

# Eight Estill Lady Engineers Named "Academic All-State"

The Estill County Lady Engineers fastpitch softball teams have excelled on the field in the sport in the past 12 years, and despite the sacrifice of many hours of practice and play time, the players have also excelled in academics.

Lady Engineers have been named to the Kentucky Softball Coaches Association's "Academic All-State" over the years, and this year is no different.

All eight Estill juniors and seniors were named to 1st team or 2nd team all-state for 2016, including seniors

Sarah Barnes, Haley Bishop, Zoe Deaton, McKeely Muncie, and Hayley Puckett, and the team's three juniors, McKinley Meek, Abby Winkle and Taylor Wiseman.

Barnes, Deaton, Puckett, Meek, Winkle and Wiseman were named 1st team, which means they had a gpa

of 3.75 or above. To be chosen as "Academic All-State" a player must have a 3.25 to 3.49 for honorable mention and 3.5 to 3.74 to be named "2nd Team."

Estill County has had 89 academic all-staters starting in 2003 which is nearly all

of the juniors and seniors who played for Estill. Eight players were named in each of four of those years and a total of ten received the honor in 2009. Seven were named in 2011 and 2013.

Two Estill players were also named 2nd team All-State in 2016, Zoe Deaton

and McKeely Muncie. Twenty Lady Engineers have been named All-State since 2003, with seven Honorable Mention, nine "2nd Team" and four "1st team," (Amanda Hymer in 2006, Brittany Thomas in 2007, Amanda Edwards in 2008 and Lyda Arvin in 2010).



Sarah Barnes  
2016 Senior



Haley Bishop  
2016 Senior



Zoe Deaton  
2016 Senior



McKeely Muncie  
2016 Senior



Hayley Puckett  
2016 Senior



McKinley Meek  
2016 Junior



Abby Winkle  
2016 Junior



Taylor Wiseman  
2016 Junior

## Burkhart Graduates Rogers Scholars

Estill County High School student William Patrick "Will" Burkhart graduated this summer from The Center for Rural Development's 2016 Rogers Scholars program.

Rogers Scholars is an intensive one-week summer leadership program that provides valuable leadership skills and exclusive college scholarship opportunities for high school students in Southern and Eastern Kentucky to seize their full potential as the region's next generation of business and entrepreneurial leaders.

"The Rogers Scholars program has been an amaz-

ing experience and has built my character," said Burkhart, a junior at Estill County High School. "The skills I've learned here will help me throughout my life."

Sixty-four high school students from 45 Kentucky counties graduated this summer from the 2016 Class of Rogers Scholars. The program was held on the campus of Lindsey Wilson College in South Central Kentucky in Adair County.

"We had yet another outstanding class of Rogers Scholars to participate in the program this summer," said Delaney Stephens, youth programs coordinator and com-

munity liaison for The Center. "I'm excited to see what happens over the next few years for these young people as they pursue other opportunities to seize their future."

"What's so encouraging to see with these Rogers Scholars is that they come together for six days, from 45 counties, and form friendships that will last a lifetime," he said. "I was amazed at the level of focus each of them has for wanting to return to their hometowns and make a positive impact for their community."

Burkhart is the son of Tim and Melisa Burkhart of Irvine.



Lonnie Lawson, left, president and CEO of The Center for Rural Development, and Delaney Stephens, youth programs coordinator and community liaison for The Center, present 2016 Rogers Scholars graduate William "Will" Patrick Burkhart of Estill County with a certificate for completing the program. Burkhart, 17, is a student at Estill County High School. (Center for Rural Development Photo)

