

# County gets sued

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The lawsuit states that Hinkle received two payments of \$100,000 each on August 16, 2017 and Sept. 5, 2017. This made a total of \$400,000 paid to Hinkle on the original debt, which leaves a balance of \$312,557.93. Hinkle is seeking a breach of contract and to be awarded its outstanding balance. The company is also asking for interest in an amount which the law entitles. Hinkle is also seeking court costs, which include reasonable attorney fees. A lawsuit only presents one side of a complaint. Usually, the defendants have 20 days to file an answer to a lawsuit. Early Monday afternoon, Judge Taylor had not been served with a copy of this lawsuit. He was not in his office later in the afternoon. A phone call went unanswered and went to voice mail. However, his voice mail box was full and would take no new messages. Two magistrates, Bill Eldridge and Marty Snowden, have been appointed since the blacktop work was done.



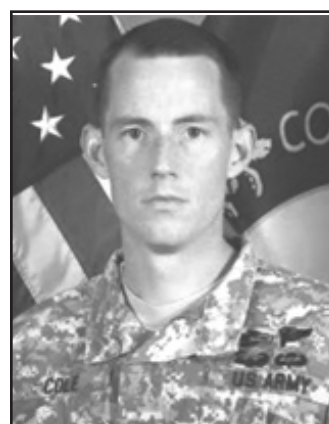
Robin Riddell, left photo, and Randall Sparks, above photo, each won \$500 in the 2017 Fall Shopping Spree Giveaway at Meades' Do-It Center.

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# Mt. Warrior Memorial Ruck will impact traffic on KY52

A memorial ruck will start at 1030 hours Friday, December 1 at Charlie Company, Ravenna National Guard Armory on Cow Creek Road. The ruck will follow KY 52 to the Madison County line and will end 202 miles later at Pine Mountain State Park at 0813 hours on Saturday, Dec. 3. The ruck is expected to impact local traffic Friday to the Madison County line. The ruck is to honor former Battalion Commander LTC Jeff Cole and is coordinated by Kentucky Army Reserve National Guard, Kentucky Department of Transportation, and Kentucky State Police.

The ruck is a tribute to the life of LTC Cole, his family and his legacy. It will help build esprit de corps through a physically demanding event, and interagency cooperation. Stops along the way include B Company at Somerset at 0139 hours on December 2, FSC in London at 1800 hours on Dec. 2, HHC in Barbourville at 0220 hours on Dec. 3 and at Pine Mountain State Park at 0813 hours on Dec. 3. There will be a 30 minute flag raising ceremony at Pine Mountain State Park.



Lt. Jeff Cole



The Cooperative Solar Farm can be seen from I-64 and is now up and running. Photo Submitted

# Cooperative Solar Farm One is up and running

Cooperative Solar Farm One is up and running and Jackson Energy members who license panels from the solar farm will begin seeing monthly credits on their January electric bills. Cooperative Solar Farm One features more than 32,000 solar panels and can generate enough power to meet all the needs of 1,000 typical Kentucky homes. "Cooperative members have said they want options for renewable energy for their home or business," said Jackson Energy Manager of Member Services Karen Combs. "Now, they can license solar panels from Jackson Energy and receive the benefits of solar power without the hassles of private solar." Jackson Energy and the 15 other electric co-ops of Kentucky's Touchstone En-

ergy Cooperatives partnered to build the not-for-profit solar farm, which is located next to Interstate 64 between Lexington and Winchester. The panels will be operated and maintained by the electric co-ops. For a one-time payment of \$460 per panel, participating co-op members will receive a 25-year license. They will get credit on their monthly power bill for the value of the energy generated by their share of the solar farm. Co-op members can license enough panels to offset their average annual electric consumption. And they can monitor panel performance online. Each panel is projected to generate 460 kilowatts per year. For more information and to sign up, visit [www.CooperativeSolar.com](http://www.CooperativeSolar.com).

# Local Police Activity Report

Two bench warrants were served Nov. 22 by Officer Colton Lewis at 206 Hood Avenue in Irvine. Zane Estep, 22, was arrested on a warrant for Failure to Appear (FTA) from Estill District Court on a charge of public intoxication. The bench warrant on Heath Estep, 46, was from Rockcastle District Court. He was placed on that county's fugitive document on Nov. 20 on charges of criminal mischief second degree and criminal littering. Darvis McIntosh III, of Irvine was charged Nov. 24 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct second degree by Officer Brian Cloyd. The citation states he was standing outside the Old Timers Restaurant in below freezing weather. The officer stated that McIntosh was unable to maintain balance while standing. He allegedly shouted profanities. A Rockcastle County bench warrant was served on Jeffery S. Gross, 32, of Broadway, Irvine on Nov. 24 by Officer Lewis.

