

# Archery Is Coming To Estill County High School

Archery will be added as a sport at Estill County High School for the 2014-15 season following action by the Estill County Board of Education during its regular meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2014.

ECHS athletic director Arthur Ballard requested the new sport for the school and

asked the board to fund two coaches and to pay for start-up costs.

Ballard had talked to other schools and had polled both parents and students about the support. State competitions in archery have been held for the past few years, but Ballard said Lee County began their program before

it was added to state competition.

He also indicated high interest among both parents and students. Ballard also said he had two teachers interested in coaching.

The sport also will help the school with meeting Title 9 guidelines because archery is co-ed and actually requires that a certain number of each gender be on a team. Each school can have more than

one team, but Ballard expects the state to limit each to only one team in the future.

In other action, Science Olympiad sponsor at the middle school, Lois Webster, was present along with a couple of state winning students and two volunteers, Tony and Lois Beckler, who have worked for many years with the program. Webster called them "a great asset to the team."

Present were Caleb Stickney and Hunter Smith, two students who had finished high in the state during this year's competition.

Tonya Isaacs and Margaret Snowden were present and explained to the board about Estill's Professional Growth and Effectiveness Systems and its progress. Also discussed was how local goals were matching state goals. Isaacs said the state wants to

see growth. "You've got to show growth!"

New employment included Traci Arthur as elementary basketball coordinator, Mark Chaney as head baseball coach at the middle school, Jennifer Elliott as elementary basketball bookkeeper, and Seth Martin as assistant baseball coach at the middle school. Resignation was accepted from Cindy Callahan as substitute teacher.

## Engineers and Ladies Win Regular Season Districts

Both the Estill County Engineers and the Lady Engineers won the 2014 regular season title for the 56th District, each also with 6-0 records in the three-team districts.

The Engineers finished the regular season 20-10 under new coach Gene Combs and were presented their trophy on Monday night at Danny Wood Field before hosting the Owsley County in 56th District tournament competition.

The Lady Engineers were awarded their first place trophy on Tuesday night as they hosted the 56th District tournament at James Lonnie Thomas Field. They were playing against the 4th seeded Owsley County Owls. The winner will play on Thursday in the championship against the Lady Bobcats of Lee County or the Lady Pirates of Powell County who were also playing on Tuesday night.

Owsley County's Owls got an on-base double from the first pitch on Monday night against Estill but were stopped after the runner reached third base.

Estill took the bat and went through the roster before they got even their first out and led Owsley 10-0 after only one inning. The Engineers went on to win 22-2 with the mercy-rule 5th inning.

Estill will play the Powell County Pirates tonight, Wednesday, May 21st at Danny Wood Field.

The Pirates also won in 5th innings, over Lee County's Bobcats, 10-0. Powell County is now 27-9 overall after finishing 4-2 in the district. They lost both times to Estill but will be more than ready to deny the Engineers at trophy sweep in the championship.

Estill's Lady Engineers are 27-13 under veteran coach Shirley Beard and finished the season with a strong field in the Estill County Round Robin at J.L. Thomas Field on Saturday, May 17th.

The Ladies won over Harrison County, 1-0; lost to Western Hills, 9-4; and lost to Madison Central 3-2 in the 8th inning, all on Saturday. All three of these are strong teams and any could be in this year's state tournament, as well as could Estill.

## Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

### Post Derby: Slow in Toy Department, but there's always Good News



Bob Watkins

Post Kentucky Derby - lean news time in the Toy Department, right? Maybe. First, a stop in the nut ball and section.

Assaulted within an inch of his sanity by media's self-righteous, Los Angeles Clippers' owner Donald Sterling forfeited all hope of being a media martyr last week. How? Opened his mouth. Stepped into the confessional with, of all people, CNN's self-anointed pope, Anderson Cooper. California Chrome is this close to the Triple Crown. How close? One nasal strip.

A cuckoo bird car dealer and Buffalo Bills fan got his 15 minutes of fame last week by having a dead NFL owner's face tattoo burned onto his arm. "Some people think I'm crazy," Jack Meredith told a reporter. "I don't care. It's my arm."

Still, we have the NBA playoffs. They are what they are, mind-numbing and irrelevant.

What intrigue in sports this week?

Maybe the NBA Combine where conversation centered on body fat, vertical jump, size, lift and wing span.

Julius Randle's wing span is seven feet, but Andreian Payne's (Michigan State) is 7.4.

Lift? Having seen him

play, who's surprised that ex-Florida center Patric Young bench pressed 185 pounds ... 25 times.

Combine Qs:  
√ Is James Young one-dimensional?

√ Can Russ Smith's Combine work move Russ-diculous into the NBA draft first round, June 26? He measured at 6-feet tall and 160 pounds. "I can still improve my assist-to-turnover ratio. I can always shoot a better percentage from the field."

√ And, can Shabazz Napier (UConn) be a teammate or is he a perpetual head case who won't make it to a second contract before being traded?

**GOOD NEWS FILE**  
Best sports in Kentucky news this week? Two items.

**Bluegrass Poll.** Before getting to it I confess a bias. Polls are, except to illuminate and stir debate of an issue, a hoax. A behind-the-curtain-wizard stressing the merits of one point-of-view dressed up in vanilla.

This Bluegrass poll, sponsored by the Lexington Herald-Leader, The Courier-Journal, WKYT-TV and WHAS-TV, was done Wednesday-Friday May 14-16 via telephone by SurveyUSA.

