

# 911 fees on water bills

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Magistrate Darrell Johnson wanted the 911 fee to be kept at \$3, the same it is now. He called it "revenue neutral" for landline users. He voted against the ordinance for \$4.

Taylor and Magistrates Marty Snowden and Bill Eldridge voted in favor of the \$4 monthly fee.

Taylor stated that any excess fees would be used to update 911 equipment.

While updated equipment is now being paid for by CSEPP, that program is expected to end when the weapons are destroyed at the Blue Grass Army Depot.

Second reading will be given to the ordinance, probably at the Dec. 18 regular meeting of the fiscal court.

The ordinance will become final upon second reading and newspaper publication.

Because the meeting was specially called, the only two items the fiscal court could take action on were the 911 fee and personnel actions which was done in closed session.

This did not keep Jailer Bo Morris from addressing

the fiscal court, apparently about rumors of layoffs of county employees.

"I know times are tough," he stated. "Money is tight."

Morris said he has talked to the district and circuit judges about transporting prisoners to jail.

"When am I going to know (if I get laid off)?" asked Deputy Jailer Chad Smith.

He wanted to know if he should be looking for another job.

Taylor said nothing was going to be done Monday afternoon about employee layoffs. He said the personnel issue to be discussed was private.

Jailer Morris said employees are required to have 24 hours of training a year, which he has scheduled for Thursday and Friday. He is required to have 40.

He asked that the employees be paid for the training.

Morris was told the fiscal court could not act on that matter because it was a special meeting.

The jailer stated he was going to have to cancel the mandatory training.



Volunteers at the Elizabeth Witt Christmas party took time for a photo right before the party began on Saturday morning. A few of them got cut off in the photo. They passed out gifts, books, candy, popcorn, chocolate milk and more to hundreds of children.

## Local police activity report

Gary Lacy, 25, of Clay City was arrested Nov. 27 in parking lot of 82 Food Mart by Deputy Russell 'Doc' Morris.

The citation states the deputy was dispatched to the location because of suspicious activity.

Lacy was a passenger in a vehicle.

Morris said he discovered a pop can with a blue residue in it, and Lacy had a syringe in his pocket.

Lacy was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and drug paraphernalia.

He pleaded not guilty to the charges in Estill District Court on Nov. 29. He will return to court on Dec. 6 for a preliminary hearing.

Timothy Puckett, 30, of Turner Avenue, Irvine was arrested by Officer Brian Cloyd on Nov. 30 on charges of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, and drug paraphernalia.

The officer was dispatched to Turner Avenue because a man was lying in the yard and foaming at the mouth.

The officer said he found two syringes and two baggies of suspected methamphetamine in Puckett's pocket.

Puckett was transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital by Estill County EMS.

He appeared for an arraignment in Estill District Court on Dec. 1 where he pleaded not-guilty to the two charges.

His preliminary hearing was scheduled for Dec. 6.

Darren Ray Hall, 47, of Blue Run Road was arrested at his residence on multiple charges Dec. 2 by Kentucky State Police.

The citation states that Trooper Nick Brumback and two other troopers were walking on Blue Run Road around 11:22 p.m. to serve an active warrant on Hall.

It adds the troopers observed Hall pull out of his driveway and approach their direction.

According to the citation, Hall willingly surrendered to the troopers a .22 pistol and shells, a pipe and methamphetamine.

Field sobriety tests were

performed on Hall.

He was charged with failure to wear seat belts, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of a controlled substance, first degree, carrying a concealed weapon, possession of an open alcohol beverage container in vehicle, failure to produce insurance card, and no registration receipt.

Bail for Hall was set at \$10,000 cash.

He is also being held in jail for \$1,003 owed on a misdemeanor charge from 2014.

He pleaded not-guilty to the recent charges during his arraignment Dec. 4 in Estill District Court. He will return for a preliminary hearing on Dec. 13.



