

50th Wedding Anniversary



Marvin and Sandy Baus

Marvin and Sandy Baus celebrated their 50th anniversary on February 28, 2015.

Marvin Seibert Baus and Sandra Ellyn Meade met and began dating while attending Centre College in Danville, KY. After graduation in 1964, the couple were married the following year in Irvine United Methodist Church. Marvin and Sandy then moved to Charleston, South Carolina where he served in the U.S. Navy, and she worked as a social worker for the state.

In 1968, Marvin took a job with Carhartt, Inc. in Irvine, KY, and Sandy continued her work as a social worker. They later moved to Cleveland, Mississippi, where they lived for 5 years and had two children, Roxanne and Jonathan. The couple returned to Irvine in 1978, where Marvin continued working for Carhartt in various positions, retiring in 2000 after 32 years with the company. Sandy taught pre-school in Estill County for 17 years until her retirement in 2004. After retirement, the couple moved to Richmond where they now reside.

They plan to celebrate their anniversary with their family, including their five grandchildren, who love them dearly and are thankful each day for their union 50 years ago.



Rader's River Grill under the Irvine bridge floated during last week's floods. Water reached the top of the parking lot before it crested on Saturday morning at about 31 feet. Unfortunately for the restaurant owner, more flooding is predicted for this week.

Ravenna renovations are behind because of all the nasty weather

by CATHY DAWES
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The Ravenna council met on Monday, March 9, 2015 and got right down to business by approving the fourth resolution pertaining to the home renovations taking place within the city.

Bryan Kirby informed the council that winter weather had put the projects behind schedule but hoped to begin demolition on four homes next week. He added that asbestos had been removed from one home last week and hopes to be able to move forward with the project.

Kirby said that advertisements would be listed this week in search of experienced home builders for the five homes. He asked that anyone that was interested in the job to contact city hall by April 1st.

Linda Crowe, a resident of Ravenna, addressed the council about a problem with cats near her home. She said that cats continuously tear up her flower beds and she hasn't had any flowers in two years. She added that when you walk by the flower beds that it smells like an outhouse because of the animals. She asked the council if there was anything that

could be done about the cats such as an ordinance similar to the one that pertained to dogs.

Mayor Estine Tipton said that they were definitely a problem and that they stay on her car all the time. She suggested that Crowe get cages from the animal shelter to catch the cats and then take them back to the shelter.

Fire Chief David Harvey stated that it had been a busy month due to weather related issues. He said that the flooding that occurred on Broadway last week was the result of a culvert under the railroad being stopped up with debris and overgrown with weeds.

He added that CSX was aware of the problem because this had been an issue last year but not to this extent and that CSX was planning to redo the system under the tracks to prevent flooding from happening again. Harvey said that there is now a huge pile of debris left over from the flood that will have to be hauled off.

their job more difficult if the house number is not clearly visible from the road.

Mayor Tipton stated that an audit had begun on the Municipal Road Fund. In the past, money had been borrowed from the road fund to pay bills with. The most recent transaction occurred in May 2014 when the city borrowed \$4,000 to pay for insurance premiums. The money was paid back the following month and nothing has been borrowed from it since because the council was informed that they were not allowed to use money from that account for anything other than road work.

Tipton said that Stephanie Banks had started the preliminary audit and that according to her findings so far, the city could possibly owe lots of money back to the road fund. Tipton added that Banks had only worked on the years of 2010-2014 and so far has found \$60,000 worth of discrepancies which were mostly for contract labor. She said that Banks told her the proper procedure for contract labor would be to give the person a 1099 to file on their taxes.

Former city clerk Kim Parks stated that when she

left her position that there were outstanding loans that had been made from the road fund to the general fund to assist in paying bills. She added that each time that money was borrowed from the road fund that it was documented and always approved by council members during the monthly meeting.

"Nothing was hidden. There is documentation, receipts, and minutes for everything that was borrowed," stated Parks.

Mayor Tipton concluded the conversation by informing the council that at this time there is approximately \$15,000 in the road fund account and that the city had not received any money since she had taken office. She said that many of roads in Ravenna are a mess and need immediate attention.

The annual Easter Egg hunt will be held at Veterans Memorial Park on April 4th from 12-1. This date had been approved by council members in a previous meeting to hold a roadblock to raise money to purchase flags for Veterans. Due to the conflicting schedule the roadblock will be held on May 2nd.

Flooding causes problems

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"I looked up and saw this vehicle pulling in on the other side (of the flood water)," Taylor said.

He said the vehicle keep going. The vehicle stopped when the water "was over the hood of the vehicle."

