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TENORM fines exceed \$8 million

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) is seeking significant civil penalties against various companies and individuals responsible for the dumping of radioactive waste in landfills located in Estill and Greenup Counties.

The penalties are the result of illegal activity discovered in landfills in early 2016 and target the processors, trans-

porters, and brokers responsible for the transfer of these materials into Kentucky landfills. Evidence shows the activity as early as May 2015 and involved the illegal transport and disposal of Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM), which is a byproduct of pressurized oil drilling, or fracking.

“State laws prohibit the

disposal of radioactive material from out-of-state companies in Kentucky landfills,” said CHFS Secretary Vickie Yates Brown Glisson. “The Cabinet is imposing significant penalties against Advanced TENORM Services of West Liberty (\$2,650,000), Cory Hoskins of West Liberty (\$2,650,000), Fairmont Brine Processing of Pittsburgh (\$1,012,000), Mountain

States Environmental of Lancaster, Ohio (\$615,000), L.R. Daniels Transportation, Inc. of Ashland, Ky. (\$612,000), Pressure Technology of Ohio of Norwich, Ohio (\$338,000), Nuverra Environmental Solutions, Inc. of Scottsdale, Arizona (\$143,000, E&R Energy, LLC of Norwich, Ohio (\$140,000; and Cambrian Well Services, LLC in Norwich, Ohio (\$30,000).

The monetary amounts of these fines depended on the number of violations discovered. The illegal activity was discovered at both landfills following an investigation by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Energy and Environmental Cabinet (EEC).

On Jan. 19, 2016 the Chief of the West Virginia Radiological Health Program first

informed the Cabinet for Health and Family Services that a company operating as Advanced TENORM Services may have been illegally facilitating the dumping of out-of-state TENORM waste at a landfill in Estill County, Ky. Before this contact, CHFS had received no indication of the dumping.

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Veterans Day Ceremonies



Jessica Mullins opened the Veterans Day Ceremony Saturday morning at Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna by singing the Star Spangled Banner. Behind her is her grandmother, Estine Tipton, the mayor Ravenna.



Bill Stewart saluted to the American Flag during the singing on the National Anthem. A member of the Honor Guard stands behind him. He also commanded the American Legion Honor Guard during Saturday's service.

Ravenna man arrested for trafficking in drugs

An Irvine man was arrested for trafficking in drugs on Saturday afternoon.

Sgt. John Sturniolo wrote in a citation that Brian Hall, 44, of Cantrill Street, Irvine was in the process of trafficking heroin and methamphetamine to a woman in front of his residence.

The officer said that Hall fled on foot after he told him to stop. He added that Hall was tazored but continued to run. He added that Hall attempted to ingest heroin and methamphetamine by placing the substances in his mouth.

He said that Hall resides with his grandmother on Cantrill Street, and she gave

verbal permission for the residence to be searched. The sergeant said they found marijuana and gabapentin in Hall's bedroom, along with baggies, syringes, methamphetamine pipe, and \$196 cash.

Hall was charged with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree (methamphetamine and heroin), trafficking in marijuana less than 8 ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia; illegal possession of a legend drug (gabapentin), fleeing and evading; resisting arrest; tampering with physical evidence; and persistent felony offender, first degree.

Ravenna has funds left for renovations

by Cathy Dawes
Estill Tribune News writer

Bryan Kirby from CEDA informed members of the Ravenna Council on Monday night that there were left-over funds in the community block project account. Kirby said that he was expecting a legal bill between \$600 and \$700 and that would leave a little over \$12,000 that could be used on another home.

Kirby said that the home that they would use the funds on is located on Elm Street and after careful inspection

of the plumbing, electricity, and flooring it was decided that the money could be used in other areas of the home that were in disrepair.

He said that the home had a fairly new metal roof that would need to be extended and new gutters added to it. He said the home would also need new windows because there were some rotting issues around the existing windows and the back deck would be completely torn off and rebuilt. Inside the home the existing drywall will be

replaced and painted in the bedroom and back porch area. The total cost for the project is projected to be \$12,025.

Kirby said that they would use CB Homes Inc. who is a contractor out of Richmond. He said they have worked well with the company on other homes in Ravenna and have been pleased with their work.

Larry Henry said he would like to thank the Ravenna Fire Department for assisting in the roadblock that was

held to collect money for Toys for Tots. He said that they raised around \$1,700 during the roadblock.

Mayor Estine Tipton said that she had received a sealed bid for two old police cruisers that are sitting behind city hall.

She said that in the advertisement that was ran in the paper that she required a minimum bid of \$600 each on the cars because they do run even though they need some work.

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Roy Sieberneicher sang the Star Spangled Banner during a Veterans Ceremony at the high school while members of the honor guard presented colors.

Obituaries

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Three women elected to Estill BOE

Three mothers will be serving on the Estill County Board of Education starting in 2017.

Donna Arvin Isfort won the seat in District 1, which includes the Barnes Mountain, South Irvine, and Red Lick precincts. She received 433 votes. Bobby Burns was second with 207. Thomas Hart had 189 and Larry Farwell 40.

Rhonda Adams Hardy was victorious in District 2, made up of Courthouse, Estill Springs, and White Oak precincts. Hardy had 366 votes. Valerie Flinchum garnered 166 and Brandon Holloway 165.

Jenny Jo Niece was unopposed in

the 4th district, but she received 800 votes. That district covers the Cedar Grove and Forks precincts. Niece was appointed last spring to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of Amy Thomas, who resigned.

Ravenna returned five members to the council along with a former councilman. Beverly Thompson, Betty Wells Hisle, Amy Crowe, Tina Barnes Johnson and M. Sharon Snowden are currently serving and were re-elected. William C. Van Cleve was also elected.

A newcomer was elected to serve on the Irvine Council along with five members re-elected. O'brene Rich-

ardson will go on the council in 2017 and joins current members, Woody Tipton, Tobo Bryant, Tim Burkhart, Billy D. Arthur, and Nelle B. Williams.

Republicans led the voting in every race in every precinct in Estill County. Over 50 percent of Estill County's registered voters went to the polls for what was considered a heavy turnout.

County Clerk Sherry L. Fox said it was one of the largest turnouts since she has been clerk. No problems were reported with the voting machines.

The attorney general's office re-

ported that office had received one procedural question from Estill County on Election Day.

Fox guesses that it may have been one of the people she talked with. They had moved from one county to another after the election books were closed. Those people are not allowed to vote in either county.

Donald J. Trump received 4,236 votes locally for president compared to Hilly Clinton's 1,108.

Rand Paul garnered 3,528 in his re-election campaign to 1,920 for Lexington Mayor Jim Gray in a race for the U.S. Senate.

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