

# SCHOOL NEWS

May 11 - May 15

## Parent nominations accepted

The Estill County Middle School SBDM Council will accept parent nominations to fill one parent member position for the 2015-2016 school year. The nomination period will be Monday, May 11 through Friday, May 15. Nominations will be accepted at the school's main office from 8 am - 3 pm during this time period. The parent election will take place May 18 - 22. Parents of incoming sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students are eligible to serve this one year term. For additional information please call ECMS at 723-5136.

Mon. & Thurs, May 11-14-18 & 21

## Free Computer Training

There will be a FREE Computer Training/Business Language Class on May 11, 14, 18, and 21 at the Estill County Adult Education Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. The class includes Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. There is limited seating. Call 606-723-7323

Visit Our Website At [EstillTribune.Com](http://EstillTribune.Com) For Up-To-Date Obituaries

## FREE

Computer Training/Business Language Includes Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel  
**May 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30-11:30 AM**  
 Estill County Adult Education  
 Limited Seating!  
 Call 606-723-7323

## Drug Court Graduation

You are cordially invited to attend the Lee, Estill, & Owsley County Drug Court Graduation Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Lee County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, 3rd Floor Beattyville, KY 41331 6 Deserving Participants

For more information, please contact Wilma L. Spicer @ 606-464-2102

## Fish Sale For Farm Ponds

The Estill County Conservation District 2015 FISH SALE will be Friday, May 29, 2015, in the District parking lot, 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm. This will be the only fish sale the District is holding in 2015.

Orders forms can be picked up at the Conservation District office or you can place your order by phone. Payment for fish is on delivery.

Species available: White Amur (Grass Carp) 8-10", \$12.00 each; Channel Catfish 5-7", .50 each; Coppernose Bluegill 2-3", .50 each; Redear Sunfish (Shellcracker) 2-3", .50 each; Black Crappie 1-3", \$.80 each; Largemouth Bass 3", \$1.50 each; Fathead Minnows 2", \$9.00 per lb.; Koi Ornamental Fish SM,LG, \$7.00, \$10.00 each are also available. A transportation container for the fish will be provided.

Mr. Ken Jacobs, Whiskers Catfish Farm, will be here on delivery day to answer any questions you might have concerning the condition of your pond, problems you might have with fish living in the pond, or the number, or variety of fish needed, to properly stock your pond.

The Conservation District is located at 1505 Richmond Road, Phone 723-5104. Or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ECCDKY](http://www.facebook.com/ECCDKY).

## FREE

Computer Training/Business Language Includes Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel  
**May 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30-11:30 AM**  
 Estill County Adult Education  
 Limited Seating!  
 Call 606-723-7323

## DANNY NEWMAN

Now Hauling Gravel for Tipton Ridge Quarry  
 Single-Axle Dump Truck  
 Loads Range From 1 to 12 Tons  
**(606) 723-9816 or**  
**(606) 643-6118**

# Estill 1985 Softball Team Honored; Softball Called "Most Successful" Sport At Estill County High School

Estill County High School and its athletic program recognized the 1985 Estill County Lady Engineers Softball Team prior to the game last Thursday at James Lonnie Thomas Field.

In only the 3rd year of the program's existence, the 1985 ECHS softball team made one of the most improbable runs in the history of Estill County Sports. In those years, ECHS was still a member of an always-tough Central Ky region which included the likes of Madison Central, Clark County, and the Lexington schools.

Estill County began their post season campaign defeating the host school, Franklin County, in the opening round of district play by a score of 18-7. In the semi-finals on day 2, the lady Neers defeated Madison Central by a score of 14-2. The district finals matched Estill County vs. district rival Clark County for their third meeting in five days. Estill won the game by a score 8-3 for their first district title and a season sweep of Clark County.

The regional was slated to be played at Mercer County the following Thursday but multiple rain outs and rain delays pushed regional games back to Monday and forced double headers for all of the participants.

