



From left, All-Stars Abby Winkle, McKinley Meek, Sarah Wiseman, Kaylee Covey

Four Lady Engineers Selected for All-Star Game

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Congratulations go out to four Estill County Lady Engineers for their selection to participate in the Section 4 Southeast Regional All-Star game that was held in Flatwoods, Kentucky last week. This annual showcase consists of Junior and Senior All-Stars from the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Regions.

Juniors McKinley Meek and Abby Winkle along with sophomores Sarah Wiseman and Kaylee Covey were given a chance to show off their talents in the two game set. Although the 14th Region lost both of their games, the Estill ladies proved their worth and were definitely the strongest players for their team. Meek and Winkle contin-

ued their season long gold glove skills with excellent defensive play. Wiseman kept her hot bat going with a bases loaded double and Covey would smack a three bomb as the duo combined to knock in 5 of their team's seven runs in the consolation game. Great job Ladies!!! 2017 looks bright!!! GO BIG BLUE!!!!

Estill Grad Receives Scholarship

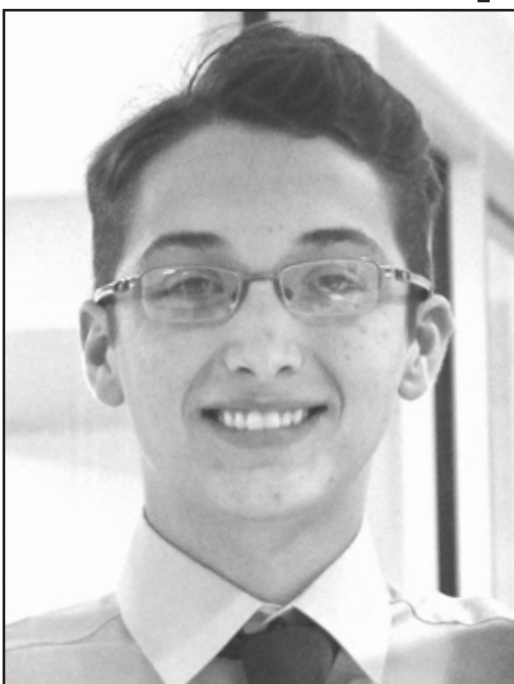
The Kentucky Highway Industries (KHI) scholarship committee, co-chaired by Bob Beam, The Allen Company, and Pat Judd, Gaddie-Shamrock, LLC, recently announced their 2016 Scholarship Award Recipients.

William Zachary Puckett of Irvine was among the recipients. He is the son of Vickie Puckett and husband Jeff who is employed by Walker Company in Mount Sterling.

Zac's original plans were to pursue a mathematics / pre-med degree at the University of Kentucky but now plans to attend on scholarship at UCLA. He receives \$2,500.

The total allocation of \$62,500 will be distributed to students during the 2016-17 school year. Since 1998, \$678,500 has been awarded to deserving students to help them achieve their educational goals.

Congratulations and good luck.



William Zachary Puckett



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4th of July

We The Fourth of July marks our nation's birth July 4, 1776. Our country celebrates our freedom in many ways. We fly our country's flag with pride and place flags on the graves of valiant soldiers. Picnics, parades, patriotic music and fireworks explode to celebrate our freedom.

While doing research on the Fourth of July, I decided to use, "What July Fourth Means to Me," by former President Ronald Reagan, reprinted by permission of The Ronald Reagan Foundation.

What July 4th Means to Me By President Ronald Reagan

For one who was born and grew up in the small towns of the Midwest, there is a special kind of nostalgia about the Fourth of July.

I remember it as a day almost as long anticipated as Christmas. This was helped along by the appearance in store windows of all kinds of fireworks and colorful posters advertising them with vivid pictures.

No later than the third of July.....sometimes earlier.....Dad would bring home what he felt he could afford to see go up in smoke and flames. We'd count and recount the number of firecrackers, display pieces and other things and go to bed determined to get up with the sun so as to offer the first thunderous notice of the Fourth of July.

I'm afraid we didn't give too much thought to the meaning of the day. And, yes, there were tragic accidents to mar it, resulting from careless handling of the fireworks. I'm sure we're better off today with

fireworks largely handled by professionals. Yet there was a thrill never to be forgotten in seeing a tin can blow 30 feet in the air by a "giant firecracker".....meaning it was about 4 inches long.

Enough of nostalgia. Somewhere in our growing up we began to be aware of the meaning of days and with that awareness came the birth of patriotism. July Fourth is the birthday of our nation. I believe as a boy, and believe even more today, that it is the birthday of the greatest nation on earth.

There is a legend about the day of our nation's birth in the little hall in Philadelphia, a day on which debate raged for hours. The men gathered there were honorable men hard-pressed by a king who had flouted the very laws they were willing to obey. Even so, to sign the Declaration of Independence was such an irretrievable act that the walls resound with the words "treason, the gallows, the headsman's ave," and the issue remained in doubt.

The legend says that at that point a man rose up and spoke. He is described as not a young man, but one who had to summon all his energy for an impassioned plea. He cited the grievances that had brought them to this moment and finally, his voice falling, he said, "They may turn every tree into gallows, every hole into a grave, and yet the words of that parchment can never die." To the mechanic in the workshop, they will speak hope, to the slaves in the mines, freedom. Sign that parchment. Sign if the next moment the noose is around your neck, for that parchment will be the textbook of freedom, the Bible of the rights of man forever."

He felt exhausted, the 56 delegates, swept up by his eloquence, rushed forward and signed that document destined to be as immortal as a work of man can be. When they turned to thank him for his timely oratory, he was not to be found, nor could any be found who knew who he was or how he had come in or gone out through the locked and guarded doors.

Well, that is the legend. But we do know for certain that 56 men, a little band so unique we have never seen their like since, had pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. Some gave their lives in the war

that followed, most gave their fortunes, and all preserved their sacred honor.

What manner of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists, 11 were merchants and tradesman, and nine were farmers. They were soft-spoken men of means and education; they were not an unwashed rabble. Their stories have not been told nearly enough.

John Hart was driven from the side of his desperately ill wife. For more than a year he lived in the forest and in caves before he returned to find his wife dead, his children vanished, his property destroyed. He died of exhaustion and a broken heart.

Carter Braxton of Virginia lost all his ships, sold his home to pay his debts and died in rags. And so it was with Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Rutledge, Morris, Livingston, and Middleton.

Nelson personally urged Washington to fire on his home and destroy it when it became the headquarters for General Cornwallis. Nelson died bankrupt.

But they sired a nation that grew from sea to shining sea. Five million farms, quiet villages, cities that never sleep, 3 million square miles of forest, mountain and desert, 227 million people with a pedigree that includes the bloodlines of all the world.

In recent years, however, I've come to think of that day as more than just the birthday of a nation.

It also commemorates the only true philosophical revolution in all history.

Oh, there have been revolutions before and since ours. But those revolutions simply exchanged one set of rules for another. Ours was a revolution that changed the very concept of government.

Let the Fourth of July always be a reminder that here in this land, for the first time, it was decided that man is born with certain God-given rights; that government is only a convenience created and managed by the people, with no powers of its own except those voluntarily granted to it by the people.

We sometimes forget that great truth, and we never should.

**Happy Fourth of July
Ronald Reagan
President of the United States**



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