

Engineer Taylor Tate Signs With UPike Bears

Estill County senior Taylor Tate has signed a letter of intent to play football for the UPike Bears.

The son of Amy Marshall and Joey Tate started all four years of varsity football with Estill County. Taylor played both defensive back and wide receiver where he finished 3rd among all 3A wideouts in yardage and touchdowns.

Taylor chose to accept the offer from UPike over several others, to include rival Lindsey Wilson, because of the close knit atmosphere provided by knowledgeable coaches that made him "feel at home." Taylor met head coach Allen Holland back when Allen led the OVC as a quarterback for Eastern Kentucky University.

The familiarity of coach Allen and how he runs his offense made a perfect match for both Taylor's offensive skill set, and as coach Allan

Holland Jr. said, "we recruit better than whoevery is in the position ... we need this class of recruits to help gain a Mid South Conference Championship."

Taylor is more than ready to accept the challenge, while "it is a dream come true to play at the next level," he will also focus academically while earning a teaching degree to one day teach and become a football coach himself.

Holland Jr., entering his second season as head coach of the University of Pikeville football team, announced the signing of 42 student-athletes to his first recruiting class during the national signing day ceremony on Wednesday.

Seven of the new additions are mid-year signees already enrolled in school, while 35 are high-school signees. Thirty of the student-athletes are from Ken-

tucky, six are from Ohio, three are Georgia natives and one each are arriving from California and Florida.

UPIKE is coming off a 5-6 season in 2014 with a 4-2 mark in the Mid-South Conference East Division,

good for a third-place finish in the league standings.

This group of signees is set to join as many as 15 returning starters from this past season as Holland Jr. builds towards his goal of competing for MSC and NAIA Championships.

"We're taking the strides to win a conference championship here at UPIKE and we want this to be the first group of signees to help take us there," said Holland Jr. "Let's be like what men's basketball and women's bowling have done here be-

fore and set the bar high.

"We're going to continue to get better as a team and as student-athletes. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but it all starts now with preparation between now and next fall."

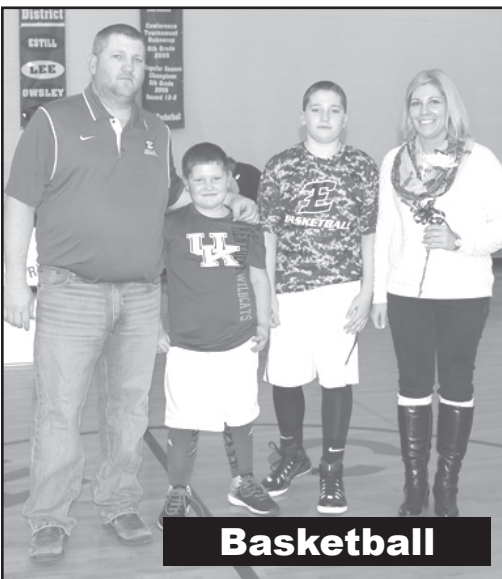
Good luck, Taylor!!



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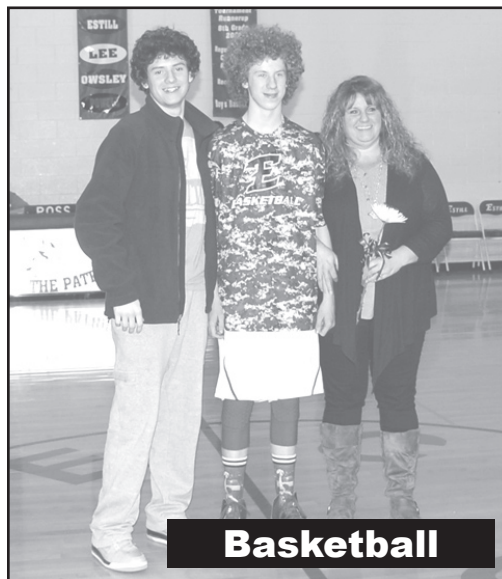
Those at signing day on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, for Taylor Tate, were (left to right) UPike head coach Allan Holland Jr., Taylor's step-dad Gary Marshall, girlfriend Haley Bishop, mom Amy Marshall, Taylor, Nikki Vaughn, dad Joey Tate, and recovers coach Justin Lamb.