Two people got out of the vehicle and climbed onto the hood of the vehicle.

"I called 911," stated Taylor.

The rescue squad brought a boat to rescue the two people.

Taylor said the rescue squad had to come through two bodies of water to rescue the two people.

The judge/executive said he was going to be talking with County Attorney Rodney Davis to see if the county can make it a law to fine people who drive through flood waters.

He stated this puts the lives of the rescue squad into jeopardy when they have to make unnecessary rescues.

Because of the record cold temperatures, Helping Hands opened up a warming shelter at West Irvine Elementary.

West Irvine was used this time because it has a back-up generator in case the electricity goes off.

Irvine police charge man with assault of an officer

What started out as an alcohol intoxication charge led to a felony charge for one Estill man.

Devin T. Coffey, 19, of Glory Street, Irvine, was arrested by Officer John Sturniolo at the intersection of River Drive and Stevens Ave. around 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 5.

Sturniolo said that Estill Dispatch had issued an ATL (Attempt to Locate) on Coffey because he had no shirt on and the temperature was 2 degrees F.

Coffey reportedly told Sturniolo that he was drinking whiskey out of a bottle.

Sturniolo said that Coffey agreed to a P.B.T. which registered 0.15.

The officer stated that Coffey had slurred speech and was unsteady on his feet. He also had a strong odor of alcohol on his person.

Sturniolo said that Coffey became aggressive and emotional at the jail. He started yelling and used abusive language.

Sgt. Michael Gross said

that while Coffey was being processed at the jail on the charge of alcohol intoxication, he failed to comply with commands from the jailer and the arresting officer.

Gross said the jail staff and Irvine officers were attempting to remove a string that Coffey had in his hands. He failed to comply with multiple commands to give the string to them.

Gross said he entered the jail to retrieve the string, but Coffey grabbed him. He stated Coffey's arms were locked around his head and neck.

According to the citation, Gross asked Coffey multiple times to release him from the head lock.

At this point, Gross said he deployed his taser so that Coffey would release his hold.

Gross charged Coffey with assault third degree of a police officer or probation officer, which is a felony.

IPD Officer Karl Rifenbark also assisted with this arrest.

More water woes for Estill County

by DELORES ROWLAND
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A boil water advisory was lifted for Estill County just last week, but about 48 hours later parts of Estill County were without water again.

This includes Millers Creek, Pryse, Cob Hill, and

along KY 52 to Cathedral Domain in Lee County

The Estill County Rescue Squad went up the railroad tracks on 4-wheelers to deliver drinking water door to door to many of the residents at Pryse and Millers Creek who were flooded in. Clearance was obtained

from CSX for this.

Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor said on Sunday, it was determined that the pipe under the river going to those areas had burst. Water pressure was good on the other side of the river, but there was none on the courthouse side of the pipe going to the waterless areas.

On Monday, a critical water shortage was issued for all of Estill County. The water distribution center was opened at the Estill County Fairgrounds.

The judge/executive said the center was opened with water left over from last week's distribution. Two truckloads of bottled water were scheduled to be delivered Monday afternoon.

Repairing the pipe under the river may be a long term project, but Taylor said the water district is looking at some temporary solutions. One of them is to put a barge in the river with a water pump on it.

By Monday afternoon, Taylor said three water tanks were dry. This includes tanks at Winston, 851, Sandhill, and Knob Lick. An estimated 2,000 customers were without water. During the previous shortage, that number was

up to 3,500 customers. Divers were used Monday morning to help diagnose the problems.

The most serious water problem occurred at intake valve of Irvine Municipal Utilities.

Normally, 1100 gallons of water are pumped a minute to serve IMU and Estill County Water District customers. At its lowest point, it was only pumping 250 gallons a minute.

The use of the divers discovered the intake was blocked by debris. Taylor said they believe this is caused by the flood waters receding and a bank slipped near the IMU intake.

Once the intake was cleared of mud and debris, IMU was able to start pumping water at normal levels late Monday.

The critical water shortage will remain in effect until water tanks have a sufficient amount of water. Everyone is asked to conserve. Car washes were shut down to help conserve water.

Once the tanks have sufficient levels of water, the water will be tested. After the water tests are satisfactory, the boil water advisory will be lifted.




Shortly after homes were flooded on Main Street of Ravenna last Wednesday, heavy equipment was working to clear the drain pipe that goes under CSX Railroad.

The Garden Bug

Pesticide handling

Careful measuring and mixing are key to avoiding trouble with toxins; follow all instructions very carefully. Apply when there is little or no wind, and keep your pace steady to avoid over-applying any one area. Avoid walking through what you are spreading. Wear a mask.



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