

Concerned citizens group continues planning

Concerned Citizens of Estill County met last Wednesday to discuss a recent meeting with a state cabinet and to make future plans on Tenorm wastes.

The group calls a meeting with the Energy and Environmental Cabinet productive although they were denied a seat at the table during negotiations with Advanced Disposal.

They have asked for a meeting with Attorney General Andy Beshear on why he decided to not press criminal charges.

A meeting will be sought with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. That state cabinet will be setting the penalties.

"Any landfill in Kentucky could have accepted this material (Tenorm) if it had been generated in Kentucky," said CCEC's vice-chairman Tom Hart. "The issue is how it was handled."

He added that some of the material ex-

ceeded DOT's regulations.

"The landfill knows approximately where it is," Hart stated. "They know how much cover is on top of it."

He said the area is approximately 900 feet by 600 feet and the Tenorm is in several layers.

Mary Cromer, attorney from Appalachian Law Center, encouraged those working on a new host community agreement to make sure the landfill's permitting was consistent with the local agreement.

"Their (state) permit allows a lot more than the host agreement," she explained. "The landfill can receive waste from 14 states."

Hart stated the landfill was not taking in the volume of waste they were permitted.

"It's not so much a matter of how much they bring in, it's what they bring in," he said.

CCEC members will be looking at what other states are doing concerning the waste disposal of Tenorm. They will also be sending a letter to the EPA.

The group welcomed David Powell, who retired after over 35 years as an attorney in nuclear power. He grew up in Estill County and has moved back.

Powell recommended core drilling at the landfill to see what has been buried there in the past. He said a company that willing lied about dumping radioactive material is not to be trusted.

"It's like you're going to war without a loaded gun," he stated. "The door is still open on the long term effects of this radiation."

Cromer divided the radiation risks into three areas.

The first was the immediate exposure

when it was trucked in. She added that some of the Tenorm was hauled in old coal trucks which were not covered.

At the present, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services says there is no risk because the Tenorm is under enough cover.

The third event is the long term exposure, which may not even be in our lifetimes.

Debra Cox Freeman, a retired nurse, said she wanted to see health monitoring of those living near the landfill and workers at the landfill.

Monte Farmer said the landfill's wheel washer has been out of service for a long term. Particulates of Tenorm may have been carried outside the landfill on the truck tires.

Craig Willaims announced that a Health in Appalachia class at Berea College will be doing a study on the Tenorm. They will be interviewing citizens of Estill County.

Ravenna sets date for trick or treating

by CATHY DAWES
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Members of the Ravenna council decided on Monday night that Trick or Treat will be set for Monday night October 31st from 6 to 8. Councilwoman Tina Johnson made the motion to have it that Monday night because it's the same night that Irvine will be having Trick or Treat.

Mayor Estine Tipton said that both potholes that had been discussed during a previous meeting had been repaired.

The annual Railroad Festival will be held this Saturday. Mayor Tipton said that planning for the festival is going really well and that there will be more vendors this year than ever before. She said there will be another

food truck at the festival this year.

The entire festival will be held inside the park this year which will allow traffic to flow normally along Main, Elm, and Poplar Street. In the past Main Street has been closed and Elm and Poplar Streets were used as one way streets. Tipton said that hopefully by holding the event in the park it will help local businesses in the area.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. and all children are invited to participate. Children will walk or ride bicycles along Main Street to the park. Mayor Tipton said that no gas powered engines will be allowed. A car show will be held later in the day in front of Sharon's and Bryant's Paint Shop.

Irvine Council Meeting

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the city could increase tax revenue and he asked if Davis stood behind that article.

"I don't have anything to say to you, Mr. Walters," stated Davis.

Walters went on to pass out documentation to the councilmembers and he stated that based on those documents he felt like the council should sever all ties with Davis and relieve him of his duties as city attorney. Walters then brought up a situation that had occurred pertaining to a city worker. He stated that in July 2016 the city had paid Lloyd Shuler in excess of \$7,000 for what appeared to be overtime wages on the financial report.

Councilman Billy Arthur said that it was a misunderstanding and that Shuler had actually been hired as a contract laborer by the former mayor to mow the city lots. According to Arthur, the former mayor had decided to put the job up for bid and Shuler was interested in the job and agreed to do the work after regular work hours as contract laborer. Mr. Shuler's wife called the labor board in and the city was forced to pay over \$7,000 in overtime wages.

"It should never have been paid, Mr. Shuler agreed to work after hours as contract laborer," reiterated Arthur.

Mr. Walters then questioned the council if there was an ordinance that prevented a resident from having livestock in the city.

"Are you wanting to put pigs on High Street?" asked Councilman Tim Burkhardt.

Mr. Walters then turned his attention back to Attorney Davis.

"Save yourself some of the dignity and integrity you talk about and submit your resignation tomorrow," Walters said to Davis.

Councilman Burkhardt urged Mayor Noland to adjourn the meeting because Walters had left the podium and had stated that he was done with his comments.

The next council meeting will be held on September 26th at 7 p.m.

Police charge four separately on drug related charges

Local police made four arrests in separate incidents over the past few weeks. Some of the arrests were for trafficking in drugs while others were for possession.

Felicia Lewis 25, of Crestview Court, Irvine, was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree, first offense on August 22 by Irvine police Chief Brad Smith.

He said that on July 14, Lewis sold a suboxone strip to a cooperating witness for IPD for \$25.00.

Smith said the transaction was recorded on both video and audio, while being monitored by IPD officers.

