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## One injured in hit & run wreck

One person was injured Saturday night during a hit and run collision involving three vehicles at the intersection of Winchester Road and Old Fox Road.

The two drivers remaining at the scene described the vehicle that left the scene as a dark colored truck with a 16 foot trailer. It was stopped at the intersection with no lights on. The wreck was reported after dark at 6:13 p.m.

Deputy Chris Coffey said that Rhonda McKenzie of Clay City struck the trailer that was sticking out of the road.

He added the truck and trailer than struck an HHR

driven by Lori Alwine of Cressy Road, Irvine.

Alwine was transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital for treatment of her injuries. No injuries were reported to McKenzie and the passenger in her vehicle.

McKenzie was driving a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado which was severely damaged on the right side.

Alwine's 2011 HHR received severe damage to the driver's side.

Anyone with information on the truck and trailer that left the scene is asked to call the sheriff's office at 723-2323 during regular business hours or 723-2201 after hours.

## A Girl Scout Thanksgiving!



Estill County Girl Scouts prepared and delivered 52 Thanksgiving meals to senior citizens and shut-ins of Estill County last Wednesday. The girls are pictured above with the meals ready to deliver. Their scout leader is Emma Marie Day.

## Irvine prepares for holiday season while taking care of city business

Before getting into business matters, the Irvine Council was updated by Estill Development Alliance Director Joe Crawford.

He first told of the fast moving events at the Estill Steam Engine Heritage Museum, which is working on getting the 2716 steam engine during the first half of 2019.

Three donated rail cars were recently brought to the future museum site.

Councilman Tim Burkhart asked about the status of the rail line. There have been rumors there might one day be a dinner train traveling the rails.

"Access to the line is the ultimate goal," Crawford stated.

The lines are owned by CSX Railroad, which Crawford called very cooperative.

Small Business Saturday was observed in Irvine and Estill County last Saturday. Crawford said around 200 people entered the drawings.

He also addressed the Opportunity Zone. Local governments are asking how can they access the funds.

"Folks in Frankfort are

just as frustrated as folks at the local level," he stated.

A Community Development Block Grant application by River City Players appears to be in a "holding pattern."

The Estill Action Group is also waiting to hear if a local Trail Town status is approved.

After some discussion, the council approved longevity pay for employees after city clerk Robin Powell said there were funds available.

The longevity pay replaces holiday meals and Christmas gifts, which an auditor said was illegal.

Mayor James Gross said he has been getting quotes from auditors, and he received two. One auditor included a 25% fee for including Irvine Municipal Utilities.

The council stated they believed that IMU has their own audit conducted.

No auditor was hired until the mayor could check into the matter.

Fire Chief Tony Murphy said that Carhartt now offers uniforms at a 50% discount. He said a pair of pants has been costing \$60 to \$80 and the Carhartt price is \$20 something.

He said the fire department plans to purchase the Carhartt uniforms, because the company is local and committed to the community.

Mayor Gross said the city has purchased some Carhartt uniforms for some other employees.

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Snowy and icy weather gave Estill County students a day off on Tuesday. The accumulation was minor, but icy roads were dangerous. Above, snow had accumulated on the roof of the old Patrick's Grocery at Hargett, except where leaves had fallen from the nearby trees.

## Here Comes Santa Claus!



Above, Estill County's own Santa waves while holding a baby last year at the Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party. This year's party starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the First Christian Church. Other events on the busy weekend include the Irvine-Ravenna Kiwanis parade starting at 7 p.m. Friday from Ravenna to Irvine. Please check page 9 for the times and information of the many excellent events planned for this upcoming weekend.

## Obituaries

Wm. Alexander, 78  
Emory Browning, 81  
Harold Dennis, 72  
Rebecca Hamilton, 58  
Robert Hedger, 60  
Jimmie Henry, 69  
Sharon Meadows, 62  
Joel Noland, 68  
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## Maintenance ended on part of Stewart Fork Road

The current fiscal court is expected to meet twice more before their terms end on the first Monday of January. None of the present members are returning.

A lot of loose ends were tied up at the regular meeting on Monday, November 19.

A public hearing was held prior to the meeting on discontinuing maintenance on 0.395 mile of Stewart Fork Road. No one commented.

This came at the request of a property owner who owned all the property on both sides of the 0.395 mile. There are no cemeteries on the road, and that property owner agreed to take over the maintenance.

Judge/Executive Kevin Williams said that public notices and signs were displayed before the public hearing. A road committee was formed which looked at the road to

make sure it met all the conditions.

Moore Cemetery Road was renamed at the recommendation of Ronnie Riddell, director of Estill County Emergency Services.

Riddell said the road was given a different name during county mapping in 1996-97 which has caused some confusion for owners living along the road, such as with insurance companies.

Williams asked the court to form a five member ad hoc Rail Advisory Committee to maintain relations between the fiscal court and the Steam Heritage group.

He recommended the committee be made up of one fiscal court member, one each from Estill Development Alliance, Industrial Authority, and Chamber of Commerce. The final member would be

at-large.

Brad Goolman was appointed as full time road foreman for the county. Williams stated that Goolman has completed the 90 day probation period for the foreman's job.

Tommy Mullen was also named Solid Waste Coordinator as well as Animal Shelter Coordinator, following a probation period.

Williams had earlier recommended a trial of this because he said the two jobs overlapped. Mullen has served as coordinator of the animal shelter for several years.

He said that Mullen has been very active with the solid waste.

"We have cameras up all over the county now," Williams stated.

Teddy Stamper was employed as a part-time transport

officer. He will be transporting inmates to Three Forks Regional Jail and back and forth for court appearances.

A bank account was established for the tourism committee. Any tourism taxes collected will go into this account instead of the county's general fund.

Riddell said that CSEPP has asked the county to return \$78,625 from tower rental funds collected in 2005-2014.

"We do generate some revenues from our tower sites," Riddell stated.

He said it was believed the county had an agreement with CSEPP to keep tower rental money to use when CSEPP funds are discontinued.

Riddell said his department is looking at some expenditures they can claim to offset the repayment.

The completion date of the weapon disposal is estimated to be December 31, 2023. Additional time will be required to dismantle the disposal site.

Fire Chief Derrick Muncie reported that fire season continues through December 15. Burning close to woodlands is prohibited except between the hours of 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

It was recommended that anyone burning outside call Estill Dispatch (723-2201 non-emergency) and report they are burning.

During the week, the local fire departments had given mutual aid to Powell County for a house fire in Clay City.

Riddell also reported that a school shooting workshop had been conducted.

The fiscal court renewed the permit for the Estill Rescue Squad.

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