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Ravenna is getting \$36,000 for streets

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Ashley Moore, Ravenna city clerk, was pleased to announce to members of the council on Monday night that the city was compliant with their audits, and that road funds had finally been released.

Moore said that she finished up the paperwork herself and turned it in, and as November 4th when she checked the website it was showing that funds had been released to the city of Ravenna in the amount of \$12,000 per year for the past three years.

The council discussed the possibility of contacting the health department and having some homes condemned. Several properties near the Wig Wam are in poor condition, and Mayor Estine Tipton said there were rats and other pests in that area.

Councilwoman Beverly Thompson asked what the status of the old Ravenna grade school is. Councilwoman Tammy Howell said that the man that they are working with to obtain grants to work on the park had looked at the building.

Councilwoman Valerie Flinchum said that the problem with the old school is the asbestos in it. She added that back in the summer she had mowed the front lawn a couple of times, and the smell coming from inside of the school was awful.

Councilwoman Vicki Horn said that she was very pleased with the new road signs that had been replaced throughout the city.

Flinchum brought up the fact that the payroll ordinance for the city was not legal. She said that the ordinances were not read twice, and it was not published in the newspaper which is proper protocol when an ordinance is amended.

She said that the last legal ordinance pertaining to payroll was done in 1993.

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Tula Prewitt, 76

Juanita Rison, 81

Mona Watson, 63

Virgie Wilson, 83

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Estill students got their first snow day of the school year on Tuesday. Approximately two inches of snow had fallen overnight on the grassy areas with a layer of ice underneath. There were icy spots on small county roads. The county road name (above) on Winchester Road was completely covered by the snow and ice.

IPD finds woman with victim she was ordered to not be near

Irvine Police charged an Estill County woman with contempt of court on October 30.

The citation states that Barbara Ann Gehrer, 27, of Webb Road, Irvine was out of jail with bond conditions that she make all court dates and have no contact with victim or complaining witness.

Around 8 p.m. on Oct. 30, Irvine Police received information that Gehrer was at a victim's residence located in Mt. Crest Apartments.

When Officer Stewart Morris arrived at Mt. Crest, he observed Gehrer's automobile at the apartment. He talked with the resident at the apartment, who reportedly gave him permission to search the apartment for Gehrer.

A citation states that Gehrer was found

inside a locked bedroom at the apartment with the victim present.

She reportedly told the officer that she had seen the victim several times, and they had shared messages via phone and Facebook Messenger.

Chief Brad Smith assisted with this investigation.

Gehrer had been charged with unlawful transaction with a minor on July 20 by Capt. John Sturniolo. She has also been indicted in that case.

In July, she reportedly admitted to purchasing alcohol and marijuana for minors.

She also told the officer that she had sex with one of the juveniles on five occasions and sodomy four times, going back to November 2018.



Boy Scouts presented the colors on Saturday during the annual Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna.

Girlfriend transported to UK; man is charged with assault

An Estill County man faces felony charges after his girlfriend was assaulted.

A citation states that Trooper C. Caudill received a call from Estill Dispatch on Nov. 3 saying that Amy Riddell wanted to file an EPO because she had been beaten up by Dills Berryman.

The trooper made contact with Riddell, who had a swollen bruised eye and other bruises. She also said she had pain in her chest and ribs.

The citation states that she said during the weekend, Berryman had beat her up several times using his fist and a stick. She said he had also kicked her in the face with his boots.

The trooper said that Riddell was taken to Marcum & Wallace Hospital before being

transferred to UK Medical Center due to her severe injuries.

The citation states that UK stated that Riddell also has a brain bleed, broken chest bone, and bruised ribs.

She also had cuts on her hands from a knife. Riddell said that Berryman held the knife to her throat while he was threatening to kill her. She had received the cuts on her hands while she was reportedly trying to keep Berryman from cutting her throat.

The citation states that the couple were staying in a shed on Shannon Hardy's property on West Cedar Grove Road.

