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## Ravenna Council lowers property taxes by 20%

The Ravenna council reduced property taxes at Monday's meeting by teleconference.

For years, Ravenna's real estate tax has been 50 cents per \$100 assessed property value.

Councilwoman Valerie Flinchum said this was higher than Irvine's and was the third highest rate in the state.

"Our tax rates are higher than the state of Kentucky's," she stated.

"There's a lot of people in Ravenna paying zero taxes," Mayor Estine Tipton stated.

Persons who are elderly and disabled are given a homestead exemption on property taxes.

"We can cut corners elsewhere," Flinchum said. "We'll make it."

Mayor Tipton said the city's fiscal year budget has stayed the same as last year upon the recommendation of an attorney and the Kentucky League of Cities.

Councilwoman Beverly Thompson said the city has also lost tax dollars from the railroad.

Councilwoman Tammy Smyth suggested borrowing from the Arthur Long fund to pay off the city's bank loan and then repay the Long fund with interest.

Councilwoman Amy Crowe stated there are stipulations to the use of money donated by the Arthur Long estate.

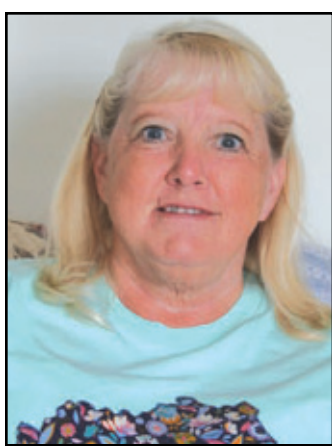
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## Hospital Admissions clerk to retire Fri. after 46 years

This Friday, Janet Rose will be retiring from Marcum-Wallace Memorial Hospital after working there 46 years. She started in admissions on August 12, 1974 and is still working in admissions today.

It is the only job that Rose has ever had, and she started it right out of high school in 1974.

While in high school, Rose had volunteered at the hospital as a Candy Striper under the leadership of Sue LaViers. The hospital no longer has the Candy Striper program,



Janet Rose

but Rose said it was very beneficial.

She said that she had not applied for the job in admissions, but had taken business classes at Estill County High School.

Her business teacher at the school, Lula Rogers, now deceased, recommended her for the job at what was then called the Estill County Hospital.

"They needed somebody, and she told them about me," Rose stated.

Rose said back then she used an old manual typewriter, which was later replaced with electric typewriters and eventually computers.

Rose said she had missed out on so much while her daughter, Amber, was growing up because of her work. She

doesn't want to miss out on her two grandsons' lives.

A co-worker has also given Rose a kitten, Gracie, to keep her company.

"I'm going to enjoy going to the farmers' market. I'm going to enjoy going to yard sales," she stated. "If you don't go early in the morning, you don't find anything."

Rose said there have been a lot of changes at the hospital while she has worked there.

"We have grown. We have advanced a lot," she stated.

She credits a retired administrator, Susan Starling, for many of the changes at the hospital, such as adding MRIs and mammogram machines. Beds were also added, and rooms became private.

