



Brittany Sanders, drum major, directed the ECHS Band during their performance last Wednesday for all students in Estill County Schools.

Ravenna man escapes at speeds of 80-90 mph KSP arrests him later same day

One man was arrested October 30 after allegedly fleeing police at speeds of up to 80-90 miles per hour.

The event started around 2:58 p.m. on Main Street, Ravenna after an ATL (Attempt to Locate) was issued for a silver 2004 Chrysler because the driver was possibly driving under the influence.

Ravenna Chief Ken White said he located the vehicle on Main Street of Ravenna. He stated the driver accelerated heavily after crossing the center line numerous times. He said the driver refused to pull over after he activated his emergency lights and siren.

He said the man accelerated to approximately 80 to 90 miles per hour in an attempt to lose the officer.

White said the man drove in a manner that put him, Irvine Chief Brad Smith, and

IPD Officer Karl Rifenbark in danger.

He added that man passed two other cars on the wrong side of the road in a curve. He also passed three other vehicles that were coming in opposite directions.

White stated the man had no care for anyone's safety, and that he only wanted to get away.

He said the subject evaded police until state police located him and arrested him on another warrant.

White charged James H. Hobbs, 28, of Wildflower Ridge, Ravenna with reckless driving, fleeing and evading police, four counts of wanton endangerment first degree, and improper passing.

Wildflower Ridge is off Highway 213 (Furnace Junction) in rural Estill County.

Woman is charged with three burglaries and PI

Three burglaries have been solved, and a woman has been charged. Charges are pending against her alleged male accomplice.

Melissa Bishop, 37, of North Sulpher Wells Irvine was arrested November 8.

Bishop was charged with third degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking over \$500, and criminal mischief, first degree.

The citation states that Bishop and the male burglarized Rose's Cash and Carry on Sept. 22. They entered the business by breaking out the front door glass.

Thirty-six cartons of cigarettes valued at over \$1,500 were taken during the burglary. Damage to the door was \$1,200.

Bishop was then charged with theft by unlawful taking over \$500. She admitted to Deputies Randy Farthing and Russell Morris that she

had taken items on Oct. 21 which belonged to Robert Bishop. Those items were sold at several pawn shops.

On October 25, another burglary was attempted at Rose's Cash and Carry. Bishop was charged with third degree burglary and criminal mischief, first degree.

The burglars broke the front entrance door but were unable to gain entry. Damage to the door was \$1,200.

Bishop is charged with a third degree burglary at Sandhill Christian Church on Oct. 26. She is also charged with theft by unlawful taking and criminal mischief third degree.

A 32" TV was taken from the church and sold to Richmond Pawn for \$55.

Bishop was charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance on November 8.

Woman wants rehired as Irvine assistant clerk

by CATHY DAWES
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Vickie Rucker approached members of the Irvine council on Monday night to request that she be rehired as assistant city clerk. Rucker explained that she had been employed by the city for four years as a part time assistant to city clerk Robin Powell but was let go after the new mayor took office back in January. She said that she had asked the mayor about rehiring her and he had said no that it was up to the members of the city council to hire someone for that position.

Rucker went on to say that she knew that the city clerk was in need of help and that she had four years of experience and was currently looking for part time employment.

Nelle Williams stated that based on recommendations from the Kentucky League of Cities that the council would advertise the position and would go through an interviewing process if they decided to fill the position.

Councilman Billy Arthur agreed that the council would go through the proper channels when hiring for the position.

Tom Smith asked the council's permission to remove a 12-16 foot section of curb located on Strickland Avenue to allow more parking for people visiting the circuit judge's office. Smith said that his goal was to get people off of Main Street and into a private parking lot behind the office building. As Smith was concluding his speech he commended the Irvine Police Department and Chief Brad Smith on their excellent work in the city. He said he had prosecuted many cases in Irvine and the IPD was always very thorough.

What began as an update on the proposed annexation and consumption tax quickly turned into a heated argument between Jim Walters and City Attorney Rodney Davis.

At a previous meeting Walters had stated that he felt like it was a conflict of interest for Davis to serve as the county attorney as well as the city attorney. Davis had sent Walters a letter explaining the facts to him and letting him know that according to the attorney in general it was perfectly fine for him to serve as the attorney for both the city and the

county.

"There is no question about whether or not I can serve. It's not a joke when you keep questioning my personal integrity and I'm not going to listen to this at every meeting," stated Davis.

Councilman Tobo Bryant agreed that he wasn't going to listen to it either and Mayor Noland brought the meeting back to order.

Noland informed the council that potential renters on the old dry cleaners building had not panned out. He made a suggestion that the council consider tearing the building down and adding additional parking to the existing lot.

Robin Powell said that the building was assessed at \$70,000 and as long as it was not occupied the city didn't have to pay taxes on it. She said that she was informed by someone in the PVA's office that taxes would have to be paid for this year because it had been occupied until April.

"Have you thought about selling the building? It's a neat building that's in a good location and I hate to see it torn down," stated Tim Burkhardt.

The council agreed to gather more information before making a decision on the building.

Police Chief Brad Smith said he had been approached by Jailer Bo Morris about the two police cruisers that the department isn't using at this time. He said Morris asked if the city would be willing to donate those cars to the Estill County jail. Smith explained that both of the cars had been donated to the police department and hadn't cost them anything. The council agreed that it was a good idea to donate the cars to the jail.

Councilwoman Janice Bush said that she had received a phone call from a number in Washington stating that she owed the IRS money. She said that she contacted two local radio stations and they did a public service announcement notifying people that these phone calls are a scam and to not pay any attention to them. Fire Chief Tony Murphy said he had received the same phone call.

