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SALMONELLA OUTBREAK

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A salmonella outbreak in Estill County has caused dozens of people to end up sick with symptoms very similar to a stomach virus and in the worst cases people have had to be hospitalized. The Estill County Health Department released a statement on social media late Monday afternoon and confirmed that around fifty people had been sick with the bacteria, one had tested

positive in a culture sample, and six had been hospitalized due to the salmonella outbreak.

The restaurant where people had eaten reportedly had no food handling violations when it was inspected, however, the owner decided to voluntarily close its' doors on Monday until the investigation is concluded. The local health department is working closely with the Kentucky Department of Public Health to determine the origin or the

contamination.

County Judge Executive Wallace Taylor said that he along with Kenny Cole had worked throughout the weekend to determine the source of the salmonella poisoning and so far there has been no common denominator other than the one newly opened establishment in downtown Irvine. Taylor said that the people that had come forward and had been tested had eaten different items at the establishment which led him

to believe that the contamination was not coming from a food supplier. He also said that when the establishment was inspected by Mr. Cole that they found that the coolers and freezers were not contaminated.

Taylor added that rumors had been swirling all weekend long about the outbreak and that he had even heard that the water system was contaminated which was most certainly not true.

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Grand jury returns first indictments of 2016

The first indictments of 2016 were returned Tuesday, February 2.

Jeremy Glynn Tipton, 39, of Main Street, Irvine was indicted for promoting contraband, first degree; first degree persistent felony offender; tampering with physical evidence; and possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense.

The indictment says that Tipton had a bottle containing methamphetamine while he was lodged in the Estill County Jail on December 29, 2015. It adds that he poured a glass substance on the floor to remove evidence of contraband.

Tipton has been previously convicted of two felonies, according to the indictment.

Deputy Sheriff Russell "Doc" Morris conducted the investigation.

Jocelyn Lee, 23, of Wagersville Road, Irvine was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (heroin) and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

The indictment says that Lee possessed heroin, and

three spoons and a syringe used for illegal drugs on November 29, 2015.

The investigating officer was also Morris.

A two-count indictment was returned against Timothy Dewayne Riddell, 31, of Matt Riddell Road, Irvine. He was charged with promoting contraband first degree and being a second

degree persistent felony offender. The indictment says Riddell had a marijuana joint when he was lodged in the Estill County Jail on December 18, 2015 and he had been previously convicted of one felony.

Morris was the investigating officer.

Donald Fields, 54, of Sugar Hollow Road, Irvine,

was indicted for criminal mischief third degree, criminal trespassing third degree, and seven counts of theft of mail matter.

The indictment states that Fields threw garbage out of a dumpster into the parking lot and grassy area at Rockhouse Bar & Grill on December 21, 2015.

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ECMS Student Council Tours U.S. Capitol

The Estill County Middle School student council attended the National Association of Student Councils "Energize Your Leadership" National Conference in Washington D.C. January 28-31, 2016. While in attendance at the conference students also tour many of the historical sites in D.C. such as the Lincoln Memorial, The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Washington Monument, Vietnam War Memorial, World War II Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial. The students also visited several museums including the Holocaust Museum and the Smithsonian Institute's Museum of American History. Furthermore, students attended a performance of "Shear Madness" at the J. F. Kennedy Center for the Arts and "The Glass Menagerie" at Fords Theatre. See Page 2



Estill County Middle School student council members Micah Swim, Jameson Miller, Lucas Puckett, Will "Littleman" Isfort, Lauren Mullins, Maddie Hardy, Savannah Elam, Zoe Abney, and Hannah Adams.

Ravenna votes to get back into sanitation business

Ravenna will soon be getting back into the sanitation business, according to action taken by the Ravenna Council on Monday.

For the past several years, Barnes Sanitation has picked up garbage in Ravenna.

Mayor Estine Tipton said she has informed Terry Barnes, the owner of Barnes Sanitation, of the city's decision.

The city has budgeted \$60,000 to be spend on public works this year. The mayor said Barnes Sanitation was getting \$43,500 and the remainder went to a city employee.

Tipton said the city will save an estimated \$1,400 a month with her plan. It will employ Jeremiah Williams, a full-time employee, along with another full-time employee, Ricky Williams.

The city will advertise for

a flat bed truck to pick up the garbage. Tipton stated the truck could be used for other things besides garbage. This would also allow the employees to haul away large items if a dump bed truck was purchased.

The truck will be paid for by money the city inherited from Charlie VanHuss.

Tipton said the garbage fees in Ravenna will stay the same. Those fees are collected by Irvine Municipal Utilities on water bills.

A hand-out said the city would do away with a six bag limit. Residents will be notified when the change in sanitation pick-up occurs.

Jackie Bennett, a representative of Kentucky Utilities, asked the city to renew their franchise fee with the electric company.

She said the council must give first and second read-

ings on an ordinance and then advertise it.

She stated the franchise is the same as the last one.

It will last for 20 years and Ravenna will receive a 3% franchise fee from KU paid in quarterly installments.

Councilwoman Beverly Thompson said she was mayor of Ravenna when the last KU franchise was entered into by the city.

The council agreed to pass an ordinance on cats. It would require cat owners to have their cats spayed or neutered and to wear collars.

Ricky Williams stated that if a cat does not have a collar, then Tommy Mullen of the Animal Shelter could pick it up and adopt it out.

The council discussed the audit, which would allow them to receive road fund monies.

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Estill Middle School Engineers win first conference title in 20 years

A big congrats go out to the Estill County Middle School boys basketball team. They won the championship game Saturday of the seventh grade Commonwealth Conference Middle School Basketball

Tourn-ament at Caudill Middle School.

For first time in 20 years or more a boys basketball from Estill County Middle School has won the middle school basketball tournament. No Estill Middle School boys team, 6th, 7th or 8th grade, had won the Commonwealth Conference tournament in the last 20 years for sure and maybe beyond that.

Eleven years ago, then head coach Jimmy Bonny had a sixth grade team win the regular season championship but not the tournament. ECMS also had a few boys teams to be runner-up in the Commonwealth Tournament in the past 20 years, including this same Estill County boys team

last year as 6th graders.

Estill came in second in the regular season in the conference with 11 wins and two loses, both to Clark Moores. Clark Moores did not lose a game in the conference in the regular season this year and were 13-0 in the regular season conference standings. Estill handed them their only conference loss during the regular season last year and the Engineers handed them their only conference loss this year, in their championship game matchup. Last year, Clark Moores won the regular season and tournament and this year Clark Moores won the regular season but Estill won the tournament.

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(Photo courtesy of Susie Napier)

2016 Commonwealth Conference 7th Grade Champions

The Estill County Middle School Engineers: left to right, front: Dustin Beeler, Kade Benton, Isaac Napier, McKeadan Wilburn. Back: head coach Seth Martin, Dean Tucker, Dylan Long, Cobbe Click, Will Isfort, Camden Powell and Coben Clem. Not pictured Andrew Elam and assistant coaches John Clem and Ryan Clem.

Obituaries

- Duane A. Covill, 49
- Malcom Godsey, 84
- Betty J. Lawson, 70
- Billy Ray Hamilton, 83
- William B. Stone, 34
- Christine J. Tipton, 86
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