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## Irvine is gifted with Britta, for use by police

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Mark McKinney presented the city of Irvine with a new K-9 in training during the Irvine council meeting on Monday night.

Britta is a 7 month old German Shepherd and is being trained by John Sturniolo who currently handles the K-9 Fritz.

Mayor James Gross recommended that Becky Crawford, wife of Joe Crawford, be elected to the planning and zoning committee. Crawford will be replacing a member of the planning and zoning committee who moved out of state.

Gross also informed the council that he received a call early on Monday morn-

ing that one of the garbage trucks had gone down. He said after making some phone calls, it would take around \$32,000 to repair the motor in the truck.

He said the truck was a 2012 model, and it was hard to believe that it was in such bad shape. He reassured the council that the truck had been maintained with regular oil changes.

City Clerk Robin Powell said that there was only about \$14,000 available to purchase a new truck.

Councilman Billy Arthur suggested that Mayor Gross contact Terry Barnes and see if Rumpke may be able to pick up the dumpsters within the city.

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Irvine Police Capt. John Sturniolo is now training a new K-9 officer, Britta, on the left. She was presented to IPD by Mark McKinney. Sturniolo continues to be the handler for Fritz. Because of Fritz's age, he will be retiring in a few more years.

Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes

## Man swims creek to avoid his arrest

Irvine Police say an Estill County man fled from them on foot just after midnight on Sunday.

Officer Colton Lewis stated that Andrew W. Means, 30, of Lilly Ferry Road, Irvine was driving a vehicle on the bypass which did not have working license plate lights or proper turn signals.

The officer said that

Means' license were expired and he had an active warrant for his arrest.

Lewis stated that as he got out of his cruiser, Means got out of his vehicle and crossed the Winchester Road. He said this created an extreme danger for the officer and others with Means crossing the busy roadway.

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## IPD arrests male at scene of overdose

A Ravenna man was arrested for drug possession after Irvine Police responded to Price Less Grocery because a woman had possibly overdosed on January 13.

Chief Brad Smith said that James Hobbs, 31, of Wildflower Ridge, offered to drive the female home.

Smith thought that Hobbs was under the influence and suggested they find an alternative.

The citation states after Hobbs' car was parked, Smith saw the man looking under the passenger seat before he quit moving.

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## County to get tough with those dumping illegally

A tip about an illegal dump was given to Judge/Executive Donnie Watson shortly before he took office on January 7.

Watson wasted no time in sending Solid Waste Coordinator Tommy Mullen and Road Foreman Brad Goolman to check out the information.

The two department heads found the illegal dump on Sarvice Hollow Road, off Barnes Mountain Road.

It was near the end of county maintenance on Sarvice Hollow.

The two men went through the garbage and found prescription medicine

bottles belonging to two individuals, whose names were not publicly released.

The men suspect the individuals hired someone to haul off the garbage for them, but they were unable to confirm that.

When hiring someone to take garbage or other debris to the landfill, make sure the hired person brings back a landfill receipt.

Mullen said that he talked to County Attorney J.D. Riley, who said the fine for dumping is \$4,000 and 20 hours of community service.

He stated that if someone is sentenced to do communi-

ty service for illegal dumping, they will be spending those 20 hours picking up trash.

The women accepted responsibility for the dump on Sarvice Hollow, and Mullen has given them three weeks to clean it up.

They live about 15 miles from where the dump is located, and even closer to the landfill, Mullen stated.

Mullen said if the women do not get the dump cleaned up within three weeks, the state comes in and takes over the investigation and fines.

