



Terry Stone stopped by Ravenna City Hall recently and donated \$100 to help with the clean up cost! Ravenna mayor Valerie Flinchum says, "Thank you, Terry." He was one among many in a parade of volunteers who gave of their time, money, and donations to help others following the devastating flooding in Estill County and much of Eastern Kentucky during March. Thanks to all who helped in any way.



City of Ravenna mayor Valerie Flinchum, right, asks for a special thanks to Gateway Christian Church in Mount Sterling, Kentucky, and former Estill County Engineers player and coach Bart Rison for their donation to the Ravenna City flood relief. Bart grew up in Ravenna and has a lot of pride and love for his hometown. We appreciate everyone's kindness in this time of need. "Bart you are a true Ravenna Blue Devil!"



Joy Whitehead Snowden and Richard Snowden

### Joy Whitehead Snowden is selected Ravenna February 'Citizen of the Month'

Joy Whitehead Snowden has been selected as the City of Ravenna's February 'Citizen of the Month'. She was married to Richard (Dickie) Snowden for over 67 years. They have three sons (and daughters-in-law), Richard and Francie, Greg and Michelle, and Marty and Margaret; and three granddaughters, Sarah, Erin, and Olivia. Joy raised her family in Ravenna, having lived here for over 66 years. Her father-in-law made the couple a bedroom suite that is still in her home. Joy looks forward to going for a ride every day! Congratulations, Joy, for being Ravenna's Citizen of the Month.

## Irvine to collect delinquent taxes

by CATHY DAWES  
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On Monday night the Irvine council decided it was time to collect on some unpaid property taxes throughout the city.

The council sifted through numerous pages of delinquent taxes and agreed on six properties with the highest amount of unpaid taxes for city attorney Rodney Davis to work on. Some of the properties were residential and a couple others were businesses that had unpaid taxes.

Councilman Tim Burkhart said that if they could collect on those six properties that would bring in \$16,300 for the city, Davis advised the council that no property should be sold without the delinquent taxes being paid first.

Mayor James Gross said it was unreal at the amount of garbage that the city has hauled to the dump since the flood occurred at the first of March.

He stated that the county has been hauling stuff off, and Greg Wright has several dumpsters

placed throughout the flooded areas as well.

Councilman Kris Lee asked if the mayor had gotten anywhere with the landfill on the dumping fees. Mayor Gross replied no, that he had talked to them several times, and he still didn't understand it.

"It's easy to understand, we take their sewage and they take our garbage. If not, let's cut them off," said Burkhart.

Mayor Gross discussed the possibility of renting a small building for the street department since the city garage was damaged during the flood. He said Calvin Plowman needed a place to do paperwork and Tobo Bryant suggested they utilize a space in the fire department. Fire Chief Justin Patrick said that was fine with him, they were welcome to use the meeting room upstairs in the fire department or Plowman could work from his desk.

Gross also informed the council that there was heavy flood damage to the city garage, but the contents inside were not

covered under their insurance plan.

He said it was an extensive list but right off the top of his head mentioned weed eaters, welders, a wood chipper, and a bush hog.

He added that FEMA would be in later to assess the damage but would take care of the ones who had damage to their homes first.

Gross said that Ronnie Riddell had told him that the city would have to issue demolition permits as well as building permits for flood victims, and he didn't feel like the city should charge for those permits considering the circumstance.

Attorney Davis asked who would be monitoring the progress with the construction since the city does not have a building inspector. He said there would be dozens of construction projects going on at the same time, and that someone should be monitoring the electrical, plumbing, and so forth.

Councilman Tobo Bryant mentioned someone from Richmond that had spoken to the council a

few years ago about the building inspector job. Davis said that there was an issue with the amount of money that the city was willing to pay at that time. Bryant said considering the situation they may have to think about 'upping the ante.'

City Clerk Robin Powell said that she wanted to stress to all city employees that if they were injured and had to file a claim through workman's compensation they needed to call and report it immediately. She stated she knew it was time consuming, but it was imperative that the employee call themselves.

Powell said that she was working on the budget for the fiscal year 21/22 with the current numbers, but would they possibly have to amend that once Chief Sturniolo fills the position of police sergeant.

The second reading of the pay scale ordinance was approved to reflect the changes of the firefighters' pay from \$8 an hour to \$12 an hour as well as the \$16 an hour for the sergeant's pay.

## Library is now open for partial in-person services; hires new children's librarian

by CATHY DAWES  
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The Estill County Library board held a virtual meeting on March 17th. Director Kathy Watson updated the board on the services being offered at the library at this time.

While some libraries are doing business as usual, the Estill County Library along with many others across the state are still following the guidelines set forth by the state.

Watson said that Fayette County just recently opened their library to partial in-person services, and that as the guidelines change then accommodations will be made to reflect that at the library.

She added that if something were to happen and

Estill County's numbers increase and go back into the red then the library would be closed the next day to all in person services.

April 17th will be the first blood drive hosted at the library. The blood drive was discussed at a previous meeting and was originally planned to be held in the old library on Main Street.

Since then there has been a potential buyer for the property and Team Rubicon has been utilizing the building while they are in the area helping with cleanup from the flood.

Watson said the potential buyer was okay with the Team Rubicon using the facility while inspections on the building

were being completed. They will be in the county until March 30th.

Watson concluded by saying that a couple of different organizations had expressed interest in renting the building after being displaced by the flood.

Board-member Sharon Niece submitted her resignation during the meeting. Her resignation will go into effect as soon as a replacement is found.

Watson said they will be looking for three people for the board because Ann Miller and Jamie Carroll's terms will end on June 30th.

She added that anyone interested in one of the vacancies could submit their names by April and she would turn them in

to the Kentucky Department of Libraries. The Estill County Fiscal Court will then choose who will fill those vacancies. This is for a four year term and Watson said that anyone who is currently serving on a board of another taxing entity is not eligible to serve on the library board.

Virtual Storytime has begun with the new children's librarian Miss Elizabeth. The summer reading program will kick off on the first Monday in June and end on July 30th. Watson said that the virtual concerts are going well and she has decided to continue those throughout the summer and will book artists through the end of July.

## Community News

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### St. Elizabeth Basement Sales

Spring has come. ing clothes are half price. Thanks be to God! So please call (723-8216) any day, Monday thru Saturday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and set up an appointment.

We have lots of very nice things, waiting for you.

We are having a "Clearance Sale" this week, March 22-27.

Clothes on the tables are 3 for 25 cents. Hang-

Our Church is at the top of 5th Street in Ravenna. We want to help!

Tuesdays, 7-8pm

### Virtual Pickin' in the Park

The Estill County Public Library is hosting Virtual Pickin' in the Park Concerts for March. The concerts are from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons. The line-up for March is as follows:

March 23: Clay Case and Tristan Lambert

March 30: Aaron Boyd

You can watch the livestream of the concerts via Facebook Live from the Estill County Public Library Facebook page.

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