

# “Memories of The Mack” is this weekend

“Memories of the Mack” will be presented twice this weekend by River City Players.

The play is based upon short stories mostly about the theatre and written by local author Donna Crow.

The theatre on Main Street near the Irvine bridge got its name from the last name of its owners, the McClanahan family.

Movies weren't the only thing that locals gathered to see at the theatre. A sharp shooting act was given by Squaw Annie and Cherokee Bill in 1959.

The couple, with their traveling gun and singing show, were not Indians. They competed at shooting the theatre's owners, Russell and Delores “Jip” McClanahan.

A “papaw” tells his grandson some his antics when he was a young man, including moving a woman's car parked near the theatre to her home on Peyton Avenue.

The papaw said that in 1944 during World War II, Irvine High School had about 300 students, with 150 graduating that year.

Part of the story is based upon Crow, who sold tickets at the theatre several years before it closed. She was then known as Donna McClanahan.

After the theatre was closed, Crow operated a dog grooming business inside the theatre for a few years.

Crow said that she was told some of the

stories with the condition that she did not reveal the names of the actual persons.

This includes the story of two farmers at Patsey, who would not speak to each other (as told on the Liar's Bench).. Someone slipped in at night and switched the cattle in their fields. It took both farmers the next day to get their cattle back into their own pastures. But at the end of the day, the farmers were not only speaking to each other, but were friends.

“We've got enough stories to make a movie and show it here at the Mack,” said Robert Dawson, who acts out two roles.

All stories about the Mack will not be told in the upcoming production. One of the actors shared the story of her grandmother playing the piano at the Mack.

“Memories of the Mack” will be presented Friday, April 15th at 7 p.m. and 3 p.m. on the Sunday, the 17th. at the Estill County High School auditorium by River City Players. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door; six and under FREE.

This performance is a continuation of River City Players' Heritage Tourism - Telling Estill County's Story project, begun in 2015.

Proceeds will be used to purchased the Mack Theatre building.

For more information, visit [www.RiverCityPlayers.net](http://www.RiverCityPlayers.net).



The husband and wife team of Phyllis and Robert Dawson will sing and present their gun slinging act at “Memories of the Mack this Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. in the high school auditorium. They play the roles of Squaw Annie and Cherokee Bill, who performed at the Mack Theatre in 1959, before heading up the road to Beattyville.

## Mt. Mushroom Festival Children & Youth Activities

**KidZone:** A new feature at this year's Mountain Mushroom Festival is the Kid-Zone, brought to you by a great community partnership. Throughout the entire festival, interactive games and entertainment will be provided by Pickup Country 104.9 FM. Several stations will be set up to provide activities for our younger festival-goers. Stations include Estill Development Alliance (local coloring pages), Chamber of Commerce (Fungus Fling game), Estill Action Group (Picture Booth), River City Players (Duck Pond), DCBS/Hands (Lollipop Tree), Friends of Lily Mountain (Scavenger Hunt), Estill County Farmer's Market (Flower Planting Station), and WSKV (Ring Toss). The KidZone will be a fun area for young people to win some prizes and have a great time, and we hope this will be a well-received addition to the Mushroom Festival this year, and for years

to come. Make sure to stop by and see us!

**Inflatables:** Inflatables will be at the Mt. Mushroom Festival this year for children and youth to enjoy. Choices will include the Tiki Rock Wall, the Chaos Obstacle Wall, Superman 5N1 Combo, Alligator Obstacle, and Camo Bounce House to be set up in the parking lot behind the BB&T bank. A slide and bounce house will also be set up at the end of the booth area on Broadway.

**Oleika Shriners Engineer Train:** All Aboard!! You're invited to ride on the Oleika Shriners Engineer train at the Mountain Mushroom Festival. The conductors will be boarding riders at the “train station” in front of Citizen Voice & Times at Court Street and River Drive. Their hours of operation will be Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Twin City Kruzers Car Show

The Twin City Kruzers Car Club will host a Car Show at the Mountain Mushroom Festival Saturday, April 23 in downtown Irvine at Mack Street and Main Street. The car show registration will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a registration fee of \$15. Dash plaques will be given to the first 100 entries.

Trophies will be awarded in two categories by years 1985 to 2016 and 1984 and before: Trophy for Best Ford, Trophy for Best Mopar, Trophy for Best GM, Trophy for Best Import, Trophy for Best Truck, and Trophy for Best of Show. Trophies

will be awarded at 3 p.m. Judging will be done by out of town judges.

