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Ravenna Mayor Valerie Flinchum Resigns

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The Ravenna council met on Monday night to tackle a long agenda, but halfway through the meeting the city clerk walked out. Mayor Valerie Flinchum gave her verbal resignation and left the meeting not long after that.
Prior to Flinchum's resignation, the council agreed to name the street leading into the Kiwanis Ballpark "Blake Crowe Way," and the turnoff in front of Sammy's Furniture onto 8th Street after Arthur Long.
Long had left a substantial amount of money to the city of Ravenna, and

Sharon Snowden said that he had been a good friend of hers. She thought it was a great idea to name the street after him.
Mayor Flinchum stated that signs would be made with the new street names on them and would be paid for out of the LGEA fund or the Municipal Road Fund.
Greyson Evans was in attendance to discuss the infrastructure committee with the council. There was some confusion about who should sit on the committee, and Evans said that anyone could be on the committee, that there were no specific rules or statutes stating who should serve on the

committee.
Flinchum said that she, along with the city clerk would serve on the committee and that Pig VanCleve was also interested.
Councilmember Amy Crowe said that she had been absent for that discussion at the last meeting and stated that she would be willing to serve on the committee as well.
Flinchum said that there only needed to be four people, and Council member Tammy Howell questioned Evans about the number of people that should serve.
Evans said they could have as many people as they wanted, but reminded them that this was just

to choose the engineering firm who would look at the city and the way the water flows to determine the problem was that caused the flooding throughout the streets.
Evans went on to say that this is a lengthy process of possibly around five years and it's all competitive grants, and there's no guarantee that the city would get the grants after the first initial one but would be highly likely.
By the end of the discussion the council agreed that Amy Crowe, Valerie Flinchum, Angie Napier, Brandon Hisle, and Wayne Babb would serve on the committee.
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Mayor Valerie Flinchum handed over the keys to city hall on Monday after stating that she could no longer be the Mayor of Ravenna. She became mayor in January of this year. Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes



Visitors during the open house of Kentucky Steam Heritage Museum on Saturday were able to see progress of the restoration on C&O Engine 2716.

Two Ravenna residents arrested after a search of their Fourth St. home

A Ravenna couple was arrested Wednesday night after a search warrant was jointly executed by the Irvine and Ravenna Police Departments.
The search was conducted at a residence at 414 Fourth Street in Ravenna.
Prior to executing the search around 9:30 p.m., Ravenna Chief Ken White conducted surveillance on the residence while Irvine Officer Jason Conrad was obtaining the search warrant.
A citation states that Chief White saw an individual enter the residence and exit after a short period of time. There was a warrant for that person's arrest.

Chief White contacted the individual. During a search on him, the citation states that Irvine Officers James Marshall and Russell Morris located a baggie containing a crystal like substance and a pill bottle with a large amount of a crystal like substance. That substance was expected to be methamphetamine.
The individual provided a written statement that they had just purchased the methamphetamine from a male living at the residence, said Officer Conrad.
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FEMA assists local flood victims who must apply by Wed., June 23

About 75 Estill County residents met with FEMA representatives on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to discuss flood issues.
One man talked to an Estill County Tribune reporter, but he wanted to remain anonymous. He said the FEMA representatives were very helpful.
"They did a fantastic job," he added.
The man's driveway had washed out during the flood. He is able to drive a car on the driveway, but he said an ambulance or fire truck could not get to his house.
His driveway is a quarter of a mile long. It is near a creek which caused the damages.
He wasn't sure if that would qualify for FEMA funding or not, but decided to check it out. He had not previously reported the damage to Estill Emergency Agency.
Buddy Hite said he has been a FEMA representative since 1993.
Emergencies were declared in Estill County for both the ice storm and flooding, but Hite said everyone they saw had flood issues.
"We come from all over the country

so we can focus 100 percent on why we're here," he stated.
Hite got to see the aftermath of how high the flood waters rose in the spring when he made a wrong turn onto a dead end street. He estimated the flood waters here were over 50 feet.
He said the majority of the people did not have any flood insurance. Some had only fire insurance. Others had no insurance, usually because they had a heating stove inside their residence.
A FEMA coach bus is driven to each FEMA registration site to provide internet equipment and phone service.
"FEMA is here to help the folks the best we can," Hite stated.
The deadline to apply for FEMA funds is June 23 for property owners and renters.
If you were unable to see a FEMA representative when they were in Irvine, Hite said they will be in Beattyville this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Hite said that any flood victim can go to the Lee County Community Center, 500 Mountain Top Drive in Beattyville.
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FEMA representatives assisted Estill County's flood victims last week at the Estill County Senior Citizens Center. Property owners and renters have until June 22 to register with FEMA.

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