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Ravenna's Railroad Queen



Kyra Farthing was chosen as the Ultimate Grand Supreme of Ravenna's Railroad Festival Queen contest, which was done on-line this year. The pageant was coordinated by Emma Day. Photos of the other pageant winners will be printed in next week's Estill County Tribune.

Irvine council votes to raise property taxes by 4 percent

by CATHY DAWES
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Members of the Irvine city council met in special session on Monday night to discuss several important items on the agenda.

The council began by approving ordinance number fifteen pertaining to the Windstream franchise agreement with the city.

The next item that was discussed at length was the current property tax rate. The tax rate has been the same for several years according to several of the council members.

"I suggest we do the four percent increase. They haven't been raised in many years," said Tobo Bryant.

After calculating the four percent increase, Councilman Tim Burkhart stated that the increase would generate approximately \$20,000 more for the city this year.

City attorney Rodney Davis informed the council that if they went with the four percent increase it would require an advertisement to be run in the newspaper for two weeks and a public hearing would be held the following week.

City clerk Robin Powell said the tax bills would be printed as soon as the council approved the tax rate but they would have to wait if the council agreed to go with the increase.

The council unanimously approved the four percent tax increase and approved a slight decrease on tangible goods. With the new tax rates in place the city would take in approximately \$18,000 more on property taxes this year.

Artie White, of White and Associates, who had been hired by the city to conduct

audits from 2008-2014 was present at the meeting to discuss documents that were brought forth last week by assistant city clerk Mindy Riddell. Councilwoman Janice Bush made a motion for the council to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

After the executive session was concluded and the meeting opened back up into regular session, the council reported the termination of assistant city clerk Mindy Riddell effective immediately.



Children and adults get ready for the walking parade on Main Street which opened the Railroad Festival.

Teenaged girl is injured during wreck on KY 82 Vehicle catches fire in another collision

A teenager was injured during a wreck Saturday night on Spout Springs Road, Irvine.

The driver of the vehicle, Jordan Rice of Stanton, told Deputy Randy Farthing that an oncoming vehicle had crossed over into his lane. He swerved to miss that vehicle.

Farthing said that Rice lost control of his 2007 Toyota Corolla. It struck a utility pole. The vehicle received severe damage to the left side.

Rice's passenger, Angel Powell, of Irvine, was transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital. She was then transferred to a Lexington hospital and released on Sunday.

Another wreck occurred on Spout Springs Road on Friday evening. No injuries were reported but the vehicle burst into flames.

Deputy Farthing said that a deer ran out in front of a vehicle driven by Rhonda Childers of Twin Creek Road and was struck by the vehicle.

Mrs. Childers went to a nearby home to get help. Farthing said while her vehicle, a 2012 Suzuki SX4, was sitting unattended, it burst into flames.

The vehicle was severely damaged at the front.



The train at the Railroad Festival came down 5th Street and crossed Main Street back into the festival area. The tractor and hay wagon was right on its tail making it appear like the little train was pulling the big tractor. All festival goers were eligible for free train rides and free hay rides.

"Color of Hope" 5K Run/Walk is Saturday

Last year's inaugural Color of Hope Hospice 5K was so successful, volunteers are bringing it back for a second year.

The Color of Hope Hospice 5K is a fun color run/walk organized by a group of community members in conjunction with

Hospice Care Plus and Citizens Guaranty Banks. Proceeds from the event go to Hospice Care Plus.

This year's Color of

Hope 5K is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26, in Irvine. Registration is available online at hospicecp.org or in person at Citizens

Guaranty Bank locations in Richmond, Irvine and Berea.

Julie Hatfield, special events coordinator at Hospice, says last year's 5K exceeded every hope for a day of fun and celebration.

"The atmosphere was amazing," said Hatfield. "It was so festive, energetic and fun. It's hard not to have a good time with a rainbow of colored powder flying everywhere, balloons, music, and about 150 wonderful people."

Hatfield says the organizers are adding the teams this year. Participants can register either as individuals or as a team, which is often helpful for families and businesses. Also new is a trophy that will be presented to

the team with the best team costume.

At stations along the course of the 5K, volunteers will blast participants with brightly colored powders. At the finish line, color parties will be held at intervals, with participants tossing their own packets of rainbow colors.

Those who registered before Sept. 18 are guaranteed to receive a free Color of Hope t-shirt and took advantage of the early bird rate of \$25. After Sept. 18, tee-shirts can't be guaranteed and the price went up to \$30. Children under 5 may participate for free.

For more information about the event, contact Julie Hatfield at 859-986-1500 or visit hospicecp.org.

Obituaries

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 - James W. Brandenburg, 75
 - Emma Hackworth, 51
 - Terry Jones, 66
 - Mary Jones, 85
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This photo is from last year's "Color of Hope" 5K Run/Walk in Irvine. Participants began with a white t-shirt. At stations along the way, a color was blasted onto them. This fun event (everyone is a winner) is coordinated by Hospice and all funds raised goes to the organization.