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Irvine police say they found coke during an arrest

An Irvine man was charged with cocaine possession Sunday night while the Irvine Police Department was attempting to serve bench warrants on him.

Irvine Officer Jeff Knuckles arrested Anthony Aaron Gerald, 31, of Turner Avenue, Irvine and charged him with possession of a controlled substance first degree and first offense.

The citation states that Officer Knuckles saw a silver container fall near Gerald's feet, and Gerald threw a towel over it. Knuckles wrote that inside the silver container was a white powder wrapped in plastic. The powder tested positive as a cocaine based substance by a drug identification kit, Knuckles wrote in

the citation.

According to court records, Gerald had failed to appear in Estill District Court on July 10, 2013 on a misdemeanor and four traffic violations. The charges were operating on a suspended or revoked operations license, no registration plates, no registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, and improper registration plates.

Gerald was arraigned on the felony charge on Monday in Estill District Court. He pleaded not-guilty.

Bail information on the felony charge was not available.

A preliminary hearing for Gerald is scheduled for August 14 in Estill District Court.

Ammunition saves man's life Tuesday during a trailer fire

An Estill county man barely escaped from his burning home early on Tuesday morning.

Estill Fire Chief Derrick Muncy said the owner of a 70-foot long trailer on Elmer Richardson Road was awakened from his sleep around 2:30 a.m. by the noise of ammunition going off. The heat from the fire had caused the ammunition to explode.

Muncy said about half the trailer was already engulfed in fire, when the man woke up. Luckily, the man was sleeping at the other end of the trailer.

Smoke had already filled the trailer. The man ran outside and called 911.

"Everything was on the ground when we got there," said Muncy.

He estimated that it takes 15 to 20 minutes for a house trailer to burn. Since half the trailer was burning when the man called, Muncy estimates that time was cut in half also

to less than 10 minutes.

The owner of the trailer was not identified.

The cause of the fire has not been determined. It is also not known if the home had working smoke detectors.



Children cooled off with water and inflatables at the Veterans Park Sunday afternoon during a Back to School Bash hosted by Ravenna Nazarene Church.

Obituaries

Millard Banks, 81
Barbara Alice Bell, 81
Addie B. Estes, 88
Ronnie Jordan, 63
Lizzie B. Muncie, 84
Mary Elsie Osborne, 90
Rose K. Robinson, 79
Jack Underwood, 59
Tracy Woosley, 80
Lee Young, 75
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Students headed back to the classroom Tuesday for the 2013-2014 school year. This year Estill Springs, pictured above, will have only first and second graders with the new reconfiguration. As a result, traffic was less of a problem in the area.

Back To School

Extension service uses technology to keep services during budget cuts

The guest speaker at a Fall Gardening Seminar sponsored by the Estill County Extension Service on Tuesday, July 30 never left his office in Lexington.

Rick Durham, horticulturist, used some of the latest technology to speak to Estill gardeners at the Extension Office.

A web camera allowed the audience to see Durham on a screen, not much different from watching television in the home. On the other side of the extra large screen, the audience could see Durham's power-point presentation.

Durham could also see the audience through a web camera at the local extension office. Participants were allowed to ask questions of Durham or make comments at any time.

Agriculture Agent Eric

Baker said more seminars of this type will be held because of budget cuts. It also saved on the travel time and mileage that Durham would have used if he had driven to Irvine.

Durham first asked audience members why they gardened. Their answers ranged from freshness of food to knowing what was used in growing it.

No one mentioned to save money as a reason for gardening, but Durham said a gardener is estimated to save \$50 to \$100 per square foot of gardening space.

"The food supply in the United States is one of the safest in the world," he added, "and gardening is great exercise for all ages."

Most tips for fall gardening are about the same as for spring gardening.

Durham said when plan-

ning a garden site, avoid planting near black walnut trees.

He discussed soil percolation tests, a soil ph test, fertilization, plowing and tilling.

Fall is a good time to have garden soil tested at the Extension office because the service is not as busy as in the spring. Results come back quicker.

Durham recommended putting perennials, such as asparagus and rhubarb, in one area of a garden where they will not be disturbed.

He also said that taller plants should be placed on the north side of the garden so they will not shade lower plants.

Kentucky has three gardening seasons, cool ones in the spring and fall, and a warm season in the summer. Most vegetables that do well

in the spring also grow well in the fall.

Small space gardening was discussed which includes raised beds, used tires, and containers.

Durham discussed frost protection by using row covers, hot caps and walls of water.

Because falls in Kentucky are typically dry, gardeners may need to water their crops. Durham recommended 1 to 1.5 inches of water per week.

The audience asked Durham questions about straw bale gardening and pests, ranging from the hummingbird moth on tomatoes to an orange and black beetle on cole crops.

At the end of the seminar, Baker asked the audience for their comments on the new technology. Their comments were all positive.



Charlie Vanhuss celebrated his 90th birthday on Wednesday, July 31, among friends at Ravenna City Hall. Above, Mayor Estine Tipton whispers something in his ear. Earlier, Vanhuss, a lifelong resident of Ravenna, had on a birthday hat. Vanhuss has been inducted into the Estill Hall of Fame. He worked at the Ravenna Drug Store and was in the National Guards. He was also a Boy Scout leader and city volunteer firefighter.

Weed trimmers stolen during recent burglary

A third degree burglary is under investigation at the residence of Delores Godsey on Tuttle Road, Irvine.

The burglary occurred in an outbuilding or shed at Godsey's residence around July 26.

Deputy Randy Farthing said someone illegally entered

the building and stole items. The items were identified as two weed trimmers and an air compressor.

Farthing has entered the items into the NCIC.

Anyone with information on this burglary may contact Farthing at 723-2323 or 723-2201 after business hours.