

Need changes to combat litter and other problems

stand up with me, I feel alone. But one subject that I have found people taking a stand with me is the trash, people are drowning our beautiful county with, daily. I agree one-hundred percent with Mr. Jerry Eltzroth, in his Letter to the Editor, titled, Trash Hill 2. He is spot on, and although I never had the chance to read Lisa Bicknell's editorial in the Citizen's Voice and Times, dated April 1st, I am sure she is also on the mark.

told me, "You just need to leave, if you don't like the way we do things." I am still here, but still don't like many things about our people. I would like for some of us who want change to have a meeting, to see if we can solve our pressing problems. Enough said, thank you, Mr. Jerry Eltzroth, and Ms. Lisa Bicknell, let us try to turn words into action.

Before we moved here eight years ago, my best friend, Doug Wright told me, "Steve, Estill County will never be the place for you to live." Doug Wright worked for South East Coal, and they sent him here in the mid-seventies to live and work. I thought for sure things would have changed for the better, with more people getting educated, people wanting a better way of life, but he was right, and I was wrong.

Now to "Just Hunting." I have a full plate, getting ready to head to Mexico. I thought after retirement, I would have all the time in the world, although I never had the promise of another minute. I even cut back on my hunts this year, thinking it would give me more time to do what I needed done. I am still running behind, and I still can't see the finish line. I have seen and gotten more turkey pictures this season, than normal, well over 100 turkeys killed from hunters and readers of "Just Hunting"

Are our people just this nasty, don't care, or don't want to do the right thing? Our local government, and officials just seem to turn a blind eye from everything like dogs barking and running loose, to smoking at will in any place you take the notion, to the garbage that is choking us to death. But they will probably get reelected, because they didn't make anyone mad.

As I make ready to head to Rays Hog Holler to fish with my daughter, Nema, tomorrow, that is one thing I will never get to busy for, spending time hunting, fishing, and just hanging with my babies. Whether is at Keeneland, the ballpark, or deep in the swamps of Florida, I will always try and find time for them. Happy turkey hunting, be safe, now to get back to packing for my Mexico trip.

When we first moved here, I spoke to a neighbor about his illegal garbage dump and letting his grass grow to head high; his reply to me, if you don't like it, look the other way. Another person in this county

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ECMS Softball 8th Grade Recognition Night

The Estill County Middle School Lady Engineers fastpitch softball team held its 8th grade parent night on Thursday, April 22, 2021, with a presentation between games at James Lonnie Thomas Field. Coach-

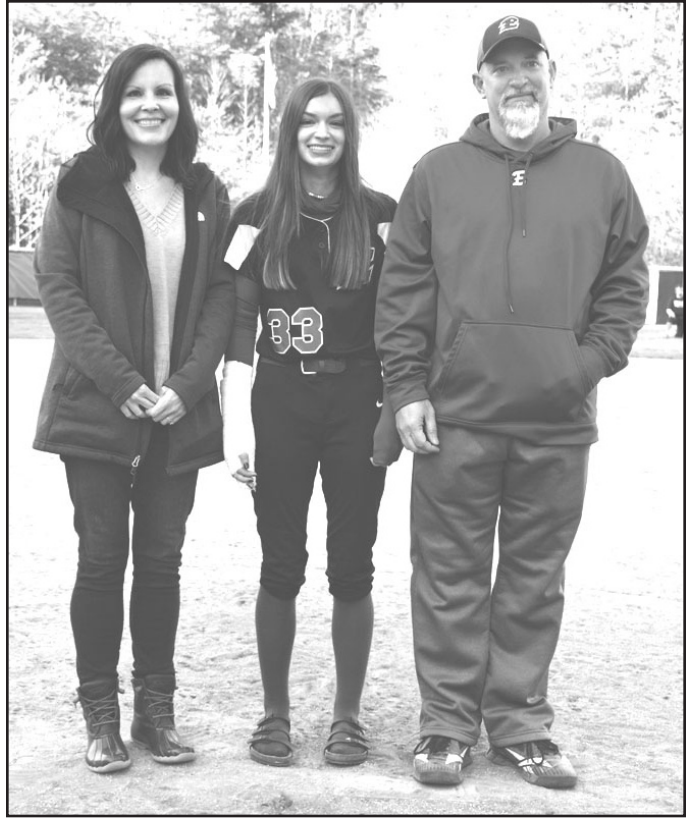
es Ronnie Riddell and assistant Missy Snowden told the girls and their parents, "We appreciate the hard work and dedication from you girls not only this year but throughout your softball careers. We love each

and every one of you, even if we do make you guys run a few poles sometimes. We look forward to your futures as softball players, and just remember, if you ever need anything, we're always on your side."



