



Times Remembered
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Busy As A Bee

I have been busy as a bee the past few weeks. But I love it; freezing and canning produce. Week before last I did green beans, then corn last week, plus tomato juice on Friday.

Tomatoes are so plentiful this year I'm thinking about putting some in the freezer. I just place the tomatoes in hot water for a few minutes. The skin comes right off, and I cut them up and

freeze them for vegetable soup and chili. Tasty and easy to do.

My sister has a huge garden and she has all kinds of veggies. She has a lot of Green Peppers. That is one vegetable I don't care for. They are also called Bell Peppers. I suppose it's because I picked so many back in the day when farmers were growing them to sell. This was about the early 70s.

I remember at that time, my freezer was located in a utility building behind my house. Somehow the electric went off and I didn't know until I happened to check and found out it had thawed most of the vegetables and fruit. All the hamburger had thawed; I immediately started frying hamburger. If I cooked the meat I could re-freeze it, but I lost most of the other stuff. Needless to say we fried hamburger all day.

At that time my sister had bunches of green peppers left where they had sold them, and we decided to make stuffed peppers with most of the hamburger. I forget how many we made; but I know I hate stuffed peppers.....they make me almost sick to look at them, as many as I made and ate that winter. My son-in-law, Steve loves green

peppers. He cuts them in strips and dips them in ranch dressing.

No Green Peppers, but I do love Kraut. A friend of my niece gave me her recipe last year and I had this huge cabbage head so I made 6 or 8 quarts from only one cabbage head. I'm telling you that is the best kraut I ever tasted. Now hardly anyone can ever make or cook anything better than my mom, but I have to say Mother's kraut never tasted this good. She always had trouble with it being crisp.

Anyway, I ate a big cup of it after it sat wrapped up, and it had processed. I have some digestion issues and have to really watch my fiber intake. The kraut was too much.....I should have known better, I got a blockage, but I'm thankful I was able unblock it myself, and I didn't have to go to the ER.

I don't know if there is anyone out there like me, but I know foods that I'm not supposed to eat. I'm so tempted to eat something now and then, and it causes problems with my stomach or my asthma.

I hope everyone has a happy canning and freezing season; and try not to eat something you are tempted by.

Ravenna Railroad Festival is now seeking vendors

Vendor space is now available for the upcoming Ravenna Railroad Days Festival, which, for the first time ever, is being hosted by Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation.

The 2021 Ravenna Railroad Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 11 at Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation's campus on the former CSX Transportation rail yard property off Kirkland Avenue in Irvine. Kentucky Steam President Chris Campbell says the new cooperation between the organization and the experienced festival managers with the City of Ravenna is yet another step forward for both Kentucky Steam and the railroad festival.

"It's always a pleasure to work in conjunction with the people in the twin communities of Ravenna and Irvine," Campbell said. "The City of Ravenna had done such an amazing job in the past with organizing and holding the festival, and we're looking forward to seeing it held on our campus for, hopefully, years to come."

Vendor space for this

year's railroad festival is available for booking now. Those interested in space for both stand-alone booths, as well as food beverage may visit www.railroadfestival.com for applications, vendor information, and guidelines. Booth size and pricing varies, with rates available for review on the applications.

This year's event marks the return of the Ravenna Railroad Festival after the festival was canceled in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. The 2021 railroad festival will also act as a showcase of Kentucky Steam's "The Yard," a burgeoning tourism development in Estill County at the site of the former CSX rail yard dividing Ravenna and Irvine. "The Yard" will act as a fully-immersive historical/educational experience where visitors will not only learn the varying aspects of the operation of historical railroad equipment including steam locomotives, but they will also be greeted by an events venue, a brewery and restaurant, and much more.

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Vote on needle exchange program postponed

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The needle exchange program was tabled for the second time until Police Chief John Sturniolo could be in attendance.

Sturniolo has been off due to an injury and should be back at the end of the month.

The council voted to keep the tax rate the same as last year.

Mayor James Gross said

if they took the increase then they would have to hold two meetings and advertise it.

According to his calculations it would only generate about \$16,000 more in revenue than last year.

Councilman Billy Arthur said that he had been in touch with Representative Bill Wesley and that work would begin on the

Irvine bridge sometime in September.

Wesley had told Arthur that repairs would be done to the railings on each side of the bridge, and traffic would be taken down to one lane as repairs are made. Painting the bridge and adding a walkway will be put off until sometime in 2022.

Council member Tim Burkhart asked if the

street workers could check the gutters. He said the runoff from heavy rains was causing a lot of issues.

Mayor Gross said that it had happened again on Saturday when the storm sewer in front of Jackie Tipton's had overflowed and flooded the road. Burkhart said something was going to have to give.

Trooper arrests Thomas Rd. man for having heroin, paraphernalia

KSP Trooper Ty Robinson arrested an Estill County man on August 4 for possession of heroin.

The trooper said he and Deputy Brad Smith were patrolling Thomas Road in reference to drug activity in the area.

The citation states the officers approached the 1800 block of Thomas Road where Intel had led them to believe drug activity was coming from.

Trooper Robinson stated he saw a woman laying down in the back seat of a vehicle. She did not appear to be moving. When he got out of his vehicle to check on her, she popped up and said she was alright.

The citation states the owner of the vehicle had opened the door and was getting ready to leave the residence.

Trooper Robinson said he made his way to the front door. While standing outside on the porch, he said he saw Beverly Kim Willis quickly grab a plate from the top of a coffee table and place it under the couch.

The citation states there were also multiple syringes, some uncapped, straws, and aluminum foil/plastic baggies on the coffee table. All items were consistent with drug usage.

Trooper Robinson said that Intel had provided info during the investigation that Willis kept his drugs on the plate and would hide it under the couch.

Robinson stated that he asked Willis what was on the plate that he put under the couch. He said Willis replied, "a little bit of heroin I was packaging up so I know how much I'm taking."

The citation states the officers recovered the plate and approximately one gram of heroin on the plate, along with a digital scale.

Willis, 58, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin) and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess.

He was released on his own recognizance on August 5.

Fiscal Court

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"This really is not something the fiscal court wants to handle themselves," he added.

Watson said the fiscal court received two bids on ball fields at the county park.

The fiscal court passed on these bids until their regular meeting on Monday.

They approved payments of \$39,005 to Teddy Hunt for remodeling the bank building and \$526 for Tommy Lane to go to coroner's training.

Irvine Police Activity

Irvine Officer Jason Conrad served two Estill County warrants August 3 on Ashley E. Abney, 34, of Dug Hill Road, Irvine. Both warrants were for alleged non-payment of court costs, fees or fines.

Patricia Brammer, 55, of N. Plum Street, Irvine, was served by Sgt. Stuart Morris with two Estill County warrants on August 4. The warrants were for alleged non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines.

On August 5, Sgt. Morris served two Boyle County warrants on Erin M. Johnson, 38, of Danville. The e-warrants were served at Wildwood Place in Estill County for her alleged failure to appear in Boyle County.

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