

River City Players To Present "Best Christmas Pageant Ever!"

Mark your calendars now for the second annual presentation of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. This year, the River City Players' Christmas offering can be enjoyed Friday, December 11, or at a matinee performance Sunday afternoon December 13 at 3 p.m.

Although the Christmas presentation is the same as last year, it will feature a different cast ensemble which will allow the production to have a somewhat different look and feel, and showcase the dramatic talent of additional Estill County actors.

Both performances are to be staged at the Estill County High School auditorium. Tickets for the much anticipated event will go on sale Saturday, November 21, at the "Light Up River Town" celebration.

Ticket prices are \$10 general admission for adults, 6-12 year olds

are \$8 and children five and under are free. As a special treat this year, Premium tickets (up front and center stage) will be available for \$12. Premium seating tickets will be numbered and must be purchased in advance. The Premium tickets may be obtained by contacting JoAnn Smith at the EKAT office in the West Irvine Plaza Shopping Center or by calling her at 723-3528.

General admission tickets may be purchased at the River View Place (former River View Hotel) or by calling Susan Hawkins at 723-5755, Bobby Carol Noland at 723-2254 or see any River City Player (RCP) member. General admission tickets may also be purchased at the door. Proceeds from the sale of the tickets go to the "Save the Mack" fund, a nonprofit organization whose goal is to purchase the old Mack Theater on Main Street in Irvine.

The hopes and desires of the "Save the Mack" group is to renovate and adapt the Mack Theater to serve as a venue for theatrical productions, musical presentations, educational events, and other artistic events and workshops for the entertainment and edification of all Estill Countians.

The River City Players have raised over one-third of the necessary funds for the purchase of the building.

The RCP have been an active community based adventure being established in November, 2013. The initial event for the group was an open house at the Bergman House Bread and Breakfast that netted \$116. These funds served as the seed money for the "Save the Mack" fund drive.

Since the formation of the theater group, four plays have been offer for the entertainment of the county, in-

cluding two dinner theater productions. The group has also sponsored two children's theater camps where the youth of the county experienced drama, music, dance, art, and stage design.

In early 2015, the River City Players received an ARC Flex-E-Grant to help fund the "Heritage Tourism: Telling Estill County's Story" project. As a result of the federal funding, the RCP began a project of gathering stories and historical accounts from local residents.

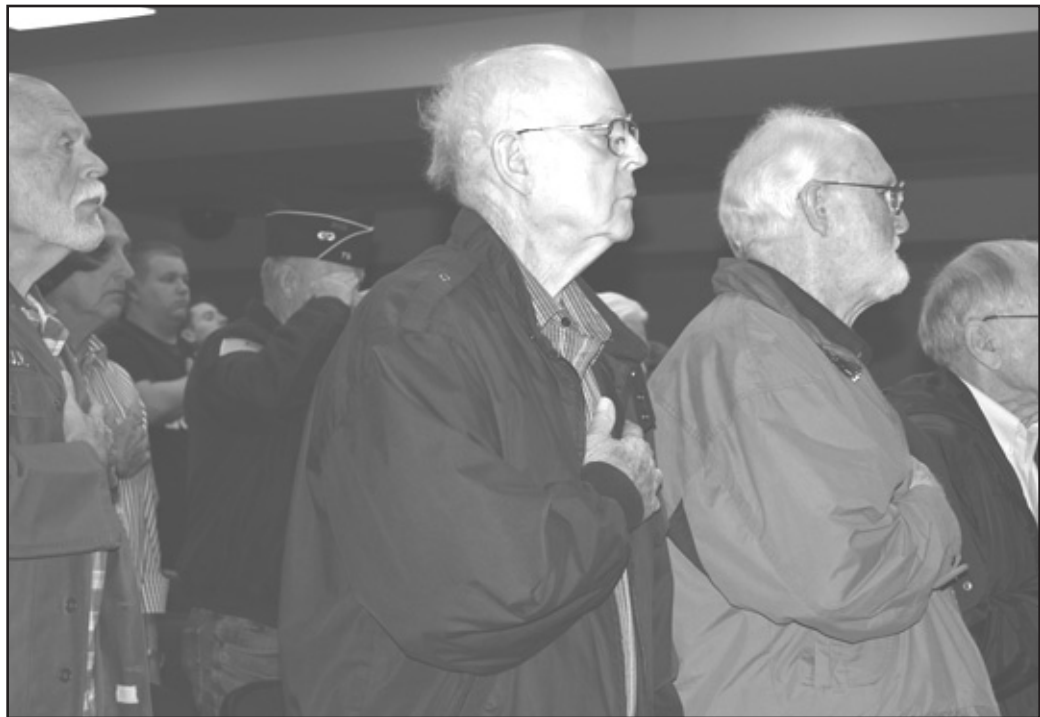
A mini-presentation of the "Nothing to Do in this Town," written by Donna Crowe McClanahan, was performed at the last children's drama camp and at the RCP's "Dinner in the Park" in October.

According to the RCP director, Susan Hawkins, "The Estill County history project will continue through the coming years and grow into

what is hoped to be many plays that tell our unique story." She added, "In January, we will begin work on a full cast that will focus of the history of the Mack Theater.

Hawkins said that tentative plans for upcoming year include a dinner theater in April, a Derby Day brunch in May, a children's camp in July, and an expanded 'Picnic in the Park' in September. Additionally, RCP will host at least two hot dog lunch fund-raisers during 2016.

Anyone desiring to help the RCP as they attempt to "Save the Mack" can donate to the "Save the Mack" fund, by contacting The Estill County Development Alliance, Estill County 21st Century, Inc. DBA Estill Development Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, and all contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



A large group of veterans attended a ceremony at Estill County High School last Wednesday and were treated to lunch afterward. Above the veterans show respect during the pledge to the American Flag. One of the veterans, Paul "Sonny" Muncy was the speaker.

