

Ravenna council discusses retirement in arrears

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Members of the Ravenna council met on Monday night. After the financial report and minutes were read by Councilwoman Amy Crowe, she asked about the retirement payments for city employees that were in arrears.

Mayor Estine Tipton said that five months had been paid so far and the city was still behind on five payments. She said that those payments had not been made by the previous city clerk and even though the city was facing a penalty for each month that had not been paid but the lady that she had been in contact with had waived most of those fees.

School Resource Officer Michael Gross

said that according to his calculations the city was still 15 months behind on his retirement.

Ricky Williams said that he would like to have a raise.

"We can depend on Ricky to be here and if we ask him to do something, he does it, and I think he is due a raise since he's not had one in two years," stated Councilwoman Sharon Snowden.

Councilwoman Beverly Thompson said that she felt like all city employees deserved a raise and they should not pick and choose who gets one.

Councilman William VanCleve stated that according to a city ordinance that was adopted in 2015 that raises could only be given during the month of July. Council-

woman Tina Johnson asked Williams if he was okay with waiting until July to receive a raise and he said yes.

Larry Henry reported to the council that the Toys for Tots roadblock had been a success. He said that he had received a donation after the roadblock from an individual which put the total up to \$1,743.76.

Officer Gross said that the police department had received a grant in the amount of \$3,900 from Homeland Security. He said that Chief Ken White or himself would have to undergo a three to four hour training. He stated that he expects to receive that money sometime in January.

Gross added that he was also working on a grant to purchase equipment for the Hummer that belongs to the city of Ravenna. He

said he would like to put a winch and a stretcher board on the vehicle in case there is a bad snow. He said that the city of Richmond is getting rid of some of their older vehicles and he is also going to see if he can possibly get a couple of those vehicles for the city.

Councilman William VanCleve said that a curb needs to be replaced on Elm Street. He stated that there had been a sinkhole there and the city had filled it but now water is running into the yard instead of down the drain. VanCleve said he thought it just needed some more dirt added to it.

VanCleve concluded by publicly thanking Bill Eldridge for repairing the police chief's cruiser free of charge.

Historical society dedicates veterans area in museum

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Harrison has also spent a lot of time researching the veterans who wore the uniforms to find out as much information on them as possible.

This includes getting copies of their discharge papers at the county clerk's office.

The dozen, donated uniforms worn by service men are now folded neatly in the shadow boxes and hanging on the wall. Each of the shadow boxes is numbered. A book nearby explains who each uniform belonged to.

Yvonne Harrison, vice president of the historical society, said pages will be added to the book as more information is gathered.

The thirteenth uniform is not in a shadow box but looks perfectly in place in the collection.

It belonged to Major Emma Witt Stapleton, who enlisted as an Army nurse in 1948.

She received a commen-

dation ribbon for her work at Walter Reed Hospital where she was in charge of the radioisotope clinic. She retired in 1966.

There are also some pictures of those veterans when available.



The photo of Robert Richardson appears below his uniform. His daughter has donated other military items.

Paula Richardson Avery of Lexington attended the ceremony on Saturday. The

marine uniform, in the third shadowbox, was worn by her father, Raymond Richardson.

While there Saturday, Mrs. Avery donated some photos to the museum.

She met with a man who was in the platoon with her dad. He shared a group photo of their platoon. She said that man is the only one living in the group.

Bill Stewart, state commander of the American Legion, spoke briefly at the event.

Stewart said at the beginning of World War II, he had three uncles and two cousins in the military. They all survived D-day.

One of the cousins was really short, at 5 feet and 2 inches. He was picked out as to be a hell gunner on a bomber.

The twelve uniforms were worn by Cpl. Albert Brandenburg, PFC Kenneth Cox, Raymond Richardson, S/Sgt. Leonard Hugh "Pappy"



The photo above shows a portion of the World War I and II uniforms that were worn by soldiers from Estill County. The museum exhibit is open to the public during regular hours of the historical society.

Gould, Pvt. Elbert A. Smithers, PFC Kenneth M. Cox, 1st Sgt. Kenneth M. Denny, PFC Chester Turpin, Tech. Sgt. Harold J. Finney, Petty Officer Wayne Woolery, and 2nd Class Mate Theodore R. Witt.

The historical society museum on Broadway is open

on Saturdays and visitors are welcomed.

If you have information on any of these veterans, you may also share it at the museum.

