

# 14th Region "Player of the Year" Joe Benton finishes 3rd on Estill's all-time-scoring list

Estill County's Joe Benton was named 14th Region Player of the Year to go along with a long list of basketball credits in addition to his many feats in golf. He finished with 1,916 points as the third leading scorer in Estill County history behind the legendary Delmar McGee (1,943) and hot-shooting Caleb Bonny (2,448). Benton is one of only 16 Estill County players who are members of the 1,000 point club. See Page 9. His credits are as follows:

**Games Won: 113; Games Played: 187; Games Started: 161; Career Points: 1916; Career Assists: 766; Career Rebounds: 670; Career 3 pts Made: 301; Career Steals: 222;**

**Career Blocks: 125; Career Double Doubles: 17; Career Triple Doubles: 1. He was 4 Time All District Team: 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020; 4 Time All Region Team: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020; 2017 District Tournament Defensive MVP; 2020 District Tournament MVP; 4 District Championships (Team); 1 Regional Championship (Team); 18th All Time in KHSAA history with 301 3 pts Made; 7th All Time in KHSAA history with 766 Assists; 3rd Place All Time in Estill County History with 1916 Points; 2019-2020 14th Region Player of the Year.**

Joe is the son of Ricky Joe and Chastity Benton. *Congratulations!*



Joe Benton and his father, Ricky Joe Benton



## Kentucky Agate Books Donated

The Southeast KY Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Club have recently donated the book, Kentucky Agate: State Rock and Mineral Treasure of the Commonwealth to the Estill County Public Library and libraries at the Estill County High School, Estill County Middle School, and West Irvine Intermediate School. The club is organized for pursuing education in the activities of rockhounding, including, but not limited to field collection, education, and hands-on education in fabricating stones and mineralogical specimens into finished creations, by use of various art and lapidary skills. Left to right: Officers of the Southeast KY Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Club, Francine Bonny, Skip Johnson, Larry Smith, and Mary Reed, watched Roland McIntosh, author of the Kentucky Agate book autograph copies at their meeting for local libraries.



Estill County Engineers junior forward Cobbe Click receives the 2020 Brandon Coldiron Defensive Award at the 40th District Tournament.



Two Estill basketball coaches "living legends" were honored last Tuesday night at George Rogers Clark's new gym in Winchester. Bart Rison and Guy Strong were the honorees. Both will be in the KHSAA Basketball Hall of Fame in May. Strong was already in the Hall, and Rison will be inducted in May. Both grew up in Irvine (and Ravenna) and both coached here, Strong at Irvine High and Rison at Estill County. Strong had coached later at Clark County and Rison was basketball and softball coach for many years at Montgomery County. The Cardinals and the Indians met in the regional final for the first time ever on Tuesday. (Photo courtesy of Blain Click)

# VOTE

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# HENSLEY

## KENTUCKY STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 21

Hello! For those of you who might not know me, my name is Kay Hensley and I am a Republican candidate seeking election as your Kentucky State Senator for District 21 (Laurel, Jackson, Estill, Powell, Menifee and Bath counties). Born in Leslie County, Kentucky, I grew up in a family of hard-working parents and five siblings. My Father, Earl Fields, was a 6-term Leslie County Clerk and a WWII Navy Veteran. He and my Mother, Gloria, were originally from Perry County and grew up on working farms. My Husband, Jeff, who owns and runs a drug testing business, UPIC Labs LLP, and I raised our two daughters on a small farm in Laurel County. Gloria will soon complete dental school at University of Kentucky, and Ollie is in her second year of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn University. I have practiced law for 32 years in Laurel County, having been a Master Commissioner and Domestic Commissioner. I am very passionate about doing volunteer work, particularly for my church, and hold dearly my Christian values. I was a dedicated leader in our girls' schools, heading up everything from major fundraising to school board and legal work, plus even coaching. I am one of two founding members of the Ladies of the Rhubarb Pie, which is a local civic group that puts all of its funds back into the community. I am also the President of the Laurel County Republican Women's Club. My husband and I have been foster parents for numerous children. I will fight for the rights and principles Kentuckians hold precious, in particular, the right to life, the right to carry guns, religious freedom, family values, funding the pension system, and increasing and supporting the small business community. Most of all, I promise to give a voice to all people.

**Paid for by Kay Hensley**