Estill County defeated the Defenders of Bryan Station

in the opening game by a score of 8-2. Then, the defeated geographically misplaced Bell County, in the semi-finals 5-3.

The finals were slated against Lexington Lafayette but once again the weather was the winner, forcing the finals to be moved to the Thursday night preceding the early Friday start of the state softball tournament.

The Lady Neers defeated favored Lafayette 3-0 in the finals, disappointing the Generals who had their state tournament bags packed on the bus ready to drive on to the state tournament. After the regional win, the Neers boarded the bus to the state tournament arriving in Louisville near 2 a.m., followed by a 3:30 a.m. "pizza party" before they were scheduled to play the next morning at 10 a.m.

Estill defeated Warren Central in the opener of state tournament, 7-5, and then Madisonville in the semi-finals, 10-5. Despite a 6th inning grand slam from freshman first baseman, Kristi Wolfinbarger, the Neers lost a heartbreaker in the state finals to Louisville Assumption by a score of 9-6, finishing the year with a record of 36 wins and 5 losses. After receiving their state runner up trophy, these ladies quickly hurried back to the Estill County gymnasium to

celebrate an hour or so of the extended Estill County High school prom... many still in uniform.

The 1985 softball team laid the foundation for what some people believe is the most consistently successful athletic program at Estill County High School and started one of the greatest 6 year runs in the history of the school. From 1985 through 1990, Estill County AVERAGE 33 wins and 5 losses per year winning 5 tough districts and 2 regional championships.

Estill County was led by then assistant coach and current head coach Shirley Beard who assisted James Lonnie Thomas. Coach Thomas, whose name flies in right field, coached the Lady engineers for 17 years, amassing over 500 wins, 10 district tournament titles, 2 regional tournament titles and one KHSAA state runner-up finish. James Lonnie abruptly passed away in 2007 but is still remembered today by his friends, family and players. Coach Beard and Coach Thomas have coached every Estill county softball team since 1984.

One former player, sophomore reserve Tammy Gerald, recently passed away from a short illness. Tammy was a wonderful player and teammate and will be greatly missed. A moment silence

was observed at the game in honor of former Estill County High School student and player, Tammy Gerald

The players from the 1985 team, starting with the non-starters, including some players who were injured and could not play... and using "maiden names," freshmen, Tambo Watson, Missy Brandenburg, Jennifer West, Missy Cole; sophomores Carol Ann Puckett, Becky Abshear, Pammy Gerald; juniors, Susie King, Andrea Smith, Sonya Brandenburg; senior, Betty Morguson; and assistant coach Shirley Beard

The starters for the 1985 team were: leading off and playing second base, sophomore Lisa Neal; batting second and playing in right center, junior Linda "Baby" Wiseman who was unable to attend on Thursday; in left center field, batting 3rd, junior Jamie Thomas; the cleanup hitter and playing first base, freshman Kristi Wolfinbarger. Starting in left field and batting fifth, sophomore Libby Howe; behind the plate, batting 6th, sophomore, Kim Hardy; batting 7th and playing shortstop, junior Jayne Gerald; on the mound and batting 8th, senior Melinda Long; playing 3rd base and batting 9th, a freshman, Missy Walling; and in right field, batting 10th, sophomore Lorah Wright.

# Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

## Anderson apology last word for April; How-good-is-this? for Dupree and Parker



Bob Watkins

College basketball in America, April was a rear-view-mirror month. In college sports here, dismal, forgettable.

Former Kentucky star Derek Anderson supplied the epilogue.

Sharing his opinions on coaching at Kentucky and one-and-done-ism on ESPN radio, Anderson's observations moved me to: **America, I love this place!**

"If Coach Cal wanted to keep these kids and develop them, he should tell them that," Anderson told host Drew Deener. "He's just running them in and out. It's not him, it's not just him, it's the parents."

Straight out, no frills, what he believes. Bully for Derek Anderson!

Oops. Hold on. Here came the **apology**. Apparently fans were inflamed, Anderson beat a hasty retreat, tried to un-ring the bell.

