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Class A Regional Champs -- Bands of America



The Estill High Marching Band performed Saturday at Bands of America in Johnson City, Tennessee. The local band was received awards for Best Music, Best Visual, Best Overall Effect, and first place overall Regional Champs in Class 2A. They were named in 8th place overall in all classes and 33 bands.

Former co. Judge accepts plea deal over county funds

Former Estill County Judge Executive Wallace Taylor pled guilty on Friday to a charge of abuse of public trust.

His attorney, Tom Jones, said Taylor did not plea guilty to stealing county funds as was reported in the news media.

"He never took a dime," Jones said.

Jones is a former circuit judge for the 23rd judicial district which includes Estill, Lee, and Owsley counties.

Taylor served 15 years as Estill County Judge Executive. He resigned in the fall of 2017, nearly a year before an indictment was returned against him.

Taylor was indicted Sept. 18, 2018 in Franklin County on one count of abuse of public trust over \$10,000.

The indictment accused Taylor of taking more than \$38,000 from state and fed-

eral grant monies for Estill County between December 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017.

Jones said that a couple of contractors did some work for the county at the senior citizens center in 2016 and on the courthouse rest rooms in 2017.

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Tribune File Photo

DUI driver pleads guilty to murder & other charges

A driver pled guilty last Tuesday to murder in Estill Circuit Court as the result of a deadly motor vehicle collision.

Austin Shockley, 25, also pled guilty to first degree assault, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, first offense, and possession of marijuana.

The two-vehicle wreck occurred two years ago on the Joseph Proctor Bypass.

The state police report said that Shockley's vehicle crossed the center line and struck a Volkswagon driven by General Bowen, 26, of Powell County, head on.

The indictment said that Shockley operated a motor vehicle under circumstances manifesting extreme indif-

ference to human life.

Bowen died at the scene. His passenger, Mason Powell was injured.

Shockley was also injured in the wreck.

Shockley was indicted in February 2018. He was released from custody on a \$50,000 unsecured bond.

In both July 2018 and July 2019, Shockley's bond was revoked due to failed drug tests.

Shockley pled guilty and was sentenced per the plea agreement before Judge Michael Dean.

A television station reported that Shockley was sentenced to 20 years.

Bowen's family was present in the courtroom when the plea was taken.



Billy Gene Cooper talked with his great-granddaughter, Cooper Rogers, at Old Times Days. That is his Granny behind him, churning.

Irvine council approves new privilege licenses

by CATHY DAWES
Tribune Staffwriter

Members of the Irvine council granted two individuals with privilege licenses on Monday night.

The first license was for Taylor O'Hair to operate a lawn mowing and landscaping business within city limits.

The second license was granted to Donnie Isaacs to open River City Music Art Center on Main Street. Isaacs intends to hold art and music classes as well as utilizing the building for a recording studio.

City clerk Robin Powell said that Isaacs was interested in leasing the building which is owned by the city and she had told him that the previous renter had paid \$300 per month on a 12 month lease.

Councilman Tim

Burkhart said that he had been in the building recently and even though it needed a few minor repairs it did have a new heating and air unit and he thought \$350 per month was a fair price.

The council appointed Perry Meade and Lucretia Reece to the Housing Authority Board.

Mayor James Gross said that Beattle Lisle had contacted him and asked him if he would announce that the Ravenna Nazarene Church will be having a dinner for first responders on the 20th of October and that all were invited to attend.

Irvine firefighter Justin Patrick said that even though the burn ban had been lifted there was still no outdoor burning permitted until after 6 p.m.

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Larry "Tweety" Smyth was presented with a key to the city of Ravenna by Mayor Estine Tipton. Smyth has lived in Ravenna for 70 years.

Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes

Ravenna council to look at fixing city's sidewalks

by CATHY DAWES
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The Ravenna council met on Monday night and got down to business by approving the payment of bills.

Council-member Vicki Horn asked if the city employees clocked in and out to keep track of their hours or if they documented their time manually.

Mayor Estine Tipton said that Ken White reports in to dispatch and Ricky Williams clocks in. She said the city clerk is salary so she doesn't document her time.

Council-member Valerie Flinchum said that there is a KRS law that requires any employee that is hired by the mayor to keep official documentation of their time.

Flinchum also questioned the electricity bills that are paid by the city. She said there are six bills that are paid each month, and that in reviewing those bills it seems like

the one for the fire department is the most expensive. She asked if it was required that there are lights on at the fire station at all times.

Fire Chief David Harvey said that it was required and that three lights are constantly on at the fire station because they are all on the same circuit, and he didn't know how to split them up.

According to Flinchum, Municipal Road funds are set to be released to the city as soon as they get documentation from the auditors. Mayor Tipton said that the city didn't have \$1,400 to pay them at this time, and she hoped she would be able to do so as soon as they started receiving property tax money.

Flinchum said that there are a lot of sidewalks within the city that are in desperate need of repair and people want to know where their tax money is being spent.

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