

# Community News

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**Fridays, 6:00 to 8:00pm**

## Estill Appalachian Dulcimers

The Estill County Appalachian Dulcimer Club meets every Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, Main Street, Irvine, for anyone who plays an Appalachian Dulcimer or anyone

who is interested in playing one is welcome to attend.

The Appalachian Dulcimer was designated as the official state instrument of Kentucky in 2001.

**Thursday, November 13th, 9am**

## Volunteers Need To Wrap Gifts For The Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party

Volunteers are needed to wrap the 1,100 gifts and books for the Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party which will be held Saturday, December 6, 2014 at the First Christian Church in Irvine.

The gift wrapping sessions will be held at Citizens Guaranty Bank on River Drive. Wrapping will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November

13. More dates will be scheduled for wrapping until all the gifts are wrapped. The party is being planned for children in Estill County that are 12 years of age and younger.

Donations for the 34th annual party can be given at Citizens Guaranty Bank. Contact Francine Bonny, Sharon Niece, or Regina Robertson for more information.

**Thursday, November 13th @ 6pm**

## Helping Hands Outreach Meeting

Helping Hands Outreach will be having a community meeting, Thursday, November 13 at 6 p.m., located in the Estill County Courthouse.

We would like for you to come we will be discussing Emergency Shelter/ Homeless Shelter.

This is a start of what needs to be done in our community. God has spoken for me to move forward with this so prayers for me.

Pray about this and ask God for His guidance. I pray you will get on board with us on this project. **Debbie Rison**

**Thursday, November 13th, 6-8pm**

## Estill's Community Baby Shower

Estill County's annual Community Baby Shower will be held on Thursday, November 13th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at South Irvine Elementary (new location).

The event is open to pregnant Moms and Dads and any-

one with a child under age 2.

We will have lots of great information from local agencies, three guest speakers, free dinner and door prizes!!

For additional information, call the Health Department at 723-5181.

**First and Third Tuesdays at Raders'**

## Estill County Lions Club

The Estill County Lions Club will meet Tuesday, November 18th and on the first and third Tuesday of every month at Rader's River Restaurant. The meal is at 6:30 p.m. and business meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Estill County Lions Club is part of Lions Club Inter-

national, with 1.35 million members in 205 countries around the world. We invite those who feel a call to make our community a better place through service to attend and learn about how Lions around the world earn our motto, "We Serve..."

**Tuesday, November 18th @ 7pm**

## Estill Arts Council Meeting

Estill Arts Council regular board meeting will be held in the Estill County Public Library community room, Tuesday November

18, 2014 at 7 p.m.

EAC welcomes Supporters of the Arts, as well as Artist and Craftsman. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Thursday, November 20th @ 11:30am**

## Grandparents United Meeting

Come join us the third Thursday of each month. Estill County Grandparents United meets at 11:30 a.m. at Wisemantown United

Methodist Church, 1358 Wisemantown Road, Irvine.

For information, please call 723-3337.

**Thursday, November 20th @ 6pm**

## Garden Thyme Herb Club

The Garden Thyme Herb Club will be meeting on Thursday, November 20, at 6

p.m.

All members and guests are invited to attend.

**Saturday, November 22nd**

## FBLA's Light Up Rivertown

FBLA will once again organize Irvine's Light Up Rivertown. The event will begin with a Craft/Christmas Fair in the Court House. Booth spots are limited and are already beginning to fill up.

The day will be filled with many other activities as well. Entertainment will be provided throughout the day on the Court House steps, Gingerbread Houses can be entered for prizes, the town tree will be decorated with ornaments made by children from Estill County, and a Tree Lighting

Service will be held at 6:00 p.m. to conclude the day. Santa will be on hand for pictures, a Horse and Carriage will be available for rides around the Court House, and other surprises throughout the day.

Local businesses are encouraged to participate by hosting open houses or other activities as well.

Anyone wishing to reserve a spot for the Christmas Fair or a time to perform should call the Estill County High School at 606-723-3537.

**Saturday, November 29th, 7-10:30am**

## Eastern Star Ham Breakfast

Irvine Chapter #357, Order of the Eastern Star, will be having a country ham breakfast on Saturday, November 29, 2014, 7-10:30 a.m. at the Irvine Masonic Lodge Hall, located on Broadway in Irvine. The cost of the breakfast

is \$8.00 for country ham and \$7.00 for bacon or sausage.

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. For tickets or more information, call Bobby Noland at (606) 723-2254 or Phyllis Noland at (606) 723-6310.

