



Just Hunting

by Steve Brewer

As I went into the real mountains of Kentucky yesterday, Whitesburg, Kentucky, my phone rang. It was my good buddy, best friend here in Estill county, Rick Hardy. He was on his way to Georgetown to Four Season Taxidermy to pick up some of his trophies he had dropped there a few months back. I like people like Rick Hardy; people if they have not thought outside the box, wake up one

morning, and to start doing so.

Rick was probably the first man I met here when I moved to Estill County, almost eight years ago. After talking to him about hunting, I could tell he thought inside the box, and I was fine with that, but I wanted to show him a better way. He had killed whitetail deer, but there are other deer in this great land we live in, and are even more fun to hunt.

When he traveled to Wyoming with me, he was excited to see all the mule deer, just standing beside the road. I first hunted my first mule deer in 1979, Coues deer in 1987; the Coues is from the desert southwest, they both are on my wall.

I hunted the Blacktail of Washington State, they are still roaming the wilderness, I failed. Then there is the Sika deer, running wild in the great state of Maryland. Both Rick Hardy and myself have trophy sized mounts on our walls of Sika deer.

If you are satisfied or think you are, of just killing whitetail, or Eastern turkey, then you are really missing out on what hunting is all about.

Rick Hardy hasn't gotten to hunt the mule deer or the Blacktail as of yet, but he has killed his "Grand Slam" of turkey. I watched him do it, slowly but surely, because he thought outside the box. How many hunters in this county has even hunted for a "Grand Slam," let alone kill one?

Back to Rick, calling me to tell me he was on his way to pick up some of his trophies, one of which is his Osceola turkey, full body mount; the other is his Aoudad. In case you don't have a clue as to what an Aoudad is, they roam free in Texas, imported years ago from India. They have thrived very well here. Better than anything, drop by Rick's house, and let him show you a collection of some of the finest mounts anywhere, including his Aoudad. Rick Hardy has a long way to go to completely get away from the confines of the "BOX", but he has made his move.

Wait a minute, even I don't have an Aoudad, I may need to do some thinking about this. Till next week, we are "Just Hunting"

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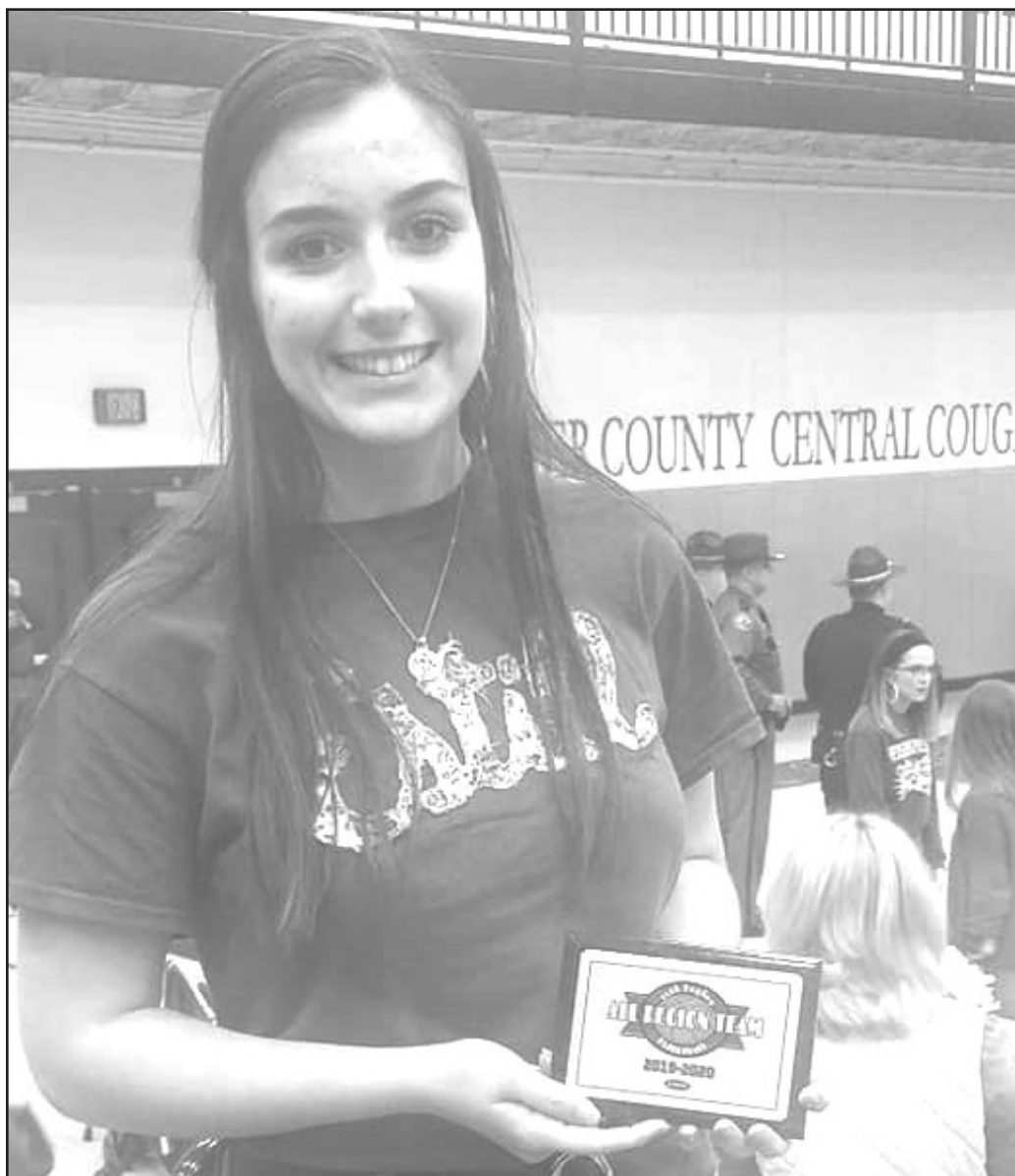
The Estill County 5th grade travel basketball team brought home the Championship after playing in the 2020 Battle on the Hill Tournament in Montgomery County over the weekend, they beat out East Perry in the Championship game with a score of 51-47. Great Job boys!! Left to Right: Bryce Drake, Will Caudill, Brody Mainous, Hunter Bingham, Chance Rawlins, Zeke Wiseman. (Photo courtesy of Josh Bingham)



