a 200 year old mandate by going to the polls and choosing who we want to lead us as mayor for the next four years. I hope you now know a little more about me, who I am, and what I stand for. A MAJOR emphasis will be put on revitalizing downtown by making the city CLEANER, PROVIDING more and better PARKING, WORKING CLOSELY with the POLICE DEPT. to make downtown streets safer by providing them with all the resources they need, such as equipment, advanced training, more officers or whatever is necessary for them to properly do their job. I want to see that all city employees are treated as equals in the city by providing a PROPER and COMPETITIVE WAGE SCALE while also providing a safer and healthier work environment. These actions plus INCENTIVES, such as TAX ABATEMENTS, and a willingness to work closely with organizations within our community who are working to bring businesses to the downtown area, will surely enhance our ability to do all of the above and also give people a reason to come downtown. I had hoped to convey more information to you at the "Meet the Candidates" forum, but with the strict time limits that we had and the desire to honor those guidelines set by the forum coordinators, I was unable to say more. I thoroughly enjoyed the forum, as I was able to meet the candidates who have stepped up and said, I want to serve Estill County and the Cities of Irvine and Ravenna. I was excited to see that we do have competent and talented people who are willing to serve. I look forward to, hopefully, working with all of you in every way possible for the betterment of our community over the next four years.

Nellie Williams says, she is looking forward to another term on the city council so she can hear new and fresh ideas. I said then, and I will say again, I have those NEW and FRESH IDEAS and I am really excited to share them with my fellow constituents. I have shared some of these ideas with a lot of you in a one-on-one conversation, and will eventually share them with everyone. I am sure there will be more to come and that some present ones will be refined and changes made after getting input from other elected officials and also YOU, the citizens of the city. Remember, this is YOUR CITY, so I pray you will step up, be heard and let us send a message to the "good ol' boys" network that Irvine will no longer do business in the same old manner it has in the past.

I am certain I was clear in my opinion about the merging of the cities of Irvine and Ravenna. After hearing several people talking about one government county-wide I will enthusiastically promote the proposal that is on the ballot now and propose that 3-5 years down the road we take a good look at this merger, if implemented, then if we feel we want to go further, we will have a blueprint of the past to follow to make sure we do it correctly, for the good of all citizens.

One idea that I wish to share with you now is that of finding some way to DAILY honor our veterans and all military personnel, for the price they have paid and are still paying to this very day, for their service to and for our country. As I was thinking about this letter, and how to express this thought to you, it hit me about the COURAGE AND SACRIFICE of these BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN who have served and are still serving today, that as they stood shoulder to shoulder, fighting the enemy, not once did a thought enter anyone's mind that he or she could not work or fight with the person standing next to them because they were either Democrat or Republican. They were all simply AMERICANS and that is all I need to be to function in this world. Wouldn't it be nice to see our elected officials in that cesspool called Washington, D.C., function simply as AMERICANS and not as politicians serving their party, instead of the people. I know my opponent has said that he is not concerned about me because I am an independent and he is a Republican, meaning, therefore, if you are a Republican, you MUST vote for him. I strongly disagree with this assumption and ask that you rise above this age old tradition by using the mind your Precious Lord gave you and make your own decisions for yourself. As I said before, I am very CONFIDENT in my ABILITY to KNOW what I THINK and DO, and I hope you will do the same. I encourage you to vote on November 4, 2014 and I am still convinced beyond any doubt that I am the BETTER MAN for the job. Give me your vote of confidence, and I will prove to you that I am. Don't just VOTE for me, but HELP me make the necessary changes that are best for the City of Irvine. It will take all of us to accomplish this. Remember, TOGETHER we not only CAN but WILL do BETTER. Thanks for your valuable time. I promise to serve you with the utmost in Sincerity, Dignity, Integrity, and Respect, not just for the office of Mayor, but for all people.

PRAY THAT GOD WILL BLESS OUR COUNTRY as we are in dire need of help.

Thank you and GOD BLESS our city,
Jim Walters

Candidate for the Mayor of City of Irvine

Paid for by Jim Walters, candidate for Mayor of City of Irvine