S.I. resident charged with possession of gun by felon

A South Irvine man was charged with possession of a weapon by a convicted felon. This is a felony charge.

Deputy Randy Farthing said he was dispatched Thursday to 975 South Irvine Road to investigate an intoxicated male who was pointing a gun at several people.

When he arrived at the residence, he was told that Cody Ballard, 24, had already left. He soon received a call that Ballard was on Sugar Hollow Road.

Farthing said when he first made contact with Ballard, he said that he had the gun for

his own protection because people were following him. The deputy added that Ballard was seeing things which were not there.

During a search, Farthing said that 9 millimeter shells were found in Ballard's pocket. Farthing asked where they came from, and Ballard said they fall out of the gun at his grandmother's house. The gun was recovered by state police from Ballard's residence.

Farthing said that a background check on Ballard revealed that he was a convicted felon

Band to march in inaugural parade Fiscal court votes to buy prisoner restraints

The Estill County Marching Band has been invited to march in the Inaugural parade of Gov. Matt Bevin on December 7, announced Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor at Monday's fiscal court meeting.

Taylor said he also wanted to squash rumors that he was resigned to accept a position in Bevin's administration. "This happens every time a Republican governor is elected," he stated.

The county park at Wiseman Crossing will be closed for public safety during deer season and will reopen after the season ends. "Light Up The River Town" is Saturday at the courthouse.

The judge also updated the magistrates on road work. The Highway 89 project from Rice Street to the Bypass is expected to be bid out this Friday.

Fire Chief Derrick Muncie said the fire department is about average on runs this year.

Although the fall has been dry, Muncie said luckily the fire department was called to only one large forest fire. Approximately 700 smoke detectors were passed out through a pilot project this past year. Muncie said Estill was one of five counties to receive the detectors. He said this year Estill County will be mentoring two other counties in the program.

Taylor discussed restraining prisoners with shackles and belly bands. Deputy Russell "Doc"

Morris said the sheriff's department uses what is at the jail, and he said there are only two belly bands.

"There's days we transport, we have to wait until we get shackles," Morris stated.

County Attorney Rodney Davis said that only five or six inmates are brought to the courtroom at one time for district court.

But Morris said all of the inmates on a docket in circuit court will be in the courtroom at the same time.

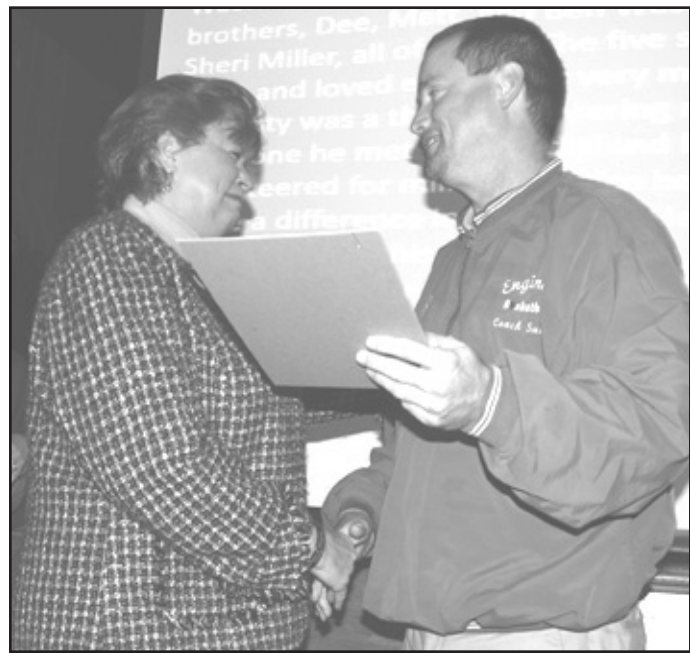
"If we don't have shackles, we don't transport them," he stated.

The fiscal court approved the purchase of belly bands and shackles totalling up to \$5,000. Morris was to be issued a P.O. number for the purchases.

The fiscal court is expected to be refunded by the Administrative Office of Courts.

Tracy R. Patrick owner of the Estill County Tribune asked the fiscal court to look at the circulation numbers of the county's two newspapers. By law, the paper with the higher circulation can print the legal ads for the county. The circulation only includes paid copies and not the number printed at press. Copies sold out of town and free copies cannot be included in the circulation.

Before adjourning, Taylor said again that he opposes annexation by Irvine. Several businesses want to sell alcohol, but Taylor said, if they wait the county might vote again to go wet next year.

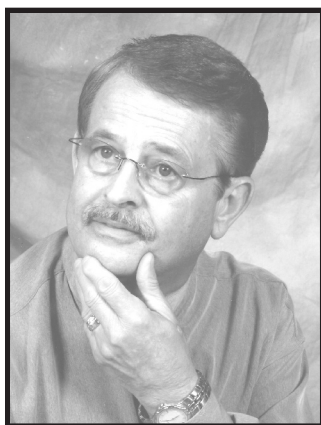


Retired captain Randy Sutter, right, presented a Memorial Certificate in honor of Benjamin "Coty" West to his mother, Rene West during the Veterans Day ceremony at Estill County High School. West, a graduate of Estill County High School, died in action several years ago.

Thanksgiving Week Deadline

The deadline for the November 25 issue of The Estill County Tribune will be at noon on Monday, Nov. 23. Newspapers may not be on newstands earlier, however. Thank you.

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ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY DECEMBER 8th
Letters will be mailed on or before December 14th

Questions? Contact: Shaye McGee at 606-726-2116