

Residents opposed to homeless shelter in Ravenna

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The last Ravenna council meeting of the year that was held on Monday night proved to be a heated one at times as members discussed several items on the lengthy agenda. This was also the last meeting for Louis Officer, James Richardson, and William VanCleve. Newly elected council members will fill their seats in January.

The topic of interest that had citizens of Ravenna as well as the council members concerned was the proposed homeless shelter in the old recycling center on Main Street. Helping Hands Ministries had held an informational meeting two weeks ago to bring their vision to

the public which has caused concern for local business woman Sharon Snowden as well as Gary McClanahan.

Sharon Snowden stated that as a business owner she was very concerned about the amount of people that the shelter would house at any given time. She stated that Ravenna was too small of a town to be able to absorb that amount of people.

Gary McClanahan said that he had worked among homeless people for approximately forty years and that he thought the best decision the council could make at this point would be to make an ordinance stating that there could never be a shelter opened up on Main Street.

"It would destroy our

Main Street and park and to think that it wouldn't isn't realistic," added McClanahan.

Councilwoman Amy Crowe said that she had attended the meeting that Helping Hands had a few weeks ago and said that to her knowledge the building was only going to be used for outreach and as storage. She added that the ministry had plans to purchase property and to obtain grants that would allow the shelter to be built outside of city limits.

Crowe also said that Debbie Rison, CEO of Helping Hands Ministry, was unable to attend the meeting to discuss plans of the shelter even though a council member had demanded that she attend.

McClanahan added, "For

the record, I am not opposed to a homeless shelter but I am opposed to one on Main Street."

Rison stated after the meeting that she would like to clarify to the public that Helping Hands never had intentions of putting a homeless shelter in Ravenna. She said that the building would be used for storage because the building that they currently operate out of on Richmond Road is filled to capacity. She said that she also hopes to be able to do outreach from the building on Main Street such as clothing and food giveaways.

"Until someone works out in the public and sees the need they will never understand. We are trying to help

people, not hurt them," Rison stated.

She added that there would be three steps to the shelter which are emergency shelter that could be used if a family was displaced by a fire, a homeless shelter, and transitional housing.

"We have several options as to a location for the shelter but it will NOT be in Ravenna," Rison said.

In other news, Bryan Kirby from CEDA was in attendance to have councilmembers approve a resolution that would allow asbestos and lead based paint testing on the homes in Ravenna that are part of the second phase of renovations within the city. The council approved a bid that was put in by Air

Source One of Lexington to complete the testing on the homes. The asbestos test would cost \$425 per home and the lead based paint test would cost \$350 per home.

"If they find asbestos how much is the cost for the removal of it?" asked Louis Officer.

Kirby stated that if lead based paint or asbestos were found in any of the homes then the council would have to take bids on the removal of it.

The council had the second reading of the insurance premium tax ordinance. Under the new ordinance the insurance premium tax that appears on the property tax bill each year will decrease by two percent.

School board purchases land near South Irvine P-K Center

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Members of the Estill County Board of Education met in special session on Thursday, December 4th at Central Office. The agenda was short and the board quickly approved an out of state trip for the high school cheerleaders to go to Tennessee.

The second item on the agenda was to approve the purchase of land in front of South Irvine Pre-K Center. Superintendent Bert Hensley stated that the purchase in the amount of \$20,000 would mean that all the land in front of South Irvine would now belong to the school. He said that previously two trailers had been located on the property but they had been removed and the property put up for sale. All board members that were present unanimously agreed to purchase the property.

Randall Christopher informed the board that the local planning committee had met and approved to move the bleacher project at the Estill County High School to a priority one level. He said that if the board approved, they were ready to move forward with the project.

Tim Eaton, a representative from the Kentucky School Board Association, spoke to the board about the benefits of using the KSBA during the hiring process of a new superintendent. Eaton stated that he was a retired superintendent from Pulaski County and the KSBA had assisted school districts in over 150 school searches. He urged board members to have a meeting planned to develop a timeline of the hiring process and to advertise the position for at least 30 days. He said then they would begin working with the district screening committee of all potential applicants.

Patty Hood said that she had worked with the KSBA previously when the school board was in the process of hiring a new superintendent and she was confident in their abilities to lead them in the right direction.

The board went into closed session for a short period of time and when the meeting was opened back up, Hood announced that no action was taken during the closed session. No interim superintendent was appointed during the special meeting. The next meeting of the school board will be held on December 18th at 6 p.m. at Central Office.



Heavy rain was predicted for Saturday. This caused a cancellation of the Irvine-Ravenna Kiwanis Christmas parade. Three tents were placed beside the Christian Church on Main Street for those going to the Witt Christmas party.

Indictments

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Irvine Officer Stumolo conducted the investigation.

Randall Wiseman, 43, of Broadway was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

The indictment says that on August 22, 2014, Wiseman sold one half of a percocet to a confidential witness. Stumolo was the investigating officer.

Larry Glenn Richardson, 41, and Jennifer Richardson, both of Jodi Lane, Irvine were named as co-defendants in an indictment.

Larry Glenn Richardson was indicted for third degree burglary. The indictment states that he unlawfully entered a building owned by Todd Tipton between July 12 and October 6, 2014 in order to commit a theft.

Jennifer Richardson was indicted for complicity to burglary, third degree. The indictment states that she aided her husband in committing the burglary.

Deputy Doc Morris investigated the burglary.

Levi Conrad Ross, 26, and Kristie Gray, 21, both of Noland Hill, Irvine were named as co-defendants in a single charge of complicity to receiving stolen property under \$10,000.

