

Energy Assistance Begins Nov. 4

SCHEDULE

Nov. 4	A
Nov. 5	B
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Nov. 25	Staff Day
Nov. 26	Closed
Nov. 27	Closed
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Dec. 7	S
Dec. 8	T
Dec. 9	U, V, W
Dec. 10	X, Y, Z
Dec. 11	Open

Irvine, KY - Kentucky River Foothills will begin the "Subsidy" portion of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) on Wednesday, November 4.

LIHEAP provides financial assistance to income-eligible households with home heating costs through two programs: LIHEAP Subsidy (typically in November and December) and LIHEAP Crisis (typically January until the middle of March or until all funds are expended).

Applications will be taken Monday through Friday from 8 am-4 pm at the Estill County Outreach Office located at 111 Collins Street in Irvine. Their phone number is 723-4492.

Both homeowners and renters who are responsible for their heating bills and have low or fixed incomes are eligible.

Qualifying participants will receive an energy assistance benefit. Energy services include electric, gas, kerosene, propane or wood. Eligible participants do not need to have an unpaid energy bill or be out of fuel to receive energy assistance in the subsidy portion of this program. The benefit amount that each household receives will be based on its level of poverty and the type of fuel used for heating. All eligible households will receive a benefit until LIHEAP funds are fully depleted. Benefits will be made payable to the household's primary or secondary heating fuel vendor.

A household is considered to be eligible for energy assistance when the household meets the basic eligibility criteria.

THIS CRITERIA INCLUDES:

1. completion of an application;
2. is responsible for home energy costs, directly or as an undesignated portion of their rent;
3. have a combined household income, for the calendar month prior to the month of application, not in excess of 130% of the federal poverty level as listed in the Income Eligibility Guidelines;
4. live in Kentucky when the application is made and apply in the county of residence; and
5. not have liquid resources in excess of \$2,000, or \$3,000 if at least one person in the household is 60 or older; and/or disabled except for households where a member has a catastrophic illness. The amount may be \$4,000 when the resources are being accessed for medical and living expenses.

APPLICANTS MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. most recent heating bill, or verification that heating expenses are included in rent;
2. metered utility bill (natural gas, electric, or water) as proof of address;
3. Social Security cards, or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of household;

4. proof of all household income from preceding month.

Applications will be taken through December 11, 2015. If you cannot apply on your assigned day, contact the office in your county to make other arrangements. Individuals who are unable to apply for themselves may send an authorized individual to apply for them. If this is the case, please contact the Foothills office in advance. If you are sick or have the flu, please call the Outreach Office first to make other arrangements.

LIHEAP has established income guidelines to determine eligibility. For the 2015-2016 program year, the income guidelines are:

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,276
2	\$1,726
3	\$2,177
4	\$2,628
5	\$3,078
6	\$3,529
7	\$3,980
8	\$4,430

*Add \$451 for each additional family member

When the crisis component begins in January, a household shall be considered to be in a home heating crisis situation when the household meets the basic LIHEAP eligibility criteria and:

1. the household is within four days of running out of fuel if bulk fuel (coal, fuel oil, propane, kerosene, or wood) is the heat source;

2. the household has received a past due/disconnect notice if natural gas or electric is the heat source; or
3. the household's home heating costs are included as an undesignated portion of the rent, and the household has received an eviction notice for non-payment of rent from the landlord.

LIHEAP is a statewide initiative sponsored by Community Action Kentucky in partnership with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS). The U.S. Department for Health and Human Services appropriates funding to Kentucky through the CHFS, which contracts with Community Action Agencies across the state to receive LIHEAP applications and provide recipient benefits.

Irvine Police Department Report

Felix E. Melton, 47, of High Street, Irvine, was charged with trafficking in marijuana less than 8 ounces, possession of a controlled substance, third degree; and drug paraphernalia.

Police Chief Brad Smith said that IPD assisted Probation and Parole with a home check. About 3 ounces of marijuana was located in Melton's bedroom. Also located was a suboxone pill and several pipes, bonds, and rolling papers.

