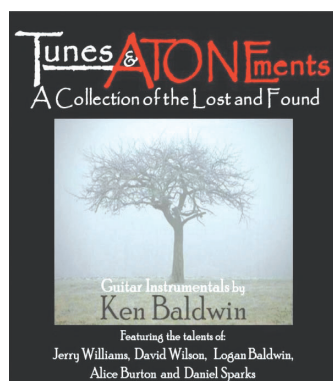


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Jail most likely will stay closed

The Estill County Jail is not likely to open again as a jail.

This is what the press and candidates for county offices learned on Thursday. Some current office holders were also present at the meeting.

When the Estill County Jail was built in 1986, it was designed to hold 16 inmates.

On Thursday, 70 Estill inmates were being housed at Three Forks Regional Jail in Beattyville.

When the jail was built,

no one predicted the drug problem that is a problem in every county today.

John Thorpe, a jail service specialist with the Department of Corrections, said the Estill County Jail was one of the few life-safety jails in Kentucky. Other jails are classified as full service jails.

He stated the local jail was inspected twice annually. The Department of Corrections looked at a sprinkler system, a fire alarm system,

and a smoke evacuation system.

The Estill Jail was closed last year by the Commissioner of Corrections because it did not have a working fire alarm and smoke evacuation system.

A sprinkler system was installed in the local jail when it was built.

He estimated that it would cost \$600 to remedy the fire alarm situation in the jail.

There are no estimates of what it will cost to install a

smoke evacuation system in the building.

If the fiscal court pursues opening the jail, they would have to hire an architect to design a smoke evacuation system.

Thorpe said there was that unknown cost for the architect and more unknown costs for installing the smoke evacuation system.

Even then, he said there is no guarantee the commissioner would allow the local jail to be reopened.

If the fiscal court pursues that route and the commissioner refuses to allow them to reopen the jail, the fiscal court can appeal his decision in Franklin Circuit Court.

Thorpe said the county can also consider building a new jail, but it must have a minimum of 150 beds.

He mentioned that Oldham County had built a 330 bed jail recently, and it cost \$25.3 million.

Judge/Executive Kevin Williams said when prison-

ers were housed at the Estill Jail, it cost over \$80 a day to house each prisoner there.

Even when open, the local jail was not large enough to house all prisoners, and many of them were housed in other county jails.

The jail budget was already used up Jan. 1 with six months of the fiscal year left, and the county was paying up to \$100 a day for a female prisoner to be housed in Clark County.

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SLAP HAPPY?

Two of 27 day campers at this week's Arts and Drama Camp are slapping balls of clay to form flat circles to be used as the bases of flower pots. Rolls of clay are then added to form the sides. An instructor from Berea College taught pottery lessons to the children and the college also donated the materials used.



The clay is rolled into snake like shapes which will be rolled around the base of the flower pot to built up its sides.

School to begin Aug. 8 Work continues at schools; Preschool contract approved

by CATHY DAWES
Tribune Staff Writer

With the start of school quickly approaching, members of the Estill County school board listened intently as architect Roland Mueller gave an update on the construction at Estill Springs and the middle school on Thursday night.

Mueller said that things were behind schedule with the roofing project at the middle school because the metal panels had not been delivered yet. He said he didn't know if it was due to a lack of truck drivers but he did know that the metal had been ordered. He added that it could possibly be the middle of August before materials ar-

rived to start the project.

Superintendent Jeff Saylor said that his concern with the delay was getting the buildings under roof by the time winter arrives.

Board member L.W. Beckley added that he wasn't happy about the delay especially since he felt like the board had been rushed to make decisions.

Mueller went on to say that the construction companies working at Estill Springs were doing an excellent job and had been working long hours and on the weekends to ensure that the school would be ready for students by August 8th.

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High school, GED transcripts required for BOE candidates

The filing deadline for non-partisan offices is August 14 before 4 p.m. in the office of County Clerk Sherry L. Fox.

Non-partisan offices up for election this year include the Ravenna mayor and council, and two seats on the Estill County Board of Education.

Sharon Snowden, a present councilwoman in Ravenna, has filed to run for Mayor of Ravenna. The current Mayor Estine Tipton has filed for re-election to a four-year term. Other candidates can also file for mayor.

Registered voters in

Ravenna can vote for up to six people to serve on a two-year term on the city council.

As of Monday, Beverly Thompson had filed for re-election to the council.

The two school board seats to be voted on are in Districts 3 and 5.

District 3 is currently held by L.W. Beckley, and District 5 is represented by Jon Bicknell.

District 3 includes the Ravenna, Millers Creek, Cow Creek, and West Lawn precincts.

District 5 is made up of Schoolhouse, West Irvine, and Drowning Creek pre-

incts.

For the first time this year, candidates for school board are required to submit a transcript of their high school graduation or GED certification.

Ms. Fox has advised that potential candidates for the school board not to wait until the last minute on those transcripts which should be available from the board of education office where the degree was obtained.

There is also a filing fee to run. Candidates must also meet age and residential requirements.

Terms on the board of education are for four years.

Irvine council is updated by EDA's director, Mon.

by CATHY DAWES
Tribune Staff Writer

Joe Crawford of the Estill Development Alliance spoke to members of the Irvine council on Monday night and gave a brief update of all the things going on in Irvine and Ravenna.

Crawford said that the transporting of the train being moved into the city of Ravenna had gotten a lot of press from all over the state a couple of weeks ago. He said that work with the Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation was a lengthy process but they were starting to see progress. City Attorney Rodney Davis praised Crawford for the hard work that he has put into the project.

Crawford said that the Moonlight Market had been cancelled this past weekend due to severe weather moving through the area and although he hated to cancel it, safety was a big concern. He said the next Moonlight Market

will be held on August 10th and Grayson Jenkins will be performing that night.

The 2nd annual Weekend on the Water is scheduled for this coming weekend depending on how the river looks after all the rain the area has seen in the past week. Crawford said the Float Fest will be held on July 28th and there will be a six mile long fun paddle as well as a six and twelve mile race.

"As long as it's safe, everything will move forward," stated Crawford.

City clerk Robin Powell informed the council that the city was struggling to make payroll this month just like they did at this time last year. She said there was not much revenue coming in at this time and with only about \$13,000 in the general fund there would be no way for the city to meet payroll unless they borrowed money from the line of credit that is open with Citizens Guaranty Bank.

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An older camper forms clay into a round circle to be used as a base for her flower pot.