Yvonne Harrison said the society is now planning on book honoring Korean and Viet Nam veterans of Estill

County. If you would like to include a veteran, please stop by the society for more information.

The society will be collecting and organizing the information through July of next year. It will be announced when the book is published.

IPD arrests out-of-towners with burglary, theft at Pryse

An out of town male and female were arrested for a burglary on Millers Creek on Friday.

The arrest was made by Sgt. John Sturniolo of the Irvine Police Department.

The citations state the man and woman entered a residence at 1620 Pryse Road twice on November 9 and again on Nov. 10.

Items reported taken were a miter saw, a blower, shop vac, gas cans and a pressure washer.

Arrested were Larry Allen Smith, 37, of Richmond and Alexandria Smith, 30, of Winchester.

Sturniolo said the pair admitted to entering the enclosed porch and tak-

ing the items. They allegedly pawned the items to get money for an inmate.

The officer said the pair fled the scene and were arrested on Millers Creek Road.

The miter saw was pawned at Richmond Pawn, and the blower at Estill Gun and Pawn.

The thefts were recorded on home video.

The Smiths are single. Their relationship is unknown. The inmate was also not identified.

Each of them was charged with burglary second degree and receiving stolen property over \$500.

Bail for each of them has been set at \$5,000 cash.

Wisemantown man charged with wanton endangerment

A Wisemantown man faces several charge including endangering a police officer.

Deputy Daniel Smith said he responded to Blanche Court on Thursday night to assist Estill EMS with a woman was having a seizure.

He was notified by Dispatch that a male who lived at the residence was on a danger list for threatening police officers. Smith said the man was acting nervous. Smith said he asked Jacob Henry, 22, if he had any weapons or anything that might poke or stab the officer.

The citation states that

Henry handed Smith some brass knuckles.

Smith said that while he was frisk searching Henry, he was stuck by a loaded needle in Henry's pocket which was also uncapped.

Henry reportedly told Smith the syringe had meth in it. He also had a container with crystal meth rock, hydrocodone, and a partially crushed orange colored pill.

Henry was charged with wanton endangerment, first degree of a police officer; two counts of possession of a controlled substance (meth and drug unspecified); and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

had methamphetamine in her possession on October 17.

Andrew Means will be sentenced on two charges of possession of a controlled substance, first.

According to the waiver, he had heroin and methamphetamine in his possession on Oct. 17.

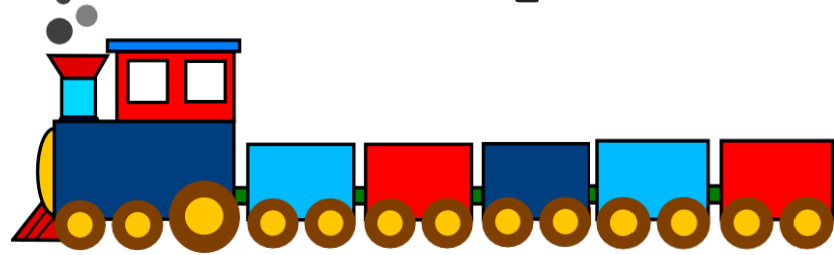
Indictments are waived

Two waivers of indictments were filed in the Estill Circuit Clerk's office on November 2.

The defendants waive their rights to grand jury indictment.

Tabatha Merida will be sentenced for possession of a controlled substance, first. The waiver states that she

Tots Express



School Readiness Program

Purpose: To introduce 3 to 5 year old children to pre-school and help them become Kindergarten ready while also teaching parents strategies to help their child succeed.

This is open to children who are not currently enrolled in pre-school at South Irvine Early Learning Center.

Who: Children, Parents and Grandparents/Guardians

When: Oct 20, Nov 3, Nov 17*, Dec 1, Jan 12, Feb 9, March 9, March 23*, April 13, April 27

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Attendance at each session is encouraged to ensure your child gets the greatest benefit of the program. Please note some dates may change due to weather. If Estill County Schools are closed, Tots Express will be cancelled.

Where: South Irvine Early Learning Center

(We will meet at the Public Library Nov 17 and March 23)

Register: Return the registration below to South Irvine Early Learning Center, 1000 South Irvine Rd. Irvine Ky 40336 or call 606-723-4700. Registration deadline is the Tuesday before each session. Questions- call Mary Raider, 606-723-5830.

Sponsored by:



Parent Name _____
Address _____

Contact number _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Please list additional children to be registered on the back of the form.