The River City Players will be presenting "The Rented Christmas" on Friday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, December 10th @ 3:00. Both performances will be at the Estill County High School auditorium. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students 6-18, and five and under is free. *"John Dale hasn't enjoyed a 'real Christmas' for years. So, on the spur of the moment, he decides to 'rent' a Christmas from Anne Weston, who owns the local rent shop. Anne is at first flustered with the requirements: a tree with presents, Christmas carols and also a wife and five children. Anne feels she has solved the problem of a Christmas family by calling the actors' guild. But the young actors come down with the measles so she turns to the local orphanage. When the guild can't locate a 'mother,' Anne steps in to play the role herself. Based on the short story by J. Lillian Vandervere, the story of how John Dale's rented Christmas turns into a new life for all concerned makes this a warm story for the holiday season."*

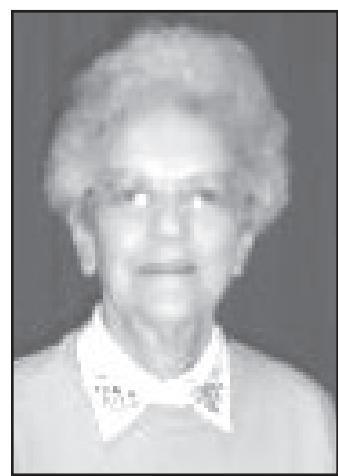


**Lois Hollon**

"A Rented Christmas", is one of several plays I've been involved with. It is always a pleasure to work with "new" players and our wonderful actors! "The Rented Christmas" has really a thought provoking message, "happiness cannot be bought"!!! But, finding happiness can have lots of twists and turns!

We hope you enjoy the show and have a blessed Christmas! Thank you for continuing to support the "Mack" Theater!

Rented Christmas", and I am very excited to participate in River City Players in the years to come.



**Doris Moore**

Doris Williams Moore is in her 2nd RCP production but 1st time in the cast. She has enjoyed working with RCP this past year. She is the organist and ladies choir director at South Irvine Baptist Church. She enjoys playing the piano & organ, sewing & working alongside her husband in the yard, garden, and splitting firewood



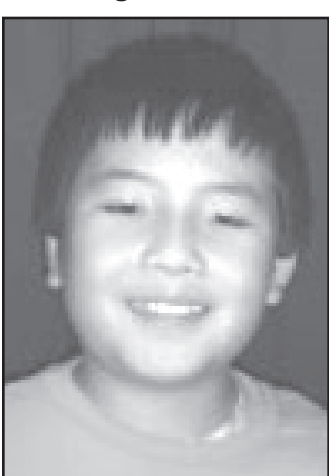
**Gavin Holloway**

My name is Gavin Holloway. The Rented Christmas, will be my fifth play for the River City Players, other plays include: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever two times and Memories of the Mack. I have attended all four Drama Camps sponsored by the River City Players. I enjoy acting and love to bring a little flare to my part.



**Kailee Nicole Reed**

Kailee is 9 years old and in the 4th grade. She has attended RCP Drama Camp for 2 years and was a Mouse in the Nutcracker play last Christmas. She loves playing softball and being outdoors.



**Luke Hughes**

I am Luke Hughes and I am 10 years old. I attend West Irvine Intermediate. I became interested in participating in acting when I watched the River City Players production of the Nutcracker last year with my school. This is my first role as an actor.



**Cameron Harris**

Hello, my name is Cameron Harris, and I play John Hale. I graduated ECHS in 1986, and served in the Marine Corps from 1986 - 1992. I am married to Jennifer Harris (West). We have been married for 21 years. I have a daughter, Haley, and 2 sons, Brandan and Shean. We have six grandchildren.



**Haley Harris**

Hi, my name is Haley Harris and I am 12 years old. I play Cynthia in "The Rented Christmas". I have been with River City Players for two years and have attended acting camps and was in last year's play "The Nutcracker" as Marie. I hope you enjoy the play.



**Barbara Fox Spencer**

Hi, I am Barbara Fox Spencer. This is the second time I have performed in a RCP play. I love life and have never met a stranger! I am blessed with 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. I enjoy playing bridge, scrabble and canasta.



**JoAnn Smith no bio**



**Ella Seale**

Hi! My name is Ella Seale. I like to play fiddle, and do academic team and gymnastics. I also like spending time with my family. This is my third River City Players' play. I have two sisters and I play Lettie in the play. I'd

like to thank River City Players for the opportunity to be in the play. Enjoy the show!



**Shelbi Goe**

Hello my name is Shelbi Lynn Goe and I am 10 years old and in 5th grade at West Irvine Intermediate. A Rented Christmas will be my second production with River City Players and I have attended 2 summer camps with them. I am an active member of Sand Hill Christian Church, 4H, and Girl Scout Troop #661.



**Elizabeth Raider**

Hello, my name is Elizabeth Raider. I like acting with all these nice people. We are like an "acting family"! I have done Christmas plays for a while now. We are all close to each other. When I have free time I like to draw, read, and play soccer.

**Chloe Savannah Reed**

Chloe is 11 years old and in the 5th grade. She has attended RCP Drama Camp for 2 years and was Sweet Tooth in the Nutcracker play last Christmas.