

Wanderings from the Woods & Water

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Are You Guilty? I Sure Am!

Have you seen the new smokey hen decoy? I have because I own one now. I plan on using it on Saturday morning in conjunction with MOJO remote control strutting decoy, 50 turkey calls, 3 or 4 locator calls, and a vest full of other stuff!

So, I saw a hunting show with the smokey hen. It worked perfectly in getting the big gobbler. It worked on TV so it will have to work if I get one. I own one now and watch out longbeards! For all wondering what in the world a smokey hen decoy is, well it's a white hen with black tip feathers. It really brings in the gobblers on MAD decoys commercial. So it works!!!

I have found if they build it, a hunter will buy it! Yes, hunters and anglers are suckers for the next new magic arrow. I am guilty, guilty, guilty of being a sucker for the next new big hunting breakthrough! I guess that's why I own a smokey hen!

So are you guilty? You might be guilty if you have ever owned a banjo minnow. You might be guilty if you have ever owned an acorn cruncher. You might be guilty if you ever owned a squealing hen call. You might be guilty if you ever ordered a hunting/fishing product from an infomercial!

I will let you know if the smokey hen works. I imagine it's going to get the gobblers eye. What happens after it gets his eye could go 1 of 2 ways. Either he runs in seeing something new or he runs away because he sees a

weird white hen decoy. Hopefully it puts a big gobbler in the freezer! If it works, then with the cost of the new decoy and all my turkey gear a dead turkey will only cost me 75 dollars per pound. In my mind that is a GREAT return on investment. My wife on the other hand doesn't see the same as me!

All kidding aside, everyone be safe if you're going to be in the turkey woods. Good luck and send any pics of your turkey!

Wounded Warrior hunt starts on the 20th. If you want to help, just let me know. We will have 10 Wounded Warriors with us this year. One way you can help is pray that everything goes good. Be praying for these Wounded Warriors. The war might be over for them but the wounds physically and mentally will be with them for ever.

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



Happy Earth Day!

Here are some ideas for Earth Day (April 22):

Clean up the yard -- rake up seed hulls, pull pesky weeds, sweep around your little bird area. Plant some scarlet sage for hummingbirds or milkweed for monarch butterfly caterpillars. Have some fun. Enjoy the great outdoors!

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Energy Assistance Funding Available Through April 30

Kentucky River Foot-hills Development Council, Inc. is continuing to provide energy assistance through the crisis component of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The program assists households in a heating crisis and will run through April 30 or until the funds are expended.

Individuals and households that have already received assistance this year are eligible to receive additional help if they haven't used their entire assistance amount of \$400.

Only those with disconnect or eviction notices or who are within 48 hours of being without heat can receive assistance during the crisis component. A household shall be considered to have a home heating crisis situation when it meets the basic LIHEAP eligibility criteria and: (1) the household is within four (4) days of running out of fuel if bulk fuel (coal, fuel oil, propane, kerosene, or wood) is the heat source; (2) the household has received a disconnect notice if natural gas or electric is the heat source; or (3) the household's home heating costs are included as an undesignated portion of the rent, and the household has received an eviction notice for non-payment of rent from the landlord.

All assistance provided with LIHEAP funds must be directly related to resolving the household's home heating crisis situation. A household may not receive more than the household's allowable crisis maximum in

combined benefits, through the Crisis component. The allowable crisis maximum is determined by the household's primary fuel type.

Applicants must bring the following:

► Disconnect notice (if seeking assistance for natural gas or electric)

► Eviction notice from Landlord (if utilities are included in rent)

► Metered utility bill if seeking assistance for propane/kerosene/wood/coal

► Proof of Social Security Numbers for each member of household

► Proof of all household members income from the preceding month

Households at or above 75% of the poverty level must pay a portion or co-payment of the minimum necessary to alleviate the crisis. Benefits are limited to the amount necessary to relieve the crisis with the maximum amount not to exceed the local cost for a deliverable supply of the household's primary heating fuel or \$400 for gas or electric.