Michael Bishop, 31, of Rosebud Ave., Irvine was arrested on Broadway on Saturday, Oct. 24 by Officer John Sturniolo. He was charged with alcohol intoxication.

Three bench warrants from Estill District Court were also served on Bishop. All three were related to failure to pay cold checks.

A Pike County District Court warrant was served on Staci R. Brewer, 40, of Locomotive Street, Irvine. The warrant says that Brewer failed to pay fines of \$140.50 on traffic related charges.

Henry Derks, 33, of Winchester was arrested Saturday, Oct. 24 by Officer Sturniolo for public intoxication.

Donald Fields, 54, of Sugar Hollow Road, Irvine was arrested Thursday, Oct. 22 for alcohol intoxication, third offense or greater.

Jacob Lewis, 19, was

charged by Officer Sturniolo on Oct. 22 for criminal trespass third degree. The officer says that Lewis refused to leave his aunt's property after being asked multiple times.

Darren Smith, 41, of Clay City was arrested on two Powell Circuit Court warrants by Chief Brad Smith. Smith failed to appear in court on two cases including numerous charges including second degree burglary.

Randall Wiseman was arrested by Sgt. Mike Gross on Oct. 21 on an Estill Circuit Court bench warrant for failure to pay a fine.

Billy Gross was arrested Oct. 18 by Officer Sturniolo for alcohol intoxication at Estill Springs Elementary.

The arrest was made on Sunday, Oct. 18 when school was not in session.

Travis E. Tipton, 21, of Pryse Road, Irvine was arrested Oct. 17 by Officer Karl Rifenbark for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Justin L. Mullens, aka Justin Moland, 24, of Stacy Lane, Irvine was charged by Officer Sturniolo on Oct. 17 with driving under the influence of alcohol and failure of non-owner to pay insurance.

Jessie Moland, 34, of Middletown, Ohio, was charged Oct. 16 by Officer Rifenbark with alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, terroristic threatening third, and theft by unlawful taking.

INDICTMENTS

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The investigating deputy was Morris.

Fairley Dixon, 40, of Noland Creek, Irvine was indicted on a single charge of theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

Dixon allegedly sold a trailer on September 14, 2015 which had been reported stolen by Cecil Dixon. The trailer was valued at over \$500.

Deputy Morris investigated the theft of the trailer.

Matthew D. Adams, 31, of Webb Road, Irvine was indicted for a single charge of theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

The indictment says that Adams on May 1, 2015 sold several items via Facebook which belonged to Rent to Own. The value of the items was over \$500.

Deputy Morris conducted the investigation.

Jeremy Tipton, 38, of Grindstone Road, Irvine was indicted for theft by unlawful taking or disposition and first degree persistent felony offender.

Tipton allegedly sold jewelry on Sept. 25, 2015 which had been reported stolen by Lori Lee. The jewelry was valued at over \$500.

The indictment says that Tipton has been convicted previously of at least two prior felony offenses.

KSP Trooper A. Brashear investigating the jewelry theft.

Chad Howell, 38, of Red Lick Road, Irvine, was indicted for theft by unlawful taking or disposition and second degree persistent felony offender.

Howell allegedly pawned several items on Sept. 30, 2015 which were reported stolen by Randall and Penny Osborne. The indictment says that Howell has been convicted previously of a prior felony offense.

Deputy Sheriff Farthing investigated the theft from the Osbornes.

Walker J. Harris, 54, of Bertha Wallace Drive, Irvine was indicted for fourth degree assault (domestic violence), endangering the welfare of a minor, first degree wanton endangerment, and first degree imprisonment.

Harris allegedly caused physical injury to Kimberly Harris on August 28, 2015 when he held a kitchen knife to her throat. The indictment says he also subjected his minor daughter to danger, and created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to Kimberly Harris.

The indictment adds that Harris restrained Kimberly Harris and his daughter.

Irvine Officer Sturniolo was the investigating officer.

Howard Gross, 29, of Turner Avenue, Irvine, was indicted on two counts of receiving stolen property (firearms), two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and being a first degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment says that Gross had a Remington 1911 firearm and a Walter PK 380 firearm in his possession on Sept. 1, 2015, which had been reported stolen.