**Thursday, November 27th, 11-1:30**

## Stone Soup Community Dinner

The Stone Soup Community Outreach Turkey Dinner will be Thursday, November 27th. We offer pick-up or delivery at the Right Place Restaurant from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Our community is gener-

ously providing these meals through donations of prayer, time, money, and soft drinks. The last day for lunch requests is 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 24th.

Donations will be "thankfully" accepted anytime. Thanks, and God Bless.

**Saturday, December 6th, 10am**

## Kiwanis Christmas Parade And Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party

The Kiwanis Christmas Parade and the 34th annual Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 6, 2014.

The parade will begin in Ravenna at 10 a.m. and proceed on Broadway to the Irvine First Christian Church, 270 Main Street, where the Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party will be held.

All groups, churches, fire departments, businesses, and organizations are invited to participate in the parade by entering a float, band, marching group, antique car, or other related parade unit.

The theme for the floats

will be "Love in a Manger". Prizes from the Kiwanis Club of Irvine-Ravenna will be awarded for the floats in the amount of \$100, \$50, and \$25 for first, second and third place respectively for the most attractive floats. The float with the best children's theme will receive \$50.

The Kiwanis Club and Mrs. Witt's party committee hope to make this a special day for children, age 12 and under, of Estill County. To register entries in the parade contact Tom/ Francine Bonny at 723-5694 or Richard Snowden at 723-2135.

**Saturday, December 6th, 10am-4pm**

## EAC's 11th Arts & Crafts Show

Looking for a place to offer your original, handmade items for sale? The Estill Arts Council invites you to participate in the 11th annual Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, December 6th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Central Office gym.

The show offers an opportunity for people to meet their shopping needs with the perfect, unique gift such as home décor, holiday decorations, wreaths, jewelry, clothing, products for the home, and baked goods.

Area artists and craftsmen can get an application form from the Citizens Guaranty Bank (River Drive), Estill County Public Library, Ravenna Greenhouse or on EAC's Facebook page.

The cost of a 10' x 10' space will be \$15 for Estill Arts Council members and \$20 for non-Estill Arts Council members, before Nov. 8. Entries postmarked after Nov. 7 will be an additional \$10.

For more information call 606 723-4678 or 723-5694.

**Sunday, December 7th @ 3pm**

## Community Chorus Christmas Concert

Sunday December 7th is the date for the Christmas concert by the Estill County Community Chorus. This year the concert will be performed at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 351 Broadway, Irvine.

The Irvine United Methodist Church Handbell Choir as well as the Estill County Dulcimer Club will also be on the program.

Debbie Carlyle, Phyllis Dawson, Peggy Garrett and Dr. J.D. Hill will be singing solos as well as Faye Reece and Edsel Daniel singing with the chorus in "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"

Rehearsals are held Thursdays at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, Main Street, Irvine. Everyone is welcome! Auditions are not required. Rehearsals will be every Thursday night, except Thanksgiving

November 27th. Please come out and join us. We still have a few binders for new members.

The Estill Arts Council has once again partnered with the Community Chorus for this endeavor. Donations will be accepted at the concert. These donations help to provide honorariums, when needed, as well as the purchase of music.

Carol Anne Wilson is the Director with Nancy Farmer as the accompanist. Ann Siudmak will be assisting with rehearsals as needed.

If you have sung with the chorus before we are asking that you come back and sing with us for this very special Christmas Concert.

Scholarships are still available. Please see Carol Anne Thursday night or call her at 859-556-0163 for more information.

**Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 13th & 14th**

## "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

River City Players presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". This family-friendly play will be performed in the Estill County High School auditorium on Saturday, Decem-

ber 13th at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 14th at 3 p.m.

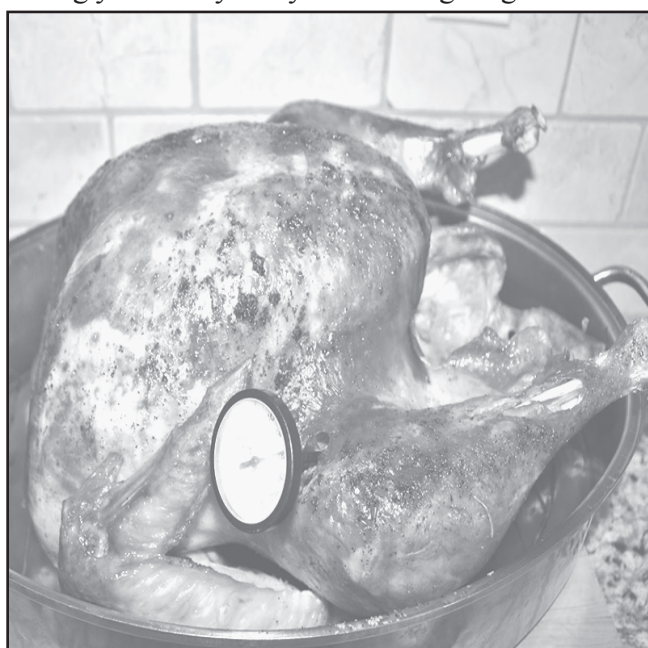
Admission: 12 and under - \$5, 13 and over - \$10. Tickets will be available from RCP members and at the door.