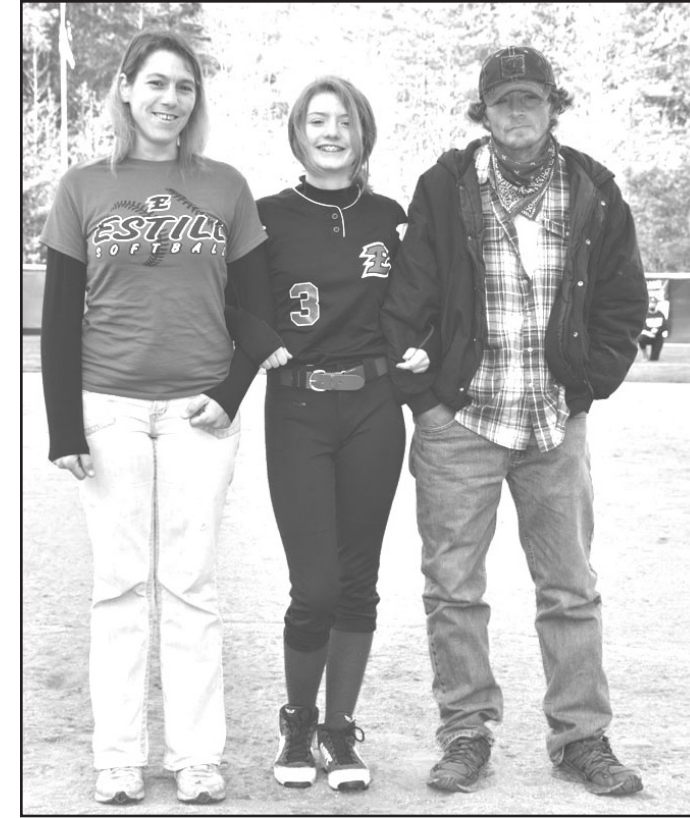
Marlo Puckett

Marlo Puckett is the daughter of Samantha and Todd Puckett and was escorted by her mom, Samantha, and her sister, Laycee Puckett. Her future plans are to go to college and pursue a career in sports medicine. The most influential person in her life is her mom because, "she pushes me to play harder." My favorite memory of ECMS softball is "the warm ups before games." Her best advice for younger players is to "enjoy every minute of every game."



