

ETS Family Career Day at ECU

The Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) hosted the Annual ETS Family Career Day on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. ETS participants and family members attended morning interest sessions on Financial Literacy and Career Guidance. Community Banker, Andrew Abernathy of Citizens Guaranty Bank and Career Specialist, Mandy Harrison of EKU Career Services were the program presenters.

ETS participants and family members were given the opportunity to select items from the Christian Appalachian Project – Operation Sharing boxes that included an assortment of chips, crackers, cereal, candy, protein bars, soft-drinks, pasta bowls and books. Following the morning interest sessions, everyone was treated to pizza and drinks. Free tickets to the EKU vs. Murray football game were then distributed to those wishing to attend the afternoon game.

Thank you to our presenters, Andrew Abernathy and Mandy Harrison, Citizens Guaranty Bank, EKU Career Services, EKU Athletics Office, EKU Conferences & Events Office, and the Christian Appalachian Project for helping to make the ETS Family Career Day a big success.

The Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program is one of the federal grant TRIO Programs funded through the U.S. Department of Education. The EKU ETS Program is funded to serve 765 participants in Estill, Garrard, Jackson,

Lee, & Madison Counties. ETS works with 6th grade thru 12th grade individuals who have the ability and interest to continue education beyond high school. Services include: guidance, workshops, individual sessions on college preparation and readiness, career awareness, financial literacy, financial aid, assistance with college applications, scholarship resources, personal development skills, tutoring, mentoring, academic advising, college tours, cultural diversity activities, and summer activities (all free).



ETS Scholar, Kenton Stepp of Estill County was the winner of the Citizens Guaranty Bank \$25 Gift Card presented by Community Banker, Andrew Abernathy, also from Estill County.



ETS Scholars and family members from Estill, Garrard, Jackson and Lee Counties participated in "Financial Literacy" and "Careers" workshops, and offered many questions for the presenters.



Irvine Council discusses mobile homes ordinance

by CATHY DAWES
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The Irvine city council met on Monday night and among the discussions were the ordinance pertaining to mobile homes within city limits. City Attorney Rodney Davis said that under the current ordinance if a mobile home is moved off of a lot then it cannot be replaced with another mobile home. Councilwoman Nelle Williams questioned mobile homes that were older and unoccupied. Davis replied that mobile homes have to meet the required standards of the safety code and the standards with the fire marshal. He also added that in certain circumstances those mobile homes would fall under the nuisance ordinance and would definitely be

something that the city could do something about.

Davis said that the city could look at doing something about the mobile homes like they did with the property on High Street but it is a financial burden to the city. He recommended picking out ten properties and choose one each year to work on.

Councilman Billy Arthur said he would like to see something done with the home on Main Street. He said he thought it looked horrible and something needed to be done about it. Davis said that if the city had a building inspector then the building inspector could go in and give them a list of violations and 30 days to comply. He said he felt like the state fire marshal could get involved in this particular matter.

Phillip Waite expressed his interest to the council about the building inspector position. He stated that he had studied at several different universities and had started his own business when he was 24 years old. Now that he is getting closer to retirement he would like to slow down a bit but still be involved in the industry. Waite said he felt like his experience in the construction industry would be very useful when he was doing an inspection. Mayor Noland told him that he would get him the information that he would need to become a licensed inspector in the state of Kentucky.

Councilman Woody Tipton asked what the city planned to do about Christmas decorations this year. Mayor Noland said that

he had spoken with Randy Powell about making banners for the light poles in Irvine. The banners would cost around \$70 each and they would need 12. The council approved the purchase of the banners and said it was a good start.

The council discussed using the aerial fire truck to hang those banners rather than renting a bucket truck like was done recently to hang banners. Fire Chief Tony Murphy said he had no problem with hanging the banners as long as they did it in the evening when the traffic flow wasn't as heavy.

Murphy reported that three local firemen, Chad Neal, Calvin Parker, and Shawn Riddell had spent three days in Bell County helping to battle forest fires.

The council approved a privi-

lege license for Linda Hamm to open up a variety store at 88 River Drive.

Police Chief Brad Smith reported that the city will soon have a new police cruiser on the streets. He said the vehicle has been purchased and is currently in Lawrenceburg getting equipped with the necessary equipment.

Garbage pickup for the city of Irvine will be a bit delayed due to the upcoming holidays. Anyone that has their garbage picked up on Thursdays should expect to have it picked up on Friday November 25th. The city will observe Christmas on Monday December 26th, therefore, garbage will not be picked up until Tuesday. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact city hall.

EXCITE NIGHT

Estill County Basketball will be presenting Excite Night this coming Friday, November 18th, 6-9 p.m. at the ECHS gym.

There will be an alumni game, recognition of athletic teams and the band, and lots of contests and give-aways.

Toys for Tots Rules

Ravenna Police and Fire Department announce rules for Toys for Tots:

1. You must have legal guardianship of the children.
2. The children must live you at your residence.
3. You must show birth certificate for each child.
4. You must show a utility bill in your name with your current address.
5. Sign-ups will begin November 15th and will end on December 9th.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ken White at the Ravenna Police Department between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m.

National Book Month activities aren't just for schools



Estill County Middle School "National Book Month" poster winner Mia Hale.

National Book Month activities aren't just for schools. When families read together, children get the positive message that a love of books can mean a lifetime of adventure and learning. Naturally, reading at home shouldn't be limited just to one month; the following activities can be introduced in November and then continued year-round.

- Make regular family visits to the local library to check out books, with parents and children each explaining why they picked particular books.

- Is your family known for its dramatic flair? Channel those theatrics in a positive direction and film a scene or two from one of your favorite books. Another idea along these lines is to organize a school or neighborhood talent night during which these scenes are performed for others.

- Play family games with a literary twist. Turn "20 Questions" into a book quiz or make up a story, with each family member adding a segment in turn.

- For parents, read to your children every night. "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children,"

the National Commission on Reading noted in its report *Becoming a Nation of Readers*.

Despite noting gains in reading proficiency among American youngsters, the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress also highlighted a troubling trend. Among fourth-graders, 53% of girls and 39% of boys indicated that they read for fun almost every day. But those percentages declined steeply by eighth-grade, with 25% of girls and only 13% of boys indicating that they read for fun almost daily.

Incorporating structured but fun reading activities at school – and encouraging similar efforts at home – may provide a buffer against that falling level of engagement as children become teens.

As the National Book Foundation notes, November is a great time to "Fall into a good book."

In recognition of this month, the Estill County Middle School Youth Services Center sponsored a poster contest at ECMS. All students were encouraged to participate in the contest.

Pictured at left is ECMS student and poster contest winner, Mia Hale.

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