## Kitchen Diva

### The Turkey Isn't Done! and Other Disasters

by ANGELA SHELF MEDEARIS and GINA HARLOW

After 35 years of cooking, I've had my share of Thanksgiving Day disasters! Here are some secrets to saving your sanity and your Thanksgiving dinner:



#### HOW TO DEFROST A TURKEY

You'll need at least 24 to 48 hours (about five hours per pound) to thaw a frozen turkey in the refrigerator. If you need to do a quick thaw, place the wrapped, frozen turkey in your kitchen sink or a large container like an ice chest. Cover the turkey with cold water. Drain and refill the water every half-hour because as the bird thaws out, the water will get warmer. Using this method, the turkey will thaw at the rate of about a half-hour for each pound.

#### PREPARING THE BIRD FOR COOKING

Remove the giblet package (neck, livers, heart and gizzards) from inside the cavity of the bird AND check the neck cavity. Some manufacturers place the giblet package in the neck cavity and others place it inside the cavity closest to the legs.

Most turkeys come with the legs already trussed (crossed and secured with a metal or plastic bracket). If you're not going to stuff your bird, there's no need to truss the legs. Trussing an unstuffed bird hinders the hot oven air from circulating inside and around the legs. This means that the dark meat will take longer to cook and the breast meat will cook faster and probably dry out before the legs ever get completely done.

#### THE TURKEY ISN'T DONE

Don't rely on the "pop-up" timer in the turkey, as it usually means that the breast is overcooked and the dark meat isn't done. If the dark meat isn't done, remove the wings and breast meat from the rest of the turkey, in one piece, if possible. Cover the breast and wing portion with foil and set it aside. Put the drumsticks and thigh portion of the turkey back into the oven to continue cooking until done. You can re-assemble the whole turkey and garnish it, or just cut it into serving portions and arrange it on a platter

#### STUFFING SAVERS

If the stuffing/dressing is too wet, spread it out in a thin layer on a sheet pan so that it will dry quickly. Place it back into the oven for 5 to 7 minutes.

If it's too dry, add more pan drippings or chicken broth to the mixture. If you don't have anymore drippings or broth, you can combine a chicken bouillon cube (if you have one), along with a teaspoon of poultry seasoning, three tablespoons of butter and 1 cup of water. Cook the mixture in the microwave for 3 to 5 minutes or until it comes to a boil. Stir to combine and then add it, a little at a time, to the dressing until it's moist.

#### SOUPY MASHED POTATOES

You can add unseasoned dry breadcrumbs to soupy mashed potatoes to absorb any excess liquid.

#### GRAVY RESCUE TIPS

If the gravy is lumpy, pour it through a strainer into a new pan and bring it to a simmer, stirring gently. If it's too thin, mix a tablespoon of melted butter with a tablespoon of flour. Bring the gravy up to a boil and whisk in the butter mixture to thicken your gravy. If the gravy is too thick, add a little more chicken broth, pan drippings or a little water and butter to thin it out.

#### BURNT OFFERINGS

If the turkey begins to burn while it's roasting, flip the bird over immediately and continue to cook it. After the turkey is done, you can remove and discard any blackened skin and about half an inch of the meat below any burnt area. Slice the remaining breast meat, arrange it on a platter and ladle gravy over it. If your vegetables or gravy burn on the bottom, carefully remove the layer that isn't burned into another pot or serving dish. DON'T SCRAPE THE BOTTOM OF THE PAN.

If the dinner rolls are burned on the bottom, just cut off as much as you can, butter them, and fold them in half to cover the missing ends.

Whipped cream is the perfect "make-up" for desserts that aren't quite up to par. You can cut the top layer off a burnt pie and cover it with whipped cream.

Hopefully, these tips will rescue you from any Thanksgiving Day disasters, but remember, it's about gathering together to give thanks with the people you love -- not the perfect meal! Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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