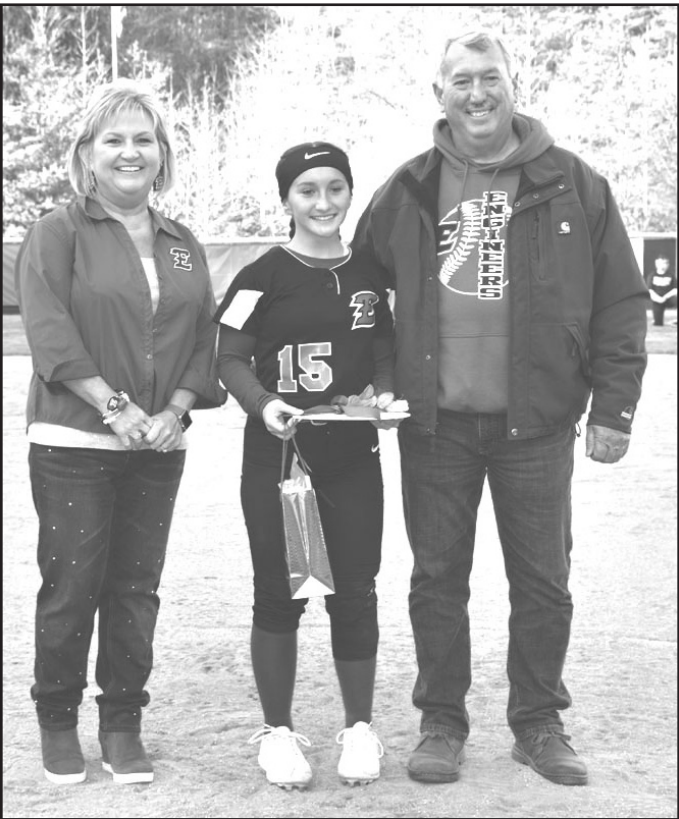
Hannah Brasher

Hannah Brasher is the daughter of her escorts, Brad and Amy Brasher. Her future plans are to go to UK. The most influential persons in her life are "my parents" because "they support me in everything I do." My favorite softball team memory is "when Jadelyn and I were in the men's bathroom and Jadelyn was using the urinal and the coach from the other team walked in." My best advice, "to always try your hardest."



Katareena Smith

Katareena Smith is the daughter of escorts April Degre and Daniel Smith. Her future plans are to go to college and become a medical surgeon. The most influential person in her life is Hallie Richardson because, "I have always looked up to her, and she is an amazing person in my life." Her favorite softball memory is "becoming closer with all teammates." Her best advice for younger players is "keep your dreams alive and never give up."



Jadelyn Neal

Jadelyn Neal is the daughter of her escorts, parents Barry and Melissa Neal. Her future plans are to go to UK and become a neonatal nurse. The most influential persons in her life are her parents. "They always push me to do my best and support me in everything I do." Her favorite memory of ECMS softball is "having to use the men's bathroom and while peeing in an urinal, the other team's coach walked in on us! For the record, Hannah was supposed to have locked the door . . ." Her best advice is "always do the best you can do."



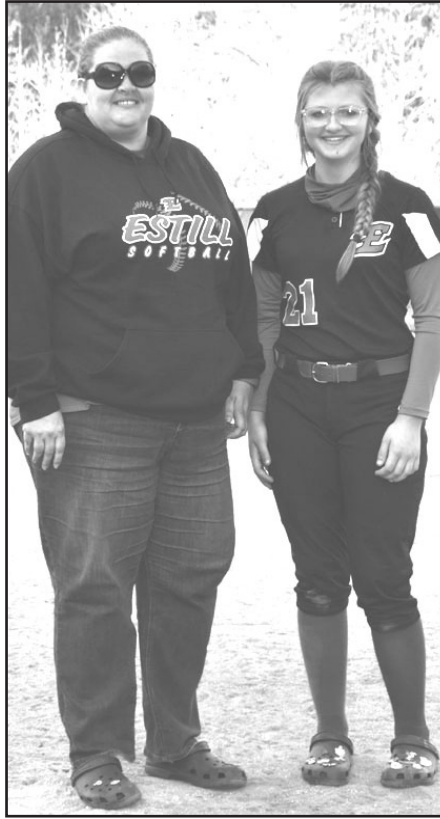
Kyleigh Arvin

Kyleigh Arvin is the daughter of Summer Arvin and was escorted by her aunt, Angel Arvin. Her future plans are to graduate and go to college to become a vet tech. The most influential person in her life is "my Mimi" because she battled cancer and beat it. Her favorite memory from the team is "being back on the field with my teammates after a year of quarantine." Her best advice for younger players is "enjoy every moment, play hard, and always remember to have fun."



Alyssa Haling

Alyssa Haling is the daughter of her escort, Andrea Haling. Her future plans are to play professional softball on Kentucky's or Tennessee's team. The most influential person in her life is "my great grandma" because "she has always been there, and when I need to talk to her, I can." "All my memories are too special to pick a favorite, so my favorite is each and every one I've made with my softball family and friends." My best advice for younger players is, "play hard, try your best."



Peyton Henderson

Peyton Henderson (or as Coach Missy calls me, Patience) is the daughter of her escort, Kelly Henderson. Her future plans are to go to college for softball; then go to training and be a police officer. The most influential person in her life is "my Momma" because "she has taught me a lot throughout life." My favorite softball memory is "hitting my first dinger." My best advice to younger players is, "don't give up and chase your dreams."