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Community Leader Leaves Thousands To Local Groups

An Estill County man who spent most of his life helping and giving to others, continues to do so even after his death.

Charles Edward Vanhuss passed away January 10, 2015 but his life's purpose continues to live on through his estate.

His spirit of giving continued Saturday, November 14th with donations to the local historical society and two scout troops. This is just the beginning of what will eventually be an enormous amount of gift giving by someone who loved and respected his community.

Scout troops #89 and

#144 each received a check for \$5,000. The Estill County Historical Society was given \$35,000.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg, according to Larry Stewart, administrator of Vanhuss's estate. Other groups, especially the City of Ravenna, are expected to get much, much more.

Gearl Denn Puckett of the historical society said Vanhuss was their speaker once and gave a "really good talk."

Scout leader Jack Stickney with Troop #89 didn't know Vanhuss but said he had heard great things about him and that he was good

for the community.

Irvine dentist and Troop #144 scout leader Dr. James Hill knew Vanhuss well. He was raised across the street from him and jokingly said, "as long as he lived, I'd always go over there and I liked to 'give him a hard time.'"

Both leaders expect to use the donation to replace equipment, especially tents that are about 15 years old.

Hill and Stickney each expressed concerns about scouts having enough financial backing for the program. Hill was also concerned that youngsters today no longer have a desire to be outdoors

like they did in Vanhuss's day.

Vanhuss was born July 31, 1923 in Ravenna. He dropped out of school in 1941 to provide for his family after the death of his father but returned to Irvine High School to graduate in 1948.

He was very committed to his community and served as Scoutmaster of Troop #144 for 25 years, producing 43 Eagle Scouts and being awarded the Silver Beaver Award, scouting's highest honor, for distinguished service.

He served as elder, board member, lay minister and

Sunday school teacher at Ravenna Christian Church. Vanhuss was a member of the Ravenna City Council and served as Mayor Pro Tem. He also wrote a column for the Citizen Voice & Times newspaper.

He received many other honors for his community service. Vanhuss worked at several jobs but was probably best remembered for working at the Ravenna Drug Store for over 46 years.

When he passed away in January, he left his beloved community with the respect and love of his many friends and of all those that he lent a

helping hand. That respect and love will continue on through various generous donations by his estate.



Charles E. Vanhuss



David Harrison, Gearl Denn Puckett and Diana Arthur accept a \$35,000 check from the Charles E. Vanhuss Estate for the Estill County Historical Society from administrator Larry Stewart.



Larry Stewart, center, administrator of the Charles E. Vanhuss Estate, presents \$5,000 checks to Dr. James Hill, for Boy Scouts Troop #144 and Jack Stickney for Troop #89 in front of the Vanhuss display at the Estill Historical Museum.

Mother arrested for giving drug to baby

Police are saying an Estill County woman gave her baby a controlled substance last Tuesday, November 10.

The girl, nine months old, was first rushed to Marcum & Wallace Hospital with difficulty breathing and was then transferred to UK Medical Center.

Police were then called to the UK Hospital to investigate.

The investigating officer, M. Keeton, wrote in the citation that the child's mother, Tiffany Anne Alcorn, 20, of Mt. Crest, Irvine decided to commit suicide on November 10. He said that Alcorn placed a clonazepam pill in the baby's mouth before taking several herself. As the

baby gagged and choked, the citation states that Alcorn washed the pill down with a drink of coke.

Alcorn allegedly told the officer that she waited until the baby was sleepy and placed her in her crib. She reportedly added that she took more clonazepam and tried to cut her wrist.

After she failed to commit suicide, Alcorn told the officer that she tried to wake the baby up. She alerted family members the baby was not breathing well. The child

was then rushed to Marcum & Wallace Hospital.

The citation states that Alcorn made no attempt to notify the medical staff at either hospital or the EMS personnel in the ambulance of what she had done to the child.

Alcorn is charged with first degree assault - domestic violence and wanton endangerment - first degree.

Bail for Alcorn has been set at \$10,000 cash. If released from custody, she is not to have any contact with the child.

FBLA's Light Up Rivertown Is Saturday at Courthouse

FBLA will once again be hosting Irvine's Light Up Rivertown on Saturday, November 21st. The event will begin with a Craft/Christmas Fair in the Court House starting at 10:00 a.m. Booth spots are limited and are already beginning to fill up. Vendors need to start setting up at 8 a.m.

The day will be filled with many other activities as well. Entertainment will be provided throughout the day on the Court House steps, Gingerbread Houses can be entered for prizes, the town tree will be decorated with ornaments

made by children from Estill County, and a Tree Lighting Service will be held at 6:00 p.m. to conclude the day. Santa will be on hand for pictures, a Horse and Carriage will be available for rides around the Court House, and other surprises throughout the day.

Local businesses are encouraged to participate by hosting open houses or other activities as well.

Anyone wishing to reserve a spot for the Christmas Fair or a time to perform should call the Estill County High School at 606-723-3537.



Boy Scouts from Troop #89 led the pledge to the American Flag during a veterans ceremony in Ravenna planned by American Legion Post 79.

Women beat up neighbor man

Two Irvine women were arrested for assaulting their neighbor while he was in his back yard. Irvine Officer John Sturniolo said the women went into the back yard at 525 Laurel Street on Nov. 11 around 5:13 p.m.

He said that Roetta Hackworth hit the male homeowner, who was only identified as C. Nail, in the head and face with a metal rake. The officer said the rake caused lacerations, bruising and swelling to Mr. Nail's head and facial area.

He added that Hackworth, 68, of 523 Laurel Street, was yelling and cursing at the victim in view of the public.

The second woman was identified as Miranda Jerriette Kelly, 25, also of 525 Laurel Street, Irvine.

Her citation also states that she attacked Mr. Nail with the metal rake, causing wounds to the top of his head and face. The officer said she punched Nail in the stomach and caused him to lose his breath.

Sturniolo said that Kelly was yelling at the victim, which caused alarm to the public. He also stated that photos were taken of the

victim and placed in evidence at the police department.

Hackworth and Kelly were each charged with assault second, disorderly conduct, and criminal mischief third.

Hackworth was released from custody on Nov. 12 on a \$5,000 surety bond posted by Larry Jay Gordon. She will be arraigned on the charges on December 16 in Estill District Court. Kelly's bond was set at \$5,000 cash.

Two warrants were also served on Kelly from Estill District Court.

A bench warrant said Kelly was found guilty of assault fourth degree (domestic violence) and public intoxication in March of this year. District Judge William Leach said Kelly has failed to provide proof of anger management ordered in March.

An arrest warrant was served on Kelly for receiving stolen property under \$500. It states that on December 30, 2014, Kelly sold a bag of jewelry to Square Deal Pawn Shop for \$85.00, belonging to Hackworth, and stolen from her purse. The jewelry has been recovered and returned to Hackworth.

Obituaries
Herbert Childers, 88
Donald Friend, 67
James Peterson, 56
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