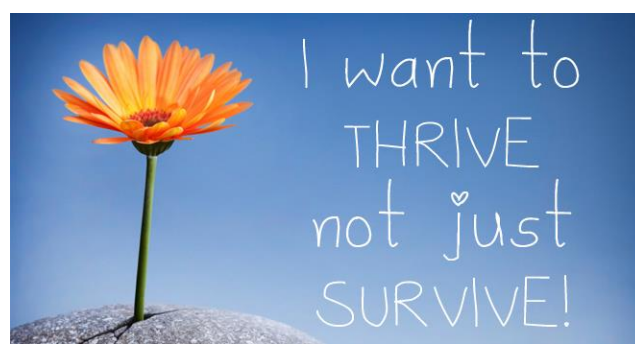
AT LEFT: The Estill County Middle School Science Olympiad team recently competed in 23 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) related events at Bluegrass Community and Technical College. The team had eight students to compete and as a team they placed second in the Lexington Regional Science Olympiad Tournament. The team qualified for the state tournament scheduled for April 18 at the University of Kentucky.

The individual results are as follows: Kate Alcorn and Caitlyn Gregory first place in Boomilever. Caitlyn Gregory first place in Density Lab. Alexis Neal and Elianna Robinson first place in Ornithology. Elianna Robinson and Caitlyn Gregory placed second in Anatomy & Physiology. Kate Alcorn and Caitlyn Gregory second place in Heredity. Michael Baird and Bekka Brooks second place in Machines. Michael Baird and Bekka Brooks second place in Mission Possible. Michael Baird and Alexis Neal second place in Mousetrap Vehicle. Elianna Robinson second place in Reach for the Stars. Alexis Neal third place in Circuit Lab. Michael Baird and Alexis Neal third place in Elastic Launched Glider. Kate Alcorn and Caitlyn Gregory third place in Write it, Do it. Bekka Brooks and Alexis Neal fourth place in Crime Busters. Kate Alcorn fourth place in Dynamic Planet. Analyse Day and Michael Baird fourth place in Fossils. Bekka Brooks and Amberlee Bailey fourth place in Road Scholar. Elianna Robinson and Amberlee Bailey placed fourth in Water Quality.

Congratulations to the team and coach, Linda Belcher and assistant, Tony Belcher.



Estill Lady Engineer sophomore Mia Hale was named to the 14th Region All Tournament Team last week at Letcher County Central. Congratulations, Mia!



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