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## Hunts married 74 years ago



Harold and Ruby Hunt

It was love at first sight for Harold Hunt during a Sunday service at White Oak Church of God over 76 years ago. He saw Ruby Harrison sitting up front with her large family. She had seven brothers and seven sisters. "I told somebody, I'd like to marry that girl," he said. "I got the pick of the litter." He later asked her father for Ruby's hand in marriage. Her father, Vernon Harrison, said it was okay after Harold mentioned he had a job. Before Harold could marry Ruby, he received a letter from President Frank-

lin D. Roosevelt who wanted him to serve during World War II. He was assigned to the U.S. Navy. "In the Navy, you didn't have to dig a foxhole," he stated. He returned in a November after serving two years, one month, and seven days. He wanted to get married immediately, but Ruby set a wedding date for February 16, 1946. She was working at Carhartt then. The company had a Valentine party scheduled for February 14 that she wanted to go to.

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## 3 more indictments returned

Three more indictments that were returned on January 24 have been released. James Roberts III, 40, of Dug Hill Road, Irvine was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, tampering with physical evidence, and being a first degree persistent felony offender. The indictment states that on October 24, 2018, Roberts possessed less than two grams of heroin

with the intent to traffic. It adds that he kept dropping a dollar bill containing heroin on the ground in order to conceal evidence. According to the indictment, Roberts was convicted in Estill County of at least one prior felony offense. Sgt. John Sturniolo of the Irvine Police Department conducted the investigation. This is a super-ceding indictment, meaning that Roberts was indicted on

at least one of the charges previously. A super-ceding indictment amends the original indictment charges because of a change in evidence. Forty year old Dillis Berryman of Stacy Lane Irvine was indicted for first degree assault - domestic violence, carrying a concealed weapon, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), and being a first degree felony offender.

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## KSP charges sex offender for not living at the right address

An Irvine man was arrested February 7 on Kirkland Avenue and charged with failure to comply with sex offender registration, first offense. KSP Trooper J. Bowman wrote in the citation that on February 7, Post 7 received a call at 1:50 p.m. regarding a possible non-compliant sex offender. The citation said that William Jay Abner, 56, of 235 Mountain Crest, Irvine has a Sex Offender Registry address of 442 Kirkland Avenue. The trooper went to that address at 4:18 p.m. and spoke with Abner's father, Jerry Abner. The elder Abner reportedly told the trooper that William Abner did not live there and had never

lived there. Trooper Bowman then went to 110 Peyton Avenue in an attempt to locate William Abner, who wasn't there. The trooper spoke with Linda Hackworth who said that William Abner resided at 235 Mountain Crest with his girlfriend. She said he would go to 442 Kirkland Avenue during the day. The complaint that dispatch had received said that William Abner would go to 235 Mountain Crest after the office closed and would leave before daybreak. William Abner was arrested on Kirkland Avenue.

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Rains caused the Kentucky River and its tributaries to flood last week before changing into snow on Friday. The photo above shows both the snow and flooding at the river beneath the Irvine bridge.

## Delinquent water bills causes city to lose garbage revenues

by CATHY DAWES Estill Tribne staffwriter

The Irvine council members who met on Monday night were shocked as Mayor Gross explained to them how much money the city is losing in garbage revenue each year. According to Gross' estimate the city is out approximately \$20,000 each year because people are delinquent on their water bills. He said many times the water gets shut off or is paid late and that is lost revenue for the city because the garbage bill is attached to the water bill. City clerk Robin Powell said that she had spoken with Staci York at the water office, and the city does receive \$1.80 each month for late fees. Gross said that the city continues to pick up garbage at these homes even

if their water bills haven't been paid, because they don't know about it. Even if they discontinued garbage pickup, it would mean that the garbage just sits there and piles up from week to week. One past due account that the mayor had on hand showed that the customer owed \$79 in back garbage fees and City Attorney Rodney Davis said that the council could turn them over to a collection agency if they chose to do so. Gross said that the police department had been to residences where the water had been turned off and made a couple of arrests over water theft. Councilman Tim Burkhardt calculated that the city was owed around \$58,000 in delinquent property taxes and de-

linquent garbage fees. He said that was unbelievable. Rodney Davis said that three lawsuits that had been filed over delinquent property taxes and that had resulted in two of the property owners responding immediately. He suggested that the council pick out a few more of the most expensive delinquent taxes and authorize him to file suit against those as well. "Pick out about ten of them," stated Burkhardt. Police Chief John Sturniolo reported that the new upgraded computer systems were being installed by Pro Silver. He also informed the council about the purchase of a 2016 Ford Explorer that will be used for the second K-9 unit.

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## Ravenna pay raise was legal, according to city's attorneys

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The payroll ordinance was a hot topic at the Ravenna city council meeting for the second month in a row. Mayor Estine Tipton presented the council with a copy of a letter from the law office of Coy, Gilbert, Shepherd, and Wilson. In that letter it stated that the payroll ordinance was valid and currently in full force and effect based on the documents that they had been provided by City clerk Ashley Moore. The letter stated that they had reviewed the

amended ordinance, minutes from two meetings in which the ordinance was read, and a publication from the local newspaper. Councilwoman Valerie Flinchum asked why the ordinance was not in the book and asked if the hired and elected officials salaries were on the same ordinance. Mayor Tipton said that they were. Councilwoman Tammy Howell said that if the ordinance had been in the book originally then it would've saved everyone a lot of time and headache.

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## Obituaries

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