Also there will be a 50/50 pot, raffle for a \$50 gas card, four \$25 cash prizes, door prizes, and a food vendor on site. DJ services will be provided by Wes Thomas.

In case of rain on Saturday the show will be delayed until Sunday, April 24. If the show is delayed until Sunday it will be a rain or shine event.

For more information about the Car Show call Melvin Williams, club president, at (606) 723-5447 or Tobo Bryant at (859)582-9422.

## Activities at Historical Museum

The Estill County Historical and Genealogical Society has been collecting and preserving artifacts, documents and other memorabilia since they opened the museum to promote knowledge and appreciation for the area heritage. The building, at 133 Broadway, was erected in 1935 for the Park Brother Bus Line which was in business at this location until the mid-1940's when the Black Brothers purchased the property and operated the bus service and restaurant called “Chat-N-Nibble.”

Activities on Sat., April 23 and Sun., April 24 will include displays, live music, and sale of their publications as they tell

the story of Estill County. Visitors will view displays of railroad, military, country store, photographs, farm implements, school, store, and home items. Historic relics include a 1795 loom, boat steering wheel, old courthouse bell, quilts, and pictures. The Historical Society will have their books, publications, and cookbooks for sale.

The society has over 1,000 books and family files about Estill County, from 1808 when the county was established to the present at their Museum and Research Library which is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

## Twin City Kruzers Car Show

The Hillbilly Flywheelers will have their 14th annual Antique Gas Engine & Tractor Show at the Estill County Fairgrounds, 38 South Irvine Road, Thursday, April 21 through Saturday, April 23. There will be demonstrations of old gasoline-powered engines and LP gas will be furnished for large engines.

Exhibits will feature oil filled engines and yellow dogs. These were 2 sided pots that were used to burn crude oil for lights

at nights when drilling for oil. Flea market vendors and primitive camping will be available (no electric). A food vendor will be set up on the grounds too. The show is open to the public and free of charge.

Those participating in the show are also welcome to participate in the Mountain Mushroom Festival parade on Sat., April 23 at 1 p.m. in Irvine.

For more information contact Phillip Sparks, 606 975-5550.



Diane Smith portrays Donna McClanahan nka Donna Crow, who ran a dog grooming business in the Mack Theatre after it stopped showing movies.

## Beattyville man arrested for Stacy Lane burglary

A Lee Countian has been arrested for burglary in Estill County by Kentucky State Police.

Trooper A. Brashear said that on Thursday, April 7, Post 7 in Richmond received a call advising of a burglary at a residence on Dark Hollow Road. The resident there was out of town during the burglary.

The citation says an investigation was conducted which led to the arrest of Michael Miller, 28. It adds that Miller had removed numerous items from the residence without the owner's consent.

M. Miller was located in Beattyville and

arrested on outstanding warrants. He was brought to the Estill County Jail where he gave a statement to KSP.

The citation states that Miller said he was responsible for the burglary and had gained access to the residence on four occasions. The citation adds that Miller admitted he had a drug problem and committed the burglary to support his habit.

Miller was charged with second degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, and criminal trespassing, third degree. He was lodged in the Estill County Jail.

## Wall Road man charged with assaulting his mom

A Wall Street resident was arrested Friday afternoon at his residence while Deputy Randy Farthing, Irvine Captain Adrian McKinney and Chief Brad Smith were present.

The citation states that while Charles Draggoo, 50, was being detained, he struck his mother. Then he punched a deputy before running off on foot.

When the officers caught up with Draggoo, they said he had to be tased. The citation states that he then kicked Captain McKinney and struck him with his fist after

he had put a key ring on his hand. The citation states that Draggoo then kicked the deputy.

He was subdued and taken into custody. Draggoo was charged with assault third of a police officer, assault fourth, fleeing or evading police on foot, and resisting arrest.

The sheriff's office reports that Glenn Carroll served two warrants in the circuit court room last week.

On May 5, Eric D. Cox, 39, was served with a warrant, and on April 6, an indictment warrant was served on David Ashley.

**Be a “Super Hero” on Saturday, April 16, at 12 noon at the Estill County Fairgrounds. Help Rayna Goosey get her Diabetic Alert Dog at her Birthday Party. In lieu of gifts, a \$5.00 donation is being accepted to help get the dog. You can dress as a SuperHero or make your own costume when you come!**

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