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## Deployed mom returns early to surprise her daughters



**Guinevere and Lt. Sarah Baker**

As the jazz band from Estill County High played “Here Comes Santa Claus,” one West Irvine Intermediate student received her best Christmas present early Monday morning.

Guinevere Baker was sitting on the bleachers with other students, but she immediately noticed the fatigue-clad soldier walk into the gymnasium.

She ran down the steps and hugged her mother. Tears filled Guinevere’s eyes as she gave her mother a hug, and then another, and then another.

Her mother, 1st Lt. Sarah Baker, never shed a tear. Her smile went from one side of her face to the other.

She commented on how tall Guinevere had grown in nine months.

Lt. Baker was deployed to Kuwait last February for a one year tour, but she got

to come home early. She never told her daughters that she was coming home early so she could surprise them.

After leaving West Irvine Intermediate School, the jazz band then went to Estill County Middle School for another concert. There, Lt. Baker dressed in a Santa suit to surprise her older daughter, Marina, when the band played “Here Comes Santa Claus.”

That song was the last one of the concerts at both West Irvine and the Middle School.

Lt. Baker does not have to go back to Kuwait but will remain in the U.S. Army. She said if she is deployed again, it will be at least another year or two.

The girls have been living with their father while their mother was serving in Kuwait.



## In memory of Capt. Clevenger

KSP Dispatcher Dana Murphy, Irvine Fire Chief Tony Murphy and Irvine Fireman Justin Patrick saluted Thursday as the funeral procession for Capt. Zachary Clevenger came through Irvine. At bottom right is turnout gear for the Captain with the Montgomery County Fire Department. Clevenger, 30, resided on Dry Branch Road in Estill County and was a volunteer firefighter with the Estill County Fire Department. He was hired in 2013 as a part-time fireman with the Estill County Fire Department.

## Game rooms may return

by **CATHY DAWES**  
**The Estill County Tribune**

Members of the Irvine council met on Monday night and once again the subject of pool rooms and arcade games were discussed at great length among the council members.

City attorney Rodney Davis advised the council that he felt like the current ordinance was outdated and should be revised to accommodate the new restaurants in town. Davis said that if the ordinance was tied in with the ordinance pertain-

ing to restaurants that would mean that only businesses with 70 percent of their revenue coming from food sales would be able to have arcade games and pool tables in their establishments.

“I want kids to come downtown and if we can do anything to bolster the traffic in the restaurants in town we would be foolish not to,” added Davis.

The council agreed that 2 pool tables and 5 arcade games per restaurant seemed reasonable.

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## 3 arrested for meth possession

Three people were arrested for possession of methamphetamine on December 11.

The arrests were made following a traffic stop around 7:30 p.m. in Irvine by Officer John Sturniolo.

The officer stated that Jonathan Horn, 29, of Misty Hollow, Irvine, was a pas-

senger in the stopped vehicle.

He added that Fritz, Irvine’s K-9 unit, alerted to the front passenger side of the vehicle, and meth was found in the passenger’s right front pocket.

Horn reportedly told the officer that he had purchased the meth earlier that day for

\$20.00.

His arrest led to a search of a residence on North Plum Street by Sturniolo and Deputies Doc Morris and Randy Farthing.

The Irvine officer said that Orville Eugene Puckett had sold the meth to Horn, and Puckett consented to a search of his residence.

The citation states that Fritz alerted to meth, marijuana and drug paraphernalia inside the residence.

Puckett reportedly told the officer that he had smoked pot earlier. The officer said the odor of marijuana and meth was present when the door was opened.

Mr. Puckett, 46., and Linda Faye Puckett, 46, also a resident of the home, were charged with possession of a controlled substance, 1st (meth), trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st (meth), possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The Irvine officer reports that \$68 was seized from Mr. Puckett and \$11 from Ms. Puckett.

Mr. Puckett was charged with a parole violation for a felony offense.

Horn pleaded not-guilty to possession of meth in Estill District Court on Monday. The Pucketts also entered not guilty pleas on Monday. Preliminary hearings for the three will be held on Dec. 21.

**Christmas Deadline**  
 The deadline for submitted items and ads next week is at 12 noon on Monday. Santa letters may be carried over from this week, and Little Angels will also be in next week’s edition.

**Obituaries**  
 Delbert Hafley, 81  
 Robert Lamb, 85  
 Clarence Oldfield Jr., 81  
 Mildred Ann Tuttle, 75  
 Kenneth F. Webb, 67  
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Irvine Municipal Utilities received a ceremonial check for \$1 million for a Community Development Block Grant last Wednesday. Pictured, left to right, are Bee Williams, director of IMU, Mike Meade and Regina Robertson, IMU commissioners, 91st District Representative Cluster Howard, and Irvine Mayor W.J. Noland. Williams said the funding is designated for the Wisemantown area.

“I am pleased that my office was able to work in coordination with Judge Executive Wallace Taylor and the Estill County Fiscal Court, Mayor W.J. Noland and the Irvine City Council, Billy Williams and Irvine

Municipal Utilities, and the Bluegrass Area Development District to make this much-needed infrastructure project a reality for the citizens of Estill County,” said sixth district U.S. Congressman Andy Barr.

Funding for this project was appropriated by Congress to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the Kentucky Department for Local Government. The CDBG program provides assistance to communities for revitalizing neighborhoods, expanding affordable housing and economic opportunities, providing infrastructure and/or improving community facilities and services.