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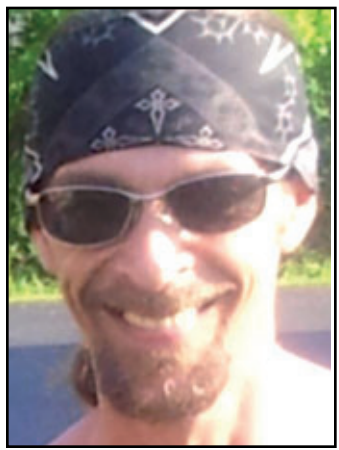
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Man is killed in his home, near a church, on Friday



Micky Riddell

Kentucky State Police are continuing their investigation into a murder on Fri-

day morning.

As of press time, no arrests have been made.

A neighbor heard a gunshot and went to the residence of Micky Randall Riddell, 44, on Lee Acres Road, behind the Valley View Baptist Church, and just off Pea Ridge Road.

The neighbor found Riddell's body just before noon on Friday. Riddell was pronounced dead by the Estill County Coroner Tony Murphy.

Another neighbor said that Riddell had also been beaten., but state police are

not saying how Riddell died.

An autopsy was performed in Frankfort to determine the cause of Riddell's death.

Police have been searching for a dark purple van that was seen near the crime scene that morning. Two men, including a local resident, reportedly were inside the van.

Riddell is survived by his children, mother, and siblings.

A private memorial service has held.

Anyone with information on this crime is asked to call Kentucky State Police.



Top Photo: Patriot Day was Friday, so it was appropriate that a picnic for emergency volunteers in Estill County was held on Saturday. The picnic was held at Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna. Many individuals and businesses gave donations to go for the picnic and gifts for the volunteers. Councilwoman Beverly Thompson presented Ravenna Fire Chief David Harvey with a painting. She stated it was bought with private funds.

Bottom Photo: Volunteers gathered around a tent waiting in light rain for their names to be called for prizes. Some volunteers had left the event when an emergency was toned on the radio, but family members were allowed to pick a prize for them.

Railroad Festival Takes Place Sept. 19th

We're only a few days left until the Ravenna Railroad Festival, scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2015, mostly in Ravenna Veterans Memorial Park.

The annual event is a celebration of the railroad industry which led to the formation of the city of Ravenna over 100 years ago.

According to Ravenna Mayor Estine Tipton, the city is 100 years old this year after being founded in 1915.

The festival provides a weekend of free entertainment and activities for everyone in the community. This alcohol-free, family-oriented event offers something for all ages but Tipton said the event is especially for the young people in the community.

Among the attractions is a Kids Parade that begins at 10:00 a.m. and proceeds up Main Street. There will also be a pumpkin painting contest for kids at Ravenna Greenhouse with judging at 12:00 Noon.

Adults and businesses are invited to join in the Scarecrow Contest and Decorating Contest being sponsored by Ravenna Greenhouses.

Radio station WSKV-104.9 will be in Ravenna, broadcasting all day. And, there will be an all-day Railroaders Reunions.

There will be food vendors, and retail vendors in the park. Twin City Cruisers will also be having a Cruise-In Car Show.

Everyone is welcome to attend this all-day event.



Future emergency volunteers Jasmine Watson and Jordan Williams got plenty of driving experience during Saturday's picnic for emergency volunteers.

Arrests made for smuggling drugs in jail in sneakers; Two are being extradicted back to Richmond, Indiana

Two more arrests related to heroin have been made by the Irvine Police Department of residents living in an apartment at 100 S. Hudson.

Officer John Sturniolo says on Sept. 5, one of the female occupants took a pair of tennis shoes to the jail for Kyle Steelman and Jonathan Harris, who had been arrested Aug. 29.

During a jail search, Sturniolo said that three foil wrapped packages of heroin, oxycodone, and lortab were found in the insoles of the shoes.

Krystal Jo Frist told the officer that Megan Kochersperger pulled the insoles out, placed the drugs inside, and reglued the insoles.

Frist, 30, was charged with promoting contraband, first. She pleaded guilty Sept. 9 to the charge, amended to second degree.

As part of her plea deal, she will be forfeiting a 2001 Dodge Stratus to the Irvine Police Department and will be leaving Estill County.

She was sentenced to 365 days in

jail, discharged for 21 months.

Kochersperger, 23, is also known as Melinda "Mindy" Johnson. She was charged with trafficking in heroin, promoting contraband first, two counts of possession of a controlled substance first (heroin and oxycodone), and possession of a controlled substance, second (lortab).

During the investigation, Johnson told the police officer that she snorted heroin two to three times a day. She stated that she had bought one gram of heroin in Indiana about two days before her arrest.

Sturniolo stated the woman also had \$897 stuffed in her bra.

IPD served an outstanding warrant on Johnson from Richmond, Indiana, for an alleged probation violation for dealing in cocaine.

The Wayne County, Indiana, Sheriff's Department confirmed they will extradite Johnson back to Indiana.

The same sheriff's department also had an outstanding warrant on Donald

Dewayne Harris, 27, one of the two men arrested in the apartment on Aug. 29.

Harris is wanted for failing to appear for operating a vehicle as a habitual traffic violator. The charge is a felony. Wayne County also plans to extradite him.

Harris is also known as John Doe Harris and Jonathan Dewayne Harris.

Harris pleaded not-guilty to TICS, 1st and 2nd, and tampering with physical evidence during his arraignment on Aug. 31. The charges were dismissed without prejudice against him during his preliminary hearing on Sept. 9.

Steelman, 30, pleaded not-guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia, trafficking in a controlled substance, first (heroin), trafficking in controlled substance, second, and tampering with physical evidence during his arraignment on Aug. 31.

His preliminary hearing was also held Sept. 9. Bond for Steelman was set at \$50,000.

Obituaries

- Ivan Miller, 73
 - Terry Rawlins, 62
 - Micky Riddell, 44
 - James Roberts, 82
 - Lettie Stacy, 87
 - Edith Worrell, 87
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Three more homes to be built in Ravenna with leftover funding

by CATHY DAWES
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Bryan Kerby updated members of the Ravenna council on Monday night about the home renovations going on within the city. He said that the homes were nearly 95 percent completed and there were only two families that hadn't moved into their new homes yet. He asked the council to approve Resolution #10 that would allow the majority of payments to be made on the project including rent for September and October for the two families that still had not moved back into their homes.

Kerby also told the council that they would notice that \$500 had been withheld on each home and that money was designated for grass

seed and landscaping for each new home.

The council also approved a resolution for Charlie Gatewood, DBA CB Homes, the bids for three homes that have been added to the project with left over funds. Kerby explained that Gatewood was the sole bidder on the project and he felt like the bids on each home were reasonable bids. The bids for each home was \$75,320, \$81,616, and \$64,495. He said that the average home costs around \$85,000 from start to finish.

Former councilman Louis Officer questioned Kerby about the property taxes on the new homes. He said naturally the property taxes would be higher on the new homes but considering the fact that the new homes are much

more energy efficient the home owner should see significant savings on their energy bill. On average Kerby said that electric bills run around \$80 in the new homes.

He said that he hoped to have everyone back in their new homes by Christmas including the three families that were added to the project.

The council agreed to set Trick or Treat for Thursday, October 29th for children 12 and under. Irvine will have their Trick or Treat the same night. In the past the two cities had held the event on separate nights and that did not work out well. The council felt it was in the best interest of everyone to have it on the same night.

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