The state fines an illegal dumper \$1,000 a day until

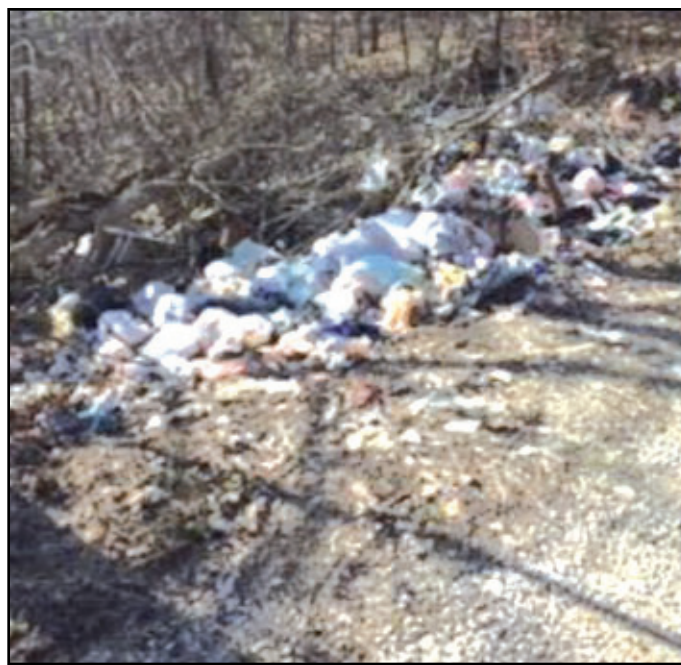
the dump is cleaned up. The state will clean up an illegal dump at the expense of the dumper.

After the dump is cleaned up, the two women must submit proof their garbage is going to the landfill or they have a regular garbage collection service.

Goolman emphasized that the cost of garbage pickup is cheaper than the county fine of \$4,000 or the state's \$1,000 a day.

Mullen was appointed Solid Waste Coordinator about four months ago. This is at least his second investigation of illegal dumping.

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A new illegal dump was found last week on Sarvice Hollow Road off Barnes Mt. Solid Waste Coordinator Tommy Mullen and Road Foreman Brad Goolman were able to determine where the garbage came from. The violators were given three weeks to clean up this dump.

Photo Submitted

## Three new Ravenna council members begin 2-year terms

by CATHY DAWES  
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Three new members of the Ravenna council sat in on their first meeting on Monday night. Tammy Howell, Valerie Flinchum, and Brenda Abney got down to business by asking several questions and making suggestions for the new year.

Flinchum questioned the financial report and why approximately \$100 was gone from the 'Thank You Fund.' Mayor Estine Tipton explained that the fire fighters had held a Christmas dinner and had purchased drinks with that money.

Councilman William Van Cleve also questioned the financial report and as to why \$700 was gone from the LGEA fund, and money was gone from the road fund. Tipton said that the \$700 had been used to purchase Christmas banners for the city and that \$4,489 had been used out of the road fund to purchase a new salt spreader from Central Kentucky Trucking Equipment because the old one was unable to be fixed.

Van Cleve replied that a public hearing should have been held to gain the public's input on the purchase of the salt spreader before the city made the purchase.

Van Cleve also requested that a copy of the financial report be given to council members a few days in advance of the monthly meeting that way they would

have time to review it. City clerk Ashley Moore said that would not be a problem because she usually has all the statements in from the bank other than the statement from the Charlie Van Huss account and that comes in the mail.

Flinchum asked if the city had considered shopping around for banks with a better interest rate. Mayor Tipton said that Citizens Guaranty Bank had been good to the city and worked with them when she first took office to combine three loans into one. She would hate to do that.

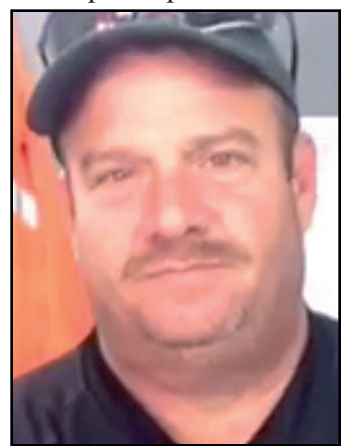
Councilwoman Amy Crowe suggested that the council consider hiring Ashley Moore as a full time employee. Currently Moore works three days per week and is paid \$375 on salary.

Crowe said that by adding Moore as a full time employee it would allow her to keep up to date on everything, and that way they wouldn't have all of the negativity.

Moore currently does not have any insurance or retirement benefits through the city but if she is hired full time the city would be required to offer her those benefits.

Crowe said that she thought the council should take a look at the current ordinance and amend that to reflect the city clerk as a full time employee.

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Tommy Mullen is now serving as Solid Waste Coordinator for Estill County and Animal Control Officer. File Photo

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