

Railroad to be revived in Ravenna

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U.S. Congressman Andy Barr echoed Sen. McConnell's enthusiasm for the project and its impact on Eastern Kentucky.

"Ravenna's railroad history one to be recognized and celebrated, as it brought tremendous economic growth to Estill County," said Rep. Barr. "The Kentucky Steam Heritage Center is doing just that by developing the Kentucky Rail Heritage Center. I applaud Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation for their leadership in garnering community support for these restoration efforts and I appreciate their dedication to sharing the rich industrial history of Ravenna with the rest of the county and world."

KSHC is partnering with Estill County Schools to establish a technical skills training component to the rail-themed camps, which will enable vocational students to practice modern trades on historic equipment. The initial railroad property purchase is the first milestone on the road to revitalize Ravenna, a process that will require continued support, diligent fund-raising, federal grants, and more land transactions. This will allow

KSHC to fully utilize its long-term vision for the multi-use campus, which would give the community a meeting and event space, along with rail excursions that attract visitors to the area.

"I definitely see many positives for Estill County and the entire region. I look forward to working together with Kentucky Steam Heritage on innovative educational opportunities for the good of our students and the entire community," said Jeff Saylor, superintendent of Estill County Schools.

Other community leaders also echoed Saylor's optimism.

"This is a breath of fresh air for Estill County," said Joe Crawford, director of the Estill Development Alliance. "This gives us a great opportunity to work hand-in-hand regionally with our cousins in nearby Eastern Kentucky counties. The fact that this project builds on our own history and heritage to help us progress makes it all that much sweeter. Economic development, education, tourism development, job creation, heritage preservation - it's a win on ever front. We look forward to a long and successful rela-

tionship with CSX and KHSC."

CSX has been working closely with KSHC and community leaders for over a year to help establish this unique endeavor.

"This is a win-win transaction that allows CSX to focus on our core business, while bring new economic opportunities to Eastern Kentucky through CSX's retired Ravenna Car Shop," said Shantel Davis, vice president of real estate and facilities for CSX. "It's an honor to work with organizations like KSHC to make a positive, meaningful impact on the community and to move our company forward."

KSHC anticipates taking possession of the property in mid-summer 2018, and will immediately begin work on the project.

"Fundraising is our first and most important aim," said KSHC Vice President Chad Harpole. "Without significant investment, this will take time to get going. But, with proper funding, we envision being up and

running by late 2018."

Harpole says that the group hopes to raise \$300,000 in the first three months of the project, and \$500,000 by year's end. Much of the work revolves around improving rail infrastructure on the grounds. Contributions also will provide matches for federally-funded ARC grants that the project has already applied for.

"It's an incredible opportunity to attract federal grant dollars to Eastern Kentucky, and it's all because of CSX's generosity to get us in that position," Harpole added.

"This is just the beginning of what we hope will be a long and fruitful relationship with CSX."

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IPD Activity Report

Two arrest warrants from Estill District Court were served on Denny L. Farley, 39, of Main Street, Irvine on May 14 by Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith.

Farley allegedly failed to appear in court for operating on a suspended or revoked license and failure to or improper equipment charge.

Judge Wm. Leach said that Farley has failed to pay the fine on charges he was found guilty of on Aug. 9, 2017. He set Farley's bail on this warrant at \$883.00 cash.

- Billy Metcalf, 50, of Paint Lick, Ky., was arrested on two bench warrants May 15 by Irvine Officer Colton Lewis.

He had allegedly failed to pay a fine after being found guilty in Estill District Court on July 12, 2017 of public intoxication. A charge of loitering was merged.

Judge Leach set Metcalf's bail at \$523.00 in cash.

Metcalf allegedly did not appear on a charge of op-

erating on a suspended or revoked operator license in Estill District Court.

- Three arrest warrants were served on Atosha Keith, 32, of Irvine on May 17 by Officer Lewis.

A warrant from Estill District Court says Keith failed to appear after being found guilty of criminal possession of a forged instrument and operating on a suspended or revoked operator license.

Judge Michael Dean also issued a warrant on Keith saying she failed to appear in circuit court on charges of public intoxication, resisting arrest, and third degree assault (police officer). No bail was set.

The second warrant from Estill District Court was related to those same charges. It says that Keith violated the conditions of her release by failing to test or contact pre-trial services on August 16, 2016. No bail was set.

- A Montgomery County District Court warrant was

served on Damer Watkins, 37, Sugar Hollow Road, Irvine on May 16 by Officer Lewis.

Watkins was found guilty of failure of owner to maintain required insurance.

Judge D. Blair said that Watkins could serve three days or pay \$153.00 plus the arrest fee. If bail was made, the bond would be applied to fines, costs and or arrest fees.

- Travis J. Cox, 28, of McKee Road, Irvine was arrested on a bench warrant for failing to pay \$154 by March 19 in Franklin District Court.

Cox was found guilty on Nov. 21, 2017, of theft by unlawful taking or disposition and receiving stolen property under \$10,000.

- Timothy Dale Charlton, 46, of McKee Road, Irvine was arrested May 17 on Main Street in Irvine by Officer Lewis on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place.



Chantel Davis, vice president at CSX Railroad, announced the donation of a caboose to the project. She said it will be restored in the blue and gold before it is brought to Ravenna.

IPD takes \$6,700 counterfeit \$100 bills after police pursuit

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Brewer was charged with no tail lamps, fleeing or evading police, both first degree (motor vehicle) and second degree (on foot), resisting arrest, wanton endangerment, first degree of a police officer, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, trafficking in marijuana, less than 8 ounces, first offense; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and carrying a concealed weapon.

He was also charged with no registration plates, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, leaving scene of accident, menacing, possession of a controlled substance, third degree; possession of a controlled substance, first degree, and

criminal possession of a forged instrument.

There was an active arrest warrant on Brewer which had been obtained by Det. Toney Allen of the Kentucky State Police. It was also served on Brewer by Officer Lewis.

The warrant charges Brewer with second degree burglary.

It says that he entered the home of William Wise on Cressy Road on February 14.

The warrant states that Allen destroyed the garage door to get into Wise's home. Damages to the garage door were estimated at \$500.00.

Constable Rick Williams and Estill Deputy McIntosh assisted Lewis with the arrest.

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