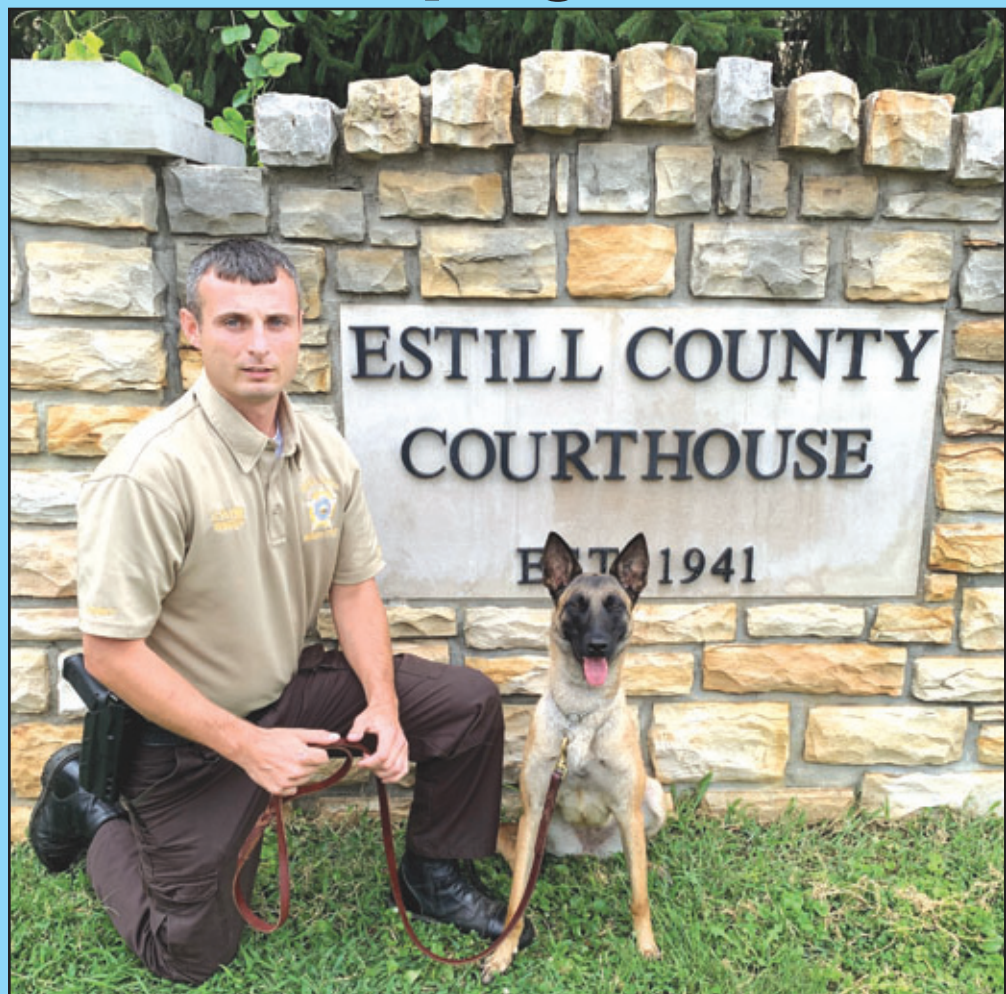
Trena Stocker has replaced Starling as administrator.

"I think Trena is going to be a good administrator," Rose stated.

When Rose first started at the hospital, many nuns worked there. They were easily recognized by the habits they wore.

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## Sheriff's dept. gets first K-9



Sheriff Chris Flynn completed two months K-9 training on Friday in Little Rock, Arkansas. The sheriff's department has also received its first K-9, Ruby, through a grant.

The Estill County Sheriff's Department has its first K-9. She is Ruby, a two year old Belgian Malinois (pronounced MAL-in-wah).

Sheriff Chris Flynn has spent the last two months in K-9 training at the Little Rock K-9 Academy in Little Rock, Arkansas.

His office has been covered by his deputies during the two months he was in training, while crimes have been fewer in Estill County during the pandemic.

Sheriff Flynn, a former Marine, was able to use his GI Bill to pay for the training at the K-9 academy, which saved the county money.

Ruby was also paid for with a grant. The sheriff stated he attended the

Police K-9 Instructor course at the K-9 academy. He is now able to train other dogs to become K-9s. Once he trains a dog, it must be certified before it can be used as a K-9.

One purpose of the K-9 school Flynn attended was to train future dogs in narcotics.

Ruby was certified on Friday in narcotics. She can also be used as a patrol dog, and is capable of apprehending a criminal.

Sheriff Flynn said that Ruby was originally imported from the Czechoslovakia Republic.

Retired K-9s have a life expectancy of between eight and ten year.

"She's got a good six to eight years (as a K-9)," Flynn stated.

## Obituaries

Sherman Alcorn, 59

Brenda Bailey, 55

JoNell Barnes, 76

Nathaniel Brezeale, 29

Clayton Caudill, 40

Edith Hall, 95

Doris Hardy, 96

Ida Mansfield, 96

Israel Mills, 38

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Richard Kelley, 54

Wayne Wiseman, 81

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## Back to School with Santa and elf

Santa and his elf will be at Plaza Pharmacy in West Irvine on Thursday, August 20 from 10 a.m. to noon.

They will be giving out back to school supplies and stuffed animals with happiness and dreams, and courtesy of Lisa Mays and Marcy Grace.

This will be a drive-through event. Parents and children must stay in their vehicles.

Santa and his elf will be wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

## Cruiser is donated to Ravenna by Richmond's Police Dept.



Top Photo: Chaplain Bill Wesley shakes hands with Ravenna Police Chief Ken White. Bottom: Chief White is with Richmond Police Asst. Chief Rodney Richardson, left, in front of a Crown Victoria that Richmond donated to Ravenna. Wesley said the transmission was bad on Ravenna's cruiser for a while. The car was struck while parked, and the insurance only paid about half. A few years ago, Lexington donated a used cruiser to Ravenna.

