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Tommy Mullen, left, solid waste coordinator for Estill County and his son, Parker, hold up a sign which will be placed on main roads coming into Estill County. Mullen said the county got a grant for the signs. The road signs were produced locally by Twin Cedars. The grant also paid for some soft balls which were tossed out at ball-games to students. "Those balls say, "Keep Estill County Clean. Please don't litter - recycle."

Man and dog are rescued from cave nearly 24 hours after going missing

A man and his dog were successfully rescued from a cave on Sunday afternoon. Sheriff Chris Flynn assisted with the search but did not identify the man, who had left his mother's house on Woodward Ridge Road with a dog around 3:30 p.m. Saturday. The man's family had searched for him unsuccessfully throughout the night. The sheriff was notified the man

was missing around 6:30 a.m. on Sunday. Flynn said when he arrived, the area was canvassed in an attempt to locate the man. The rescue parties drove to neighbors' houses checking for the man. Flynn said because of the terrain, he requested assistance from Hunter's Hounds, and rescue squads from Estill and Powell counties.

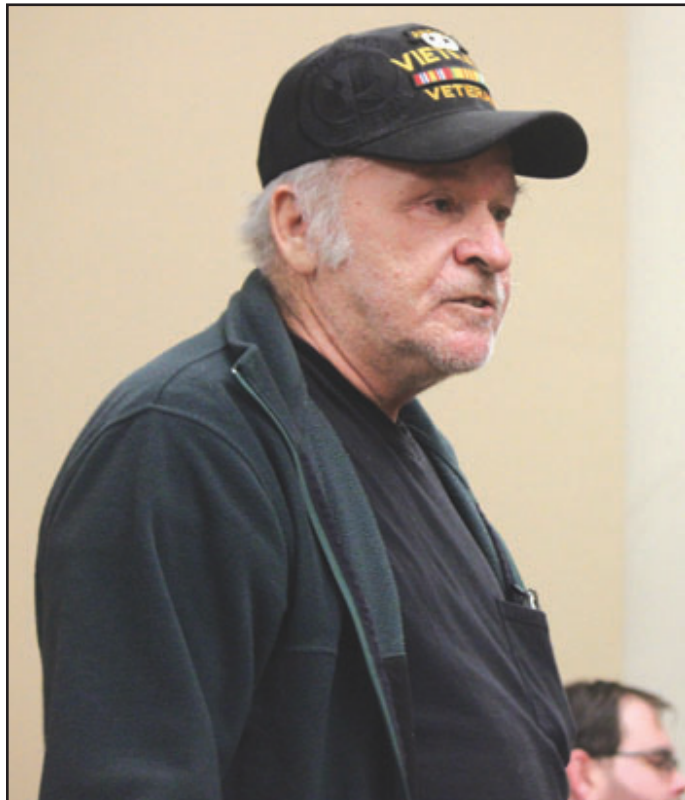
After all search parties were on the scene, Flynn said it took about an hour of searching to locate the cave. Flynn said he and David Conrad of Hunter's Hounds crawled inside "a real small opening" of the cave. Once inside the cave, they were able to stand up inside it. "We followed the creek (inside the cave)," Flynn said. They located the man about 200 to 300 feet inside, around 2:30 p.m. "He was alert and oriented but extremely cold," Flynn stated. Most caves have a year-round temperature in the 50s, but Flynn stated the victim had gotten wet. "He tried to pack mud on him to get warm," Flynn stated. The victim had taken an oil lamp with him when he went inside the cave, and

the oil appeared to have burned out. "He said his light had gone out, and he couldn't find his way out," Flynn stated. "He couldn't see his hand in front of his face," he added. The man was transported by Estill EMS to Marcum & Wallace Hospital to be checked for injuries. "I would like say thanks to all of the agencies that came out and assisted," Sheriff Flynn stated. "Thanks to the Kentucky State Police and Irvine Police Dept for taking all of our 911 calls during the search." He also thanked the Estill County 911 dispatchers and Emergency Management. He said they are a vital part of any emergency situation. "Without everyone's help today, there could have been a different outcome," he said on Sunday.

Fiscal court invites groups to pick up roadside trash

Cleaning up the county was the first item discussed at Monday's fiscal court meeting. "We've got some garbage problems scattered around the county," said Judge/Executive Donnie Watson. Groups which pick up garbage along roadsides are paid \$75 a mile.

Watson said for safety reasons, school groups are no longer picking up roadside garbage. All a group needs to do is register with the judge's office where they will be assigned a road. They bag the trash and leave it along the roadside. The county then picks up the bags. Some of the groups currently picking up garbage are the American Legion and churches.



Eugene Kidd asked the Estill Fiscal Court to help with gang activity at Monday's meeting. He said the gangs are hanging around on nights in the old Save-A-Lot parking lot.

Tommy Mullen, solid waste coordinator, said that Winchester Road got to looking bad with trash because the school groups and junior firefighters were no longer picking it up. He said that Winchester Road has been taken care of now except for one section. Illegal dumping on private properties is also going to be addressed. Mullen is also in charge of the animal shelter. He added that a free spay or neuter day for cats only is scheduled for Saturday, February 29 and Sunday, March 1. To register a cat for a free spay or neuter, the owner must register their animal at the animal shelter, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of this week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mullen stated that if a cat is running loose in the neighborhood, a resident can catch it to be spayed or neutered. Then, they can turn the cat loose.

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Council to revise city ordinances

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Irvine city clerk Robin Powell presented members of the council with the first chapter of ordinances to look over and see if they would like to amend any of them. Powell said that would give them two weeks to decide if they wanted to make any changes and then they would move on to the next chapter. The council had discussed doing this at the meeting earlier in the month because so many of the ordinances are outdated. Mayor James Gross spoke to the council about getting a credit card from Citizen's Guaranty Bank to use for purchases. He said that the credit card would be paid off each month. Because he was the mayor it would be in his name with his social security number attached to it. Gross said that there have been several occasions when a credit card was needed to make a purchase, and they didn't have one. He added that Chief John Sturniolo had been paying for items for the K-9 out of his pocket, and the city would reimburse his money with a check. If the city had a credit card they would not have to do that. "You just about have to have a credit card in this day and time to operate," stated Councilman Tim Burkhart. The council agreed to the credit card with a \$5,000 limit with the exception that it be paid in full each month.

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