According to the indictment, the pair took and pawned antique toys and an antique bicycle wick belonged to Judy Johnson on October 14 and 17, 2014.

Morris also investigated that case.

Jackie Goosey, 48, of Irvine was indicted for theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

The indictment states that on October 31, 2014, Goosey took a Verizon tablet computer, carrying case and stand, and \$30 cash belonging to Johnny Cox.

Deputy Ethan Jordan investigated the case.

Tommy Bowling, 36, of Broadway, Irvine was indicted for receiving stolen property, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, and first degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment says on October 16, 2014, Bowling pawned jewelry had had been stolen.

Morris was the investigating deputy.



Pam Hedge of Alpaper Farm spun alpaca wool into yarn at the EAC's arts and crafts fair on Saturday.



Cora Boutlier of Cow Creek makes crocheted items, including hats and scarves, to sell at the Estill Arts Council arts and crafts fair.

Local Police Beat

IPD Arrests

Jerod Baker, 30 of Cantrill Street, Irvine was arrested on a bench warrant for failing to pay a fine. He was found guilty of speeding 10 mph over limit in March 2014. The district court fine was \$143 plus a \$30.00 service fee. The arresting officer was Stumolo.

Amanda Haney of Turner Avenue was arrested Dec. 7 by Officer Karl Rifenburg on a bench warrant for failure to pay a fine of \$193 plus \$30 service fee. Haney was found guilty in district court of speeding 10 mph over the limit in August 2014.

Marie Stepp, 36, of High Street was arrested Dec. 6 by Officer Stumolo on a bench warrant from Madison County District Court.

Judge W. Clouse of Madison Circuit Court said that Stepp had a probation violation for a technical violation. she was considered a fugitive and to be held without bail.

Andrew Stepp, 34, of McKee Road, was arrested for driving on the influence on Friday afternoon. The arrest was made on Mack Street by Officer Stumolo.

A bench warrant from Estill District Court was also served by Stumolo. The warrant was issued because Stepp had failed for appear for his arraignment on a charge of criminal trespass first degree. He must pay a \$30.00 service fee.

Russell E. Smith, 52, of Broadway was arrested for public intoxication on Friday, Dec. 5 on Collins Street by officer Stumolo.

Henry T. Walters of Cow Creek Road, Ravenna was arrested Dec. 5 by Officer Stumolo on an arrest warrant.

The warrant was obtained by Price Less Foods and charged Walters with theft by deception, including cold checks.

The warrant says that on October 31, of last year, Walters issued a cold check in pay-

ment of goods or services for \$221.98. The amount of the check plus 130.00 in fees was \$351.96 due to the business.

Three injured in wreck

A driver now faces charges after a wreck on Kirkland Avenue, Sunday afternoon.

The vehicle wrecked around 1:47 p.m. and was investigated by Deputy Randy Farthing. Marsha Fox of Richmond was driving a 1997 Ford F-150 when it left the roadway. It traveled off the road and wnet over an earth embankment.

The deputy says the vehicle was not registered nor was it insured at the time of the wreck.

He added that two passengers were transported to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital by ambulance. They were identified as Judy Fox of Beattyville and Melvin Newton of Richmond.

The driver, Marsha Fox of Richmond, was taken to the hospital in a private vehicle.

Deputy Farthing charged Fox with driving on a suspended or revoked license, failure to maintain required insurance, and no or expired registration plates.

1 injured in wreck on KY 89

Wet roads were blamed on an accident on Thursday, Dec. 4, which sent the driver to the hospital.

Anna Stamper of Stephenson Road, Irvine was traveling westbound on Highway 89, about seven miles from Irvine.

Deputy Ethan Jordan said that Stamper's vehicle rounded a curve and she apparently lost control of her 2006 Dodge Caravan. It left the roadway and struck an earth embankment on the right side of the road. The van came back through to the roadway where it was stopped.

Stamper was transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital for treatment of her injuries.

Junior Whirl
by Hal Kaufman

GO TEAM! What's this (see right)? It's a mysterious message relayed by members of St. Nick's apartment reader team. At a glance, it resembles the bar codes used on checkout lines. But it will not respond to a scanning device. How, then, is it read?

Simply hold diagram flat at eye level before mirror. Read along parallel lines.

See how quickly you can discover the urgent message Santa's team wishes to convey.

YULE LOGS! Unscramble names of holiday travelers: U.S. city destinations: WE BARK, HOME PIX, HOOD SUN, NEST TEE. Time limit: 2 minutes.

HELP SANTA SUBTRACT!
LET'S see if you can help Santa with this subtraction problem (above). That is to say, translate letters into numbers. Each of the digits 1-9 appears at least once. To make St. Nick's burden, let it be known that A is a substitute for 6, T is a substitute for 5, and L is a substitute for 8. That leaves six numbers — 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9 — to be determined. Remember, it is a problem in subtraction. Hint: For starters, find hours of letters. How quickly can you puzzle it out? Time limit: 5 minutes.

FIND TWINS! Two of these wooden soldiers appear enough alike to be twins. Which two? Study details with care.

WELCOME SANTA
Tom & Amy

HANG TIME! Dear Santa: You'll find stockings hung in usual spot. Add these colors: 1—Red, 2—Lt. blue, 3—Yellow, 4—Lt. brown, 5—Flesh tones, 6—Lt. green, 7—Dk. brown, 8—Purple.

SPELLBINDER
SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words.
AGLITTER

THEN SCORE 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.
Try to score at least 50 points.