"I was speaking my opinion about why I thought we lost the last two seasons," Anderson explained. "and it came out harsh (and) I apologize for that."

"But for people to attack my character is not something I take lightly as

I am human and make mistakes. This message is to those that love UK like me. I was wrong and I'm moving on by supporting BBN as always. But if you have a problem with me, then don't expect me to be kind to you in return."

Welcome back to Real World.

Clearly, Anderson's radio remarks were genuine, credible and food for thought. An apology dumped all that into "I-didn't-mean-what-I-said" bin. A surrender to political correctness in a twitter world.

Still left us things to think about. For that, **America, I love this place!**

**More reasons to dismiss April ...**

✓ For five months Kentucky was undefeated 38-0, then it wasn't, and those who made it so, left.

✓ Louisville exited the NCAA's Elite Eight rudely, a missed foul shot. Then its two premier players were invited to leave.

✓ Big Dance Big Empty: Murray State, Western Kentucky, Indiana.

✓ Recruiting. In a newly competitive one-and-done market, Kentucky was zero-for-April on six prime prospects still available. With scholarships still open, UK signed a JUCO. Louisville's reload includes graduate transfer shootists from Cornell and Drexel.

✓ Murray State's best, sophomore Cameron Payne, announced for the NBA draft.

**Then, it got worse.**

College hoops took a pair of Floyd Mayweather-like body blows.

• Billy Donovan, the SEC's best, jumped a contract at Florida with four

years and millions of dollars on it, for an NBA job. His reasons included being tired of losing recruiting competitions to Kentucky.

• Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, calling it 'adjusting to the times,' sold out. In wake of losing three freshmen to the NBA this spring, coach K publically embraced one-and-done. Ball coach who told Christian Laettner his jersey would not hang in Cameron Indoor Stadium rafters until he graduated, adopts the seven-months-and-gone plan born at Kentucky.

**Then, it got better.**

Hello to all new (old) people come to play, coach and run up the flag for next season.

✓ Darrin Horn, Lexington native, television analyst with head coach stints at Western Kentucky and South Carolina on his resume', resurfaced as assistant coach to Shaka Smart at Texas. Solid launch pad to reinvention ... another head job.

✓ John Pelphrey, Paintsville native, with nine years at Florida, was back on the coach carousel last week. At 46 his prospects are fluid, but his name was in the mix, if low on AD Gerald Foley's list that reportedly includes Dayton's Archie Miller, Minnesota's Richard Pitino and Gregg Marshall at Wichita State.

✓ How good is this: Bud Dupree, four years at University of Kentucky, is going to be a multi-millionaire linebacker playing in Steeler-crazy Pittsburgh. DeVante Parker leaves Louisville to be a big money wide receiver in sunny Miami.

✓ And, in next wave of

one-and-dones headed to Kentucky, fans could be in for a Season Delight. Seven-foot Skal Labissiere has Anthony Davis-like qualities, but 6-3 Isaiah Briscoe is special. Can be the next People's Choice at Rupp Arena. A dynamic passer and ball handler, Briscoe's major skill could be making teammates better and will fit well with Tyler Uliis.

## LOUISVILLE FOOTBALL

Bob Petrino's program got itself an incalculable recruiting boost from the NFL Draft last week. Led by Devante Parker (12th to Miami) nine Cardinals were drafted and headed to NFL summer camps.

When UofL recruiters sit down in living rooms their pitch will be rich with winning seasons, bowl invites, Petrino coach stylings and NFL draftees.

## WORTH REPEATING DEPT.

From Maryland a season ago, this e-mail excerpt applies all the more to those well down the priority list at Kentucky. Fans.

"Fans like to have players they can recognize and support over their college career. I understand these young men can go pro and make millions of dollars, but they should also be working their way to an education for a career after basketball. We need more Unforgettables that fans can appreciate. I took my UK flag down today."

And so it goes. You can reach me at [Watkins24@aol.com](mailto:Watkins24@aol.com).