Bail for Lewis was set at \$5,000 cash or \$10,000 property. She was released from custody on the property bond.

Timothy Joe Purdue, 26, of Glory Street, Irvine was arrested Sept. 9 and charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense and first degree (methamphetamine).

The citation states that Purdue was a passenger in the back seat of a vehicle on July 4 that was involved in a controlled drug buy. It says that Lewis passed a baggie to the front passenger, and that passenger transferred the drug to the confidential informant.

The citation issued by Officer John Sturniolo says the transaction was recorded by both audio and video.

The officer added the white powder was field tested and tested positive as methamphetamine.

Purdue's bail was set at \$10,000 cash.

He was arraigned Sept. 9 in Estill District Court where he pleaded not guilty.

Austin Blake Melton, 20, of McKee was arrested Saturday afternoon by Officer John Sturniolo on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, first offense.

The citation states that Melton was driving a vehicle on Main Street in Irvine that had a vehicle that was obscured with dirt. Fritz, Irvine's K-9, alerted on the vehicle.

The officer said that Melton had 4.5 10mg oxycodone hidden in a cigarette pack under the front seat. He added that a passenger had possession of marijuana in a bag and a black and white marijuana pipe with residue.

Melton's bail was set at \$2,500 cash.

Only one headlight led to felony charges on Sunday morning.

KSP Trooper Northern observed a vehicle leaving the Apple Mart on Richmond Road, and he made a traffic stop.

Trooper Z. Pennington assisted with the stop. HE wrote in a citation that he could smell marijuana. He added that he could see marijuana leaves scattered on the back seat.

He added there was a small baggy of clear powder substance, consistent with meth. The driver, Daniel David Jones said he did not know where it came from.

During a search, Trooper Pennington said he found several syringes.

He charged Jones, 52, of West Cedar Grove with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, drug paraphernalia, and one headlight.

Jones' bail was set at \$5,000 cash.

West Irvine resident charged with selling

Deputies Russell Morris and Daniel Smith, and IPD Officer John Sturniolo went to 105 Glory Street to serve a warrant on Thomas D. Raider II, 27.

They say he was sitting on a couch in the living room. One of the deputies said he saw marijuana on a scale on the coffee table where Raider was sitting. The citation states the deputy also located a black bag in the floor where Raider was sitting. The citation states that it contained several packages with a clear crystal substance and scales. Officer Sturniolo field tested some of the substance with a Narco kit. It tested positive for methamphetamine.

The citation states there were also syringes lying on the table.

Raider was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (Methamphetamine), trafficking in marijuana, less than 8 oz., first offense; possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (Methamphetamine), and drug paraphernalia.

Bail for Raider was set at \$75,000 cash. He was arraigned on Sept. 9 and pleaded not-guilty.

A preliminary hearing for Raider is set for Sept. 14.

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Henry was charged with cultivating marijuana, five plants of more, first offense; trafficking in marijuana over five pounds, first offense; and possession of marijuana.

Henry's bail was set at \$20,000 cash.

Two men were arrested at the W. Cedar Grove location. They were Douglas Wayne Newman of Spencer Ridge Road, Irvine and James Oakley Allen of Beattyville.

Their citations state that

Trooper Northern found in their possessions a large quantity of green leafy substances, needles, spoon with residue, and pop can with holes for a pipe.

Newman and Allen were each charged with cultivation of marijuana (5 plants of more), first offense, trafficking in marijuana over five pounds, first offense; drug paraphernalia; and possession of marijuana.

Bail for Newman and Allen was set at \$7,500 cash for each.

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IPD arrests Richmond man for trespassing

A Richmond man was arrested after allegedly refusing to leave a residence in Irvine.

Officer John Sturniolo said the man, Gary Dean Rogers, 49, was on the back porch of 141 N. Plum Street on Friday evening. He had been warned to stay off the property the previous day.

Sturniolo said on Friday the resident at 141 N. Plum

chased Rogers and detained him until law enforcement arrived.

The officer stated that Rogers began to yell and use profane language when he was told he was going to jail.

Sturniolo charged Rogers with criminal trespass third and disorderly conduct, second. His bond was set at \$250 cash.

A Vet's Success Story

VETERANS POST
by Freddy Groves

I'm always impressed by people who do things for themselves. Marine veteran Nick Baucom is one of those people. Not only has he created employment for himself, but he's built a growing company that provides solid jobs to other veterans.

In 2008 Baucom started building a moving company -- Two Marines Moving -- that now has so much business that he's booked three to four weeks out. He made it to Inc. magazine's list of fast-growing companies by the time he was 24 years old. A year later, the company hit its first \$1 million in revenue.

Why are his services so popular? It's the quality of work that veterans bring to the job, he says. Tenacity and perseverance and getting the job done. Decisiveness, gathering data and moving forward. Initiative, stepping up when you see something that needs to be done.

At this point, Two Marines Moving has completed over 20,000 moves and employs 90 veterans, half of whom are Marines.

You can read about the company at www.twomarinemoving.com. While you're roaming around the

website, check out the video with a message from Nick Baucom, president of the company, and the testimonials.

Baucom served in the Marines from 2002 to 2008, including a tour in Iraq. He also is the author of "On the Move: A Marine's Guide to Entrepreneurial Success," available on Amazon.com.

If you're a veteran who is looking for motivation to start your own business, take a look at what Nick Baucom has accomplished since 2008. The book explores his experiences in the Marine Corps and how that has translated into success in business. The story he tells will inspire you to take what the military taught you and use it to create the life you want for yourself.

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