It adds that Gross has been convicted of at least two prior felony offenses.

Chief Smith investigated the firearm theft.

David Holton, 40, of Rice Station Road, Irvine was indicted for second degree burglary, attempted arson second degree, third degree criminal trespassing, and third degree criminal mischief.

The indictment says that Holton entered the residence at 1402 Rice Station Road on Sept. 27, 2015 with the intent to commit a crime. He set fire in the kitchen and remained on the premises after being asked to leave. He also damaged property at the location.

Deputy Randy Farthing conducted the investigation.



Fall Migration!

You never know who may show up. Four things to have on hand:

1. Thistle feeders for finches.
2. White millet tossed on the ground for sparrows and buntings.
3. Fruits and berries for orioles and gray catbirds.
4. Fresh water for all the birds!

IRVINE COUNCIL

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Police Chief Brad Smith announced that Officer Karl Rifenbark would be leaving the department on Nov. 4. He has accepted a position with the Clark County Sheriff's Department.

Smith said the Irvine Police Department is now accepting applications for police officer. There are presently at least two openings.

The department recently received a 2015 Dodge Charger cruiser. Smith said that two older cruisers were removed from the city's insurance and can be declared surplus.

Fire Chief Tony Murphy said the fire department will be passing out candy on Thursday to Trick or Treaters at the department.

Jim Walters had a presentation to make to the council, but he asked that it be rescheduled because someone was missing at Monday's meeting. The mayor and all council members were present, but the city attorney was absent.

Mayor W.J. Noland said the city has 25 tons of salt ready for this winter.

Harold Friend brought up some issues from a previous council meeting.

"It's time to conduct the business of the city," said Councilman Tim Burkhart to Mayor Noland. "You need to take charge of the meeting and move on."

After the meeting, Burkhart explained the city had paid money into his retirement as a council member. He was ineligible because he was in another state plan. The money was refunded to the city.

A business license was granted to Lindsay Hill to open Yoga and Body Works at 129 Main Street.

Councilwoman Nelle Williams asked that the committee look over the privilege license ordinance to make sure that all business owners were treated fairly. She stated a owner of one rental unit should not pay the same as someone with 20 units.

City Clerk Robin Powell said the Estill Action Group will be donating about \$13,000 to the city to use for lights either this year or next.

The Irvine Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. in city hall. Meetings are open to the public.

VETERANS POST

BY FREDDY GROVES

Blue Water Vets and Agent Orange

The Department of Veterans Affairs decided long ago that for a Vietnam veteran to have been exposed to Agent Orange, he or she would have had to actually step foot on land. For those veterans, the VA developed a list of presumptive illnesses -- among them peripheral neuropathy, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Parkinson's disease, prostate cancer and more -- for which it would pay disability benefits.

"Blue water" veterans -- on ships offshore in deep-water harbors -- got nothing. Here and there an individual claim would be approved for those who had docked and set foot on land or were on patrol boats on inland waters.

The Institute of Medicine was asked to determine if blue water veterans could somehow have been exposed to Agent Orange even if they never left the ship, determine the possible method of transmission and compare them to troops on the ground.

The IOM committee held three open meetings, the last aboard the USS Midway, now a museum in San Diego. What members specifically wanted to see: the distillation plants.

Navy ships had their own drinking-water supply systems, converting seawater to drinking water. And where did that water go? Everywhere. It was used for drinking, cooking, laundry, showers and making coffee.

The IOM called it a "plausible pathway of exposure." It concurred with an Australian study that concluded the distillation plants "had the potential to enrich" the concentrations from the source water to the drinking water on the other end.

The IOM couldn't, however, determine whether blue water veterans had a higher or lower level of risk than those who served on land or traversed the inland waterways.

The VA estimates that of the 80,000 living blue water veterans, about 40,000 have been found eligible for benefits, while about 20,000 have been denied benefits.

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A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the National Guard Armory, 335 Cow Creek Road, Ravenna, on Thursday, November 5th and normally the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Veterans and their dependants will receive assistance filing for Federal and state veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within Kentucky, 1-866-376-0308, to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

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