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## 2 charged after July 4th altercation

An altercation on Independence Day resulted in two people being arrested.

Irvine Police were called to 234 High Street about an altercation targeting Darrell and Billy Estes. Upon arrival, Officer Karl Rifenburg said that a subject had run over Darrell Estes' foot which knocked him to the ground.

The officer said the man who ran over the foot then drove his vehicle recklessly down the road. It struck a tree and knocked the mirror off the vehicle.

While at the Estes' residence, Rifenburg said the man kicked in the front bumper of a vehicle. The kicking

ended the vehicle on one side, and the estimated damage to the vehicle exceeds \$500.

Also during the altercation, the man allegedly shoved two juveniles to the ground. Rifenburg said no injuries were reported to the juveniles.

The man then fled the scene.

Rifenburg made a traffic stop on River Drive on a gray 1994 Chevy, which the man was believed to be traveling in.

The officer charged Duke A. Brinegar, 40, of Wisemantown Road, Irvine with wanton endangerment first degree, assault fourth de-

gree, criminal mischief second degree, terroristic threatening third, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, no/expired registration plates, and no insurance. Wanton endangerment is the only felony charge.

Rifenburg said that Brinegar told him and Captain Adrian McKinney three times that he was going to whip Mr. Estes.

Brinegar appeared in Estill District Court on Monday. He pleaded not-guilty to all eight charges.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 15.

Brinegar's passenger, Jennifer L. Woolery, 45, of Irvine, was charged with two

counts of possession of a controlled substance, second degree, and possession of a controlled substance not in proper container.

Captain McKinney said the passenger agreed for her purse to be searched. He stated he found a 8 mg suboxone strip with no prescription information.

Three suboxone pills were found on the ground at Woolery's feet. McKinney said the pills were not on the ground until after Woolery went to get a lighter out of the car.

Woolery told the police captain that she had a prescription for the suboxone strip.



**Benson Kelley had a great time on the trampoline at the Estill County Fair on Saturday night.**

Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes

## Riddell is appointed EMA Director



Ronnie Riddell II

Ronnie Riddell II spent his first week on the job as director of Estill Emergency Management Agency looking over a radio tower that had been damaged by lightning.

It could have been much worse. Estill County didn't get either of the two flash floods on Saturday that damaged neighboring Powell County.

But this spring, Riddell said Estill County has had "flooding on top of flooding, on top of flooding." The county was declared an emergency three times for flooding, along with the two record snowfalls.

Riddell will be replacing Fred Rogers Sr., who is retiring at the end of this month.

Riddell started working part-time as a public information officer under Rogers at

EMA in 2001 before the Sept. 11 event.

After graduating from Estill County High School in 1994, Riddell went to Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia to play ball.

After two years he transferred to Eastern Kentucky University and majoring in accounting. Riddell said he didn't graduate because he didn't really want to be an accountant. Those accounting skills have come in handy on the large purchases made by EMA.

Riddell said after the terrorism attack on 9-11-01, he went to full time. Monies were made available to EMAs by Homeland Security and CSEPP.

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A parade for children in a 4th of July Parade at Veterans Memorial Park.

## Female passenger is injured during collision on Saturday

A female passenger was injured Saturday afternoon during a three-vehicle collision on the Richmond Road.

Two of the vehicles were stopped for a red light at the intersection near Wendy's. Dwayne Woosley of Dark Hollow Road was driving a 2005 Ford Ranger and Tracy H. Thomas of Blackburn Road was driving a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado.

Aaron L. Portwood of Fourth Street, Ravenna was reportedly driving straight when his vehicle struck Woosley's truck. The impact knocked Woosley's truck into

the back of Thomas' truck.

One of Portwood's passengers, Amber Crouch of Irvine, was transported to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital for treatment of her injuries.

Portwood's vehicle, a 1998 Chevrolet Cavalier, received moderate to severe damages to its front. Woosley's truck was moderately to severely damaged in the rear. Thomas' truck was moderately damaged in the rear.

The collision was investigated by Deputy Daniel Smith.

## Estill Woman Shares Memories of 79 Years In Book

**Tracy Randall Patrick  
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An Estill County woman is sharing her memories of 79 years in her fourth book called "The Good Old Days," about neighbors

and family from the Tipton Ridge, Furnace and surrounding areas.

Madalene McIntosh Wasson was born on January 14, 1936, the seventh child of eleven children born to Floyd and Mary Caroline Proffitt McIntosh. She spent her early life at what was then called Union Hall and attended a one-room school at Gum Springs for eight years.

She operated a grocery store near Furnace for 18 years and also worked at the Christmas tree factory in Lexington and a shoe factory in Stanton. She operated a country store in Stanton before working at The Wise Place furniture store in Ravenna until retirement.

As a child, she crocheted and worked at anything needed to help the family, including picking blackberries for 15 cents a gallon to

be sold at Kelley's on Kirkland Avenue in Irvine.

She still crochets donated items for the annual McIntosh and Proffitt reunions. In 1993, when her brother-in-law was suffering from cancer of the brain, he told her his head was cold. She went home and crocheted him a toboggin to wear to keep his head warm.

Wasson could always recall from memory the birthdates and death dates of family and friends. And, despite health problems in recent years including cancer and heart problems, her memories of her childhood and adulthood are still vivid and accurate.

Madalene wrote and published her first book in 1998 and called it "Memories of Madalene." She has since then written two more books with similar titles, each also containing information she

remembered from growing up and living at Tipton Ridge.

Wasson started her writing career with poems; the first of which was a poem in memory of her brother, Orval, who passed away at middle age. That poem was used as a song in church which was sung many times by she, her son, Kenny, and his wife, Reva.

Madalene has altogether written over 300 poems including one which won the "Greatest Poets" award. She would have received \$1,000. for it but could not travel to Pennsylvania for the presentation.

She was raised in a three room house built of rough lumber with homemade doors and cardboard used to insulate the walls. Two of her older brothers passed away as infants.

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**Madalene McIntosh Wasson holds a copy of her fourth book, called "The Good Old Days," which is about family and friends from the Tipton Ridge, Furnace, Fitchburg, Cob Hill and surrounding areas of Estill County.**

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