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Railroad to be revived in Ravenna

The Kentucky Steam Heritage Corp. (KSHC), a not-for-profit rail preservation group, announced Saturday their intent to purchase nearly 50 acres of former rail yard property in Ravenna from CSX Transportation to establish a rail-based tourist and community development center.

KSHC plans to establish a multi-use facility on the site of CSX's retired Ravenna Car Shop, creating an immersive, hands-on experience for tourists and tradespeople alike.

The historic yard office building, track, and a modern-era railcar facility will be included in the transaction, and will be used to showcase the rehabilitation and operation of world-renown steam locomotive Chesapeake and Ohio 2716 and other regionally-relevant equipment. The purchase of the property and facilities is the first of many steps on the path to achieve KSHC's vision for the Kentucky Rail Heritage Center.

"The model for this campus is not that of a traditional museum," said Chris Campbell, president of the Lexington-based charity. "The Kentucky Rail Heritage Center will be a destination where people can experience

the operation of historical rail equipment, take their dog for a walk, and get a bite to eat at a local restaurant, all on the same visit," he added. "We can't thank CSX enough for providing the opportunity to creatively infuse the local and regional economy."

KSHC has worked closely with its community, state and private partners over the past several years to rally support for this endeavor and to gain key proponents in Washington, D.C.

"(Saturday's) announcement is an important step toward preserving the unique culture of our Commonwealth," said Senator Mitch McConnell. "Together, the Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation, CSX, local leaders, and state leaders are reviving this retired facility with opportunity for a new generation. As Kentuckians' economic needs adapt and change, it is incumbent upon each of us to remember our rich history. Visitors to this facility will have the chance to learn about the vital rail lines that helped Kentucky fuel American prosperity for generations."

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Dignitaries posed for photos in front of a train engine at Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna on Saturday. Kentucky Steam Heritage Corp. is partnering with CSX Railroad to create Kentucky Rail Heritage Center. Pictured, left to right, are Joe Crawford, director of Estill Development Alliance, Chad Harpole, vice president of Ky. Steam Heritage Corp., Sandy Donahue, commissioner at the Department of Local Governments, Shantel Davis, vice president of real estate and facilities for CSX, Chris Campbell, president of Kentucky Steam Heritage Center, and Estill Judge/Executive Kevin Williams.



The IPD photo shows what was entered into evidence after Friday morning's pursuit from Irvine to Millers Creek. The bills at top left are legal tender while the counterfeit bills are at the right of the photograph.

IPD seizes \$6,700 in counterfeit bills following pursuit with Clay City man

IPD confiscated nearly \$7,000 in counterfeit \$100 bills after a police pursuit early Friday morning.

Irvine Officer Colton Lewis said he attempted to pull over a black Dodge pickup on River Drive because it had no tail lights.

He added the driver fled on River Drive, South Madison, Broadway, Main Street of Ravenna, and then Millers Creek.

The citation states the driver got out of his vehicle

on Millers Creek while it was still moving. He threw out a fake pistol. The truck then crashed into a ditch.

Lewis said the driver then fled on foot onto the railroad tracks. The officer used his taser because the man had an unknown black subject in his hands.

After the driver was detained, Lewis said he located a black bag in the man's hands which contained over four grams of suspected methamphetamine. He added

the crystal like substance was in separate bags for sale.

IPD also confiscated suspected marijuana, a set of brass knuckles, two digital scales, and multiple needles, one of which was loaded.

He added the man had \$264 in cash and \$6,700 in 100 dollar bills. The bag also contained klonopin and hydrocodone pills.

Arrested was Brian Lee Brewer, 40, of Spout Springs Road in Clay City.

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Brian Lee Brewer

School board discusses construction bids, projects, and SRO officer

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Mountain Movers for the month of May were recognized on Thursday night during the school board meeting. The Irvine-Ravenna Kiwanis Club was recognized as the community mountain mover of the month. Shayla Carroll was recognized as the certified mountain mover of the month, and Carrie Sewell

was recognized as the classified mountain mover of the month.

Andrew Samples and Noah Williams were recognized by the board for their participation in the Governor Scholars Program.

After the recognitions, members of the school board got down to business by discussing the construction projects that are set to start at

the end of May.

Roland Mueller, architect of the construction projects, informed the board that six bids had been turned in for the roofing project at the middle school.

Riddell Construction, of Irvine, turned in the lowest bid for the project, but at first did not meet the necessary qualifications with the subcontractor that they had listed. Mueller said that Riddell Construction changed their subcontractor to SES Roofing who has done work in Estill County in the past.

The change in subcontractors raised the amount of the bid significantly but was still \$42,000 cheaper than the other bids.

The technology center and bus garage were discussed at length by the board. Mueller said that by relocating the bus garage to another location it would allow the technology center to have a more compact design which would save around \$300,000.

Superintendent Jeff Saylor said that the campus where the high school and middle school are located could not handle the bus garage and the technology center both and that it was in the

best interest to relocate the bus garage to a site off campus but one that would still be close to the schools. He also added that construction could not move forward on the technology center until the bus garage was moved off that site.

The SRO (school resource officer) agreement had been tabled from the last meeting and was on the agenda once again this month, however, the board decided to move the discussion into executive session. Mr. Saylor said that if the board decided to terminate the contract then they had to notify the city of Ravenna by June 1st.

School Resource Officer Michael Gross stated that according to his documents he responded to approximately 300 calls that were school related. He said it had been a pleasure to work with the school system and that he hoped the board would continue to allow him to work in the school district.

The board went on to approve the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2019 budget, the new salary schedule, revisions to the district staffing policy, and booster club/PTO regulations.



Gavin Holloway "The Mad Hatter" attended the queen's tea in "Alice @ Wonderland" during performances on Friday and Sunday. The River City Players presented the play, which was produced and acted by all children.

Irvine Police arrests one with trafficking in heroin

A 50 year old Estill County man was arrested Friday for possession and trafficking in drugs.

A citation states that Jack Cockrell Jr. of Wiseman-town Apartments, Irvine sold heroin to a confidential informant working for the Irvine Police Department.

Sgt. John Sturniolo said that Cockrell threw a green plastic bottle with a glass bottle in it into the back of the vehicle he was standing next to.

He then told officers they

could find the bottle next to a chain saw.

Admitted into evidence by IPD were one suboxone strip, one empty suboxone packet, and \$192 cash.

Cockrell was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin), possession of a controlled substance, second degree, tampering with physical evidence, and trafficking in a controlled substance, second or greater offense (heroin).

Obituaries

*Ila Marie Crain, 66
Bradford Doyle, 74
Jonathan Frazier, 36
Gregory Horn, 48*

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Memorial Service

Everyone is invited to a memorial service at Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna on Memorial Day at 11 a.m., Monday, May 28.