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Miss Estill County



Christian Harkins, daughter of Crystal Friend and Jessica Hall, was named Miss Estill County on Saturday night. (Tribune photo by Cathy Dawes)

Biker restrains female during Friday's pursuit

A motorcycle rider faces 20 charges after fleeing police and wrecking the bike in a parking lot on Winchester Road, Friday afternoon.

Irvine Sgt. John Sturniolo said he observed the bike swerving in the road on Wall Street. He said the bike operator refused to stop when he activated emergency lights and equipment.

He added the bike went through a stop sign without slowing down and cut off traffic on the Winchester Road.

The bike turned south on Winchester Road before the operator drove it off the road to throw away evidence, the

citation states.

The bike went back onto the road and entered a parking lot where the motorcycle wrecked. The officer said the operator then fled on foot, causing traffic to halt during rush hour.

The citation states that the cyclist then crossed the Winchester Road and jumped into a truck driven by a female that he did not know. The bike operator forced the female to drive forward, attempting to run over Sturniolo.

The citation states that Sturniolo pointed his pistol at the female driver, not knowing if she was involved.

It adds the cycle operator locked the truck doors and refused to open them. Officers knocked out the window of the passenger side.

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Stevie LeMaster
Photo Three Forks Jail

Three charged in connection with road department break-in

The Estill County Road Department on Kirkland Avenue was broken into last Wednesday night. Three men were arrested by the chief of Irvine Police, Brad Smith, the next day.

The first man to be arrested was Larry Arvin, 42, a homeless man.

Chief Smith said that Arvin was identified in the surveillance video of the road department break-in.

Arvin was located around 11:30 a.m. Thursday at 141 North Plum Street in Irvine.

Police report they confiscated a shirt and bandana at that address that Arvin was seen wearing in the surveillance video.

Arvin was charged with third degree burglary and was lodged in the Powell County Detention Center.

Following Arvin's arrest, IPD made the second arrest around 1 p.m. on Broadway. The second man in the surveillance video was identified as Douglas Eddie Sizemore, 24, of Sugar Hollow Road, Irvine.

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Larry Arvin
Jail Photo



William Fox
Jail Photo



Eddie Sizemore
Jail Photo

Eleven graduate with GEDs

Diplomas were presented Friday evening to eleven adults who passed GED tests after attending classes at the Estill County Adult Learning Center.

The graduation ceremony was held at West Irvine Intermediate School.

Two of the three speakers told how their lives had been affected by GEDs.

One of them was Irvine Mayor W.J. Noland who dropped out of high school after his freshman year. Noland later went to Eastern Kentucky University and obtained his GED.

"It's not too late, too early to be what you want to be," Noland stated.

Keith Ritchie, counsel for KHEAA, South Central Kentucky Outreach, told the students about his uncle who had quit school.

After his uncle obtained his GED at age 45, he went to a technical college and was

certified as a HVAC technician.

He then went to UK where he obtained a four-year degree and then a master's.

"We've got the best technical schools right here," Ritchie stated.

He told the new grads that Toyota could spit out 20,000 new cars a day if they had enough help. There are just not enough people trained for the jobs that Toyota needs.

Ritchie also told about a new scholarship, the Work Ready Scholarship.

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Nekeesha Coffey, one of this year's GED graduates gives Beverly Miller a hug after receiving her diploma. Miller, a 91-year-old War War II veteran, graduated from high school but has been going to the Adult Learning Center to learn how to use a computer.

Fiscal Court amends sick leave policy

The Estill Fiscal Court also met Friday to give final approval to their budget which took effect on July 1.

The court also amended the county's personnel policy on sick leave and use of cell phones.

They voted to allow county employees to incur an unlimited number of sick days and be compensated for them when they leave the county job.

Employees will also be allowed to donate up to 40 hours of their accumulated sick time to a county employee.

The previous policy allowed for an employee to donate their accumulated sick time to another employee when they leave.

Employees will only be allowed to use cell phones and electronic devices while they are on break or on county business.

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Kyra Farthing, daughter of Jimmy and April Farthing, was named Miss Estill County Teen on Saturday night. Kyra attends the Estill County Middle School and her hobbies include cheerleading, gymnastics, and beauty pageants. (Tribune photo by Cathy Dawes)

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