## Councilman files for Irvine mayor

Long term Irvine Councilman Tommy Joe "Tobo" Bryant has filed to run for Mayor of Irvine. Bryant is one of the longest serving members on the Irvine Council. He is a republican. Only two others filed in the past week, due to the clerk's office being closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. Elizabeth Henry Walling has filed to run for county clerk on the republican ticket. Walling has been employed at Marcum & Wallace Hospital for many years. Felicia Fike Campbell also filed for that office, but on the democratic ticket. Campbell is the secretary to the superintendent of Estill County Schools. The deadline to file for city and county offices is 4 p.m. January 30 in the office of County Clerk Sherry L. Fox. That office is also open most Saturdays until noon.

He was placed on the fugitive document on August 7. His charges were operating on a suspended or revoked license and rear license not illuminated. Angela Hardy, Broadway, Irvine, was arrested on a complaint on Nov. 24 by Officer Colton Lewis. The complaint was obtained by Delbert Estes and charges her with theft by unlawful taking. The warrant says that on Sept. 26, Hardy pawned a lawn mower that she had borrowed from Estes. A bench warrant was served on James Estes, 52, of Sparks Ave., Irvine on Nov. 24 by Officer Lewis. On Aug. 17, a charge of public intoxication was dismissed against him in Estill District Court but he was found guilty of disorderly conduct second degree. District Judge William "Bo" Leach issued the warrant saying that Estes had failed to pay. Estes was to be released from custody upon making the payment or completing daily jail credit. James Estes of Broadway, Irvine was arrested on Nov. 24 by Officer Lewis on a complaint obtained by Delbert Estes, charging him with fourth degree assault. The complaint states that on Oct. 2, James Estes caused physical injury to Delbert Estes by punching him twice in the shoulder. Delbert Estes reported bruising and soreness to his arm. Andrew Stepp, 37, of Glenn Court, Irvine was cited Nov. 25 by Officer Cloyd. The officer said Stepp was traveling east on River Drive at 60 mph. The registration plates of the 2001 Ford Mustang had been cancelled due to failure to maintain insur-

ance. During a vehicle search, the officer said he found a used needle between the driver's seat and door. The vehicle was missing a driver side mirror. Stepp was charged with speeding 15 mph over limit, drug paraphernalia, license to be in possession, and no rear view mirror. A Lee County indictment warrant was served on Jacob Harrison, 25, of Wall Street, Irvine on Nov. 25 by Officer Lewis. Harrison was indicted in Lee County for receiving stolen property, possession of burglary tools, and persistent felony offender. A warrant from Estill District Court was also served on Harrison. Harrison was found guilty of public intoxication and carrying a concealed weapon on May 10, 2017. Judge Leach issued the warrant because Harrison failed to pay the fine. Alicia Strange, of Noland Court, Irvine was arrested on a bench warrant Nov. 24 by Chief Brad Smith. Strange was found guilty in Estill District Court on Nov. 9, 2016 of contempt of court. Judge Leach did not set a bail amount for Strange. Two were arrested Nov. 26 during a traffic stop on River Drive by Officer Brian Cloyd. The officer stated a 2008 Chevy Aveo was traveling west on River Drive at 3:47 a.m. with no tail lights. The driver reportedly failed field sobriety tests. The driver, Kevin L. Burns, 33, of South Irvine Road, was charged with operating a motor vehicle and no brake lights.

A passenger in the vehicle, Elliot Karsten Muncy, 27, of Iron Works Road, Irvine, was also arrested. Officer Cloyd said he found a clear glass smoking pipe with residue under the passenger seat and a straw in Muncy's pants pocket. The officer stated he also located a baggie containing a crystal substance (suspected methamphetamine). Muncy was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Paul Whitley, New Fox Road, Irvine reported a first degree burglary at his residence on Nov. 17. While Whitley was away between 6 and 9 p.m., someone removed two automatic pistols from his residence. The case is under investigation by Deputy Chris Coffey. Sheila Noe of Walling Road reported a theft at her residence on Nov. 17. She told Deputy Chris Coffey that she tracks leading to an outbuilding. Then she noticed that a weed eater valued at \$250 had been stolen. Coffey is the investigating deputy. A theft was reported Nov. 18 by Sonny McGee of South Irvine Road. He reports that a license plate, 15 boxes of ammunition, change, keys, a blue-tooth stereo and barbecue grilling kit were taken from his auto while he was having it worked on between Nov. 4 and 18. The report states that he paid \$400 down for work and parts and the vehicle was not fixed. Deputy Coffey is investigating.

### Points on poinsettia

- Use a large, roomy shopping bag when transporting poinsettias.
- Place them in indirect sunlight for at least six hours each day.
- Water only when the soil is dry to the touch.
- Do not place them near cold drafts or high heat.
- Fertilize after the blooming season with an all-purpose fertilizer.

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River Drive & Main in Ravenna

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### Main Street in Ravenna

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# Annual Kiwanis Christmas Parade

The Kiwanis Club of Irvine will again sponsor 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. All groups, churches, schools, fire departments, businesses, and organizations are invited to participate by entering a float, band, antique car, or other related parade unit (no walkers). For safety reasons, no animals, bicycles or unlicensed motorized vehicles will be entered. 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](mailto:thb@irvineonline.net) by Wednesday, November 29. There is not an entry fee.