



Members of the Estill County Middle School Student Council posed for a photo before the annual Spring Fling on Friday night. This year's theme was Candyland. Pictured are: Ana Gonzalez, Emma Winkle, Rayleigh Jones, Jenna Stone, Julie Hardy, Malorie York, Zoe Abney, Summer Evans, Emily Dennis, Lauren Mullins, Maddie Hardy, Kaitlynn Van Winkle, Landon Napier, Jameson Miller, Elliott Hardy, Isaac Napier, Dean Tucker, Will Isfort, Hannah Adams, Peyton Maybriar, Libby Tipton, Cobbe Click, Lucas Puckett, Micah Swim, Donovan Lainhart, Savannah Elam, and Lydia Mills. (Estill Tribune photo by Cathy Dawes)

Two empty seats at graduation . . .

When 2016 graduation ceremonies commence tonight, Wednesday, May 25th, there will be two empty seats in the area that is reserved for graduating seniors of Estill County High School's Class of 2016.

As was the tradition of past years, the two seats will be left empty in memory of two Estill County students who left this world far too soon.

Those remembered are Tony Allen Conatser Conley who died Friday, May 17, 2013 at the age of 16, and Christopher Lee Gregory, who reached his senior year of high school but passed away on March 16th of this year at the age of 19.

Conley was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, but spent the last 13 years of his life in Estill County where he was remembered as "a happy, fun-loving, caring, young man who touched many people in many ways."

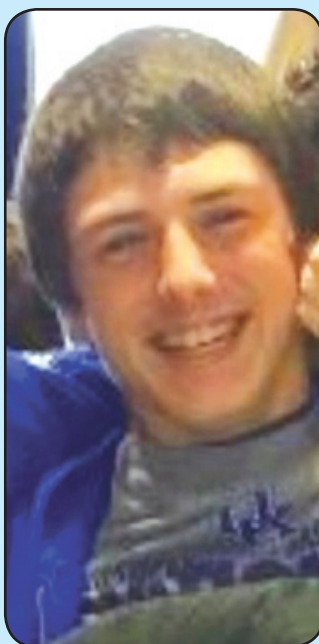
He lived his short life to the fullest and "ALWAYS had a smile to brighten the day of anyone he knew or just met."

He had just finished his freshman year at Estill County High School and was a proud member of the football team and the ROTC; was a good student, and had many other interests. It was said that he was a "GREAT FRIEND" to all he knew.

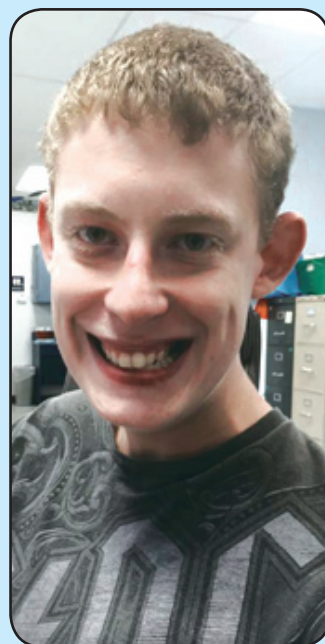
He is survived by his mother "and BEST friend," Lisa Conley-Conatser; his stepfather, his father, a sister, brothers, other family members, and his other family which was his Engineers football and ROTC family.

Christopher Lee Gregory passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington, after a short illness. He was born in Estill County and had lived here all of his life where he attended Drip Rock Baptist Church.

He loved #48 Jimmy Johnson, fishing, riding his bike, go carts and four wheeling. He loved competing when it came to UNO and bowling! Those who knew him say, "He was



Tony Conatser Conley



Christopher Lee Gregory

an awesome kid!!"

His favorite saying was "It's NOT an option!!" He said Trump was gonna' be our new President.

If you ever wanted to know what the weather was gonna' be, he was your man!!

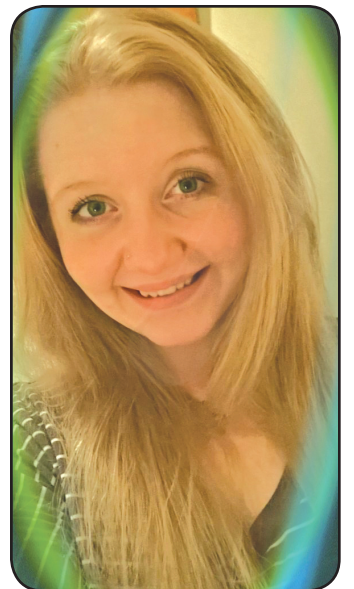
Survivors include his mother, Amanda Grace Cox; his

father, Coy Gregory; his stepfather, Stevie Cox, grandparents, five sisters and other family members; his schoolmates and teachers.

Friends say "his smile was worth a million bucks! He made this world a brighter place and now Heaven has gained a very special angel."



ABOVE: Two Estill County Lady Engineers softball freshmen Elizabeth Hardy and Kiely Flynn enjoy the "senior parents" recognition day on Tuesday, May 17th at James Lonnie Thomas Field.



Sarah Brooke Boswell is a senior in the Estill County High School graduating class of 2016



Hunter Woolery, Bryce Willis, and Ty Niece enjoyed the Spring Fling on Friday night despite rainy conditions.



R.J. Tipton at Graduation

Congratulations, we are very proud of you. We love you!

Mommy, Daddy, Mamaw Tipton, Papaw Linville, Mamaw Callahan & Papaw Tipton

Lordy, Lordy Guess Who's Forty!



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