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## Sharon Snowden is chosen as new Ravenna mayor

Ravenna has a new mayor. Sharon Snowden was appointed last Tuesday as mayor to replace Valerie Flinchum, who had resigned the previous week, with just under six months on the job. Snowden ran for mayor just over two years ago. She also expressed her interest in the position when former Mayor Estine Tipton resigned. Snowden has lived in Estill County 23 years including the last 16 years in Ravenna.

She and her husband, Kenneth Snowden, bought the old Ravenna Drug Store building. They moved upstairs while she ran a makeup and tee shirt business downstairs.

Before moving to Estill County, Snowden was the manager of Merle Nor-

man Cosmetics in Winchester for many years. She then developed her own line of cosmetics to sell.

Snowden closed her shop during the pandemic, but plans to reopen it soon. Her daughter, April, will be running the shop for her so she can devote her time to being mayor.

Mayor Snowden talked about issues that Ravenna is facing: lack of a budget, loss of employees including the city clerk and maintenance, and the fire chief's salary.

"Ravenna has a budget, but it is being revised," Snowden stated.

The Ravenna Council was unable to give two required readings and publish a budget before the July 1 deadline due to the abrupt resignations.

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## Mandatory sanitation pick-up is requested

Tom Hart, representing Estill County Concerned Citizens, petitioned the Estill Fiscal Court on Monday for mandatory solid waste collection.

Hart said Lee County has had mandatory solid waste collection since 1991. He presented the fiscal court with copies of Lee County's ordinance.

Mike Oliver, a local surveyor, commented on the proposal.

"We need to change people's attitudes" he said.

Oliver said people need to be convinced this county is worth something.

He added that people are moving into Estill County, based upon the amount of surveying he is doing.

Chad Smith, solid waste coordinator, reported the county has sent out permit applications to solid waste haulers.

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Sharon Snowden was appointed Ravenna Mayor last Tuesday. She fills the unexpired term of Valerie Flinchum who resigned.

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## Man barricades inside bathroom at local business

A barricade situation at Meade's ended without harm last Thursday.

Sgt. Stuart Morris said he received a call from 911 around 3:30 p.m. that a male had barricaded himself in a bathroom at Meade's.

He added the man said he had gasoline and was going to set it on fire.

When he arrived, Sgt. Morris said the man was inside the bathroom and was hitting the walls and ceiling.

The citation states that

the man opened the door after the sergeant talked to him for a few minutes.

Dustin Sutton, 41, of Betsy Ridge Road, Irvine, was charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol) on June 24 by Sgt. Stuart Morris.

Morris was assisted at the scene by IPD Sgt. Sam Hensley and Cpr. Joshua Rison of the Estill County Sheriff's Department.

Police were on the scene for just over a half hour.

## Estill to get 2<sup>nd</sup> park on river

Estill County may be getting another park on the Kentucky River, announced Judge/Executive Donnie Watson at Monday's fiscal court meeting.

The judge stated that he had met Friday with someone from the hydroelectric plant on Lock 12.

Berea College is a financial partner on the hydroelectric plan and the council will lease 13 acres, more or less, for the park. The college will pay the county a fee to keep the park and electric plant picked up.

Watson said there will be canoe portages on both sides of the dam.

The park will include a picnic pavilion, parking, and porta-potties. Stairs will be installed to allow fishermen to go down to the river.

The hydroelectric plant is beginning to use two generators, and electricity is being sold to Jackson Energy Cooperative.

The judge talked about the Kentucky River Park on Dry Ridge Road.

He said that Hinkles had leveled up two ball fields, but they needed tweaking.

Mark Chaney said they had received bids for turf of \$50,220 and \$39,220.

Watson said the turf is included in the current budget.

Even more recreational property is being planned at the Kentucky Steam Heritage Museum on Kirkland Avenue.

Joe Crawford from Estill Development Alliance said that museum has received a \$500,000 Brownfield grant.

A ground-breaking is scheduled when a concert venue is completed.

Work will begin on a

micro brewery after the Brownfields grant is completed.

Crawford stated there needs to be work on upgrading the water and sewer systems at the museum. He said that porta potties are not sufficient for 5,000 people who are attending a concert.

Magistrate Paul Tipton, who is an employee of Irvine Municipal Utilities, assured Crawford the upgrades are in the plans.

Crawford added that bids to renovate the Mack Theatre in downtown are coming this week.

## Obituaries

- Wayne Barnes, 74
- Danny Centers, 67
- Kenneth Conrad, 76
- Otis Cox, 56
- Christie Crowe, 43
- Doris Edmonson, 64
- Wilton Flynn, 73
- Larry Henry, 78
- Wilgus Horn Jr., 72
- Eileene Jewell, 81
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Amy Arvin, seated, sold home-grown squash, cucumbers, beets, and beet greens on Friday at the Estill County Farmers Market. She was assisted by her daughter, Amber, standing, who waits on customer Carrie Smallwood. The farmers market is open from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Friday.