Question: Should state lawmakers provide \$80 million in state funds to help renovate Rupp Arena and an attached convention center in Lexington? Or should the city of Lexington find some other way to finance the \$351 million project?

Question loaded with verbal IEDs - lawmakers ... state funds ... finance ... million(s).

Then, Lexington Herald-Leader headline: Majority of voters oppose state spending \$80 million on Rupp project.

Majority of voters? The telephone survey included 1,782 registered voters interviewed with margin of error of plus or minus 2.1 percentage points.

According to voter registration numbers in Frankfort in 2012, near three million Kentuckians were registered voters - 1.7 million Democrats, more than a million Republicans. Do telephone calls to 1,782 people on week nights with no inclusion of age, geographic location or socioeconomic status reflected in results, constitute - "Majority of voters oppose state spending \$80 million on Rupp project"?

I don't think so. Do you?

Still, like many (most?), I find the poll agreeable despite being typically flawed.

**Epilogue:** The good news is this Bluegrass Poll on this issue is good warning that we ought be skeptical when political parties begin spinning polls at us before the November elections.

#### Brandon Harris

In Bowling Green, Brandon Harris finished his basketball career at Western Kentucky University two months ago. Last Saturday he walked the graduation line.

Next, journey to a far off land of peculiar language and customs and pro basketball, right? Wrong.

Harris, according to a Bowling Green Daily News editorial, will "do what he has wanted to do his whole life - help kids."

Harris is "co-founder of Children First Foundation, a nonprofit that financially assists parents who want to put their child or children in a child learning care system, the newspaper reported. CFF's mission statement is,

"To break the cycle of illiteracy in Kentucky."

Success, my good fellow, every success!

Brandon Harris is about "making kids' (and families) dreams come true." Wait a minute, that line has already been put in play, hasn't it?

#### 'WE'RE NO. 104!'

Kentucky Wildcats football 2014?

USA's Paul Meyerberg analysis: Four home games in first six (Tennessee-Martin, Ohio, Vanderbilt and Louisiana-Monroe) are must wins."

Says here, great-leap-forward opportunities are there for first half - South Carolina in Lexington and Florida. Never mind last time Kentucky defeated the Gators in Gainesville Fran Curci was coach and Mike Shutt the quarterback, 35 years ago, 1979.

Dream season for UK, Meyerberg says would be: (Kentucky's) young core exceeds expectations a year ahead of schedule, seven wins and a bowl berth.

Nightmare season: Drop from 2-10 to 1-11, beating only Tenn.-Martin.

#### RICK REILLY

A giant in my profession is retiring June 10. Columnist Rick Reilly has been so excellent for so long as to be irreplaceable. The man who must've been born with a wink and smirk on his face, has a book coming to the marketplace. Collection of columns for the past six years, is a sharing of his anecdotal good wit, lovely writing about humans, poking fun at himself and others. Might want to buy a copy of Tiger, Meet My Sister ... And Other Things I Probably Shouldn't Have Said.

And so it goes.

## June 14th Holes for Hoops

The Estill County Boys Basketball supporters will be hosting a "Holes For Hoops" Golf Scramble on Saturday, June 14th at the Estill County Golf Course.

Entry fee is \$50 per person or \$200. for a team of

four. There will be all kinds of prizes.

Come out and support the boys basketball program at Estill County High.

Contact Rebecca Click at (606) 643-5569.

## Mushroom Festival Winners

### Mushroom Market

- Largest -- Lowell/Candy Bolin, Ezel, KY 8 3/8" length x 7 3/4" girth
- Most -- Lowell/Candy Bolin, Ezel, KY 70 pounds
- Total -- 221.51 pounds, compared to 161.08 in 2013

### Parade Winners

- Church**
  1. Thomas Baptist Church
  2. Bluegrass Pike Baptist
- Civic Organization/Business**
  1. Relay For Life-Children's Team
  2. Cash-In-A-Dash
- School/School Club**
  1. Estill Springs Elementary
  2. Girl Scout Troop #1968
  3. Girl Scout Troop #663
  - Girl Scout Troop #1883

### Cake Decorating

- Child**
  1. Analyse Day
  2. James Werner
  3. Stephen Wells
- Adult**
  1. Emma Day
- Mushroom Cook-Off**
  - Adult**
    1. Robbin Fassas
    2. John Allen
- Fungus 5K Run/Walk**
  - Male overall winner**
    - Samuel Kiser
  - Age: 15, 17:01 minutes
  - Female overall winner**
    - Anna Kiser
  - Age: 14, 23:35 minutes

### Window Decorating

1. Unique Hair Salon
2. New Reflections
3. Riverview Place

### Photography Contest

- 1st through 6th Grade**
  - Analyse Day
- 7th through 12th Grade**
  - Coral Mullins
- Poster Contest**
  - West Irvine School**
    1. Olivia Thomas
    2. Jalen Carnes
    3. Leah Horn

- Honorable Mention -**
  - Quinten Harvey, Jayleigh Burke, Kendra Hardy, Wendi Cornett, Brianna Branham, Makayla Mosley, Deadra Johnson, Aiden Owens, Veronica Tipton, Lauren Farmer, Julia Painter, Raynna Goosey
- Estill Springs School**
  1. Amelia Woolery
  2. Kayla Adams
- Honorable Mention -**
  - Molly Betit, Jayden Bingham



Gregory Grau, M.D. (right)

Brandon Embry, PA (left)

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