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## Jail housing local inmates closed 2 days for illness

Three Forks Regional Jail was locked down for a couple of days last week on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Estill Jailer Bo Morris confirmed the jail was closed to visitors due to a prisoner being diagnosed with spinal meningitis.

He added the inmate was not from Estill County, and was possibly a state inmate being housed at the jail in Beattyville.

After the diagnosis, the inmate was hospitalized.

The inmate reportedly shared an area with 80 other inmates.

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The painting of the bridge on the Clark and Estill County line on Highway 89 has resumed. While the bridge is being repainted, there is a traffic light on each side of the bridge. The three miles of the Winchester Road which had breaks-in pavement were repaved recently.

## Couple is arrested after using heroin

*They're also charged with wanton endangerment of mentally handicapped female*

A couple was arrested on a drug related offense Thursday morning by Sheriff Chris Flynn.

The sheriff was dispatched to the Stop & Shop parking lot around 6 a.m. to investigate a passed out couple.

He and an Irvine officer responded, where Flynn said he found Eddie R. Edmonson, 44, of Stacy Lane, passed out at the wheel. Edmonson's wife, Wendy L., 45, of Winchester Road, was also passed out.

Both Edmonsons showed signs of slurred speech and were unsteady on their feet,

according to the citation. It adds that both of them admitted to using heroin.

Flynn said a glass container was found in the vehicle, which contained a dark powdery substance. He believes it is heroin.

The citation adds that several syringes were also found in the vehicle.

Flynn said a mentally handicapped female was a passenger in the rear seat of the vehicle.

The Edmonsons were each charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first **Continued on Page 13**

## Moped rider arrested for possession

Ravenna Police Chief Ken White arrested a moped driver on August 6 and charged him with possession of a controlled substance.

Chief White said a male was observed riding a moped on 8th Street. The moped ran a stop sign at the intersection of 8th and Main Streets.

The police chief said he found an aluminum foil wrapper in the rider's right front watch pocket. He suspects that it contained crystal meth.

White charged Aaron Martin Noland, 27, of Seventh Street, Ravenna with possession of a controlled substance (meth).

Noland pleaded not-guilty to the charge during his arraignment on Friday. He is scheduled to return to district court for a preliminary hearing on August 14.

His bond has been set at \$1,000 cash.

# Ravenna council wants city's road funds

by CATHY DAWES Tribune Staff writer

The Ravenna council met on Monday night and members were still very concerned that funds from the Municipal Road Aid (MRA) have still not been released even though the city is almost caught up on the audits.

Council member Valerie Flinchum said that according to the paperwork she has, the city is due to receive \$38,000. She can't understand why the state is still holding on to their money.

After closer examination

of the audits that have been completed, the council determined that they are finishing up on the 2016/2017 fiscal year audit, and they should be caught up after that.

Mayor Estine Tipton said that the auditors have overpaid the IRS for penalties for something that occurred a couple of years ago. She said that she would have to contact them to find out more information on the matter.

After pulling documentation on the MRA funds, Tipton announced to the council that the city of Ravenna has

not received any funds from MRA since May 2016.

A resolution was passed in order for the city to try to obtain grant money to work on the park.

Council member Tammy Howell said that she, along with Flinchum, had been working closely with Greyson Evans from the Bluegrass Area Development District, and that the city of Ravenna has to show a vested interest in the park.

Howell asked for receipts for work that has been done on the park to show that the

city has been working to make the park a better place for children to play. She said that this would show that the city was working on their own to improve the park and not just waiting on grant money to become available.

The decision will be made in the spring of 2020 on whether Ravenna will be eligible for the grant.

Flinchum asked if the city had ever considered using debit and credit cards to process tax payments. Mayor Tipton said at this time there aren't that many delinquent

taxes, and she had never thought about it.

Howell said that the problem with allowing residents to pay taxes with a credit or debit card would be the fee that the city would incur for processing those payments. She said that it's a percentage of whatever the amount of the tax would be and that it could end up costing the city money.

Council member Vicki Horn said she has received a few complaints since she had been appointed to the council.

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## Irvine mayor seeks grant funds to fix some problem areas

by CATHY DAWES Tribune Staff Writer

Mayor James Gross told members of the Irvine council on Monday night that he had been in contact with Cassandra Williams from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority about applying for funds to fix problem areas throughout the city.

Gross said that he was compiling a list of problem areas which included an alley along Madison Avenue, West Chamberlain Street, and South Court Street.

Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith mentioned that during a previous council meeting a discussion about a problem area along Kirkland Avenue and Edgewater Drive had been discussed.

He wanted the council to know that law enforcement has been over there talking to home owners.

Smith said that he had also been in contact with Olin Estes about a property that he owns in the city.

Gross said that for the past two summers the city has been mowing the property and the bill is \$400 for their services.

Smith said that Estes seemed like he was willing

to cooperate with the city on the matter.

City Clerk Robin Powell said that there are a few new faces working at city hall. She said they have hired two people who are cleaning throughout the building and also a co-op student from the high school. She added that they all were doing a great job, and that she thinks it's great that the city participates in the co-op program with the high school.

The council discussed delinquent property taxes. Powell said that since the names of delinquent tax payers had been ran in the newspaper that several have come in and paid, and others had made payment arrangements.

She added that it was almost time to set the tax rate for the upcoming year and the council would have to make a decision about that before October 1st.

Chief Smith said he had received several complaints about people speeding in front of Estill Springs Elementary. He said that the speed limit is 35 through that area unless the lights are flashing and then speed is reduced down to 25 mph. **Continued on Page 13**



Dry Branch Road reopened to traffic several weeks ago after it was closed while the bridge over White Oak Creek was replaced. Tonnage signs for trucks are in place for the bridge. It was one of the bridges on the state's replacement list.

## Woman reports theft to sheriff who charges her own daughter

An Estill County woman has been charged with stealing her mother's jewelry and laptop.

Sheriff Chris Flynn said he received a call from Tammy Young on August 2 that she had two gold rings and a Lenova laptop missing from her residence.

He began investigating through Leads Online and found that one ring had been pawned at Cash Express in Irvine.

The other ring and laptop had been pawned at Dan's Discount Pawn in Richmond.

The sheriff then contacted Young's daughter, Heather Jones, 42, of Rose

Ridge Road, Irvine, who had apparently pawned the items. She reportedly told the sheriff she pawned them to pay doctor bills.

He charged Jones with theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others over \$500 or more but under \$10,000.

Flynn stated the three items will be returned to Young.

Jones' bail was set at 10% of \$2,500 cash.

Flynn also served a bench warrant on Jones for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines. Her bail on this charge was set at \$198.00 cash.

## Obituaries

- Viola Babb, 85
- Geneva Delk, 93
- Nannie Melton, 71
- Jereld Miller, 76
- Birdie Osborne, 72
- Karley Sparks, 21
- Wesley Rose, 76
- Harold Warner Jr., 48

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