



Sarah Hart carried off a load of limbs from the Old Irvine Cemetery on River Drive. She is a member of the Four Seasons Garden Club which helps to maintain the cemetery. Hundreds of daffodils bloom each spring which have been planted by the garden club.

# Irvine council refers duck pond to planning & zoning

## Privilege license granted to Flea Market Finds

by CATHY DAWES  
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Danny Click approached members of the Irvine council on Monday night and spoke to them about his grandson Caleb operating a duck hunting pond on his property on Kirkland Avenue.

Mayor James Gross said there is an ordinance pertaining to the use of firearms within city limits but felt like a duck hunting pond would be exempt from that ordinance. He advised Click to go before the planning and zoning committee and discuss the matter with them before investing any time or money into the project.

City Clerk Robin Powell said the planning and zoning committee hadn't been meeting since the start of the pandemic but she would contact them and let them know that Click would like to meet with them.

The finance committee met last week to discuss giving Robin Powell a \$2 an hour raise that she had requested. Mayor Gross said if the council approved the raise then they would have to amend the pay scale ordinance as well as the yearly budget.

Councilman Ernest Farmer said that there was \$300 left in the line item on the budget and considering that all city employees had just gotten a raise last year they didn't feel like it was a good time to give another raise. Councilman Billy Arthur said he felt like it should have been brought up before the budget was passed back in June.

Currently the clerk makes \$17.34 per hour. The request was denied from lack of a motion from the council members.

Powell explained to the council members that the compensating rate on property taxes is lower this year than the actual tax rate. She said that in the 12 years that she has worked for the city she has never seen this happen before, and that property tax assessments have been increased in the city.

She said to avoid having a tax hearing the council would have to take the compensating rate this year, but they would have about the same amount of revenue due to the increase in assessments. The council agreed to the compensating rate and will have a second reading on Thursday morning.

A privilege license was granted to John Townsend to open Flea Market Finds at 84 River Drive. Townsend had owned a similar business on River Drive in 2015.

Mayor Gross reminded the council that there will be a surplus auction at the sewer plant on September 26th at 10:30 a.m.

Fire Chief Justin Patrick said the fire department had responded to a structure fire on Friday and added that he wanted to commend the police department on catching the person responsible for starting the fire.

Mayor Gross said he was glad that all the departments within the city work well together.

# Residents on Elm Street ask council to fix drains

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The Ravenna council met on Monday night and listened as two residents of Elm Street expressed their frustrations about the drainage problem that has been an ongoing issue for quite some time.

Carolyn Powell said that she had just put a load of gravel on her driveway and when the heavy rain set in on Saturday night the run off caused that gravel to be moved almost 12 feet. She said that her nice driveway is now a gully and in all the 36 years that she has lived in her home it's never been this bad.

Wayne Ramey said the runoff was so bad on Saturday night that he had a foot of water standing in his basement and approximately a foot and a half of water standing in his front yard. He said he has lived on Elm Street for several years and has never experienced flooding that bad. Ramey showed pictures of the flooding to city employee Brandon Long.

Long said that he had been cleaning out storm drains in the past few weeks and a lot of the problem is that debris

and clippings from peoples yards are clogging up the drainage system. He said he would continue to work on unclogging the drains, and Mayor Estine Tipton said that she would contact Irvine Municipal Utilities to see if they could help.

Council member Valerie Flinchum said the city had been approved for a grant that would pay for a diagnostic study of the streets in Ravenna to see how they could fix the drainage problem.

During the discussion of the financial report Flinchum asked why Fire Chief David Harvey had been paid twice last month. She said this had also happened earlier in the year, and the city clerk was supposed to have looked into the matter and gotten back with her but never did.

Council member Vicki Horn said that the reason why Harvey was paid twice last month is because the last check was dated for July 31st and Ashley Moore had paid that before leaving for her other job.

She added that she would look back through the financial reports and see if she could find out why he had been paid twice earlier in the year.

In other news, the council agreed to lower the vehicle tax to 8 percent effective October 1st.

They also discussed the purchase of a new lawn mower. Brandon Long said that the mower the city owns is worn out and can't be used anymore.

He said that he had used his personal mower to mow the grass at the park and throughout the city but did not want to continue doing that.

He had three price quotes available for the council to review.

The council also agreed to give Ken White a \$2 an hour raise. This is the first raise that White has had in ten years.



Monday, Sept. 21 @ 1:30 p.m

## Retired teachers to meet

Estill County Retired Teachers will be meeting at the Christian Church on Monday, Sept. 21 at 1:30 p.m. Do come wearing a face covering.

# Estill is in Red Zone after sharp increase in corona virus cases

An increase of COVID-19 cases in Estill County has placed the county in the "red zone."

Estill is one of 64 Kentucky counties in the "red zone." This includes the border counties of Madison and Jackson.

The "red zone" is determined by the White House Corona Task Force. The "red zone" counties have a positive test rate that is higher than 10% and more than one new case per 1,000 residents.

As of Monday, 124 Estill Countians have tested positive for the corona virus since May 30. Over half of the victims have tested positive this month.

The Estill County School System reported three corona virus cases among staff at Estill Springs Elementary and one at West Irvine Elementary.

Staff at Estill Springs

Elementary worked from home last week and were in contact with their students on the computer to help stop the spread.

Family members of residents at the Irvine Health Care Center have said that two staff members there have also tested positive. Visits by family members have been discontinued temporarily.

The Estill County Health Department updates the public on the number of cases on their Facebook page. Because of the Labor Day holiday and an increased number of cases, their page was only updated on Tuesday and Thursday of last week.

The public is encouraged to keep washing their hands, wear masks, and keep social distancing to help prevent the virus.

## A Cabin in Tennessee

CHORUS

Somewhere in the state of Tennessee  
I hope there is a cabin, waiting for me  
If I keep searching, I hope I can find  
This Tennessee log cabin of mine

I've got a dream that may come true some day  
I've had it for years, and it won't go away  
And somehow, someday, maybe I will find  
That very special log cabin in my mind

You can have your mansions so fine  
All I want is a log cabin of mine  
Made out of various kinds of wood  
This kind of place, would make me feel good

It would be located, in a valley that's grand  
With a creek flowing nearby,  
thru very scenic land

I hope to see the steeple, of a church nearby  
Amidst the scenery of trees and sky

Written by Price J. Rawlins

## LAFF - A - DAY



"May I have word with you alone, sir?"

## What Will My Reward Be?

It is great inventory day,  
Time to look over the deeds I have done,  
Will my life meet the qualifications  
That are needed for God's son?  
Has my life been what God expected  
For me to do down here?  
Or will my grades be failing  
When Jesus shall appear?  
Have I visited the sick or fed the poor,  
Or denied the tramp on the street?  
Am I ready at all times to lend a hand  
To the dirtiest kids I meet?  
Many little children do not have the food  
Even to keep hunger away.  
They are put out in the cold tho' hard they try  
Some mothers do not care today.  
Well, listen my Friends, it's up to you and me  
To reach out a helping hand  
To help the poor that passes our way  
We must do this now, for the time is at hand.  
That little child tho' ragged and poor  
Is precious in the hands of GOD  
What are we doing to help the Little Folks?  
We will receive a reward at the end of the road.

Madelene Wasson

## Covid-19 Numbers Updated

As of Monday, Sept. 14

Total # Tested - 2011

Negative - 1886

Pending Results - 1

Active Positive - 20

Total Ever Positive - 124

Recovered Positive - 104

New Positive Cases - 20

(Since Last Week)