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Dear Santa,



Santa concentrates on a letter from Emily McLean during Breakfast with Santa held for the second year at Rader's River Grill on Saturday. Over 100 children and adults ate breakfast with Santa. He has been very busy this time of the year but will be at the Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party this Saturday at 10 a.m. All Estill County children 12 and under are invited. More photos are on Page 2.

County is sued for \$312,557.93 owed to Hinkle

A lawsuit was filed last Wednesday against the Estill County Fiscal Court by Hinkle Contracting Co., LLC of Paris, Ky.

On May 15, 2015, Hinkle delivered a unit price bid for asphalt paving services for the project (selected county roads) located in Estill County.

Contracts were issued between Hinkle and the county on July 28, 2016 and November 1, 2016 for Hinkle to provide materials and perform services for the project.

The lawsuit states that Hinkle provided labor, materials, and supplies and fully completed the project.

Hinkle then delivered invoices totalling \$712,557.93 for its work on the project.

The lawsuit says that on April 17, 2017, the Estill Fiscal Court made a payment to Hinkle for \$200,000.

According to the lawsuit, Estill Judge/Executive Wallace C. Taylor agreed to a payment plan with Hinkle on July 14, 2017.

In the agreement, Taylor affirmed that an outstanding debt of \$512,557.93 was owed to Hinkle for blacktopping county roads.

Under the agreement or contract, Taylor agreed the county would pay Hinkle \$150,000 on or before August 15, 2017. The remaining \$362,557.93 was to be paid on or before August 31.

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Irvine is updated on sewer project at Wisemantown

by CATHY DAWES
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Billy Williams of Irvine Municipal Utilities discussed the Wisemantown sewer project with members of the Irvine council on Monday night.

Williams said that they had 130 signed easements from property owners along Wisemantown with the exception of two that may possibly have to be taken to court.

He stated that the project will get under way in the near future and although it's a bad time of year to get started, he hopes that something can be done during the winter months.

The council approved a first reading of an ordinance pertaining to the project and will hold the second reading at the next meeting on December 11th.

Councilman Tobo Bryant thanked the Twin City Kruzers for their generous donation of toys that was displayed in front of the council members. The toys will be donated to the local Toys for Tots drive and Bryant stated that anyone else that would like to make a donation was more than welcome to do so.

Bryant also made a shocking announcement that he would not be filing for reelection for his seat on the council during the upcoming election. He said that he had

filed to run for mayor instead.

The council went on to discuss several properties throughout the city that need immediate attention including two properties located on Plum Street and one on North Madison Avenue.

The properties located on Plum Street are very small lots according to Councilwoman Nelle Williams and she said she felt like they were a safety hazard. They decided to have the city attorney send warning letters to both property owners and if that didn't accomplish anything then they would take other action.

Mayor W.J. Noland stated that he had been approached twice about the city selling the old dry cleaner building located on Main Street. Noland said that the lease is up between Willis Estes and the city but Estes had still been paying rent on the building.

Nelle Williams said that the city may have to go up on the rent if Estes decides to keep the building and that it needed cleaned up. She stated that she is 'old school' where the front of the property should look nice.

Bryant said he didn't want to 'pull the rug' out from under Estes but if the city did decide to ever sell the building that it would be the building only and not the adjoining parking lot.

Christmas Parade is Friday night

The Kiwanis Club of Irvine is sponsoring the annual Christmas Parade but with a new look this year! An evening parade with the theme, "The Wonder of Christmas" will be sure to delight young to old and allow the community to come together.

It will be held Friday, December 1 with the parade line-up from 6 to 7 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna. At 7 p.m. the parade will proceed on River Drive to Main Street in Irvine and end at Estill Springs School allowing parade-watchers plenty of viewing opportunities.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be riding in their sleigh. Over 20 units are expected to participate along with the Estill County

High Marching Band. Parade participants will not be allowed to toss candy or other objects to the crowd in the interest of safety of the community. Candy can be handed out.

Prizes from the Kiwanis Club of Irvine-Ravenna will be awarded for the floats in the amount of \$100, \$75, and \$50 for first, second and third place respectively for the most attractive floats. Floats will be judged on creativity, originality, and beauty (use of lights).

To register entries in the parade contact Larry Stewart at 723-4002 or Richard Snowden at 723-2135, or email thb@irvineonline.net by Wednesday, November 29.



Brennan Tuttle and Lukas Roberts ate Breakfast with Santa at Rader's River Grill for their second straight year.

Obituaries

Chilton Neal, 84

Tommy Ohlmann, 65

Elizabeth Ann Powell, 61

Olive Rogers, 95

Wilbert Wise, 94

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Jace Brooks smiled when he got to visit with Santa after eating breakfast on Saturday.



Hailey, Abree and Remi Noland visited with Santa after eating the breakfast buffet at Rader's River Grill on Saturday.