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## ECHS Homecoming Queen 2015



**Cheyenne Young, a senior at Estill High, was crowned Homecoming Queen at Friday's football game. The homecoming queen is chosen by the students. From left to right: are 1st runner up Sarah Barnes, Homecoming Queen Cheyenne Young, and 2nd runner up Emily Walton.**

Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes

## Mascots for all schools will be the Engineers

by **DELORES ROWLAND**  
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"We are the Engineers, mighty, mighty Engineers! Yes, we are!"

Students in grades Pre-school through 12 are now all Engineers. The Bulldogs of Estill Springs, Wildcats of West Irvine, and Middle School Patriots are history.

At Thursday's school board meeting, the board voted to make the Engineers the Mascot for all schools.

Supt. Jeff Saylor said South Irvine P-K are going to be the "Little Engineers."

"We are one school, one goal, college and career readiness for all," stated Saylor. "We have to be working together. We have to pull the train in the same direction."

Although Estill students are located in five buildings,

with the reconfiguration of schools over the last several years is the same as a P-12 school.

"When a student buys an Estill County t-shirt, he can wear it from middle school to high school," he added.

After considerable discussion, the board delayed action until next month on Middle School and Elementary Guidelines.

Saylor said action was supposed to have been taken on the guidelines last year, so one more month would not make a difference. He stated this was the result of state legislation passed two years ago, but the local board could be more strict.

Board member, Dr. L.W. Beckley, said he did not like the idea that a student could play with one "F". The

guidelines require a student to have a "C" average.

"I want to see these kids keep their grades up," he stated.

The board was updated on the district's new web-site by Jeremy Simpson. Parents will be notified when the web-site is up and running.

Saylor updated the board on the bond sale. The larger bond was resold, but the smaller one was not.

He also presented a press release on use of school facilities. He stated the principal at the school approves school related activities, but he, as superintendent, must approve community related activities.

Architect Roland Mueller presented claims for projects at South Irvine and Estill High. The claims are for the

portion of work done by the contractors to allow them to pay their employees. He updated the board on progress of both projects.

Three staff members, Elizabeth Renner, Kristy Floyd, and Cecilia Howe, were recognized as Kentucky Center for Mathematics Recipients for their training over the past year.

Allocations were adjusted for schools based upon their second month's attendance.

Saylor said there are 2,532 students enrolled in P-12, six more than this time last year.

He announced his phone number at the meeting, and added that anyone who had a school related question could call him anytime. His local number is (606) 643-7899.

## 5-year-old is bitten after hugging dog

A five year old boy as taken to UK Hospital Saturday, Oct. 17 after being bitten by a dog.

The dog bite remain under investigation by Deputy Sheriff Randy Farthing.

Farthing was dispatched to Marcum & Wallace Hospital where the child was taken after he was bit by the German Shepherd.

The boy's grandfather, Eddie Young, of Waco, told Farthing that he had taken his grandson to the residence of Larry Reed on Timberline Spur Road, in the Dry Branch community of Estill County.

The boy told Deputy Farthing that he gave Reed's

dog a hug, and it turned and bit him.

Reed told Deputy Farthing that he had had the dog for four years, and it had not been vaccinated.

Farthing said that Reed voluntarily turned the dog over to the animal control officer. He stated that he did not want a dog that would bite a child.

The deputy stated the child had deep lacerations on the right side of his face, around the eye area.

Farthing said the child was transferred from Marcum & Wallace Hospital to UK Medical Center for further treatment.

## Sandhill residents want dead-end to slow down traffic

A large group of residents living on Sandhill Church Road attended the Estill Fiscal Court meeting Monday asking to give their road a dead in.

Before addressing the road issue, Judge Wallace Taylor explained why he was wearing a pink robe.

He wears it each October for Breast Cancer Awareness month. He signed a proclamation declaring Breast Cancer Awareness month in Estill County and presented it to Linda Estes.

Lou Ann Hall said the Sandhill Church Road may only be a quarter mile long but it has become a thoroughfare or by-pass for motorists wanting to avoid the stop sign at the end of O'possum Run Road.

"Vehicles are traveling at high rates of speed down the quarter-mile stretch," she stated. "This poses a safety concern to pedestrians, residents, and church members of Sand Hill Christian Church."

Hall said the residents did not care which end of

the road was blocked off.

Blocking off one end of the road would create issues for turnarounds for snow plows and school buses.

Members of the Sandhill Christian Church were not in favor of making a dead end on the road. They felt the motorists would then be using their church parking lot to bypass a stop sign.

Both sides agreed they wanted to work together. They agreed they didn't have a problem until they asked for and got smooth blacktop on their road.

Judge Taylor said motorists do not observe "Children at Play" signs, which the county no longer installs because pedophiles look for those signs.

The road department is also no longer permitted to put in speed bumps or any obstacles which may damage vehicles traveling the road.

The judge estimated the procedure to make one end of the road a dead end would take about 45 days.

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## Lady Patriots 1<sup>st</sup> in Season And Tourney

For the first time ever, the Estill County Middle School 6th Grade Lady Patriots won the conference tournament and the regular season title. They defeated Rockcastle County on Monday night at Foley Middle School in Berea for the tournament title. Rockcastle threatened in the third quarter, but Estill came away a 10-point winner, 25-15. Mariah Riddell led Estill with 9 and Mia Hale added 8.



**2015 6TH GRADE LADY PATRIOTS – CONFERENCE SEASON & TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**  
Left to right: Ann Gonzales, McKenzie Miller, Sarah Baker, Mariah Riddell, Mia Hale, Hannah Baker, Cameron Friend, Macy Reed, Summer Bosman and Jayci Long.