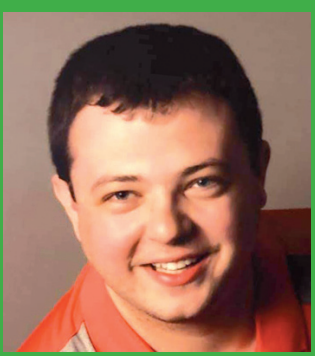


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## Thousands turn out for arrival of 2716



Magistrates Paul Tipton, left, and Mike Abney look over the large crowd to get a glimpse of C&O 2716, a steam engine which will be restored in Ravenna at the Steam Engine Heritage Museum by volunteers and vocational school students.

Thousands turned out in Ravenna on a hot Sunday afternoon for the end of the line of the "Heritage Highball."

The crowd became excited when they heard the train whistle and saw the light of the Clinchfield 800, a diesel engine which pulled the train to Irvine.

When the train arrived, the area between the park fence and the railroad track filled up with people getting a closer look and taking photos.

Others had waited along the way for the train before it got to Ravenna, at the Hargett bridge over the railroad, at Wiseman's Crossing on Dry Ridge Road, and at Meade's on River Drive.

When Kentucky Steam Engine announced last year they were locating in Ravenna, CSX Railroad donated Engine 2716 to them. CSX also painted the steam engine before its delivery on Sunday.

The Kentucky Steam Engine Heritage Corp. will now work on 2716 to restore it back to steam.

Joe Crawford, director of Estill Development Alliance, emceed the event.

He said people in the audience were recalling the last time they saw a steam engine. Some recalled when they saw the last passenger train in Ravenna.

Crawford said people in attendance on Sunday can now say, "I was there when the train rolled in."

Before coming to Ravenna on Sunday, the train had stopped in Midway and Lexington on Friday and Saturday.

"We've got more people here than we had in Midway and Lexington," said Greg Matthews, executive director of the Kentucky Railway Museum.

He estimated it would be a year or so before the engine was restored to steam.

"This is a unique situation," he stated. "The eyes of the railroad community are on Ravenna and this enterprise."

"This is a great opportunity for this year," stated Scott Lindsey, president of the Southern Appalachian Railway Museum.

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## Twin City "Trail Town" is now certified



During the second annual "Weekend on the Water," a ribbon was cut declaring the official certification of Twin City Trail Town. Pictured above are Jessica Stevens, left, director of Tourism, and Lindsey Rogers of Estill Action Group. Back row: Magistrate Gerry Flannery, Seth Wheat, Director of Adventure Tourism, and Joe Crawford, Director of Estill Development Alliance.



Jerry and Diane Smith put their kayaks in at the Kentucky River Area Recreational Park during Weekend on the Water. Other participants swam or tubed on the river. Boats of all types were seen, including house boats, motor boats, and row boats.

## August Moonlight Market is Friday

This Friday, August 2nd, the Estill County Chamber of Commerce will host Moonlight Market in Downtown Irvine. The event has a street fair vibe and brings together community groups, vendors and live music to celebrate all that Estill County has to offer.

"We love being able to bring people downtown, enjoy some of our fantastic local musicians, and help spread the word about local businesses and organizations," said Ethan Moore, President of the Estill County Chamber. "We hope everyone will come out and be part of the fun as the Chamber and all of our great partners and vendors work to grow this signature event in Estill County."

As part of the event, the Estill County Farmer's Market will be set up selling Kentucky Proud produce and products, multiple vendors will be set up, and the Estill County Historical & Genealogical Society and Museum will be open for visitors. Cameron White will begin performing beginning at 6:30. Trenton and Trevor Jenkins, hometown musicians will begin their FREE performance at 8pm.

The event runs from 6pm until 10pm and is on Broadway in Downtown Irvine. The last two dates of the series for 2019 are September 6th and October 4th. There are still vendor spots available.

Moonlight Market is a community-wide downtown event series that was created to encourage locals and visitors to explore downtown Irvine, enjoy live music, demonstrations, vendor booths and organizational tables and activities and love where we live. This series spans six months, and we hope it will be a platform to incorporate a variety of businesses, civic groups, and community organizations. The event is hosted by the Estill County Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Citizens Guaranty Bank, Appalachian Wireless, Pickup Country 104.9 WSKV fm, Jackson Energy, Estill County Chiropractic, and Meade's Do-It Center.

For more information or to become a vendor, contact Jessica Stevens at the Chamber at (606) 723-2450 or Jessica@estill.org.

## Obituaries

Michael Allen, 58  
Jane Britton, 87  
Quenna Gentry, 50  
Ethel Hall, 95  
Linda Kay Hall, 74  
Zella Hall, 79  
Katie Jones, 75  
Wanda Leschansky, 89  
Daisie Sparks, 85  
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## Fiscal court suspends employee indefinitely

During a special meeting of the Estill Fiscal Court on Monday, Judge/Executive Donnie Watson thanked David Conrad and Hunter's Hounds. The group has been pressure washing the Estill County Courthouse.

He also said one of the hounds helped to locate a jail escapee last week. The female inmate had escaped from a moving jail transport van late at night on Millers Creek Road.

The fiscal court approved a memorandum of agreement with the state transportation cabinet on the acceptance of \$434,936 in discretionary funds that will be used for blacktopping roads.

The roads (or portions of them) to be paved were announced at an earlier meeting.

Watson said this will bring to nearly \$1 million this year for blacktopping.

At the request of Ron-

nie Riddell, the fiscal court will advertise for bids on radio batteries, portable and mobile radios, and portable generators.

Riddell said the county will initially pay for the items, but will be refunded by CSEPP.

He said the portable generators will be used by the Estill County Fire Department and the Irvine Fire Department for their detox equipment trailers.

The fiscal court voted unanimously to suspend the Exercise Training Officer indefinitely without pay effective July 31, pending the outcome of criminal charges against him.

He was identified in an earlier meeting as Chad Neal.

Judge Watson had suspended the hearing officer for 30 days on July 1 by the county's Administrative Code.

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