

Engineers Headed For Rupp

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The Estill County Engineers basketball team added another chapter to this already storybook season by adding the school's first-ever regional basketball championship with a 44-40 win over the Knott County Central Patriots last Tuesday night, March 5, in Hazard. With the signature win, the Engineers would punch their ticket to the Whitaker Bank/KHSAA Boys Sweet Sixteen Basketball Tournament to be held in Lexington, Kentucky, at Rupp Arena.

The Engineers would be led in scoring by Tournament MVP Caleb Bonny with 23 points who now has 2,434 career points and would place four on the All-Tourney Team: Bonny (MVP), Joe Benton, Lane and Andrew Doty.

The Engineers will open up play in the first session of the Sweet Sixteen on Wednesday, March 14, at 12:00 p.m. as they face off against Corbin. Close this town and head to Lexington to cheer on our hometown guys. See ya' at Rupp!! GO BIG BLUE!!

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Drug Court graduates 6

The stories of most Drug Court graduates are very similar. Last Wednesday's graduation was no different.

A graduate tells about how he or she got hooked on drugs. It is usually caused by a life changing event in their family, often the death of a loved one.

One of the graduates, Jocelyn Lee of Irvine, lost her father when she was 15. Then her boyfriend shot himself.

Her life became a "whirlwind of addiction." She dried out in jail.

Lee said after she allowed herself to grieve, she doesn't feel a need to do drugs.

Today, she is enrolled in college, pursuing a degree in social work.

She also volunteers at West Care and at children's homes.

"Staying busy is the key. Love yourself. Be proud of yourself," she added.

The graduates heard Jennell Brewer of Powell County, an advocate of Casey's Law.

Brewer was 15 when she lost her sister in a car wreck. Her parents divorced, and her father became a drug dealer. Her sister's son got hooked on oxycontin. Then she discovered her teenage daughter was doing drugs.

She stated that she was the first person in Powell County to file Casey's Law.

"He talked to me like I was a dog, and I didn't care," she stated.

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Six participants graduated from Drug Court of the 23rd Judicial District last Wednesday. Pictured with the six graduates are Circuit Judge Michael Dean, left; Judge Debra Lambert of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, second from left; and Wilma Spicer, Program Supervisor, far right.



Estill County received its largest snowfall of the year Sunday night and Monday morning. The sun came out and skies cleared quickly, but several homes had lost electrical service. All KU customers were back on by Tuesday morning but more than 1,600 Jackson Energy customers were still without power.

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Estill Middle place 3rd in Science Olympiad Regionals



Left to right, front: Mia Lynch, Kara Pryor, Trinity Fay, Kendra Hardy, Kristen Caudill. Back: Lukas Walling, Hunter Parks, Jonathan Short, Hayden McIntosh. (Photo and info courtesy of Tony & Linda Belcher)

The Estill County Middle School Science Olympiad team competed against nine other schools in the regional tournament at Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lexington March 3.

Every team member won at least one individual medal and the team brought home a third place trophy.

Mia Lynch and Kara Pryor placed first in Herpetology. Trinity Fay and Kendra Hardy got first in Rocks and Minerals. Kristen Caudill won first in Dynamic Planet and second in Solar System. Lukas Walling and Jonathan Short placed second in Roller Coaster. Hayden McIntosh and Trinity Fay got third in Anatomy. Hunter

Parks and Kristen Caudill got third in Towers. In addition to these medal wins, team members placed fourth or fifth in ten other events which helped them win the trophy and qualify for state competition in Bowling Green April 21. Congratulations to the team and coach Sarah Webb and best wishes at state.