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Irvine bridge may be painted in fireman's memory

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Christina Clevenger, wife of fallen firefighter Zachary Clevenger, approached the Irvine council on Monday night about the bridge in Irvine potentially getting a makeover.

Clevenger stated that she had petitioned legislators to have the bridge named after him. With the Department of Transportation and the council's approvals, the bridge would also be painted in his honor with a thin red line to represent the fallen firefighter.

The bridge would be painted black with red handrails if the Department of Transportation says that those colors won't be

distracting to drivers.

"I think we need to honor him," stated Councilman Ernest Farmer.

Clevenger added that she would pay for signs that would provide a little background as to why the bridge is painted that way.

Mayor James Gross said he would write a letter of support to the Department of Transportation.

Councilman Tim Burkhardt said that as an employee of the school system, he just thought he should mention the fact that the bridge would be painted the colors of one of the rival schools.

Councilman Billy Arthur agreed and said that he really didn't know enough about the situation to make a decision at that time.

Three council members voted yes in favor of Mayor Gross writing a letter to support the painting of the bridge.

Phillip Waite discussed the position of city building inspector with the council. Waite said that he would pay for the test himself unless he passed it. He informed the council that he had applied and been approved for a disability check and wasn't sure how much money he would be allowed to make.

City Attorney Rodney Davis said he thought the amount was somewhere around \$900 per month, and Waite said he had been told \$800 per month.

Fire Chief Tony Murphy explained how former building inspector, Jack Rivel, had

billed for services but added that there had not been an inspector in the city of Irvine for three or four years.

Attorney Davis advised the council to form a committee to draw up the expectations of the job, and Farmer said that considering the tight budget that the city is working with maybe those services could be paid on a commission basis.

Mayor Gross informed the council that the garbage truck was currently at Bluegrass International and should hear something from them tomorrow. He said that they had already told him that the motor is still good on the truck so he doesn't suspect the damages will be anything catastrophic.

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Barnes Mt. resident sells lortab & meth to police informant

A man from the Barnes Mountain area of Estill County was arrested Saturday night by Captain John Stumliolo of the Irvine Police Department.

Citations state that on four occasions, the man sold controlled substances to a confidential informant working for the Irvine Police Department.

He was identified as Dallas Alcorn, 25, of Eli Sparks Road, Irvine.

Alcorn was charged with four counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Each charge is a Class D felony, punishable by one to five years in prison or a fine if found guilty.

The citations states that Alcorn met up with the con-

fidential informant on Mack Street on all four occasions.

On December 7, Alcorn allegedly sold 2/10 of a gram of methamphetamine to the informant for \$40 cash.

A citation states that he received \$60 for 3/10 of a gram of meth on December 28.

According to one citation, Alcorn sold a Lortab to the informant for \$12 cash on December 29.

On January 3, a citation states that Alcorn sold methamphetamine to the informant for \$100 cash.

Alcorn pled not-guilty to all four charges during his arraignment on January 28. Judge William Leach scheduled Alcorn to return to District Court for a preliminary hearing on February 1.

New Estill fiscal ct. meets for 2nd time

January's fiscal court meeting was a short one. Most of the actions taken pertained to the Emergency Operations Center.

Final approval was given to an ordinance changing the name of a road from Moore Cemi Road to Moore Cem Road. Cem is short for Cemetery. The name change was requested by a residence of the road.

Ronnie Riddell, director of the Emergency Operations Center, requested approval to apply for a grant

for a new 911 phone system.

He stated the present system is eight years old and is requiring maintenance.

The fiscal court also approved advertizing to hire six 911 part-time dispatchers.

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson said the six will go into a pool and will be called if someone is off.

Riddell said it may cost the county more for salaries while the six are being trained as dispatchers.

A resolution was passed to assign Brad Goolman, the county's road foreman, as the FEMA Applicant Agent for Estill County.

Goolman will work with FEMA during county emergencies.

Approval was given to the Emergency Operations Plan.

"This is our manual for when things go wrong," Riddell explained. "We never stop the planning process."

A 200 page long CSEPP Incident Specific Plan was also approved.

"I kind of feel refreshed, the way things have been going," said Jailer Bo Morris.

"We are going to do what's best for the county," stated Judge/Executive Donnie Watson.

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Rocking for A Cure



Rhonda Neal, left, and her mother, Frieda Stamper continued a Rock-A-Thon on Saturday to raise funds for their Relay for Life Group. Photo Inset: Terina Griffin singing with the Rice Station Church choir. She lost her life to cancer in 2018. The Rock-A-Thon was in her memory because she suggested it.

Rockers raise funds for Relay for Life

A Rock-A-Thon was held Saturday afternoon at Rice Station Christian Church to raise money for Relay for Life.

This year's Rock-A-Thon was dedicated to the memory of Terina Griffin, who lost her life to cancer several months ago.

