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The top photo shows where a vehicle traveled through the plank fence and struck 13 tombstones at the Crowe Cemetery last Tuesday morning. Left photo shows one of the most damaged stones.

13 tombstones damaged when struck by vehicle

A lot of damage was done at the Crowe Cemetery on Furnace Junction Road last Tuesday morning when a motor vehicle crashed into it.

David Stamper of High Rock Road, Stanton was traveling on Highway 213, the Furnace Junction Road, around 8:43 a.m.

He told Deputy Randy Farthing that a deer ran out in front of his 2003 Ford Tau-

rus. He swerved to miss the deer and apparently lost control of his vehicle.

It traveled through a white plank fence at the cemetery and struck 13 tombstones. The damage amount to the cemetery is still unknown.

Stamper was injured during the wreck and was transported to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital.

Jail escapee is back in custody

A 19 year old woman who escaped from the Estill County Detention Center last Tuesday is now back in custody.

Frances N. Stamper of 117 Church Street, Irvine reportedly escaped around 12:30 p.m. and fled on foot.

A warrant for her arrest states that she walked out of an unlocked door in the front of the jail.

The arrest warrant was obtained by KSP Det. Ken Bradley. The state police, Estill Sheriff's officer, Irvine Police Department and jail staff had conducted a search for Stamper.

She was arrested at 307 Poplar Street, Ravenna on Saturday night by Ravenna Police Chief Ken White. Assisting with the arrest were Irvine Officer Sam Hensley and KSP Trooper Pennington.

Authorities say that Stamper was at the local jail because she had failed to appear for a shoplifting charge in Madison County.

Stamper was accused of stealing a vehicle the day she escaped, but she has not been charged with that crime.

Lennie Adams of Tanglewood Drive, Ravenna, went



Frances Stamper

to the Estill Dispatch the following day to report a stolen vehicle.

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Park to get playground equipment & pavilions

by CATHY DAWES
Estill Co. Tribune

Plans are in the works for two new pavilions and playground equipment to be added to the park in Ravenna in the near future.

Mayor Estine Tipton asked members of the council to approve the expansion and electrical work at the park so she could present the project to the committee

that oversees the account with money left to the city by Charlie VanHuss.

The total cost of the project would be approximately \$27,000 which includes a new playground area for children ages 2-5, two pavilions that would be located on the side of the park next to the Dollar General Store, and electrical work.

The equipment would cost approximately \$12,562 and the city would receive free shipping if purchased by the first of May. An estimate from Meade's showed that the materials for the pavilions would be \$2,673.84 per pavilion, and the electrical work estimate from Beetle Lisle around \$7,000.

Councilwoman Beverly Thompson said she felt like the council should ask for \$30,000 from the account to ensure they have enough money to complete the project.

"Financially, are we stable enough to hire Jeremiah full time?" asked Ricky Williams.

Mayor Tipton said that the city was running low on funds but could possibly pay him contract labor. Thompson suggested that the money for the labor be included in the amount that they ask the committee for.

All council members vote yes on the park project with the exception of Sharon Snowden. She abstained

from the vote because she said she needed more time to think about her decision. She said there were other things in the city that she felt like needed attention such as road repairs and new sidewalks.

Council member Tina Johnson said that the road repairs could be done with funds from the Municipal Road fund. Snowden replied that in speaking with Larry Stewart, who is on the committee that oversees the money, he said that new sidewalks would be something that he would like to see in the city.

The council approved a twenty year franchise agreement with Kentucky Utilities. They also approved a franchise ordinance that would go into effect onto May 6th when the old ordinance expires.

City Clerk Jamie Hill asked the council to approve a two day KMCA conference. Hill said that she was willing to pay for the trip herself and that she would be riding with Robin Powell who is the city clerk for the city of Irvine.

Council member Amy Crowe said the city needed to fund the trip because it was work related and that anything she learned while at the conference would only be beneficial to the city.

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Happy 103rd Birthday

Alverta Brinegar celebrated her 103rd birthday on Tuesday, April 12. She has four living children: Ruby Roberts, Pauline Bingham, William and Kenny Brinegar.



Mt. Mushroom Festival Overall Queen

Hailey Richardson, daughter of Larry Glenn and Jennifer Richardson was crowned the overall Mt. Mushroom Festival Queen during the pageant on Saturday.

Obituaries

William Aldridge, 83
Sylvia Blanton, 75
Darlene Childers, 83
Alvah Overbay, 53
Delpha Todd, 80
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The Liars' Bench is a scene in "Memories of the MACK" which will be presented Friday at 7 pm and Sunday at 3 pm at the Estill

County High School auditorium by River City Players. Admission at the door is \$10.00.