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Wayne Wise of Ravenna rescued the Christmas Cactus at left where it had lain on the street in Richmond for four days. He brought it home and placed it in potting soil where it later bloomed into a beautiful potted plant. Read Eric's article on Page 11 to find out about the Christmas and Thanksgiving flowering cactus.

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Man throws pipe in fire to destroy evidence of meth

An Irvine man faces new charges after Irvine Police went to his residence to serve an indictment warrant on him on Dec. 21.

The citation states that Gregory M. Morris, 53, failed to obey the officers' commands to leave his High Street residence. Forced entry was required.

The citation adds that while Morris was refusing to open the door, he threw a glass methamphetamine pipe in a wood burning stove.

Officers Colton Lewis and Jason Conrad attempted to retrieve the pipe but were

unable to due to the heat and contamination from methamphetamine.

Morris was charged with resisting arrest, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and tampering with physical evidence.

Morris was arraigned Dec. 21 in Estill District Court where he pleaded not guilty to the charges.

His preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 3 in Owsley County.

Charges in Morris' indictment were listed in last week's edition of The Estill County Tribune.

Dream brings man from Ohio to Irvine to find his dog, gone for 2.5 years

An Ohio man has been charged with theft of a Jet Ski trailer under the Irvine bridge.

On December 20, Deputy Chris Coffey was called to the location by the property owner of the Riverview Restaurant.

When he arrived, he said he spoke with Jimmy Hayes, 62, of Middletown, Ohio.

The deputy stated that Hayes told him he had a dream that his dog was at the restaurant property. The dog

has been missing for two and a half years.

He had been at the property and looking for his dog for two and a half days.

Hayes allegedly hooked the Jet Ski trailer to his vehicle about five hours before the deputy arrived on scene.

The man told the deputy that he thought the trailer was abandoned and had intended to take it back to Ohio with him.

Possession of the trailer was given back to the property owner. Hayes was charged with theft by unlawful taking over \$500 but under \$10,000.

He was arraigned December 21 in Estill District Court where he pleaded not guilty.

A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for Hayes on January 3 in Owsley County.



A young man was delighted to visit Santa on Saturday afternoon at American Legion Toys for Estill County Kids' event. Nearly 200 children were registered to attend.

Cole hired by Estill Schools to enforce law

Estill County Schools has announced the hiring of its first Director of Law Enforcement and School Safety.

Director Doug Cole has over 22 years of law enforcement experience and recently retired from the Kentucky State Police. Several of those years Officer Cole was a road trooper serving areas including Estill County.

Director Cole stated that he always enjoyed his time working in Estill County and has built many positive relationships with the people.

In his new job he will continue building those relationships with the students, parents, and local law enforcement.

"I am looking forward to being a positive role model for our students and making all schools as safe an environment as possible," said Director Cole.

As the Director of Law Enforcement and School Safety, Cole will implement

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Lindsey Rogers, right, was all smiles when her daughter, Cooper, visited with Santa Claus during Story Time at the Estill County Public Library on Friday. The Friday session is geared to babies.



Tina Johnson checked Santa's list at American Legion Post 79. Nearly 200 children and their families were fed hot dogs with chili, French fries, cookies, and popcorn before the kids got to meet Santa.

TUESDAY



Jan. 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY

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Fiscal court leaves county in a better financial shape

Thursday's fiscal court meeting was the last for all current officials, unless a special meeting is held before January 7.

It took the place of the regular meeting, which was postponed on Monday, Dec. 17 because of a power outage in Irvine.

"When I was sworn in, in January, things weren't the best," said Judge/Executive Kevin Williams, who was appointed after Wallace Taylor resigned.

Williams said the county's general fund had \$140,000 and the road fund \$218,000 balances on Thursday.

He added that he signed a contract with Hinkle's three months ago for blacktopping totalling \$636,000. That work will be done in the spring.

He said the county is expecting a \$170,000 check from FEMA and some bridges will be repaired.

Joe Crawford, director of Estill Development Alliance, stated that he had attended a meeting on the Opportunity Zones on Tuesday.

He explained that funding will come from capital gains, where investors are

given preferential tax treatment.

The western half of the county, including Irvine, is in the local Opportunity Zone.

"The state is going to help us market the project we come up with," Crawford stated.

He also informed the fiscal court that CSX had donated a gondola full of rail to the steam engine museum. Crawford stated that about 2,000 feet of rail will be laid connecting the museum to existing tracts.

Fire Chief Derrick Muncie reported that runs by the fire department were down for the year.

He added that most vehicle wrecks were occurring on Highways 82 and 89.

Tommy Mullen, animal control officer and solid waste coordinator, said that cameras at illegal dumps have captured persons dumping illegally as well as illegal drug transactions.

He anticipates the animal shelter will get a grant to be used for a spay and neuter program.

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Ella Ballard received a gift from Santa during Story Time at the library on Friday morning.