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Irvine is looking at Richmond Road annexation

by **CATHY DAWES**
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The possibility of annexing properties along the Richmond Road into the city limits of Irvine was the topic of discussion among council members at the meeting on Monday night. Mayor W.J. Noland said that he had been contacted that day by a person who was interested in the annex and had spoken with several other people that were interested in annexing with the city as well.

"There will always be positive and negative people so I think we need to research this matter and present it to the public in a positive manner," stated Councilwoman Nelle Williams.

Mayor Noland stated that the city of Irvine was already providing some services to that area but not on a regular basis. He said that the Irvine Fire Department had someone on duty 24 hours a day and that the Irvine Police Department also assisted in that area a lot.

"We're taking care of things and not getting paid for it," he said.

The council discussed streetlights and garbage pickup for that area and all members agreed that it was a lot to research but worth looking into.

Councilman Tobo Bryan asked if a committee would be formed to research the annexation and Mayor Noland said that ev-

eryone would be involved. He said that he had been contacted by an attorney that was representing one of the property owners and that a map would be drawn up to see what the city could and could not do.

"How far would the boundary go?" asked Councilwoman Janice Bush.

Mayor Noland replied that the boundary would go all the way to Sandhill Road.

Robert Sanders addressed the council and stated that Irvine had no commercial property in downtown and that with Irvine being close to the Mountain Parkway and I-75 it was a unique location for a Target or other store. He added that he had built shopping malls and stores his whole life but they were

always built within city limits and he felt like investing a few dollars here and there would be a major investment and that Mayor Noland was on the right track to let progress take hold.

Joe Crawford spoke to the council about many things going on within the city. He said that the River City Players had been working hard to raise money to save the old theater and had reached twenty percent of their goal. He also said the River City Players were hosting a theater camp this week and had forty children attending. They will put on a play written by Donna Crowe titled "Nothing to do in this Town."

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Man briefly escapes from custody after assaulting officer

An Irvine man is charged with escape after running away from an Irvine Police Officer on Thursday evening.

Officer Aaron Curtis was responding to a call about an intoxicated man climbing fences and going through people's backyards on Broadway.

The officer said he came in contact with Timothy L. Bishop, 22, of Noland Court, Irvine at the U.S. Bank, and Bishop admitted to him that he had been drinking and crossing through people's yards.

The citation states that Bishop had slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, and was unsteady on his feet.

Bishop reportedly had a opened pint of whiskey in his cargo pants pocket.

The officer said after Bishop was placed under arrest, he became very loud and cursed him in front of several people sitting on the porch across the street.

He added that Bishop became very combative on the way to the jail. When Curtis opened the cruiser door at the jail parking lot, he said Bishop got in his face and began cursing him again.

He took Bishop by the arm to escort him in to the jail, but he said the man began pulling away.

Officer Curtis said he grabbed Bishop and began struggling to take him to the ground where he could hold him until jail staff could assist.

The citation states that Bishop began to actively fight the officer. Then he escaped and ran about one-eighth mile back toward the U.S. Bank where he was met by jail staff.

At this point, Bishop reportedly surrendered and was taken back into custody.

Officer Curtis said that Bishop continued to be extremely verbally combative to him and was restrained again inside the jail.

Bishop was charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place (first and second offense), menacing, assault third degree of a police officer or probation officer, resisting arrest, escape third degree, and fleeing or evading police, first degree (on foot).

Bishop was arraigned in Estill District Court on Friday. He pleaded not-guilty to all six charges made against him. Because of two felony charges, a preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 15. The felony charges are the assault of a police officer and fleeing or evading police.

His bail has been set at \$10,000 cash.

Man charged with RSP of riding lawn mower

An Irvine man was arrested July 6 and charged with receiving stolen property under \$10,000.

Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris began investigating the theft of a 46-inch Husqvarna riding mower on July 3 at 491 John Rawlins Road, Irvine.

