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## Ravenna's councilors are absent

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The Ravenna council attempted to have the second meeting for the month of November on Wednesday around noon.

Due to a lack of councilmembers in attendance on last Monday night, Mayor Estine Tipton called the special meeting for Wednesday, November 14 in hopes that those that were absent would be able to attend.

After waiting several minutes for council members to show up, Tipton said that unfortunately they still did not have enough members present to have the meeting.

She added that all council members had been notified of the special meeting by letter that Police Chief Ken White hand delivered to their residence.

Tipton said that Councilwoman Sharon Snowden was still at the hospital with her son who had been seriously injured in an automobile accident and she knew that Snowden would not be able to attend the meeting. Council members William Van Cleve and Tina Johnson were absent from the meeting.

Tipton concluded by saying that she was going to get in touch with the Kentucky League of Cities and find out whether or not the city has to pay council members when they fail to show up for the meetings.

Tipton also announced that the annual Christmas dinner will be held on December 10th at 5 p.m. before the regularly scheduled meeting.



Roy "Dink" Dixon, right, who has farmed in Estill County for more than 60 years was among two farmers and an Irvine businessman who were recipients of Kiwanis Heritage Awards at the club's annual banquet last Thursday night. Presenter Jeff Hix, left, said Dixon "specializes in a little bit of everything." Also honored were farmer Jason Smith and Irvine Community Television owner Jim Hayes. Both are featured on Page 2.

## School board to hire lawyer and law enforcement officer

Estill Springs construction is 90 percent complete; ECMS roofing is delayed by weather, materials

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The school board met on November 14th and began by recognizing a group of people of people who were nominated as Mountain Movers of the month.

The Masonic Lodge was recognized as the Community Mountain Movers. Superintendent Jeff Saylor said the Masonic Lodge is a very important part of the community. They provide scholarships for students, assist in the backpack program that helps feed children in need, support the Jr. Firefighter program among many other things. Matthew Kirby, Greg, Aaron Gilbert, and Tom Gilbert accepted the recognition on behalf of the different chapters of the Masonic Lodge throughout the county.

Angie Bowman was recognized as the classified Mountain Mover of the month. Bowman has been employed with the district for six years and currently works at South Irvine where she said it's like a family. Bowman said that she loves PK because the kids give the best hugs.

Breanna Hibbard, a Language Arts teacher at Estill County Middle School, was recognized as the certified employee of the month. Hibbard has been a teacher nine years and has spent the last five at the

middle school. She said that she remembers middle school being a difficult time and hopes that she can make a difference.

The board adjourned the meeting and went into closed session for a brief period of time. Board member L.W. Beckley reported that no action was taken during closed session.

Project updates on the middle school and Estill Springs were given to board members. At this time work at Estill Springs is 90 percent complete. Saylor said that he is hoping it is near 99 percent completed by January 3rd so they can try to get back to some normalcy.

The roofing project at the middle school has been delayed due to inclement weather and trouble getting materials from the supplier. Saylor said that the construction company is putting in long hours and working on the weekends when the weather is good. The board approved a payout in the amount of \$199,000 for the roofing project.

Board attorney Jason Riley was recently voted in as the new county attorney. Mr. Saylor said that the board is now actively seeking applicants for board attorney to replace Riley when he begins his new role on January 1, 2019.

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## Outbreak of Hepatitis A

10 New cases reported in last few weeks in Estill

Tribune Staff Report

On Friday the Estill County Health Department released a statement on social media (Facebook) regarding the Hepatitis A outbreak in Estill County.

According to the report, there are 14 confirmed cases throughout the county; however, none of those confirmed cases are food related.

Mandy Watson, a nurse at the Estill County Health Department, said there are rumors that employees of two fast food restaurants in Estill County have been diagnosed with Hep A. Watson stated there is absolutely no truth to those rumors.

She added that an environmentalist at the local health department has inspected both of the restaurants and found no evidence of any employee having Hep A at this time.

In addition, some of the restaurants in Estill County

are paying for their employees to be vaccinated against Hep A.

According to Watson, it is really rare for someone to contract Hep A through food service.

The first case of Hepatitis A in Estill County was reported in late spring. Then three more cases were reported about a month ago. The last ten cases were reported over the past few weeks.

Watson stated that doctors and hospitals must report all cases of Hep A to the health department in the county where the patient lives.

She added that all of the local cases were related to drug issues or jail inmates.

Watson said the health department has a limited supply of Hep A vaccinations, which they are using for at-risk individuals who are not covered with health insurance.

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Votes were recanvassed in the 91st state house race last Thursday morning. This was the last election for County Clerk Sherry L. Fox and Sheriff Gary Freeman, standing. Also pictured is Darrell Horn, election commissioner. The recanvass did not change the number of votes.

## Beattyville man charged with fleeing Irvine police

A Beattyville man was arrested on an Estill warrant Nov. 13 in Lee County. The warrant was obtained by Irvine Officer Jason Conrad.

Officer Conrad stated that on Sept. 21, a vehicle attended to elude or flee after he directed the driver to stop because the vehicle had an expired license.

The arrest warrant for Brandon Tirey, 37, fled down Richmond Road and Wisemantown Road where he tried on several occasions to get Conrad to strike

his vehicle. Tirey's vehicle then allegedly turned onto Red Lick Road where he passed a vehicle containing two people.

Conrad stated that Tirey's vehicle dropped off the road to keep Conrad from hitting the oncoming car.

Conrad said the pursuit continued to Murphy's Ford Road, where Tirey ran out of the road. The chase then continued several miles into Jackson County.

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Brianna Hibbard was the certified November Mountain Mover. She was recognized by her peers for her excellence in the classroom, dedication to her students, her creativity, and strong leadership ability.

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Angie Bowman was the November Classified Mountain Mover. Angie was recognized by her peers for her excellence in service, her contributions to the Estill County Schools and by her positive attitude.



Masonic Lodges of Estill County, Irvine lodge #137 F&AM, O.D. Henderson Lodge #437 F&AM, and Stafford Lodge #563 F&AM, were the named the Community Mtn. Mover for their development of positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of the students.