LIHEAP is a statewide initiative sponsored by Community Action Kentucky Inc. in partnership with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) and is directly funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

Applications can be made at the Estill County Outreach Office located 111 Collins Street in Irvine, M-F from 8am-3pm. For questions call 606-723-4492.

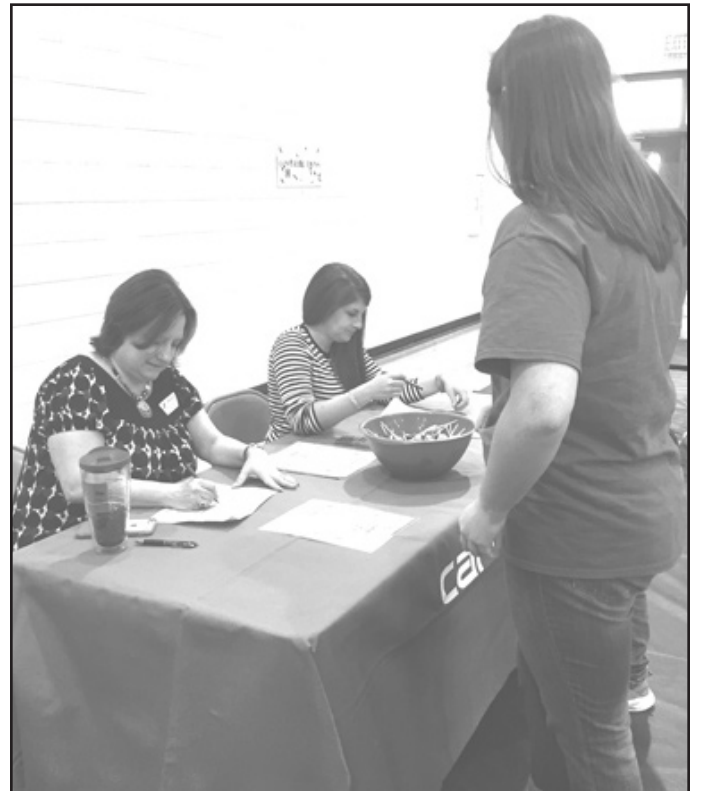
5th & 8th Grade Students Learn About The Real World

The Reality Store is a financial simulation where 8th grade students from Estill County High School and 5th grade students from West Irvine Intermediate School choose careers and make decisions about their budgets and lifestyles. The activity is a fun and effective way for students to learn about personal accounting, financial responsibility and life choices, and interact with business people.

The project involves Estill County Family Resource and Youth Services Centers, Estill County Extension Office and about 30- to 40-plus local business and parent volunteers. Students receive "paychecks" and random information regarding how many children that they have. They also receive checkbooks and instructions on making purchases. Business volunteers, including Eastern Kentucky University Educational Talent Search Program, Hary Oil, Hardy Gas, Citizens Guaranty Bank, Marcum Wallace Hospital, Playtime Daycare, the Estill County Health Department, and Carhartt, staff stations around the gymnasium of Estill County Middle School.

Stations include taxes, financial institution, real estate, apartment rentals, apparel, car dealer, day care, gasoline, charities, entertainment, "fate," gasoline, government, grocery store, insurance, investments, household products, phone company, cable TV and utilities. Students visit the stations, write checks and balance their checkbooks. Upon completion, they assess their decisions and financial status.

Courtesy of YSC Director Mike Flynn



Left to right: Jennifer Strauel and Whitney O'Keefe from Carhartt, Inc.



Left to right: Kiernan Comer and Melvin Williams from the State 4-H Council and Estill County Extension Service Board.



Left to right: C.J. Neal and Tina Pasley from Citizens Guaranty Bank.

