

## Beautification Winners Announced By Four Seasons Garden Club

Each year since 1992 the Four Seasons Garden Club has sponsored a beautification contest to recognize public buildings that use flowers, trees, and shrubs in their landscapes. The goal of the awards is to instill a spirit of community, to increase civic pride, and to improve the visual appeal of the area. Judging was based on

landscaping, neatness, and appearance. Landscaping includes use of flowers, shrubs, and/or trees. Neatness includes free of trash, weeds, and dirt. Appearance includes maintenance of building, sidewalk, curbs, parking lot and sign.

The 2013 beautification award winners are: Best Use of Color-Shear Cre-

ations, Best Maintained-City of Ravenna, Best Floral Display-Irvine City Hall, and Most Improved-Wisemantown United Methodist Church.

The Four Seasons Garden Club is a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. and invites anyone interested in gardening to join.



Wisemantown United Methodist Church



Shear Creations on Broadway



Ravenna's Charles VanHuss Park

## Ravenna Consolidates Loans

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Councilman Louis Officer said that considering that there were no new business opening up in the city to collect taxes from and the wet/dry vote didn't pass then the city was going to have to find other ways to pay off the loans. He said he would be willing to give up his monthly pay if it would help the city.

Newly elected councilmember Amy Crowe stated that she wasn't willing to give up her pay because it helped her pay her house payment each month.

The council agreed to consolidate the three loans into one at Citizen's Guaranty Bank and to make the monthly payment of \$300 on the loan and pay any extra on it that they could each month.

Another hot topic of discussion was the garbage situation throughout the city. Mayor Estine Tipton stated that there was too much extra garbage being picked up in the city. She said that in previous years Mayor Crowe allowed two free pickups per year that the city paid for, and that it was where a lot of the money was going.

She said that every load that is hauled to the dump by city workers costs the city around \$25, not including the gas that is spent on the trip there and back. She said that she felt like homeowners should have to pay for the city to remove unwanted mattresses and couches from their property.

Jim Richardson agreed and said that those unwanted items should be disposed of by the homeowner and not the city.

William VanCleve suggested asking Terry Barnes, who is in charge of the regular garbage route in Ravenna, what he would charge to haul off those unwanted items for the city.

Mayor Tipton said that Barnes' contract with the city is added onto the water bills each month and he is only required to take garbage that are in bags each week.

The council voted to charge \$25 per load of garbage for residents in the city for all extra garbage removal. Mayor Tipton stressed the fact that if a homeowner called to have garbage removed and it took three trips to the dump to dispose of it, then they would be charged for each load that was hauled away.



The Estill County 10-Year-Old All-Stars won the Breathitt County Summer Slam this past weekend, July 27-28, 2013. They beat Powell County once and Paintsville twice to win the tournament. Rocky Hix was voted MVP of the tournament. He was hitting great in the tournament; was 8-8 in three games and hit 3 total home runs over the fence during the tournament. Pictured left to right, front row: Coben Clem, Kade Benton, Kaden Hardy, Isaac Napier, Ty Niece. Back: Will Isfort, Gabe Brooks, Rocky Hix, Cobbe Click and Kamden Powell. Not pictured Dustin Beeler. The team is coached by Ryan Powell, John Clem and Stevie Clem.

Photo courtesy of Rebecca Click

## IPD confiscates pills worth over \$13,000 on the street

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Ledbetter has appeared in Estill District Court for an arraignment where he pleaded not-guilty to the local charges. His bail has been set at \$150,000 in cash.

It is now known when Ledbetter will be returned to Michigan to answer the bench warrant charges.

Irvine Police have obtained a warrant for the passenger who was also from out of state in connection with the search of the vehicle.



Mark Ledbetter

## Apple Shell Mart employee made refunds to himself

An employee of the Apple Shell Mart was charged July 23 with refunding money to himself.

Deputy Josh Rison was called to the business where he spoke with the employee, Jonathan Franklin Cockrell, 20, of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine.

Rison said that Cockrell had taken about \$800 from the business in over a month's time by issuing refunds to himself.

Cockrell has been released from custody on a \$300 cash bond. He is due in Estill District Court on August 14 for an arraignment.



The Estill County 6&U All-Stars are the 2013 Breathitt Summer Slam Champions after playing on July 27th & 28th. Pictured left to right, front: Koooper Powell (also voted MVP of the game), Rylan Brown, Logan Friend, Casey Chaney & Berkley Hardy. Back: Chase Woolery, Hayden Fletcher, Ashton Rose, Peyton Riddell and Taygan Walters. Coached by Ryan Powell, Steven Fletcher and Bill Friend. Not present: Cody Marcum & Jax Niece. Way to represent Estill County, boys!

Photo courtesy of Anisha Fletcher