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## KSP cites seven for growing pot

Seven Estill Countians were recently cited by Kentucky State Police for growing marijuana. Three of the citations were the result of anonymous tips made to state police, and the other four citations were the result of an eradication helicopter flying over.

The trooper said three of the plants were visible when he pulled up at her residence. He wrote in the citation that he found two more plants growing at the back side of the house. The citation says that Hardy said the plants were not hers, but she would not tell who they belonged to. The citation states that she wrote a statement saying, 'I am aware of the pot plants in my yard.'

Hardy's bail was set at \$10,000 cash. She was released from custody on Sept. 4 after posting 10% or \$1,000 cash. She is scheduled to be arraigned in Estill District Court on September 29.

Donald S. Hardy, 46, of Pea Ridge Road was cited for cultivating marijuana, five plants or more, after state police report they found nine plants growing on his property on August 15. The citation says that Trooper T. Robinson received an anonymous tip about marijuana growing at Mr. Hardy's residence. Trooper Robinson said he went to the front door to knock, and Deputy Sheriff

Josh Rison went to the side and back of the house to make sure nobody was in the backyard. While standing in the side yard, Deputy Rison observed a large plant growing in the back yard. The citation states that six marijuana plants were located alongside the house. The trooper said he knocked on the back door, and Mr. Hardy came out and said he would take the blame for the plants. The citation adds that

three more plants were found growing behind a shed at the residence. Mr. Hardy was cited and given a court date of November 19. An anonymous tip led state police and a deputy sheriff to the home of James Hobbs, 55, on July 26. Troopers Z. Pennington and J. Carpenter were accompanied by Deputy Randy Farthing to Hobbs' home on Wildflower Ridge. **Continued on Page 2**

## Settlement is finally reached to merge IMU & EWD sewers

After several false reports that a sewer merger was finalized, the Estill County Water District and Irvine Municipal Utilities met jointly on Thursday to settle their differences. "We're going to make this happen, or it's over," Judge Wallace Taylor stated at the opening. He reminded everyone that Irvine was a part of Estill County too. Bee Williams, director of IMU, said IMU agreed with parts of the merger agreement. They did not agree with absorbing the \$1 million fine and penalty owed by Estill Water District. Taylor said the fine and penalty were going to be waived when the merger was signed. Jerry Arnold, an Estill Water District Commissioner, questioned the two rate system, when rates go up. "Everybody is going to pay their fair share," said Williams. He said the average sewer bill for Irvine

customers will be \$32.00 while out of city residents will pay \$37.62 on average. This is the same rate that other out of city residents currently pay. The base bill for Irvine residents will be \$14.80 and out of city residents will be \$20.48. The cost for the next 1,000 gallons is the same for everyone. Arnold asked that county users be given the same percentage of an increase that is passed on to Irvine customers. Williams explained that was not fair to county customers. He recommended a rate increase study which could cost \$25,000 to \$30,000. He said that likely the same figure would be passed across the board to both Irvine and county customers. If Irvine's rate goes up \$1.00 per month per customer, then each county customer will pay \$1.00 more per month. Williams also told the county water commissioners, any rate increase must be approved by the Public Service Commission. **Continued on Page 2**

### "One Day At A Time"

A group from First Baptist Church in Irvine participated in Sunday's "One Day At A Time." About 300 people marched from the fairgrounds, across the Irvine bridge, and seven times around the Estill County Courthouse to take our community back from drugs. Each time this group finished a lap, they raised their hands to tell everyone what lap it was. The marchers then returned back to the fairgrounds to hear success stories from Drug Court.



Dwight Richardson, manager of Estill County Water District, and Estill water commissioners, Bill Beard, Greg Wright, and Jerry Arnold looked over the merger.

## Ravenna Railroad Festival Takes Place This Saturday

The annual Ravenna Railroad Festival takes place this coming Saturday, September 20, 2014, all day long, in the Veterans Memorial Park. The event starts at 8 a.m. and a parade for bikes, trikes and other non-motorized vehicles will take place at 10:00 a.m. Booths will be set up in the park with food vendors, corn hole games, hay rides, train rides, and more. Judging of the scarecrow contest will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Ravenna Florist and Greenhouse. Kids can participate in a pumpkin painting contest at RFG at 12:00 Noon.

- ### Obituaries
- Geneva Barnes, 87
  - Richard Barnes, 82
  - Gary Blanton, 67
  - Janice Carmichael, 69
  - Vivian Crowe, 72
  - Nannie Estes, 81
  - Steven Hensley, 65
  - Katherine Lainhart, 82
  - William Prater, 64
  - Eva Smith, 50
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Brenton Crabtree hammed it up for the camera at Saturday's car show. Crabtree has a dealer plate on his antique car that says, "Crabtree," (inset photo left). He's been a Kruiizer for a few years.



Spectators checked out cars on the jail-side of Broadway at Saturday's Kruiiz-in in downtown Irvine. Another one will be held on Broadway the second Saturday of October. Also see this week's announcements for additional car shows.