



ABOVE: The Estill County High School Concert Band recently participated in their KMEA Spring Concert Band Assessment Event. The band was required to prepare two pieces and perform them for three judges who rate the performance novice, apprentice, proficient or distinguished. The band received ALL DISTINGUISHED ratings from ALL of the performance judges as well as the sight reading judge. The event was held at the EKU Center for the Arts.

BELOW: The 6th grade band and the combined 7th and 8th grade band performed during the KMEA Spring Concert Band Assessment Event as well. Both of these groups received DISTINGUISHED ratings on their performances. These awesome middle school kids are directed by Mrs. Audrey Worrell. "It's truly amazing and a bit overwhelming to think that every single member of the band programs in Estill County (grades 6-12) can consider themselves distinguished as a result of these awesome performance," said Director Jason Bowles. "Our commitment to excellence and our increasing success is becoming noticed and recognized statewide. This assessment event was yet another outstanding accomplishment for our program."



Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital recently partnered with Citizens Guaranty Bank for an employee wellness "Biggest Loser" Weight-loss challenge. The challenge kicked off in January with initial measurements and weigh-ins. Bank employees lost nearly 75 total pounds during the 12 week weight loss challenge! Pictured is the winner of the challenge, Jared Kiser, with Arielle Estes, MWMH Director of Development, with Kathy Samples, CEO Citizens Guaranty Bank, and Mike Wilson, President Citizens Guaranty Bank. Jared lost 21.1 pounds. For more information about Workplace Wellness opportunities from Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, call 726-2119 or email arestes@mercy.com



Will "Little Man" Isfort scores big on the first day of turkey season.

ECMS "Students Of The Week"

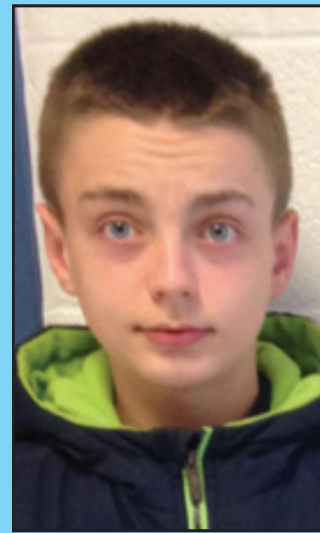


Cassidy Cox

Photos and stories courtesy of Christian Tipton.

Cassidy Cox is the daughter of Michelle Gentry. Cassidy is currently in the 6th grade, and she likes jump roping. Cassidy was nominated for student of the week by Mrs. Hisle. Mrs. Hisle says that Cassidy is an "excellent student. Cassidy always does her work." Mrs. Hisle also stated that Cassidy's "behavior is wonderful."

Students receiving this recognition are nominated by staff members at the Estill County Middle School for exemplary behavior, attitude, and/or citizenship.



Logan Childers

Logan Childers is the son of Sarah Andrews and Dwayne Andrews. He is also the grandson of Bill Childers. Logan is currently in the 6th grade, and he enjoys walking. Logan was nominated for student of the week by Mrs. Hisle. Mrs. Hisle says that Logan is "most improved!"

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Two groups from Estill County High School competed last week at the FCCLA State Leadership Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Kennedy Flynn, Kaylee Isfort and Courtney Plowman were in the Chapter in Review Display Category and Bethany Hall, Paige Horn and Jordyn Rose were in the Environmental Ambassador event. Both groups won their events and are eligible to go to the National FCCLA Meeting to represent Estill County High School FCCLA in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Deborah C. Anders would like to congratulate both groups on their success because it is very competitive to make it through the regional and state events to qualify for nationals. These young ladies have been working on these projects since October. Left to right are: Kaylee Isfort, Kennedy Flynn, Courtney Plowman, Paige Horn, Jordyn Rose and Bethany Hall. (Photo courtesy of Deborah C. Anders)



Estill County Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor signed a Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation last week. From left are Chantel Bundy, Keisha Williams, Emily Conder, Amy Brasher, Victoria Allen, Susan Lay, and Candace Gentry. Not pictured are Melissa Byler and Steven Stone.

Congressman Andy Barr Votes Against Our Clean Energy Future



- **Kentucky ranks last among the 14 southeastern states for installed capacity of renewable power (without hydropower) at 115 megawatts.** Source: American Council on Renewable Energy, Jan. 2014.
- **Kentucky has 2,355,932 gigawatt hours of renewable energy potential.** Source: CleanEnergyWorksForUs.org.
- **Kentucky ranks 33rd among the 50 states for energy efficiency policies and programs.** Source: American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, 2014.
- **Kentucky ranks 34th in the nation in the number of solar jobs with only 700.** Source: The Solar Foundation, November 2014.
- **Kentucky is currently ranked 49th for wind power with megawatts of existing capacity. But the state ranks 43rd in terms of its future wind potential, with 34 megawatts of potential capacity.** Source: American Wind Energy Association.

X Rep. Barr voted *for* the FY 2015 Energy & Water spending bill that boosted funding for the Energy Department's fossil energy programs while slashing renewable energy funds by about \$111 million. Source: H.R. 4923, 7/10/14, Roll call 402.

X Rep. Barr voted *against* an amendment to the FY 2014 Energy & Water spending bill to increase funding for renewable energy, energy reliability, and efficiency by \$15 million (for the National Renewable Energy Lab) and to reduce funding for nuclear weapons activities by a similar amount. Source: H.R. 2609, 7/9/13, Roll call 321.

X Rep. Barr voted *against* an amendment to the FY 2015 Energy & Water spending bill to increase funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy by \$111.6 million and decrease funding for fossil energy research and development by \$161.8 million. Source: H.R. 4923, 7/9/14, Roll call 375.

X Rep. Barr voted *against* an amendment to the FY 2014 Energy & Water spending bill to increase funding for the renewable energy, energy reliability and efficiency account (for advanced manufacturing) by \$245 million and to decrease funding for nuclear weapons activities by a similar amount. Source: H.R. 2609, 7/9/13, Roll call 313.

X Rep. Barr voted *for* an amendment to the FY 2014 Energy & Water spending bill to block \$24 million in funding for the Energy Department for wind energy programs. Source: H.R. 2609, 7/10/13, Roll call 339.

X Rep. Barr voted *against* an amendment to the FY 2014 Energy & Water spending bill to increase funding for renewable energy, energy reliability, and efficiency (weatherization assistance) by \$40 million and to reduce funding for nuclear weapons activities by a similar amount. Source: H.R. 2609, 7/9/13, Roll call 324.



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