The next council meeting will be held on November 23rd at 7 o'clock. All council meetings are open to the public.

Ravenna gets updated on home renovations

by CATHY DAWES
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Resolution #13 was passed by members of the Ravenna council on Monday night pertaining to the three homes that were added to the home renovation project within the city. Bryan Kirby said that two of the homes would hopefully be under roof with the electricity and plumbing completed within the next 30-45 days. He said that renovations had just begun on the home located on 7th street and that many of the changes would not be noticeable from the street.

Kirby said that a property survey had been added to one of the homes simply because they want to make sure that there is a clean title to the property and that no questions arise later on down the line.

Chelsea Bicknell, treasurer of the Estill Action Group, informed the council about all the great things the group has been doing throughout the county. She said the group is formed of young adults and they are working hard to make Estill County a designated trail town. By becoming

a trail town, Bicknell said that they would be able to receive funding for signage for the county and would be put on the map as a destination spot which would hopefully draw tourists to Estill County.

Bicknell said that the application process to become a trail town is very lengthy but the county already has several attractions such as the Cottage Furnace and Fitchburg Furnace, Lily Mountain Nature Preserve, and the Estill County Quilt Trail. She said that as soon as the county becomes part of the Kentucky Blue Waterway Trail then the application process should move fairly quickly.

Bicknell said that anyone that is interested in joining the group is more than welcome to attend the meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Estill County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m.

Sherry Stokes presented the city of Ravenna with a copy of a book written by Jerry G. Rose of Lexington that documents the history of Ravenna. She said that the books are \$18 and are

filled with historical information about the city with contributions from several residents of the city. Mayor Estine Tipton said that she has copies available for purchase at city hall for anyone that is interested.

Bill Jones, a resident of Ravenna, stated that in response to Mr. Van Cleve's letter pertaining to the picnic that was held at the park for all emergency workers that he would like to go ahead and reserve the park and pay the fee for the picnic to be held next year. Jones said that he appreciates everything that the first responders do for the city and county and he believes that they deserve the utmost respect.

Police Chief Ken White said that Jeremiah Williams had completed the first and second phase of testing with flying colors and that he felt like it wouldn't be long until Williams would have a blue uniform on.

Fire Chief David Harvey reported that a structure fire on 8th street had destroyed a garage and spread to the side of the home. He said that firefighters were able

to contain the fire before it did much damage to the home itself but the garage and its contents was a total loss. Harvey also reported that the fire department had responded to a gas spill that was initially called out as a large gas spill with possibly twenty or more gallons. He said when the crew arrived on the scene it was actually only about three gallons of gas.

Mayor Tipton said that she had purchased the ham and turkey for the annual Christmas dinner and the council agreed to hold the dinner one hour before the next council meeting on the 14th of December.

Larry Henry said that the annual roadblock for Toys for Tots will be held on Saturday. He said that the Boy Scouts and members from the American Legion would be helping on Saturday morning. He said anyone else that would like to volunteer was more than welcome to help. The roadblock will be from 9-12 on Saturday morning and there will be people at various locations throughout the county accepting donations.

Winston man accused of illegally charging batteries

On November 1, a man walked into Advance Auto Parts on Richmond Road and charged \$897.76 in batteries. He charged them to Isaacs Lumber Co., Inc. without permission to do so.

The man was identified by the clerk at Advance Auto Parts.

Deputy Russell Morris said this was not the first time that man had charged items

to local businesses.

During August, September, and October, he allegedly charged several items to Hardy Oil Company's account at Advance Auto. Again, the deputy says the man did not have permission from the owner of the company. The items were valued at over \$500. These items were sold to various individuals.

Between October 1 and

November 1, the man allegedly charged items to Hardy Gas Company's account at Advance Auto. The items were valued at over \$500 and were sold to various individuals.

Deputy Morris said the man charged items such as hydraulic fluid, batteries, oil, and antifreeze valued at \$17,000 or more.

He arrested on November

3, Tommy Robert Witt, 34, of Winston Road, Irvine on three counts of theft by unlawful taking over \$500 but under \$10,000.

Morris is asking that if you bought items such as hydraulic fluid, batteries, oil, and antifreeze to give him a call at 723-2323.

Witt's bail was set at \$5,000 cash or \$10,000 property.

Man charged with having stolen gun

A Winchester man was arrested November 4 by KSP Trooper T. Robinson for receiving stolen property (firearm) and possession of a firearm by convicted felon.

Trooper Robinson said an individual approached him saying they knew where a stolen gun was. The person said they had received a phone call from James E. Curtis about him having the gun.

Robinson was given a description of Curtis' vehicle, a blue 2000 Chevrolet Tracker, and located it on Highway 89 just north of New Fox Road.

The trooper made a traffic stop on the vehicle which had one headlight and an expired registration plate.

He added that Curtis took a significant

amount of time to pull over. Once he pulled over, he said the driver's door opened quickly.

The trooper stated that Curtis was advised to get on the ground. A few minutes later, he was placed under arrest for unrelated warrants confirmed by the KSP Post 7 in Richmond. A passenger was removed from the vehicle.

Trooper Robinson said he saw in plain sight a gun handle sticking out from the back seat. The victim came on scene and identified his gun which had been stolen from his residence.

Bail for Curtis was set at \$30,000 cash. Court records state he was arrested while a case against him was pending.

Book for Sale
60 Page Historical Book about Tipton Ridge, Fitchburg, Cob Hill, Furnace, and surrounding communities from the 1890s.
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