Seven years ago, Rice Station's Relay team was looking for a way to raise money for that group.

"She gave me the idea (for the Rock-A-Thon),"

said Rhonda Stamper Neal. "She had done this (at her church) as a teenager."

Neal's mother, Freida Stamper, is a cancer survivor. She rocks each year and has probably raised the most money this year. Last year, she raised \$800.

Eight youth from second grade through ninth grade also participated in Saturday's rock.

Many of them had gotten pledges before the event, but they were on their cell

phones still trying to get even more pledges as the event continued.

The rock-a-thon lasted five hours. If a person pledged a dollar an hour, that was a total of five dollars.

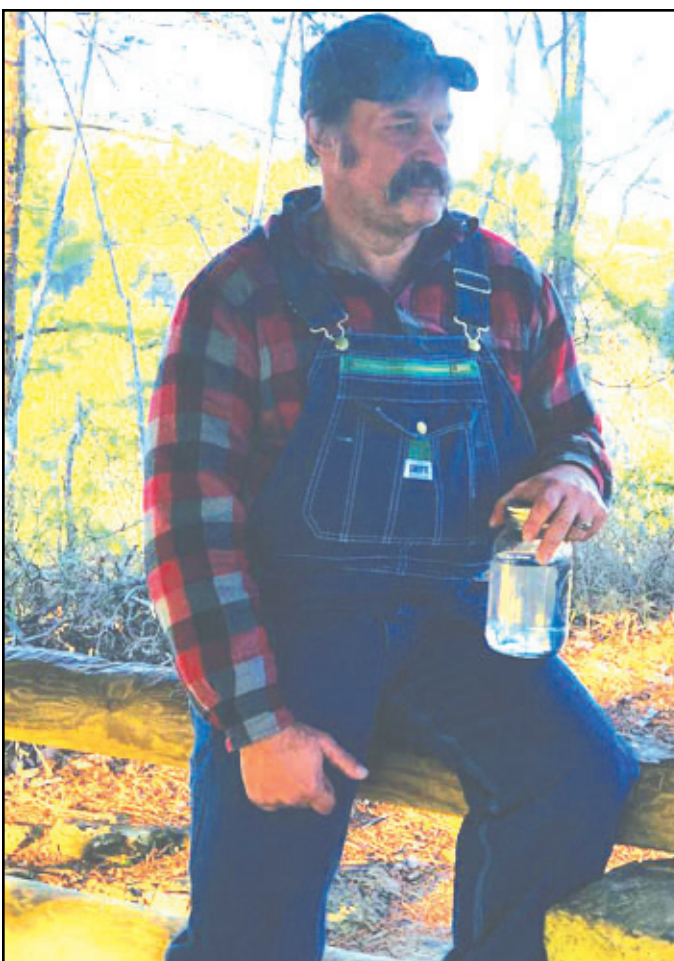
At the two-hour mark, the youth minister announced that anyone could take a restroom break. Their names were also drawn for a door prize, with more prizes available throughout the afternoon.

The rockers had already been fed grilled hot dogs with chili, salad, chips, and homemade cupcakes with valentine hearts.

After the very brief break, the young people put their cell phones away. The youth minister introduced them to games which kept them rocking.

Those who rocked had to bring rocking chairs with them, although the church had a few in its nursery which were used.

Ravenna resident joins "Moonshiners" cast



After moving to Estill County, Jeff Edwards was asked to appear on the Discovery Channel's documentary, "Moonshiners."

A member of the "Moonshiners" cast has moved to Estill County.

Jeff Edwards said he visited this area several years ago at the invitation of Donnie Benton.

Benton lives at Crystal, in Lee County. Benton and his girlfriend, Teresa Coomer Mays, are also in the "Moonshiners."

Edwards grew up on a farm near Alpharetta, Georgia. He said his life there was very similar to what he finds here in Estill County.

"(Alpharetta) is not the same small town I grew up in," he stated.

Because it is near Atlanta, Edwards said property values and taxes have skyrocketed. It's hard to make a living there.

Growing up on the farm, his family raised pigs and cows. They slaughtered pigs for food. His parents worked, and his grandmother was his babysitter.

His grandfather was featured in two newspaper ar-

ticles because he wove baskets.

"I've been making whiskey since I was 14," stated Edwards, who is now middle-aged.

He says making moonshine is a science. If you don't get it right, you can poison somebody.

He also knows how to make brandy, but he said it is a little different from making whiskey. Fruits, such as peaches and apples, are often added to brandy, which makes it cost more.

To make the move to Estill County, Edwards got a job driving a truck for Kentucky Petroleum.

He says he will receive a small pay for his role on the "Moonshiners."

The show began in 2011 with millions of people watching it on the Discovery channel. Edwards said it is one of the most popular shows in the United States. It is also shown in over 200 other countries.

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