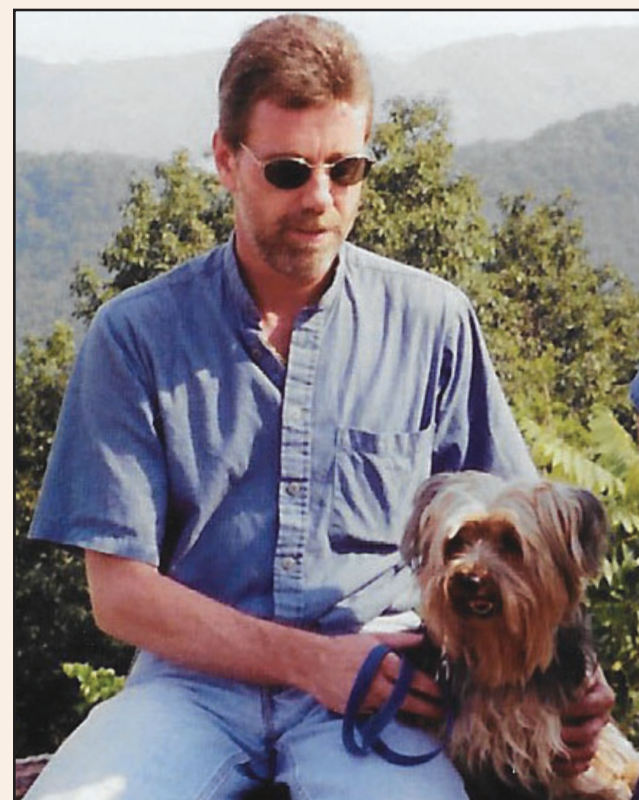


ABOVE LEFT: Jordan Owens, at right, is getting to know her way around Washington, D.C. She was one of four area students representing Jackson Energy at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Washington Youth Tour program in June. She was chosen from more than 80 statewide to represent Kentucky on the NRECA Youth Leadership Council (YLC), and was among the more than 40 state delegates who returned to the nation's capital in July for YLC training. Area high school students participating in the 2016 Washington Youth Tour program were, from left to right, Ashlynn Lumpkins, Trey Valentine, Marshal Durham and Jordan Owens. The Kentucky Youth Tour delegation, right, poses near the Jefferson Memorial. The tour is sponsored by Jackson Energy. (Photo courtesy of Karen Combs, Jackson Energy)



Congratulations to the Estill County High School JV Golf Team. They won a JV golf tournament in London on Friday July 29, 2016 by 22 strokes. Congratulations also to Isaac Napier who scored the lowest score of all JV golfers. Left to right are, Noah Walters, Cobbe Click, Isaac Napier, Andrew Elam and Kaden Stewart. (Photo courtesy of Rebecca Click)

## In loving memory of Terry Byrd Young August 7, 1960 to August 13, 2005



### I Lit A Candle Tonight

I lit a candle tonight, in honor of you  
Remembering your life, and all the times we'd been through.

Such a small little light the candle made  
Until I realized how much in darkness it lit the way.  
All the tears I've cried in all my grief and pain  
What a garden they grew, watered with human rain.

I sometimes can't see beyond the moment, in  
hopeless despair.  
But then your memory sustains me, in heartaches  
repair.

I can wait for the tomorrow, when my sorrows ease  
Until then I'll light this candle, and let my memories  
run free.

**Sadly missed by Mom,  
Brothers & Sisters and Friends**



(Photo courtesy of Shaun Hale)

Irvine's East KY Chaos 8u finished runner-up in the "Dog Days of Summer" coach pitch softball tournament this weekend in Berea. Chaos went undefeated in pool play on Saturday (2-0) beating a Hot Styx team from Rockcastle County 6-0 and Sting from Bath County 8-4. Earning the #1 seed for bracket play on Sunday. Chaos had a bye the first round and found themselves matched up with the Southern KY Lady Sluggers from Berea in the second round where Chaos came out on top in 3 innings 14-1. In the Championship game, they matched up with a reloaded Hot Styx team and came up short 11-4. Also playing were KY Envy and the Albany Angels. Left to right, front, are: Ava Hale, Lacy Puckett, Sydney Riddell, Miley Wilburn, Callee Snowden, Mila Walling. Back, Coach Missy Snowden, Lexi Tiller, Madison Rose, Peyton Henderson, Madison Cole, Coach Shaun Hale, Emery Arnold, Preslee Miller, Alyssa Haling and Coach Ronnie Riddell.