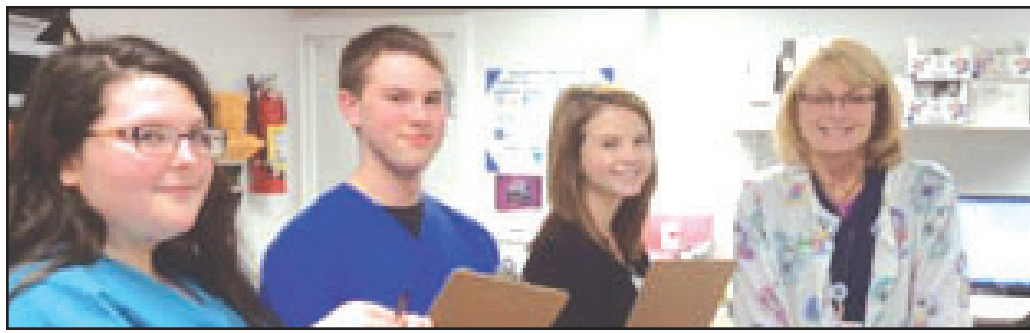


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NORM brings in the Guards

The state cites landfill with violations



The Kentucky National Guard 41st Civil Support Team came to Estill County on Saturday, along with the Kentucky Department of Public Health, for additional monitoring and testing around Blue Ridge Landfill and the Estill County High School and Middle School. The Guards brought smaller ATVs and lab testing equipment in those trailers, along with protective gear. The results of some of Saturday's tests are not expected for at least 21 days. Ronnie Riddell, director of Estill Emergency Management and assistant director Chad Neal are at the left of the photo.



The Kentucky National Guard 41st Civil Support Team brought a convoy of navy blue trucks and trailers with their testing equipment to the landfill Saturday morning. Tribune Photos/Delores Rowland

Advanced Disposal Systems Blue Ridge Landfill, Inc. was served with a notice of violation by the state's Energy and Environmental Cabinet on Tuesday, March 8. The notice says the landfill was in violation in four areas after accepting 47 loads of NORM from July through November, 2015. The landfill can be fined up to \$25,000 per violation occurrence.

The notice says the landfill was inaccurate in its quarterly reporting, failed to characterize the TENORM, disposed of unpermitted waste and failed to properly record the source, deposit location, and quantity of spill residues.

The notice states that the 47 loads of TENORM were used by the landfill as an alternate daily cover. The landfill was not permitted to use an alternate daily cover.

Originally, Estill Countians were told the TENORM

was brought to the landfill in sealed containers.

The landfill is permitted to take asbestos after receiving state approval. The asbestos must be brought in early in the day. The material must be wetted down in bags and placed inside sealed containers. Those handling the asbestos wear protective gear. The asbestos is buried at the landfill in its container.

At the public hearing on March 1, residents learned the containers containing NORM were opened and the TENORM was dumped out.

At the end of each working day, the landfill is required to place a cover over that day's garbage. That cover is usually a six inch layer of soil unless the landfill gets special permission from the state to use an alternate cover.

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The source of salmonella is still unknown

by CATHY DAWES
The Estill County Tribune

Despite rumors that the source of a salmonella outbreak had been linked to two employees at a local restaurant, Environmentalist Kenny Cole of the Estill County Health Department reported on March 9th that there was absolutely no truth to that rumor.

Cole said that he didn't know where that information had come from but he was certain that no one from the Health Department had given out any information regarding the matter.

Cole said that they are still awaiting official test results from the state but considering the complexity of the case it is doubtful that a cause will ever be determined. He said that there were no common denominators in any of the people that tested positive for the bacteria. He added that everyone had eaten something different during the time of

the outbreak and had also had different drinks.

Cole said that all employees of the restaurant in question had voluntarily been tested and two had tested positive, but there was no way to determine if they were the source of the salmonella or if they were victims just like everyone else who became ill.

He stated that each time that he inspected the restaurant it always passed inspection and that employees washed their hands and wore gloves while handling food. Cole added that every area in the building had been tested for the salmonella bacteria including the ice and soda machine and each area that was tested passed inspection.

The restaurant that officials believed to have been where the salmonella poisoning originated recently opened back up for business after voluntarily closing during the investigation.

Barnes Sanitation keeps contract with Ravenna until 2017

by CATHY DAWES
The Estill County Tribune

Terry Barnes, owner of Barnes Sanitation, will continue to pick up garbage in the city of Ravenna until next year according to Mayor Estine Tipton. At a previous meeting the council had discussed ending the business agreement with Barnes Sanitation and purchasing a garbage truck that two city employees would use to haul garbage from the homes of residents of Ravenna, originally signed three years ago. City Clerk Jamie Hill and Mayor Tipton were un-

able to locate a copy of the contract between the city of Ravenna and Terry Barnes at city hall. Barnes presented Tipton a copy of the contract that was signed with the city which states that his contract does not expire until April of 2017. At the time of the expiration of the contract if the city does not wish to extend the contract for another two year term, they must give Barnes a 30 day notice.

Hill reported that the city had received a substantial amount of money for taxes from the railroad car lines.

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First Day of Spring



Ravenna Councilwoman Beverly Thompson took her dog Bella to visit at Irvine Health and Reab on Thursday. She also took the Easter candy and stuffed animals for the residents. Pictured, left to right, are Ms. Thompson, Hazel Patrick, Bella, and Hazel's granddaughter, Lisa Johnson, the administrator of IH&R.