

Jones, Bingham Grab Postseason Awards

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The 2016 Estill County Engineers football team turned in a truly historic season by capturing the first district title in the programs history. The 9 win - 3 loss season ended with a second round playoff loss to Casey County but several Engineers received postseason accolades. Head Coach Mike Jones would get his 100th coaching win with a first round victory over Jackson County and would also receive the Kentucky Football Coaches Association 3A District 7 "Coach of the Year." Congratulations, Coach Jones and the rest of the staff for a terrific season.

Senior Dawson Bingham's outstanding play on both sides of the ball would not go unnoticed as well. The KFCFA would name Bingham 3A District 7 "Player of the Year."

A glance at Bingham's stats would see that this award was well deserved. Bingham would carry the ball 184 times for a total of 1,526 yards and 20 Touchdowns. He would average 9.3 yards per carry and 127 rushing yards per game. He would find time to haul in 3 receptions for 60 yards and return two punts for Touchdowns as well.

With 24 extra points kicked and 9 two point conversions, he would total 174 points on the season for a 14.5 points/game average.

He would lead the de-

fense with 131 total tackles to go along with his 3 interceptions and 3 fumble recoveries. Congratulation Dawson on a great season!

Bingham would not be alone in the great season category as several other Engineers would put up some fantastic stats as well:

Logan Beckler- 156 att 1,166 yards rushing 11 TD, 1 reception for 22 yards and a TD. 48 Total tackles, 2 In-

terceptions and 1 TD.

Blake Francisco- 77 att 617 yards rushing 14 TD, 3 receptions for 62 yards and 2 TD. 1 KO return for TD. 73 Total tackles, 3 Int and 3 fumble recoveries and 2 defensive TDs.

Austin Salyer- 48 att 315 yards rushing 7 TD. 73 total tackles and fumble recovery.

Kendall Vaughn- 22 att 119 yards rushing 2 TD.

Justin Stamper- 12 att 70 yards rushing 3 TD. 37 total tackles.

Hunter Osborne- 6 comp 11 att 144 yards 3 TD. 40 total tackles and 2 Int.

Jason Watkins- 55 total tackles, 3 QB sacks, 7 TFL.

Chase Harrison- 44 total tackles, 4 QB sacks, 9 TFL, 2 fumble recoveries.

Taylor O'Hair- 30 total tackles, 2 TFL.



ECCHS offers many dual-credit classes, one of which is Dance and Culture through Eastern Kentucky University. A requirement of this course is that all students must view an artistic movement performance. On November 12th, the students pictured were able to attend the Broadway hit STOMP at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts in Louisville, KY. Matchboxes, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters and more filled the stage with energizing beats to create the inventive and invigorating stage show that's dance, music, and theatrical performance blended together in one electrifying rhythm. A big thanks to GEAR UP and the Physical Education/Health Department for helping make this experience possible!



A friendly game of Tug of War brought boys and girls of all ages onto the gym floor at the Estill County High School on Friday night.



Colton Malicote won free pizza for an entire year during the half court contest at Excite Night on Friday night. (Photo courtesy of Lelia Elam)



Cheerleaders from the Estill County Middle School performed during Excite Night on Friday night. (Photo by Cathy Dawes)

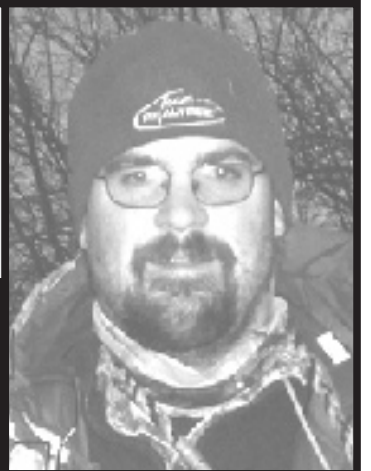


West Irvine Intermediate hosted their annual Thanksgiving Day lunch on Wednesday, November 16. West Irvine Intermediate invited the local 1st Responders of Estill County to attend, so we could show them



how much we appreciate their service! Students enjoyed meeting the 1st Responders and getting to know more about their careers. (Photo courtesy of Sara W. Stringfield, West Irvine FRC manager)

Wanderings from the Woods & Water
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Through the Valleys

Ok, so I keep saying I am going to do part 2 of my Colorado Elk hunt. Well, it won't be this week. The Lord put something on my heart to write about. I try my best to follow His lead. So here we go!

My wife's father has been in critical condition with complications from diabetes. I guess maybe this is why the Lord put this column on my heart to write. God gave this column to me just before my wife left for the hospital to see her dad. I do want to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, and support.

When I was training retrievers back in the day, one retrieve took some time for a dog to get, it was retrieving through the valley. A dog early in training would always get hung up in the valley. The dog relied on his eyes and not the master.

This retrieve was tough for the dog to catch on to. The dog would take off to make the retrieve but would always get stuck in the valley. I guess it was depth perception is the reason they get stuck in the valley. It took a lot of training for the dog to learn to push through the valley to get to top of hill for the retrieve.

The number one thing the dog had to do is completely trust the master to get it through the valley. The dog must rely on the master (trainer) to get through the valley. This took dog and master spending a lot of time together.

Once the dog figured out to trust the master there was never another problem with the dog pushing through the valley. The dog understood that if it pushed through the valley good things were at

the top of the hill.

In life, we go through some deep dark valleys. Good things await at the mountain top. We've just got to push through the valleys. Pushing through the valleys takes trusting the Master. It takes relying on the Master. It takes spending time with the Master.

I have learned when I rely on (me) then I always get stuck in the valley!

When my wife's dad first went into the hospital it didn't look good. The doctors didn't seem to think things would end good. We went to the valley. We turned everything over to Jesus and a lot of people went to praying. We are not out of the valley, but we are starting to climb up the other side. A week into his illness and the doctors are optimistic now. Whatever happens we completely trust the Master and are relying on the Master to get us through this valley. We know at the top of the Mountain good things await. To God be the Glory!

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



Seasonal Change

Fall migration is my favorite time of year for backyard birding. I always have plenty of white proso millet to toss on the ground for chipping sparrows, buntings and cardinals. Soon, the gray catbird will be mewing on my fence post waiting for peanuts. Autumn is beautiful.

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Brady Reeder with first deer! Congrats!



Brinley Bicknell helping dad set dog proof coon traps!