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Kentucky 120 Bible Reading began at midnight on New Year's Day in Irvine City Hall. It took volunteers four days to finish reading the Bible all the way through. At the same time, the Bible was being read in many other Kentucky counties. Above, Jessica Nunnelley read from II Chronicles on January 2.

Irvine mayor to announce new police chief, Monday

Brad Smith resigned as chief and is now a deputy sheriff

Irvine Mayor James Gross is expecting to announce the appointment of a new police chief at Monday's regular council meeting.

The chief's vacancy occurred when Chief Brad Smith resigned on December 27.

Smith has accepted a position as Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Chris Flynn. Smith worked as a sheriff's deputy under Retired Sheriff Gary Freeman before accepting the chief's job in Irvine.

Mayor Gross said he

posted the chief's position internally (among all city employees) from December 27 until January 6.

This week, he will be going over applications and interviewing the applicants before making his decision on the new chief.

As the mayor, Gross has the power to hire the next chief of police if an eligible candidate applies.

In the meantime, Gross has appointed Captain John Sturniolo as Acting Chief of Police.

Sturniolo is the officer with the longest tenure in the city of Irvine.

A former deputy sheriff is now working as an officer for the Irvine Police Department.

James Marshall worked part of 2019 as a deputy under Sheriff Chris Flynn. He was also a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Freeman.

Marshall left Sheriff Freeman's office and worked for Fish and Wildlife from which he has now retired.

The Irvine Council will

meet at 7 p.m. in city hall. The meeting is open to the public.



Capt. John Sturniolo was named Acting Police Chief and handles the city's canine officer, Fritz.

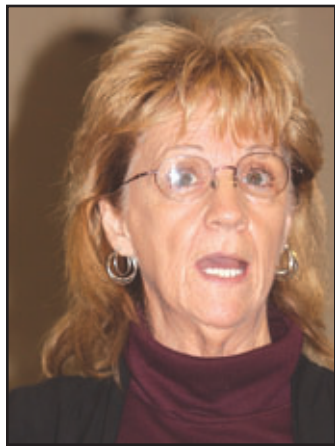
Crowd supports 2nd amendment, but disagrees on language in resolution

A large crowd attended a special meeting of the Estill Fiscal Court to discuss a Resolution in support of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on Monday, December 30.

Several bills have been pre-filed with the Kentucky Legislature which, if passed, will limit the types of firearms and amount of ammunition used in Kentucky. Weapons can also be confiscated from gun owners if they are deemed dangerous by family members.

Attendance was estimated at about 150, which required the fiscal court to move the meet-

ing from the downstairs courtroom to the larger courtroom upstairs.



Dottie Gregory

Many in the audience openly spoke about their rights to bear and carry arms under the Second Amendment. No one

spoke in favor of limiting the use of firearms or ammunition.

Dottie Gregory asked the fiscal court to table the proposed resolution because she thought its language was too weak.

She had a copy of Breathitt County's resolution which included fines for violators who tried to ban firearms.

County Attorney Jason Riley said that some parts of the Breathitt County resolution will not stand. County laws cannot supersede state or federal laws.

For the same reason, the local fiscal court

passed a resolution and not an ordinance. An ordinance is a local law.

Several wanted the resolution to contain the word sanctuary, as some other counties have included that word in their resolution.

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson said sanctuary was not included because that is the same term cities are using to welcome illegal aliens. He thought that would cause confusion.

Watson told the audience he was a gun owner who had a license to carry.

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Tammy Terry received a round of applause after her speech at the impromptu Second Amendment meeting of the Estill Fiscal Court on Dec. 30.

Council and school board candidates to run this year

2020 is not just a year for a presidential election.

Locally, city council members for both Irvine and Ravenna and three school board members will be elected.

County Clerk Brian Crowe said the deadline for persons interested in serving on the Irvine Council is 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 28.

Council members are elected for two year terms.

The Irvine mayor has a four year term and is not up for re-election this year.

Ravenna Council members will also be elected to two year terms.

Because the Ravenna Council and school board members run in non-partisan races, they have a later filing deadline in August.

Ravenna Mayor Estine Tipton also has two years remaining in her term.

School board members serve on staggered four year terms. Three will be elected this year, and two in two years from now.

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Friends and family joined Bob Calder as he was recently honored for his service in the Navy. He was presented with a quilt from Quilts of Honor. Quilts of Honor has groups of volunteers from all over the country that have found a unique way to thank our veterans. They make the quilts as a "token of thanks, solace, and remembrance to those who serve in harm's way to protect and defend our lives and freedoms". Congratulations to Bob! If you want more information about Quilts of Honor or to nominate an eligible veteran, go to <http://quiltssofahonor.org>.



O. D. Henderson Masonic Lodge makes annual donation to ECHS Beta Club. The donation will be used to help aid the organization's "Back Pack" outreach program. The Brothers of the lodge are honored to be community partners with the ECHS Beta Club. Pictured left to right are Ian Moores, Amy Farmer (Beta Sponsor), and Greg Horn.

(Photo courtesy of Greg Horn)

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