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Two homes burn early Sunday on Broadway



A neighbor, Sheila Finney Wiseman, captured this picture of the house fires on Broadway.



The two homes damaged by an early morning fire on Sunday are pictured above following the fire. No one was at home at 277 Broadway (house on the left) when the fire began. The four residents at 275 were able to escape the flames. Fire departments from Irvine, Ravenna, Hargett, and Estill County responded to the 2 a.m. blaze. Fire Chief Justin Patrick says the cause of the fire is under investigation.

by CATHY DAWES
Tribune Staffwriter

A fire that occurred during the early morning hours on January 24th has left six people without homes.

According to Irvine Fire Chief Justin Patrick the first call came in at approximately 2 a.m. for a house fire located at 277 Broadway, home of Kathy Harrison.

The fire quickly spread to the house located at 275 Broadway, owned by Hoy and Teresa Thacker.

Patrick said that Ravenna, Hargett, and the Estill County Fire Department assisted the Irvine Fire Department in putting out the fires, but both homes received severe damages.

The cause of the fire has not been determined and is still under investigation at this time.



Ravenna Fire Chief David Harvey sat in a hallway a special meeting of the city council on Thursday. Harvey and firefighters answered lots of questions about the fire department at that meeting.

KSP arrests Ravenna man on drug trafficking charges

A Ravenna man was arrested by Kentucky State Police last Wednesday night.

KSP Trooper Ty Robinson said that he went to 65 Woolery Lane in reference to an anonymous tip that 60 year old Owen Woolery was selling drugs from within his residence.

He was accompanied by Sheriff Chris Flynn and Deputies Brad Smith and Josh King.

The citation states as law enforcement arrived, the glass door was

closed but the main door was wide open. Robinson said he looked inside and saw Woolery sitting on the couch.

Robinson added that



Owen Woolery
Photo/3 Forks Jail

directly in front of Woolery, on a table and in plain sight from the doorway, were two glass pipes, a baggie that appeared to contain a white substance, an unlabeled pill bottle with white pills, and several cut straws.

The trooper knocked on the door, and he said Woolery came to it. Robinson said he asked Woolery what were those items on the table. He stated Woolery told him the pills were muscle relaxers but denied there were straws, baggies, and

pipes sitting on the table in plain sight.

Robinson said Woolery told them they could come in and look, but he had no knowledge of anything illegal on his table.

According to Robinson, the baggie contained a crystal like substance believed to be methamphetamine.

He said he asked Woolery to turn around so he could pat him down. "No, you're not going to search me," Robinson said Woolery replied.

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Board members recognized in January before hearing reports on meals, audit

by CATHY DAWES
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School board members were recognized during the meeting on Thursday night. Superintendent Jeff Saylor said that January was board member appreciation month across the state of Kentucky and he thanked the members for their dedication to the children of Estill County and presented them with a certificate.

Saylor also recognized Felecia Campbell whose retirement will be effective on February 1st. Campbell has held an administrative position with the Estill County Board of Education since 1988. The food and nutrition report card for 2020 was discussed by the board. Food Service Director Belinda Puckett was not in attendance, but board members stated that she does a wonderful job and they appreciate everything she does for the district.

Artie White, of White and Associates, presented the board with the yearly audit in which he stated there were no findings.

Mr. Saylor said there are no parties being held at any of the facilities at this time due to the pandemic. He added they had stopped individuals from using the facilities to hold ball tournaments, but they still plan to partner with Kiwanis for youth league basketball and to the Mushroom Festival committee.

The fiscal year 2021 budget was discussed and that included a one percent salary increase for employees. Saylor said that in July there are plans made to tear down the old Irvine High School building and expanding the parking lot for Estill Springs. The bus loop at Estill Springs will also see some renovations because standing water has caused the current one to break apart in places.

One thing that Saylor stressed during the meeting was the reduction in SEEK money from the state. He said that approximately 100 students have left the district to be home schooled instead of participating in the virtual learning that is being offered during this time.

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Ravenna residents oppose any merger

by DELORES ROWLAND
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Valerie Flinchum, new mayor of Ravenna, opened a special meeting on Thursday by saying the city appeared to be \$38,100 in arrears.

She said that Ravenna owes withholding taxes to IRS and retirement contributions that were taken out of employees' pay in 2016 and 2017.

The city owes \$10,800 to the Estill Fiscal Court

for one-third of a dispatcher's salary and benefits. Flinchum said that \$7,200 is owed from 2020.

Flinchum said that Ravenna had \$68,800 in its bank account and had received a \$20,000 CARES check that day. Flinchum said she paid \$12,700 out of the check to IRS at the recommendation of the city's CPA Gay Oliver.

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