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## Garbage business is sold to Rumpke

### Estill garbage is transported to Montgomery Co. landfill

As of April 1, most of the garbage in Estill County and Ravenna began going to an out-of-county landfill.

Customers of Barnes Sanitation were notified that its owner Terry Barnes had sold his business to Rumpke Waste & Recycling, effective April 1.

According to letters sent to customers, the rates will remain the same during 2018, but a fuel charge will also be assessed. Rumpke will also be billing for three-months in advance.

Customers will have several options on how to pay, including electronically.

Barnes and his brother will work for Rumpke and continue picking up waste in Estill County.

Residents are advised not to place garbage in drums, barrels, yard, and household containers that are not acceptable trash containers. They will be assumed as trash, and Rumpke will not replace them.

The business will rent 95 gallon carts to customers for \$2.50 per month.

Loose shrubbery and limbs can be bundled and tied in lengths no longer than four feet long and two feet wide.

Contact Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171 if you have a large item pickup, such as a television or appliance, and furniture.

Mattresses, box springs, and upholstered furniture must be wrapped in plastic.

Items not picked up will include drywall, concrete, bricks, dirt or rocks, batteries, tires, liquids, combustible materials and combustible waste.

There is no mandatory garbage collection in Estill County. Barnes Sanitation was the county's largest private hauler.

This does not affect customers with wastes picked up by the City of Irvine. Their waste will continue to be taken to Blue Ridge RDF.

## Wise signs for cheerleading at Union



Estill senior Olivia Wise signed to be a cheerleader for the Union College Bulldogs, last week at ECHS. Wise thanked everyone who "believed in, supported, and pushed" her to do her best in the sport she loves. She decided in December she wanted to cheer on the next level and chose Union because of its nursing program, the scholarship offered, and Union being in a private college in a town she already loved. Pictured left to right, above, are ECHS cheerleading coach Sarah Young, Union cheer coach Lisa Napier, Olivia; her parents, Bill and Dixie Wise; and her sister, Victoria. Union College is in Barbourville, Kentucky and has just over 800 students.

## Fiscal court hires several employees

Some jail employees were rehired during a special meeting of the Estill Fiscal Court last Thursday.

Chad Smith was hired as a full time transport officer. Smith has been working as a temporary transport officer, without benefits, during the illness of Jailer Bo Morris.

Three others were hired as part-time transport officers. They were Angela Brewer, Ronnie Means, and Charles Reynolds.

Amber Roush was hired as a part-time care aid for the Senior Citizens Center.

Amy Walters was hired to work three to four hours on weekends at the Animal Shelter.

The fiscal court ad-

joined into executive session to discuss litigation.

Following the session, the fiscal court entered into a legal service contract with Smith Stagg on opioid litigation.

Also, the fiscal court voted to keep the Mt. Springs Road in its current location.

The fiscal court had filed a contempt motion against Kevin and Rebecca Moes, which was held earlier that day in Estill Circuit Court.

Judge Michael Dean ruled the Moes were in contempt by blocking the road.



The Family Resource and Youth Services Centers of Kentucky Coalition recently held a Legislative Page Day in Frankfort, KY. Students wrote essays and completed pieces of artwork in an effort to be select to serve as a legislative pages as a representative of their Family Resource or Youth Services Center. Pictured above is Elliott Hardy with Senator Albert Robinson. Elliott was selected to represent the Estill County Middle School Youth Services Center. (Photo Submitted)

## Ravenna mayor presents budget to councilmen

by CATHY DAWES  
 Tribune Staff Writer

Members of the Ravenna council reviewed the tentative budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year during the meeting on Monday night. The council has until June to finalize the budget for next year.

A resolution was passed for the city to be able to request funds from the Kentucky Department of Homeland Security if the need arises.

Mayor Estine Tipton said that the document was sent to her from the office of Andy Barr and that the money would be designated for equipment and services if needed.

Only a certain amount of

cities are granted the money but without passing the resolution they would not even be in the running to obtain that grant.

Councilwoman Sharon Snowden questioned two items on the financial report for the month of March. One of those items was a \$500 transfer to the road fund account each month. The other item listed on the report was payroll expense and beside it, it stated 'other'.

The city clerk explained that the 'other' was holiday pay but the program that she uses moves it into a different category.

The next meeting of the Ravenna council will be held on May 14th at 6 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

## First of 3 water commissioners resigns

### Remaining 2 expected to resign by agreement with PSC

Differences between the Public Service Commission (PSC) and commissioners of the Estill County Water District ended with one commissioner recently resigning and resignations expected soon from the other two.

On Thursday, the Estill Fiscal Court appointed Blain Click as the first of three new water commissioners for the Estill County Water District.

He will serve the remainder of the unexpired term of William Beard, which ends on February 18, 2021.

Beard retired from the Estill County Board of Education. His last job in the school system was as prin-

icipal of West Irvine Elementary, where he was very popular.

Click is also retired from the Estill County School District. He was a teacher, coach and principal at Estill County High School.

Beard has served as a water commissioner since 2009, where he was the treasurer.

The local water district's trouble with the PSC began last year when the commissioners asked for a rate increase.

The PSC scrutinized financial records of the local water district to see if a raise was needed and how much of a raise.

During the rate increase

process, PSC discovered three loans to the water district had been made through Citizens Guaranty Bank without PSC authorization.

KRS 278.300 requires local water districts to be authorized by PSC prior to making loans. An exception is made if the term of a loan is two years or shorter.

The three loans were for \$200,305 on October 31, 2013, \$100,305 on January 29, 2015, and \$110,330 on January 24, 2017. The terms of the loans were four years.

The three water commissioners have gone to multiple meetings with the Public Service Commission where they gave testimony about

why they obtained the loans without PSC approval.

During those meetings, Chairman Greg Wright, Secretary Jerry Arnold, and Beard stated they had signed for those loans on behalf of the water district.

The water commissioners also testified on what the loans were used for, such as meeting the payroll, upgrading the water system, or making a payment on a Rural Development loan.

They had never concealed the loans to the PSC. The loans were included in the water district's annual audits and on financial statements for rate increases.

None of them were aware of the KRS which re-

quired them to get approval from PSC before getting the loan.

During the time the loans were made, the commissioners were not represented by an attorney.

The water district has now retained Gerald E. Wuetcher from the Lexington law office of Stoll Kenyon Ogdan PLLC.

Michael Dean had served as their attorney and was elected Circuit Judge. Another attorney had quit due to illness.

The water commissioners had attended the annual trainings which were required for all water commissioners.

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## Obituaries

- Gracie Beckley, 92
- Christine Cooper, 80
- Daniel Johnson, 69
- Juanita Middleton, 92
- Blondell "Dale" Richardson Jr., 51

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