Estill County Middle School Patriots 8th Grade Salute



Basketball

Conner Chaney
Mark & Mindi Chaney



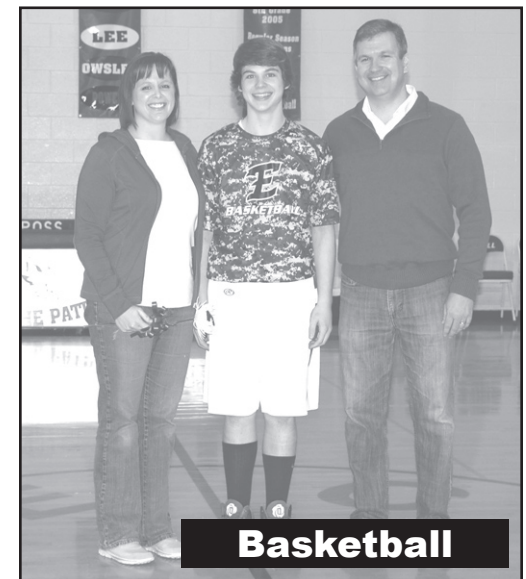
Basketball

Trevor Evans
Brian & Carolanne Evans



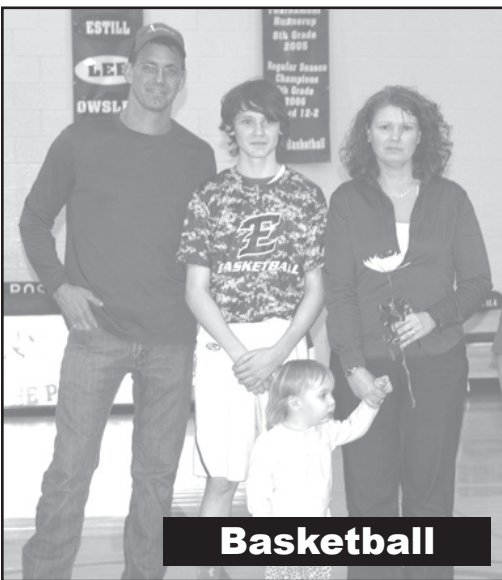
Basketball

Trenton Walker
Phillip & April Walker



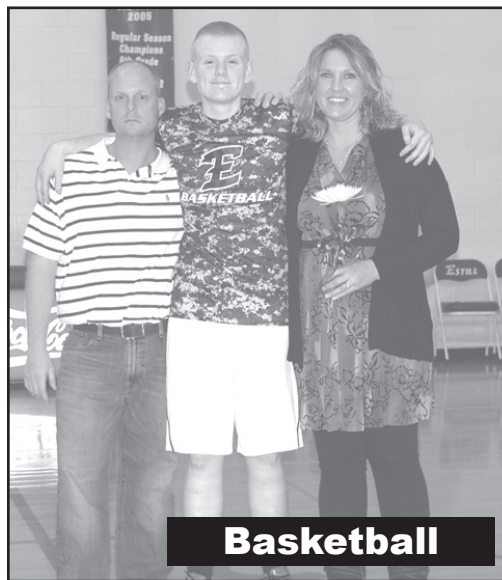
Basketball

Lee Mills
Bob & Bonnie Mills



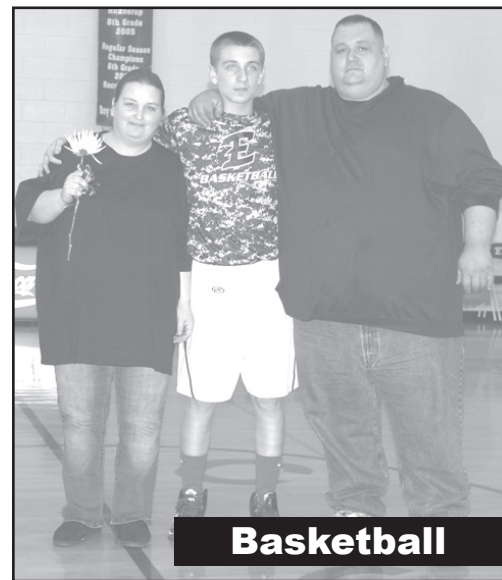
Basketball

Matt Rowland
Jamey & Gina Rowland



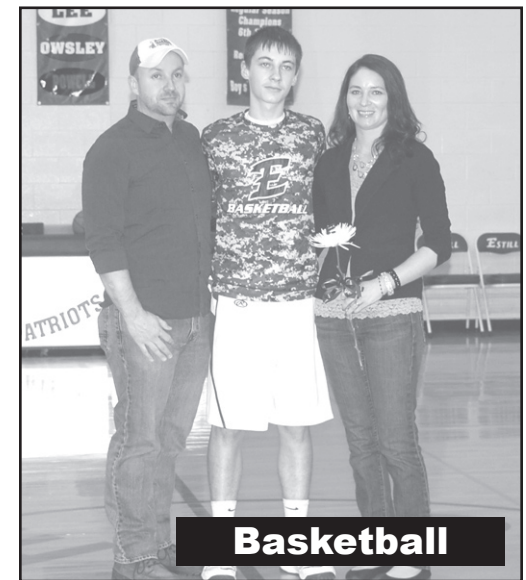
Basketball

Trent Taylor
Brent Taylor & Stacey Noland



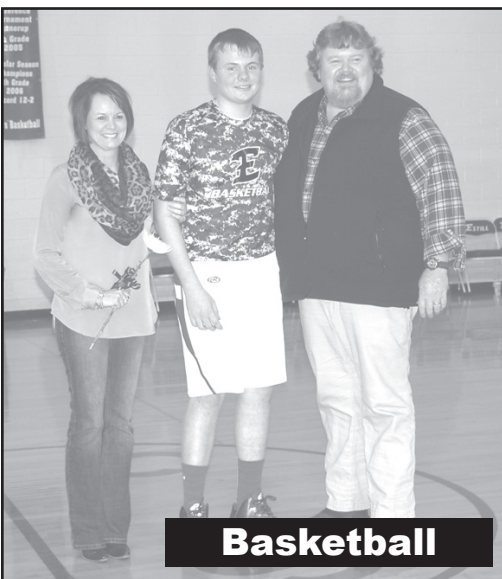
Basketball

Jason Watkins
Jerry & Melanie Watkins



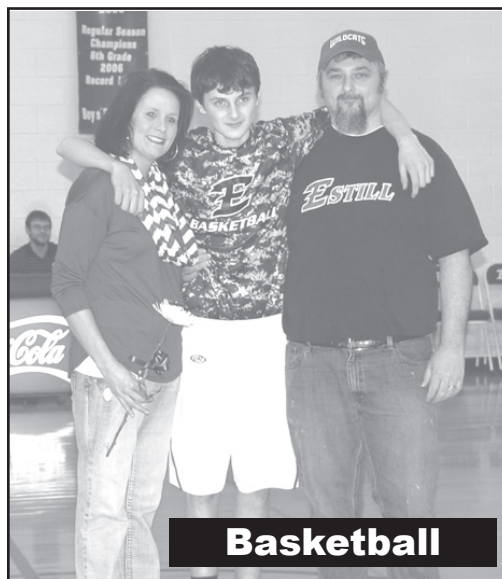
