

Science Olympiad Team to compete at state

The Estill County Middle School and High School Science Olympiad teams competed in the regional tournament held at Maysville Community College March 21. The middle school team placed fourth and secured a place in the state tournament to be held in Bowling Green April 25. The high school team only had four members, so they were not able to secure a team placement because they were not able to cover all 23 events. However, the high schoolers are able to compete at the state tournament in the events in which they placed first.

Following are some of the results for the middle school team: Haley Dixon and Taylor Collins got first place in Disease Detectives and fourth in Green Generation. Audrey Arvin second place in Robo-Cross. Logan Jones second place in Wheeled Vehicle. Hope Willis third in Bottle Rock-

et. Madalyn Tipton third in Bridge Building. Alleson Jones fourth in Air Trajectory. Kyle Bainter second in Robo-Cross, third in Bottle Rocket, and third in Elastic Launched Glider. Carl Warner second in Wheeled Vehicle, third in Bottle Rocket, third in Glider, and third in Bridge Building.

For the high school team: Caleb Stickney got first place in Astronomy and first in Fossils. Hunter Smith got first in Fossils and third in Dynamic Planet. Stephen McQueen got first in Mission Possible and third in Compound Machines. Steven Muncy got first in Mission Possible, third in Compound Machines, and third in Dynamic Planet.

Congratulations to these students for the long, hard work they put in since September and for the accomplishments they made in these science related events!



Middle School Science Olympiad team is headed to state competition. Back row, left to right: Madalyn Tipton, Carl Warner, Kyle Bainter, Taylor Collins, Hope Willis. Front row, left to right: Haley Dixon, Audrey Arvin, Logan Jones, Alleson Jones. (Photo submitted by Tony Belcher)



West Irvine Elementary comes back with a vengeance to claim the Attendance Banner! They maintained an attendance rate of 96.12% for the 7th month of school. Second place was extremely close between Estill Springs (94.30) and the middle school (94.29). Kudos to West Irvine and keep all those kids attending school. Their future depends on it!



ECHS Science Olympiad Team

High School Science Olympiad team members include, left to right: Stephen McQueen, Hunter Smith, Steven Muncy, Caleb Stickney. All four team members placed but did not qualify because they did not have enough team members to qualify in all 23 events. (Photo submitted by Tony Belcher)



Left to right: Brianne McKinney, a cousin; Kylie Jenkins, a sister; and Carrie Chaney, a friend, sold red and gray t-shirts and CDs last Saturday during a concert for the Jenkins Twins.



The JROTC teams from Estill High competed over the weekend at Clark Range. Estill came home with plaques for OVERALL - black team 2nd place; ORB - black team 3rd place; RUCK CHALLENGE - gold team 1st place, black team 2nd place; CCR - black team 1st place; SAND BAG CARRY - black team 2nd place, gold team 3rd place; ROPE RUN - black team 2nd place; GAUNTLET - black team 1st place; and ROPE CLIMB - black team 3rd place. (Photo Submitted)

Congressman Andy Barr Votes Against Our Farmers & Consumers



- Kentucky's 6th District is home to 11,655 farms and ranks 54th out of 435 districts in highest total of all agriculture products sold at more than \$675 million. *Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture.*
- Foodborne illnesses cost the nation's economy about \$152 billion a year in health-care expenses and lost productivity. Food poisoning strikes an estimated 48 million Americans annually, leading to 128,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths. *Sources: Georgetown University, Produce Safety Project; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*
- 19.4% of senior citizens in KY-6 received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits so they could eat. *Source: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Food & Nutrition Service, July 2013.*
- Honey bees contribute over \$14 billion to the value of U.S. crop production. Many of the country's crops would not exist without the honey bee at bloom time. *Source: American Beekeeping Federation*

- ✗ Rep. Barr voted **against** an amendment to the FY 2015 Agriculture Dept. spending bill to increase funding for Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS) food safety inspections by \$5.5 million. *Source: H.R. 4800, 6/11/14, Roll call 303.*
- ✗ Rep. Barr voted **for** a bill to cut the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by \$39 billion over 10 years. *Source: H.R. 3102, 9/19/13, Roll call 476.*
- ✗ Rep. Barr voted **for** an amendment to the 2013 Farm Bill to eliminate the Healthy Food Financing Initiative. *Source: H.R. 1947, 6/20/13, Roll call 267.*
- ✗ Rep. Barr voted **against** an amendment to the 2013 Farm Bill to improve federal coordination in addressing the documented decline of managed and native pollinators and promote the long-term viability of honey bees and other beneficial insects in agriculture. *Source: H.R. 1947, 6/19/13, Roll call 261.*
- ✗ Rep. Barr voted **for** an amendment to the 2013 Farm Bill to completely repeal the dairy price support program. *Source: H.R. 1947, 6/19/13, Roll call 258.*

Agriculture and Food Ratings for Andy Barr

American Farm Bureau Federation - 2014: **50%**

Food Policy Action - 2013: **15%**

2014: **11%**

