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KSP arrests girlfriend for drug trafficking

A second person has been arrested as the result of a recent, large drug bust in Estill County.

George Harrison of Ridge Road, Irvine, was arrested by federal authorities and Kentucky State Police about a week earlier after being stopped in the parking lot of Family Dollar on Winchester Road.

Harrison was then lodged in the Fayette County De-

tention Center. The charges against him are not known.

A source said that Harrison had been having shipments of suspected drugs delivered to a residence on Wall Street, as well as to his home on Ridge Road.

That source said while KSP was at Harrison's home on Ridge Road, a delivery truck dropped off a package for him.

On September 21, an

agent from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security obtained a copy of a phone call reportedly made by Harrison at the detention center to his girlfriend, Rhonda Reynolds, 48, also of Ridge Road, Irvine.

A search warrant states that Harrison had called his home phone number. Information from this phone call was used by KSP to obtain and execute the second

search warrant of the Ridge Road home on September 24.

Harrison allegedly instructs Reynolds by phone to proceed to outbuildings and vehicles on his premises to obtain items that he had hidden that had not been found in the original search by KSP.

During the phone call, KSP says he instructs Reynolds to remove some of the

items and place them in the residence to prevent their discovery. Harrison indicated that if those items were discovered, he "would really be destroyed."

He reportedly told Reynolds that he was worried to death that KSP had found that s--.

The search warrant states that Reynolds identified in the phone call the items that are located on the premises



Rhonda Reynolds
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The 100 year old home of the Danny Darbyshire family on Red Lick Road was destroyed by fire on Sunday.

Fire destroys historic home on Red Lick Rd.

The Estill County Fire Department received a call of a structure fire Sunday on Red Lick Road.

As the first engine arrived, firefighters found heavy fire in the rear of the home and also in the upstairs. Crews deployed three hand lines and began attacking the fire, as our tankers arrived.

The firemen were able to throw around 4,500 gallons of water on the fire. Once the electric company shut off the power, they were able to knock the remaining fire out.

Due to the temperatures being in the 90's, and battling heavy fire in a 100 year old house, and using large amounts of water, additional manpower and tankers were requested. With resources on hand, we were able to finish extinguishing the fire and get all the hot spots out.

Fire departments who assisted and brought tankers of

water were Waco, Red Lick, Hargett, and Irvine.

One firefighter was transported to the hospital to be checked out for dehydration. He was treated and released.

The home was a total loss. Red Cross has been contacted to assist the family.

A Go-Fund Me account has been set up on Facebook to assist the Darbyshire family.

Donations can also be dropped off at Tobacco Shedd in West Irvine.

Beverages for firemen to use during future fires can be dropped off at Arthur's Junkyard on Sand Hill.

Kenny Cole retires as environmentalist after 32 years at Estill Health Department

Monday was Kenny Cole's last day as environmentalist at the Estill County Health Department, a job he has spent 32 years doing.

Cole received a degree in Public Health in 1982 after graduating from Estill County High School.

Herman Lamb had been environmentalist at the health department and became administrator. Michelle Philpot was hired to replace him. After working a few years as environmentalist, she decided to get a degree in horticulture. Cole took her place.

"I've really enjoyed my work," he stated. "I feel like I've been a servant to Estill County."

"The county has really made strides with improvements of septic systems," Cole said.

He added that it was hard

work to eliminate straight line pipes.

Candy McMaine, the other environmentalist at the health department, said she is not qualified to work with the septic systems.

And also due to the work load of the environmentalists, another one will be hired.

Cole is also a certified lead assessor.

"There's not a lot of lead assessors across the state," he explained.

"If a child has an elevated lead level, the assessor talks to the family, looks at the homes, and tests it for lead paint or batteries," Cole stated.

He was contracted with other health departments to do lead assessments in Lee, Jackson and Montgomery counties.

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Retiree Kenny Cole worked on Monday, but the staff held a reception for his retirement in the afternoon.

Youth volunteer for Estill projects during the Nazarene Fall Retreat

by CATHY DAWES
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Dozens of people from all over the state of Kentucky made their way to Ravenna on Friday night to participate in the Fall Retreat hosted by the Ravenna Nazarene Church.

Sixty three people including teenagers, pastors, and youth pastors from churches in Ashland, Erlanger, Corbin,

Richmond, Highland Heights, Catlettsburg, and Ravenna gathered spent the entire weekend doing community service work throughout Estill County.

Shannon Horn, youth leader of the Ravenna Nazarene Church, said the purpose of the Fall Retreat is to get the kids together to serve the community and to reflect the work

that Christ did while he was on Earth.

Horn said the group split up on Saturday and each group assisted in different areas of the county.

One group unloaded a truck for Helping Hands, cleaned, and stuffed backpacks for needy children.

Another group spent the day at Aldersgate Camp pull-

ing weeds and sorting bottle caps that have been collected and will be recycled into benches.

The other group spent the day cleaning and painting at Ravenna Nazarene.

Horn said the large group slept in two huge army tents over the weekend at the park in Ravenna.

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Ravenna Nazarene Church hosted youth from Kentucky for a Fall Retreat over the weekend. They slept in two large Army tents set up in Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna. They split into three groups and worked at Helping Hands, Aldersgate Camp and at the Ravenna Nazarene Church.
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