

Estill Bass Fishing's Rawlins and Adams Win 2nd Place in Bradley Roy Open

Estill County's Bass Fishing Team had another good weekend on the lake with a second place win in the Bradley Roy Covercraft High School Open on Lake Cumberland. Chase Rawlins and Micah Adams finished in second place on Saturday from among about 200 boaters and earned the right to fish with the top five finishers on Sunday and a chance to win a \$20,000 scholarship to Campbellsville College. The two had a good day but could not overtake the top-place team, finishing only two ounces

out of first. "These anglers represented Estill County all around today," said Estill fishing coach Chris Osborne. They will advance to the Bass National Championships in 2020.

The previous weekend, October 5th, the team of Michael Hunter Flynn and Luke Fletcher finished in the top five with 7.38 lbs. of fish for 4th place.

The team's next event will be on Green River on November 12, 2019.

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Chase Rawlins and Micah Adams finished second in the runoff of the Bradley Roy Championship on Lake Cumberland but still got a lot of cool prizes for their work. They were only two ounces from the winner.

Tegtmeier named new MCHS softball coach

Star player at Estill Co. takes over Montgomery

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April Hall Tegtmeier doesn't have much of a coaching resume.

She's just 27 years of age and has spent most of her time since graduation from Estill County High School back in (2010) in a college classroom.

But nobody should question her knowledge of the game of softball and how one should coach to be successful.

She was not only an all-state performer for the Lady Engineers, she also played for one of the game's top coaches in Shirley Beard, who retired at the end of the 2018 season after directing her team to another 14th Region championship.

Tegtmeier is ready to see if she can put her knowledge and experiences to work as a coach and Montgomery County is giving her the opportunity.

Tegtmeier did help Coach Beard (the 2018) season at Estill County, so she has actually played in and coached in the Kentucky State High School Softball Tournament.

In fact, she played in the state tournament (three) times.

April Hall is her maiden name and she became one of Kentucky's top center fielders.

"Coach Beard was great to play for," Tegtmeier explained. "Tough, fair, good at fundamentals, someone that players could communicate with, she was all of those things and more."

Tegtmeier has degrees in early childhood education and institutional leadership and works throughout the Montgom-



Former Estill County Lady Engineers fastpitch softball player and assistant coach is named head coach of the Montgomery County Lady Indians program.

ery County system to help teachers with curriculum and other potential problem areas.

As for coaching softball, she says her job is multifaceted.

"Helping players develop good character traits and accept responsibility is a factor," she said. "I'll be trying to help the players become ready for the next level of life and to try and give as many of them as possible a chance to play softball at the next level if that's their goal."

Tegtmeier succeeds Robert McCoy who held the post for three seasons, won a 40th District title and finished as a runner-up on another occasion and twice advanced to the regional semifinals with his teams.

"So much of coaching at this level, I think, is adapting to the players that you have to work with and adjusting the style of play to their strengths," she said. "We'll concentrate a lot on defense and try to be as good as we can be at sup-

porting our pitchers."

The Lady Indians will open the season March 16 at Lexington Henry Clay.

"The schedule was already in place and I think it's a good one for where we are right now," Tegtmeier said. "I believe in challenging yourself as much as you can without being ridiculous."

The new coach is married to Kevin Tegtmeier, program director for the Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Parks and Recreation Dept.

Editor's Note: April Hall Tegtmeier is not the first Montgomery County Fastpitch Softball coach. Ravenna native Bart Rison, who is better known for basketball coaching, was a highly-successful softball coach for the Lady Indians as well, leading them to a string of undefeated seasons and numerous trips to the Kentucky State Tournament through 2015, except for 2012. He was also inducted in the Kentucky Softball Coaches Hall of Fame.

MARCHING ENGINEERS are Bands of America Regional CHAMPIONS!

The Estill County Marching Engineers Band made their inaugural journey to Johnson City, Tennessee this past weekend to compete in the Bands of America Regional Championship. The band was in a field of 33 total bands from 9 different states in this national regional competition.

After an unbelievable preliminary performance in the "Mini Dome" at East Tennessee State University, it was announced that Estill had won Best Music in class A, Best Visual in class A, and Best Overall Effect in Class A. When the rankings were announced, Estill learned that they were 1st place in class A, and had earned the title of Bands of America Class A Regional Champions! The top 10 highest scoring bands would advance to finals, and Estill's score was high enough to qualify.

After the night performance, Estill finished in 8th place overall among all

of the competing classes." This is another record breaking feat for this program, and an amazing finish for a first time BOA band, especially in class A.

"I'm thrilled that the students and their parents got to experience this!" said director Jason Bowles. "I'm sure it is something they will never forget."

"I have to thank everyone in the community who helped make this trip possible, and all of the band parents who sacrificed so much to make this all come to fruition. Also, thank you to this amazing group of students who put the Marching Engineers on the national map."

This coming weekend the band will start post season competition at GRC in the KMEA class AAA East Regional. The top 8 bands from this event will advance to KMEA State Semifinals in Bowling Green the following week.

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