Basketball

Justin Rison
Joey & Sabrina Rison



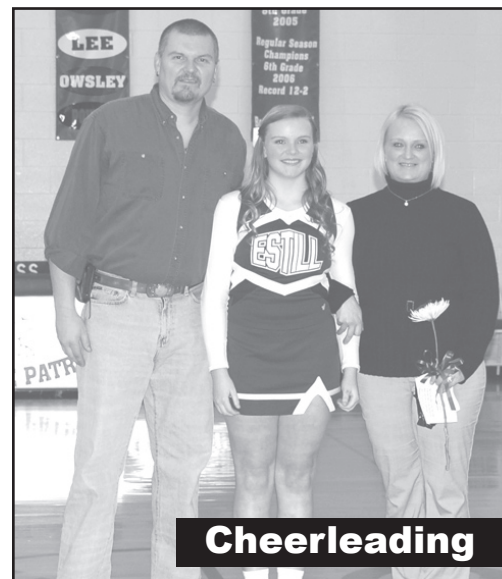
Basketball

Noah Williams
Bee & Andrea Williams



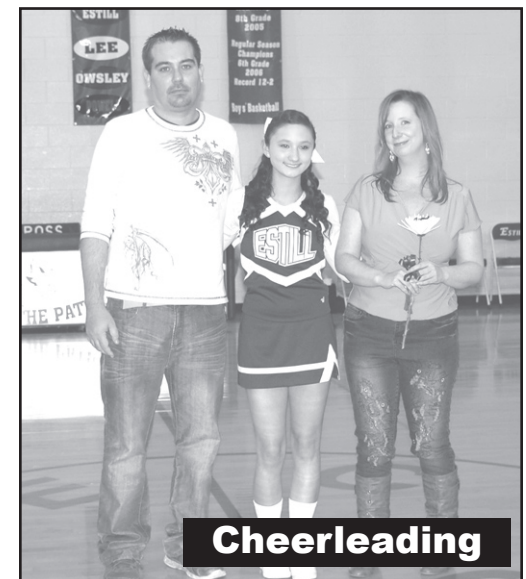
Basketball

Logan Napier
Rodney & Angie Napier



Cheerleading

Kenlie Rose
Kim Walling & Anthony Rose



Cheerleading

Morrigan Hansen
Christy May



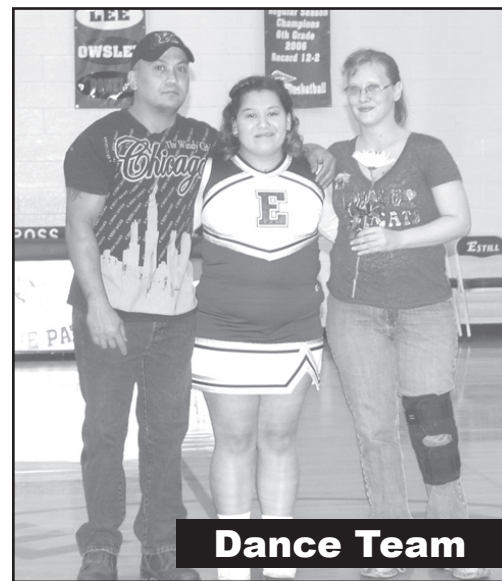
Cheerleading

Daven Freeman
Cindy Freeman



Dance Team

Kristin Hardy
Steve & Tambo Hardy



Dance Team

Lola Nieves
Christy Westerfield & Jimmy Nieves



Dance Team

Rheannon Smith
Gina Whisman & Scott Smith

Not pictured, Elizabeth Hardy, daughter of William & Rhonda Hardy

Cheerleading