

# Homeless people flock to South Irvine

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The source stated those homeless people receive food stamps which they use to eat on. The source described some of them as clean as a pen, but a few others are dirty and smell bad.

Deputy Morris said there is no other neighborhood in Estill County that he knows of that has a homeless population like South Irvine does.

He said homeless people walk the streets of South Irvine and around the county courthouse during the wee hours of the morning.

A homeless person usually carries a backpack in which they keep all of their belongings.

Morris recently arrested one man who had two backpacks filled with his possessions.

One of the homeless told the deputy that he had laid his backpack down. When he came back, someone had stolen all of his possessions.

Morris said he finds very few drugs in the backpacks when he has to make arrests.

When local law enforcement arrest a homeless person, they write "homeless" on the address line of the citation. Morris said this

usually gives the homeless person an extra day or two in jail, where they get three meals and a bed to sleep in.

Morris is worried about where these people will go when the weather turns cold.

At one time, he stated that he could call one of the local churches who would put a homeless person up in a motel room.

Now, he says there are

too many of them, and the churches can no longer afford motel rooms.

Most of them have relatives, but they are not willing to take them in for one reason or another. In a few instances, a homeless person is described to have mental problems.

Several years ago, a committee was formed in Estill County to start a homeless

shelter here. They looked at a house off River Drive, but the area was not properly zoned for a homeless shelter.

Most members of that committee were members of the Christian Worship Center. The group only planned to open the shelter on nights when the temperatures were below freezing.

## Fiscal court meets

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The fiscal court must approve CSEPP expenditures, but they are paid for with federal funds.

In other action, a pass-through grant of \$10,500 was approved for the Estill Ambulance Service.

Taylor said that service usually saves the money until it has enough to purchase an ambulance.

Fire Chief Derrick Muncie presented the monthly fire department report. He said runs are about the same as last year.

Muncie said fall fire season begins Oct. 1 and runs through Dec. 31. That means outdoor burning is restricted between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The court told Muncie he was doing a good job, but he said it was because of a lot of dedicated volunteers.

Judge Taylor said retire-

ment is expected to go from 19.17 percent to 28.6 percent in the next fiscal year, beginning July 1.

He estimated that based upon current employees' salaries, it will cost the county an additional \$189,000 a year.



Marty Snowden served his first meeting as Magistrate of District I. He was appointed by the governor.



South Irvine residents formed a Neighborhood Watch to deter crime. Signs are everywhere.



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## Vacant school to be turned into women's veteran center

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Rooms have been furnished into bedrooms and sitting areas. When the center opens, there will be enough space for 35 people. This includes lady veterans and their children.

Excess furniture is stored to donate to lady veterans when they graduate from the program and are ready to move out on their own.

The lady veterans will go through a program which teaches life skills, career readiness, financial literacy, interview coaching, and counseling.

The school building used a coal furnace, which had to be taken out.

Lady Veterans Connect, Inc. is now raising funds to purchase a new heating and air conditioning unit.

Abbot estimated that it will cost \$150,000 and they now have about \$5,000.

The center can open when the HVAC

system is installed

A shelter in Lexington opened last year and currently has three lady veterans.

There is a transitional center for lady veterans in Virginia and a center in Florida. The one at Trapp will be the largest of its kind in the United States.

Veterans Affairs will hold tele-med clinics at Trapp for any veteran. Mobile clinics will also be held there two or three times a month.

A fundraiser, the Trapp Throwdown, will be held Saturday, Oct. 7 from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Entertainment will be provided by Donnie Isaacs and Take A Break Bank, Moonshine Mike and the Taste Testers, Clay Case and lots more.

Loretta from 99.3 (Wallingford Media Group) will be the MC for the evening.

Veterans and children under 12 are admitted free. There is a \$5 admission for everyone else.

## Attorney general sides with county attorney on refusing to disclose retainer records

The Kentucky Attorney General's office has ruled in favor of County Attorney Rodney Davis in an open records request.

Ryan Rudich, a Chicago attorney, sent a letter on February 15 requesting all records related to the retaining Smith Stag, LLC.

Smith Stag, LLC is the law firm representing the Estill County Fiscal Court in a lawsuit over TENORM. Defendants in the lawsuit are Corey Hoskins, BES Services, Advanced TENORM Services, and Advanced Disposal.

Attorney Davis denied Rudich's request in a letter dated February 28, saying there was an ongoing investigation, both administrative and criminal.

Rudich appealed Davis' response to the Kentucky Attorney General on August 15.

Davis' response was that releasing the records would put the fiscal court and him at a competitive disadvantage in pending litigation.

Davis confirmed to the attorney general that his office maintains the agreement with Smith Stag, LLC and not the fiscal court.

Records of information maintained by county attorneys and commonwealth attorneys are exempted from state statutes after litigation is completed.

The opinion was prepared by Gordon Slone, Assistant Attorney General.

For more information, you may see the opinion at 17-ORD-187.

Rudich can appeal the decision in circuit court.

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## Donations are needed to feed 100 kids on weekends

Estill County's Food Bank is in need of donations for its backpack program.

Susan Dick, director of the food bank, said each week, the Food Bank sends home enough non-perishable food to feed children over the weekend.

Currently, the food bank furnishes food for backpacks for 100 students at Estill Springs and West Irvine Elementary.

If food for the backpacks is not donated by the community, Dick says the food bank must purchase the food.

It costs \$1,000 a month to fill the backpacks.

Dick said the food bank can purchase food for the food bank at God's Pantry, but God's Pantry does not have food suitable for the backpacks.

She stated that when they have to buy food for the backpacks, they order it from Save-A-Lot. The business delivers the food to Mountain Crest where it is packed by the residents there.

Dick says the food bank operates on donations that mostly come from churches and individuals.

The Estill County Retired Teachers will soon be having a food drive for the

food bank.

The retired teachers will be at local grocery stores where customers can donate non-perishable food items.

"The winter months are coming on," Dick stated. With cold weather and the holidays, there is a great demand for food.

Dick said that non-perishable food items which are suitable for the backpacks include juice, cereal, crackers, and ramen noodles.

She discourages chips and cookies and other non-nutritious foods.

Donations can be dropped off at the food bank when it is open.

## IPD arrests woman with drugs

An Irvine woman was arrested Sunday night following a traffic stop on Rice Street.

Irvine Officer Jason Conrad said he observed a vehicle traveling east on Rice Street with its license plate not illuminated. He and Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris were given verbal consent to search the vehicle and the female driver's purse.

The citation states that Officer Conrad recovered a round white pill, which was identified by Poison Control as a 10 mg. Percoset.

Deputy Morris reportedly located marijuana and a 600 mg. Gabapentin inside the woman's purse.

Officer Conrad charged the driver with

rear license not illuminated, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, possession of a controlled substance, third degree, and drug paraphernalia.

The Irvine officer said he also recovered rolling papers and a pair of hemostats in the woman's purse. He also found a razor blade and a plastic baggie inside the vehicle.

The driver, Sheila Martin Taylor, 54, of Jacqueline Court, Irvine, was arrested and lodged in the Clark County Detention Center.

Taylor pleaded not-guilty during her arraignment Sept. 18 in Estill District Court.

A preliminary hearing is set for October 11.

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