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## 4 new cases of Covid-19 confirmed

Four new cases of Covid-19 have been confirmed for Estill County as of Monday, according to Candie McMaine, interim director of the Estill County Health Department.

The other four cases were diagnosed on May 30 and early June. Those victims have recovered.

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A collision involving a motorcycle slowed traffic on the Winchester Road, just outside city limits, on Thursday. There are more bikes on the road during this warm weather, and all motorists are advised to be careful.

## Husband and wife with Estill ties die in Friday shooting

The Kentucky State Police, Richmond Post was contacted by Jackson County 911 on Friday, July 11, 2020 just after 1:00 a.m., in reference to a shooting that occurred at a residence on Drip Rock Holiness Church Rd in McKee.

KSP Post 7 Detectives responded to the scene and discovered a man and woman who had been fatally shot. The initial investigation indicates, there were not any other individuals involved and KSP is not searching for any suspects.

Roger and Rhonda Harvey, both 38 years old of McKee, KY were pronounced deceased at the scene by the Jackson County Coroner. Their

bodies were taken to the State Medical Examiner's Office in Frankfort for autopsies.

The ongoing investigation is being conducted by KSP Post 7 Detective Rob Morris. He was assisted on scene by KSP personnel, Jackson County Sheriff's Office and the Jackson County Coroner's Office.

Sources say the Harveys used to live in Estill County, and the location of their home was near the Jackson - Estill County line

They are the parents of two children.

The Warren F. Toler Funeral Home is expected to handle the funeral arrangements where donations may be made.

## Health dept. reports on the syringe exchange program

The needle exchange program is now a year old, and the Irvine City Council received an update Monday they had requested about the program.

Mandy Watson, R.N. and Candie McMaine, interim director of the

Estill County Health Department, answered the council's concerns about the program.

A main issue the council had is with the number of syringes which are not disposed of properly.

Watson said the health department has distrib-

uted about 8,000 needles and has gotten about 4,000 used needles back.

Each drug addict is given 30 needles on their first visit to the program. If they do not return all 30 needles the following week, Watson said they are given a reduced number of needles. The participants are given a sharps container to put their used needles in.

Watson said the users are also given information on drug rehabilitation programs.

When someone calls the health department to say they have a found a needle, Watson said that person is told to call a police department to dispose of the needle properly. Residents are advised to not pick up the used needles.

"The people are upset (with finding needles)," said Police Chief John Sturniolo. "We're the villains here."

"The whole purpose of this program is to keep everybody safe," Watson stated.

She added the needle exchange program was

to prevent the spread of diseases, such as hepatitis. Only one new case of hepatitis was reported since the program began.

"We had needles before we had the syringe exchange," McMaine told the council. "We've all been picking up needles for years."

"We've been picking them up for years, too," said Chief Sturniolo.

Watson said users will get syringes somewhere. They can be bought in Lexington for \$13.00 for a box of 100 needles. She added that drug dealers will also sell them for \$5 apiece.

Sturniolo said the police department has seen a large increase in the number of discarded needles.

He said during the first six months of this year, there have been 55 overdoses in Estill County. This compares to about 42 to 44 during the same time period last year.

The chief also mentioned that the number of doses of narcan have also increased.

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Mandy Watson, RN, from the Estill County Health Dept. listed to concerns from the Irvine council about the needle exchange program.



Construction workers for the new Area Technical Center have been constructing pillars for the pedway that will connect the ATC to the high school.

## Obituaries

- Fairy Barnes, 70
  - Bobby Hall, 66
  - Shirley Hall, 83
  - Rhonda Harvey, 38
  - Elizabeth Noland, 76
  - Jean Rogers, 89
  - Johnny Stephens, 78
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## Ravenna Council meets Monday virtually

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The Ravenna council held their first virtual meeting on Monday night since the beginning of March.

Councilwoman Valerie Flinchum pointed out that the fire chief's salary was incorrect on the report and then questioned the use of Municipal Road Funds.

Mayor Estine Tipton explained that the money from the road fund had been used to fix a drainage issue on one of the streets in the city. Flinchum said that when those funds are used they

are supposed to have a public hearing before doing anything with the money.

Mayor Tipton apologized and said that it was something that had to be fixed immediately because the run off from all the rain that we had been having was causing major issues with some residents along that street.

Flinchum also brought up the fact that she had received several reports of people in Ravenna calling for the police and getting no response. She said that she had called in for someone herself a few weeks ago and was told

that Ken White was off that day and would be rerouted to the state police.

She said she thought that in White's job description that it stated if he drove the cruiser home after his shifts were over then he would respond to any calls within the city.

Mayor Tipton said that she has his home number and can contact him at any time.

Ronnie Riddell, director of Emergency Management, spoke up and said that it is proper procedure to reroute any calls to the Kentucky State Police when the police chief is off duty, and that dis-

patchers are not allowed to give out any phone numbers. Riddell said that he would look into the matter if Flinchum could provide him with a date and a time that the 911 call was placed.

Mayor Tipton spoke to the council about hiring a part time city employee to fill the position that had previously been occupied by Ricky Williams.

She said that she had only had one application turned in so far and that was by Brandon Long. She said Long has actually mowed the grass at the park last weekend because it was in such

bad shape.

Councilmember Vicki Horn said she thought the job should be advertised and specific guidelines put in place before hiring someone. She said that she had seen a post on Facebook recently about how Williams had been picking up refrigerators and hauling them off.

Council member Tammy Howell said she thought there should be specific days for garbage pickup instead of paying someone to ride up and down the street looking for items to be hauled off.

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