He said he located the

lawn mower at 875 Dry Branch Road. He was told by the male resident that he had bought the mower for \$150 from Fred Rogers Jr.

Rogers, 36, was arrested at his residence at 685 Sweet Lick Road, Irvine. He was lodged in the Estill County Detention Center in lieu of a \$5,000 cash bond.

Rogers appeared in Estill District Court on July 8 where he pleaded not guilty to receiving stolen property. The offense is a felony.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 15.

County attorney Rodney Davis was recused from the case. Kristin Clouse was appointed as the prosecutor.

Painted Tools Tell Family History



Michele Ross Perret, Debbie Barnes Powell, and Tammy McMaine Cox hold a cross-cut saw that Debbie painted an oil well and drilling truck on it. The saw will hang in the Louisiana office where Michele's husband is an oil engineer. Michele found out about Debbie's work through painted tools displayed at Tammy's business, Hillside Tack.

by **Delores Rowland**
Estill County Tribune

Antique tools have a lot of hidden stories, but three women are using those tools to display family histories.

It took several years and many miles for the stories to be painted on their hand tools.

Michele Ross Perret grew up and still lives in Louisiana. She wasn't acquainted with Tammy McMaine Cox or Debbie Barnes Powell until recent years.

Michele's dad was one of 14 Ross kids who grew up on Ross' Creek at the Estill and Lee County line.

Her father moved back to Estill County before he died seven years ago. About two years later, his home burned and Michele picked up a shovel head from the ashes.

On her travels back to Kentucky, she became acquainted with Tammy and visited at Tammy's tack shop.

Michele said that Tammy has a painted saw and milk can in her shop with signs that say "Not for Sale." Tammy reminds her the signs say, "For Display Only."

The items in the tack shop were painted by Debbie. Michele decided that she wanted Debbie to paint on the shovel head.

About a week ago, Debbie posted on Facebook that she had lost her little Yorkie. Michele and Tammy knew that Debbie was sad, so they decided to take the tools to Debbie and try to get her mind off her loss.

On Monday, they went to Debbie's to pick up the painted items that Michele will take back to Louisiana with her.

Debbie painted an oil drilling rig and an antique red truck on a cross cut saw which will hang where Michele's husband works. He is a geologist looking for oil in Louisiana.

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Michele Ross Perret holds the shovel she found in the ashes of her late father's home. She had Debbie to paint a scene on it from a family photo she had of her grandfather plowing.



Tammy Cox holds the saw that Debbie Powell painted for her which she displays in her tack shop.

Two new homes, one renovation in the works for Ravenna Council

by **CATHY DAWES**
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Phase two of the scattered site rehabilitation project in Ravenna is nearing the end of completion according to Bryan Kirby of CEDA. He addressed the Ravenna city council on Monday night and said all homes are in the last phases of construction and he had hopes that the property owners would be able to move into their new homes by the end of the month. The council passed a resolution

to pay contractors up to the ninety percent completion point of the homes.

Kirby said the reason why they withhold ten percent of the money until the end of the project is to make sure that the punch list is completed. He explained that this would be for sowing grass seed and straw, screwing in electrical outlets, and just minor details that are the last items to be completed.

He was pleased to announce that the project had

come in well under budget and with the remaining \$447,826 they would begin round two of the scattered site project. He said that two new homes and one renovation has been added to the project and those would be advertised for bids in the near future.

City Clerk Jamie Hill informed the council that she had set up an online banking account for the loan at Citizen's Guaranty Bank so she would be able to access that at any time. She provided the

council with a detailed statement of the loan which was originally obtained on July 31, 2013 in the amount of \$38,330.05. The interest rate on the loan is 3.5 percent and as of July 2nd the balance on the loan was \$34,566.89.

The second reading of the 2015-2016 budget was read and approved by all council members before the adjournment of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on August 10th at 6 p.m. at Ravenna City Hall.

Obituaries
Donald Patrick, 82
Patsy C. Puckett, 61
Genevieve Tucker, 86
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