



The Estill County Lady 'Neer won the state championship for 18U at the Kentucky Select Tournament held over the weekend at Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Pictured above and below are Emma Winkle, Neesa West, Cassidy Hack, Lauren Farmer, Katie Johnson, Maci Muncie, Aaliyah Edenstrom, Jessie Begley, Henlee Hunter and Vana Newton. Not pictured was Carly Cain. Lynn West is the coach. (Photos courtesy of Stephanie Patrick West)

The Kentucky Softball Coaches Association had previously cancelled all trophies and awards for 2020, however, at the request of The Estill County Tribune, the Academic All-State Awards were reinstated. Kaylee Hope Riddell, a senior for the 2020 Estill County Engineers team was named First Team Academic All-State. Awards are given as follows: 1st Team All Academic 3.75-4.0, 2nd Team All Academic 3.50-3.74, Honorable Mention All Academic 3.25-3.49. Riddell played Lady Engineers softball in 2017, 2018 and 2019 and was on the roster for the 2020 season. She was a sophomore member of the team that won the 14th Region championship in 2018 and went to the state tournament. Last year, 2019, she was named also named First Team Academic All-State as a junior with a 3.75 or better GPA. Riddell also played on the 14th Region All-Star Game in 2019. She also played volleyball and basketball for the Lady Engineers. Kaylee Hope Riddell is the daughter of Brian Riddell and Crystal Chapman. She signed on February 19, 2020 to play softball for Berea College. Any other Lady Engineers (2020 juniors or seniors) who are eligible for this award will be named later.



Workers, above and below, recently cut tobacco on Harris Ferry Road in northern Estill County. This half acre crop is probably the only tobacco raised in this county and was started by two Estill County fathers, Brad Goolman and Ralph Edward Townsend, to give their children and other youngsters the experience of raising a crop of tobacco. (Photos courtesy of Brad Goolman)



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