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IPD arrests men injured in fight

Two Estill men were arrested Saturday evening after an apparent altercation at Mt. Crest.

The altercation began as Rodney Norton, 49, of Stacy Lane went to Mt. Crest and got into an argument with his wife, Denise, according to a citation by Irvine Officer John Sturniolo.

The citation adds that Norton went to his vehicle and got out a baseball bat and went back to the residence. He then got into his vehicle and drove down the roadway behind the apartments. The officer stated that Norton began yelling and taunted Ricky LeMaster to come and fight.

Sturniolo says Norton struck LeMaster three or four times on the left knee with the baseball bat, causing physical injury.

LeMaster then assaulted Norton with his fists, Sturniolo stated. Norton received in-

juries to his left eye and top of head area.

Norton reportedly refused medical treatment. LeMaster was transported to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Norton was arrested and lodged in the Estill County Detention Center. He was charged with disorderly conduct, second degree, menacing, and assault, second degree.

Norton's bond was set at \$7,500 cash.

Ernest Richard LeMaster aka Ricky LeMaster, 50, of Fourth Street in Ravenna, was also charged with disorderly conduct, second degree, menacing, and assault second degree.

Bond for LeMaster was set at \$10,000 cash. Court records say that LeMaster was arrested on a new charge while he had a case pending.

Blocked road could affect tourism bucks

A cable across Mt. Springs Cemetery Road could affect a tourism trail which opened in June, the Daniel Boone Backcountry Byway (DBBB).

The DBBB goes through four counties other than Estill: Powell, Wolfe, Lee and Menifee.

Jeffrey Dozier of the DBBB told the Estill Fiscal Court on Monday, the trail is for licensed vehicles only.

The Mt. Springs Cemetery Road is a part of the DBBB. Dozier said the road was recently blocked by new residents living on the property. The cable blocks people visiting at the cemetery and nine families, who live past the cable.

Dozier presented to the fiscal court an online petition to re-open the road with 1,043 signatures. Tyler Hensley of Irvine presented a petition with over 350 signatures.

Dozier told the fiscal court there are other benefits to the DBBB besides tourism. Fire fighters can use the roads to fight forest fires. If someone is injured, it may enable emergency vehicles to reach.

He said the DBBB is for tourists who may not be able to hike or rock climb.

"Tourism is one of the biggest chances we have for economic development," said Powell County Judge/Executive James Anderson, who attended the meeting.

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Flag bearing Boy Scouts led the Railroad Festival Parade on Saturday morning. The parade was open to any child, and every child who participated received a silver dollar just for being in the parade. Children could walk or ride a non-gas powered vehicle.

2016 Homecoming Court



The 2016 Homecoming Court at Estill High is, left to right, second runner-up Jaedyn Webster, Homecoming Queen Olivia Snowden, and 1st runner-up McKinley Meek.

Tribune photo/Cathy Dawes



The freshman, sophomore, and junior classes each chose a princess. They were, left to right, Freshman Princess: Elizabeth Tipton; Sophomore Princess: Danielle Sullivan; and Junior Princess: Alexis Waterson.

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School board honors employees and approves working budget for 2017

**by CATHY DAWES
ESTILL TRIBUNE**

Two employees of the Estill County school system were recognized for their hard work and dedication during the monthly school board meeting that was held on September 15th.

Margaret LeMaster was chosen as the classified employee for the month of August. LeMaster has dedicated 35 years to the district and most of those years have been spent working at Central Office.

Amanda Owens was chosen as the certified employee of the month. Owens was nominated by her peers because of her creativity and strong leadership ability.

Superintendent Jeff Saylor informed members of the board that the punch list at South Irvine was 99 percent complete. He said that there is a guard rail around the roof hatch that has to be fixed because it is required by code. Arthur Ballard said he didn't think the insurance company would approve it as it is at this time, and Saylor added that

the board would withhold funds until it was completed.

The board approved the 2017 working budget. Saylor said that it was a great budget and that it was a million dollar turnaround from last year's budget.

Board chairman Robbie Starling asked why the employee benefits had jumped so high. Angie Howell explained that it was due to sick leave.

Saylor said that the district is still looking at a possible \$400,000 deficit in SEEK allocations for next year but he hopes that some of the students will re-enroll next year. He added that if that doesn't happen then they will have to start looking at the budget early next year.

The board also approved the 1st reading of the Fundraising Activity policy. Mr. Saylor said that there was fundraising in the district that the board had no idea about. He said that after the meeting in August, two different groups had a roadblock to raise money.

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Estill Schools "Employees of the Month"



Amanda Owens



Margaret LeMaster