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## First responders honored for service to community



Bill Wesley, pastor of Body of Christ, shows cops and other first responders a small weapon they drew for on Saturday. This was the Body of Christ's second year to recognize the first responders. Wesley serves as Chaplain for the Ravenna Police Department and made a recent comment that he didn't have a badge. A badge has been ordered for him and he was presented with a photo copy of it seen in his shirt pocket.

by Delores L. Rowland  
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As a younger man, he stayed on the wrong side of the law. Today, Bill Wesley is the pastor of Body of Christ and ministers to young adults who are living the way he once lived.

On Saturday, the Body of Christ held their second annual appreciation day for police officers, dispatchers, and

constables.

Wesley started the tradition last year just after Richmond Officer Daniel Ellis was killed in the line of duty.

"We just appreciate everything you guys do," Wesley stated.

On a personal note, Wesley commented on several officers who encouraged him to change his lifestyle

instead of arresting him.

"But Christ brought me out of that mess," he stated. "The Lord saved me."

Wesley then got a job at the jail. He said his initials were still carved in the drunk tank.

Brian Brooks, a Sgt. With the Kentucky Division of Forestry, spoke to the first responders, mayors and former mayors on Saturday.

"Even as a child I knew what I was going to be," Brooks stated.

He was hired in 1991 by former Ravenna Mayor Beverly Thompson to work for \$6.00 an hour.

Before becoming a park ranger, Brooks also worked for the Estill County Sheriff's Department and the Irvine Police Department.

"It's a calling," Brooks said. One cannot be a first responder for the money.

"Police work is something that gets in your blood," he added.

Brooks made everyone laugh about the time he saw a "bear."

He had gone to an elderly woman's house several times to check for a burglar. On this particular night he ran into a "bear" behind the house. In his hurry to get away from the bear, he lost his pants.

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Mrs. Santa and Santa Claus waved at everyone watching the parade on Main Street on Saturday morning. The merry couple got off the sleigh at the First Christian Church where they went inside to pass out gifts to the children during the Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party.

## Landfill, fiscal court agree to injunction on TENORM

The Estill Fiscal Court and Advanced Disposal, owner/operator of Blueridge RDF, reached a settlement before a motion for a temporary injunction was heard in Estill Circuit Court on Thursday.

County Attorney Rodney Davis said the landfill's attorney agreed to the terms asked for by the fiscal court concerning the dumping of TENORM at the landfill.

The county's Solid Waste Ordinance states there will be no radioactive materials dumped at the landfill.

Other parties were also named as defendants in the lawsuit filed by the county. With the exception of Waste Management, the state has served the defendants with a cease and desist order on bringing in out of state waste.

Kentucky Law does not prohibit the disposal of radioactive material in Kentucky in local landfills, but radioactive out of state waste is prohibited.

A legislative committee has been meeting to address the disposal of radioactive wastes generated by oil and gas companies in Kentucky. A bill is expected to be presented to the legislature in 2017. If the bill passes, it may not take effect immediately.



First responders including Irvine Police, Ravenna Police, Estill County Sheriff's Deputies, Constables, and Kentucky State Police were honored for their service by the Body of Christ in Irvine. The church began this annual recognition last December after Richmond Officer Daniel Ellis was killed while on duty.



Sharon Whitaker, Marcum & Wallace Hospital Radiology Director, has been appointed to the Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy by Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin. Sharon will represent her profession and forty years of experience, as well as rural hospitals. Her term will expire October 31, 2020 and she will represent educators/administrators.

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River City Players proudly presents an all children's cast (pictured right) performing The Nutcracker in the Estill County High School auditorium with performances on Saturday, December 10th at 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 11th, at 3 p.m., doors open at 2:30 p.m. All seating is general admission, tickets are \$10 and will be sold at the door. Children 6 and under free,

