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Girl Scout Troop 7182 greeted veterans as they returned Saturday from the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Greeting the veterans in the photo above are Jamilyn Spiers, Analyse Day, and Daylee Robinson.

Man charged in Lee murders is brought to Estill Jail for safety, now charged with trafficking

A 23 year old Irvine resident who was charged in connection with two murders in Lee County on August 4 now faces new and local charges.

Wesley Johnson of 710 Broadway had turned himself in that weekend to local police. He was arrested on two Lee County bench warrants and held in the Estill County Detention Center.

Johnson had called 911 to report the murder of Billy Roark, 28, on Hell Road, but Kentucky State Police charged him with complicity to commit the murder of

Roark.

Five other people have also been charged and indicted in the murders of Roark and James Brown, 36, both of Beattyville. Brown was also murdered on Hell Road.

After KSP arrested Johnson on the Lee County charge, he was transferred to the Three Forks Regional Jail in Beattyville.

All six were indicted last week by the Lee County Grand Jury. Johnson was returned to the Estill County Detention Center, apparently for safety issues.

The other defendant with Estill ties, Anthony Taylor, 34, was indicted for both murders and the attempted murder of Johnson.

Taylor has run several small businesses in Estill County. His latest was a small engine repair shop on Broadway which closed several months ago.

This past Saturday, a woman came to the Estill Detention Center and brought items to Johnson.

Irvine Officer John Sturniolo said that two bags of suspected heroin and a syringe were hidden in a pair

of flip-flop type sandals.

The brown powder tested positive for heroin.

Johnson has been charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, second and greater offense, less than two grams of heroin and promoting contraband first degree.

Johnson was arraigned on the local charges Monday in Estill District Court. Bail information was unavailable.

However, Johnson and the other five defendants in the two Lee County murders each have a bail of \$1 million.

Walkaway from rehab facility is tracked down by ankle bracelet

On Friday night, law enforcement quickly ended a pursuit of a walk-away with the help of a GPS ankle monitor.

The citation states the Estill County Dispatch was contacted by Montgomery County Jailer Eric Jones. He said that Brian Scott Tipton had absconded from a rehab facility.

Tipton, 31, of Sugar Hollow Road, Irvine was reportedly wearing a GPS ankle monitor. When Jailer Jones first called, it showed that Tipton was at 277 Broadway in Irvine.

The jailer added that Tipton was moving toward Main Street. Two Irvine officers, two KSP troopers and two Ravenna officers joined in the pursuit of Tipton.

The officers report they located Tipton at Shell Mart on Richmond Road. When officers arrived, Tipton fled on foot into a field planted with several acres of soybeans.

Police say that Jones used the ankle bracelet to advise

the local law officers on Tipton's location throughout the pursuit.

Tipton was arrested at the intersection of Shady Lane with Richmond Road around 11 p.m. Shady Lane is across from Wisemantown Road.

The Montgomery jailer told the local officers that Montgomery District Judge Don Blair said that Tipton was to be charged with bail jumping.

Tipton was charged with fleeing or evading police in the first degree, six counts of wanton endangerment in the first degree, and bail jumping in the first degree. All of those charges are Class D felonies, punishable by one to five years in prison.

Bail for Tipton was set at \$10,000 cash. He was lodged in the Estill County Detention Center. Court records say that Tipton was arrested on a new charge while a case against him was pending.

Tipton was arraigned Monday in Estill District Court.



Matthew Hager performed at the Kentucky State Fair last Thursday. He is a senior at Estill High and the son of David and Gwen Hager. Matthew performed a song, "Kentucky," he had written. He won a local 4-H talent contest in July which earned him a performance spot at the state fair. He also performed with the Performing Arts Group. See Page 2.

Labor Day Deadline
The staff of the Estill County Tribune will be working on Monday to bring you next week's news. Ads and news items can be submitted at our office, phone 723-5012, or email at news@estilltribune.com. Keep up to date with our web page, estilltribune.com. Stay safe and have a great weekend.

5th Revive River Drive Music, Food, Fireworks Scheduled for Saturday

by CATHY DAWES
The Estill County Tribune

The 5th annual "Revive River Drive" will be held on September 3rd in downtown Irvine. Joe Crawford, executive director of Estill Development Alliance, said that many things will stay the same as last year such as live music in front of The Mike's Travel Agency on River Drive but one added bonus to the event will be a fireworks show at 10 o'clock. Due to unforeseen circumstances there were no fireworks this year during the Estill County Fair but the Chamber of Commerce along with Citizen's Guaranty Bank have made it possible to have the fireworks show at the end of Revive River Drive.

Crawford said that many local musicians such as Zach Barnett and Stanley Niece will perform that night as well as Ryan Witt and Gene Seale. Kona Ice will be set up in partnership with the Chaos softball team

and A Taste of Italy food truck will be set up. Tickets will be available for the upcoming event 'Kickin' it on the Creek' as well as tie dye shirts.

"This event is about going back to the beginning and returning some of the love to the local businesses," stated Crawford.

He also reiterated the fact that this is a family friendly event and it's a nice event for the community that brings in lots of people from out of town. It is not a 'burn out' event and Crawford said that it would be left in the hands of local law enforcement.

Revive River Drive shirts were designed by one of the co-founders Staci York and can be purchased online at this time. The entire event will be broadcast live by WKSX for those people who don't want to make the trip to town that night.

"We are so happy that we are able to do this. This is our homecoming," added Crawford.

Obituaries
Terry Glenn Hall, 57
Rondell Lee Patrick, 53
Millard Fillmore Reed, 78
Doris Jean Westphal, 84
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Estill man attends "Honor Flight" to Washington, D.C.

by TRACY R. PATRICK
The Estill County Tribune

An Estill County man was among 43 veterans from across the Commonwealth that took the "Honor Flight" to Washington, D.C., on Saturday, August 27, 2016, to see the memorials dedicated to them.

The event was sponsored by Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives which includes Jackson Energy which serves Estill County, and included veterans from

World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

"It was a nice trip," said Donald Hardy of Irvine. "Touchstone Energy did a splendid job. They had a lot of people there and were really supportive."

The group departed Lexington's Blue Grass Airport around 8:00 a.m. and returned around 9:00 p.m. that night. They were shuttled around Washington, D.C. in buses.

Sights included in their visit were the Air Force Me-

morial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington Cemetery for the changing of the guard, the World War II Memorial and a stop at the Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Memorial and Lincoln Memorial area.

They arrived in Lexington to a "Welcome Home Celebration" where they were greeted by as many as 1,200 family and friends who gave them a heroes' welcome.

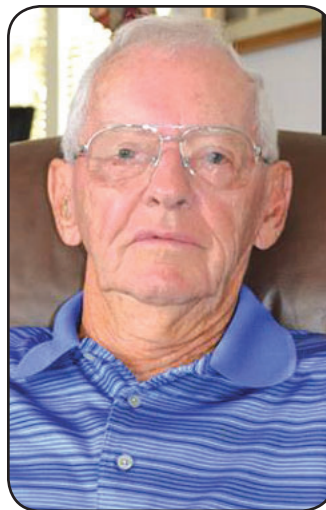
Hardy attended the event with one of his sons, Wil-

liam, as his guardian. He said every veteran had a guardian because many were in wheel chairs.

Donald Hardy is the son of Elmer and Lucille Hardy. He was raised at West Irvine where he attended elementary school and later walked to the old Estill County High School that burned at the site of the present board office. He graduated in 1945.

Hardy was drafted but was sent home with a deferment.

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Donald Hardy