Hardy told the trooper that Berryman put his hands on Riddell all the time and beat her.

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Young man is rescued after falling into river

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On Sunday night around 6 p.m. emergency responders were called out to rescue a person that had fallen from the Irvine bridge.

The bridge was shut down for a short amount of time while responders worked diligently to rescue the injured party.

An eyewitness reported seeing a young male sitting on the top railing of the bridge and then falling forward

into the water.

The juvenile was successfully rescued (by boat) and then transported to the University of Kentucky Medical Center by the Estill County ambulance service with non-life threatening injuries.

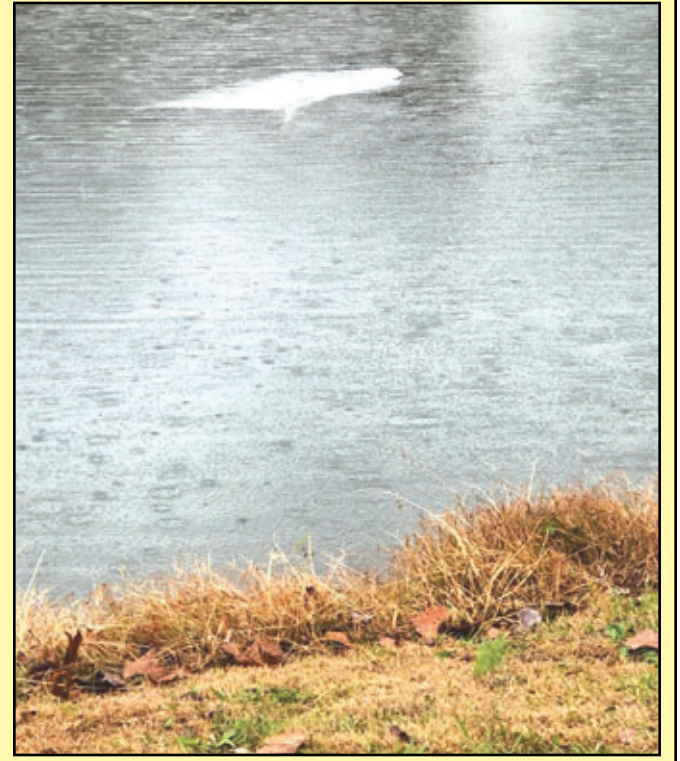
The Irvine Fire Department posted on their Facebook page later on that evening a reminder to residents of the county that absolutely no foot traffic is allowed on the Irvine bridge at any time.

Woman wrecks in Hwy. 82 pond



And she wasn't the first one. When the fire departments, ambulance service, and rescue squad arrived on Thursday, a 60 some year old woman had successfully gotten herself and her purse out of the vehicle. The white dot in the middle of the photo is her vehicle. The photo below shows it a little larger.

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson is sending photos of each wreck at this pond to the highway office in Jackson. Hinkles has a contract to make safety improvements at this location.



Johnson is reappointed as water commissioner

A special meeting of the Estill Fiscal Court was held Friday morning to reappoint a water commissioner for Estill Water District.

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson said that Robert "Skip" Johnson was one of three who were appointed to fill unexpired terms of the water commissioners who resigned last year.

Johnson's term was up on Saturday, and he was reappointed to a four year term.

The fiscal court met briefly in a closed session to discuss opiod litigation, but no action was taken.

The need for a part-time transportation officer was discussed. Watson suggested the fiscal court might create a pool of employees, similar

to the one the county has for 911.

Since this past spring, the county has been receiving some reimbursement costs for transporting inmates.

Watson discussed the seven wrecks which occurred on wet roads Thursday. Drivers are encouraged to slow down when it is raining.

Sheriff Chris Flynn investigated three of those wrecks. One of his deputies went to one wreck, and another deputy went to two. State police worked the seventh wreck.

The sheriff's office began collecting property taxes on October 1. Watson announced how much each taxing agency will receive from the October taxes.

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