Estill County Engineers 2016 ECHS Boys Baseball

Apr 14	Berea	H	5:30
Apr 16	Franklin County	A	12:00
Apr 18	George Rogers Clark	A	5:30
Apr 20	Model	H	5:30
Apr 22	Madison Southern	A	5:30
Apr 23	Bourbon County	A	11:00
Apr 25	Model	A	5:30
Apr 28	Morgan County	H	6:00
Apr 29	Madison Central	A	7:30
May 2	Menifee County	A	6:00
May 3	Powell County	A	5:30
May 5	Perry County Central	H	6:00
May 9	Jackson City	A	6:00
May 10	Powell County	H	5:30
Bill Orme Classic at Powell/Estill			
May 12	Madison Southern	A	5:30
May 13	Harrison County	A	5:30
May 14	Allen Central	A	12:00
May 16	Rockcastle County	A	6:00
May 17	Jackson County	H	5:30
May 19	Morgan County	A	6:00
May 20	Knott County Central	H	6:00

Estill County Engineers 2016 ECMS Boys Baseball

Apr 13	Garrard County Varsity	H	5:00
Apr 14	Caudill	A	5:30
Apr 15	Rockcastle County	A	5:30
Clark/Estill/Lincoln Triangle at Estill			
Apr 16	Clark County	H	11:00
Apr 16	Lincoln County	H	3:00
Apr 18	Clark-Moores	H	5:30
Apr 19	Breathitt County	A	5:30
Apr 22	Foley	H	5:30
Apr 23	McNabb Tourney	A	
Apr 28	Powell County	A	5:30
Apr 29	Lincoln County	A	5:30
Apr 30	Hazard/Leslie Triangle	A	
May 2	Lee County Varsity	A	5:30
May 3	Model	H	5:30
May 7	'Neers Classic	H	
May 9	Powell County	H	5:30
May 12	Farristown	H	5:30
May 14	Fleming/Prestonsburg	A	
May 16	Conference Tourney		
May 21	14th Region Tourney		

Estill County Church Volleyball League

Estill County Church Volleyball League starts Saturday, May 7th. Deadline for entering a team is Saturday, April 30th. No fees required.

Estill Lady Engineers 2016 ECMS Girls Softball

Apr 14	Foley	A	5:30
Apr 15	Rockcastle County	K	5:30
Apr 16	Bondurant	A	1:00
Apr 18	Madison Middle	A	5:30
Apr 20	Bourbon County	K	5:30
Apr 21	Clark Moores	A	5:30
Apr 22	East Jessamine	K	5:30
Apr 28	Berea B&C DH	K	5:30
Apr 29	Caudill	A	5:30
Apr 30	Jackson City Tourney		
May 2	Powell County B&C DH	K	5:30
May 3	Foley (8th & Fan Night)	H	5:30
May 9	Berea	A	5:30
May 11	Powell B&C	A	5:30
May 13	Conference Tourney	H	
May 14	Conference Tourney	H	
K-Kiwanis Field H-High School Field			

Estill Lady Engineers 2016 ECHS Girls Softball

Apr 14	Owsley County	H	5:30
Apr 19	Garrard County	H	6:00
Apr 21	Lee County	A	5:30
Apr 22	Jackson City	A	6:00
Lady Rocket Triangle at Rockcastle			
Apr 23	Russell County	A	12:30
Apr 23	Rockcastle County	A	3:00
Apr 25	Montgomery County	A	6:00
Apr 26	Model	A	6:00
Apr 27	Powell County	H	5:30
Beasts of the East at Woodford County			
Apr 29	North Laurel	A	7:00
Apr 29	Scott County	A	8:30
Apr 30	TBA		
May 2	Powell County	A	5:30
May 3	Owsley County	A	5:30
May 5	Fleming County	H	6:00
May 6	Garrard County	A	6:00
Lady Engineer Triangle			
May 7	George Rogers Clark	H	12:00
May 7	Rockcastle County	H	4:00
May 9	East Jessamine	A	6:00
May 10	Montgomery County	H	6:00
May 11	Madison Central	H	6:00
May 16	Wolfe County	A	5:30
May 17	Breathitt County	A	6:00
May 19	Jackson City	H	6:00
May 20	South Laurel	A	6:00
May 21	North Laurel	H	4:00
May 21	Harrison County	H	12:00