

Estill School Board honors 7 retirees

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Bus drivers will be paid for 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5 or 6 hours a day. Saylor said the bus drivers will only be paid for the time they spend on the road picking up students.

The salary schedule approved on Thursday will give bus drivers a \$1.00 to \$1.13 an hour across the board. A beginning bus driver will be paid \$13.50 per hour while one with 30 or more years of experience will be paid \$18.40. Bus drivers and bus aides work 185 days per year.

Supt. Saylor said Estill teachers were in the top 30 salary-wise for the eastern half of the state, while bus drivers were in the bottom three.

He estimated the board will save \$20,000-25,000 per year for each route that was eliminated.

"Everything saved in transportation needs to go in the classroom," he stated.

He added that he wants to see technology programs where students learn keyboarding, make power point

presentations, and edit photos.

The high school had advertised for a technology teacher but no one fully qualified had applied. The board gave approval for the high school to hire an additional agriculture teacher for the coming year.

An additional math teacher was approved for the middle school.

Saylor explained the middle school and West Irvine had approximately the same enrollments, but West Irvine had four more teachers.

Last year, seventh and eighth grade classes averaged 35 to 36 in English and math. The middle school has already hired an English teacher. The student teacher ratio is expected to be 24 to 1 after hiring another teacher.

The ratio for sixth graders is estimated at 31 students per teacher.

A contract was approved for the board's new attorney, Jason Riley. The superintendent's first year evaluation was also discussed.

Estill Students Among 3,279 on Dean's List at EKU, Including Four Earning Dean's Award and 24 Making President's List

Eastern Kentucky University has announced that 3,279 students earned Dean's List honors for the Spring 2016 semester.

The list includes 50 Estill County residents. All are from Irvine unless indicated as from Ravenna. All are Estill County High School graduates unless another school is listed.

To achieve Dean's List honors at Eastern, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA, and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.

"We are always pleased to recognize outstanding academic achievement at Eastern Kentucky University," said EKU President Michael Benson.

Eastern has also announced 364 Dean's Award recipients for the Spring 2016 semester including four from Estill County.

To earn the Dean's Award, students must achieve Dean's List honors at EKU for three semesters, not necessarily consecutive. A lapel pin is presented to students by the dean of their academic college.

EKU has also released the names of 1,495 students who earned President's List honors for the Spring 2016 semester. Twenty-four are Estill County residents which is indicated by (President's).

The President's List was established by the University to recognize outstanding academic achievement. It is bestowed upon full-time undergraduate students who attain a perfect 4.0 grade point average for a semester. This is indicated by (4.0).

"All of us at EKU are committed to academic excellence and the success of our students," said Benson, "and we are especially pleased to recognize those students who have excelled to the point of perfection during a semester's work."

Andrew Scott Abernathy, SR, Communication Studies, (4.0);
Stephen Travis Adams, JR, Applied Engineering Management;
Morgan Paige Bellamy, FR, Pre-

Occupational Science, (4.0);
Brandon Nicholas Chaney, SR, Criminal Justice, (Dean's Award);
Eugenia Burns Chaney, SR, Health Services Administration, Madison Southern;
Daniel Caleb Click, JR, Statistics;

Teri Lyn Conner, JR, History;
Aaron Thomas Dorton, JR, Criminal Justice, Shelby Valley;
Amanda Michelle Edwards, SR, Child and Family Studies, (4.0), (Dean's Award);
Shelby Rae Fain, SR, Accounting;

Andrew Stephen Farmer, JR, Biology;
Robert Levi Flynn, JR, Pre-Homeland Security, Martinsville High;

Kayla Rashaé Fowler, SR, Elementary Education Teaching, (4.0);
Kaitlyn Emmaline Frederick, JR, Elementary Education Teaching, (4.0);

Mikaela Leanne Garber, SO, General Dietetics;
Steven Ray Garrett, JR, Pre-Health Services Admin., (4.0);
Alexandria Cheyenne Hall, JR, Elementary Education Teaching, (4.0);

Bethany Danielle Hall, SO, Pre-Communication Disorders, (4.0);
Jeremy Ray Hamm, SR, Criminal Justice;

Thomas Thurman Herron, SR, Emergency Medical Care, (Dean's Award), Holmes High;

Courtney Danielle Isaacs, SR, Elementary Education Teaching, (4.0);

Mark Anthony Knopp, SR, Applied Engineering Management;
Katelyn Elizabeth Martin, SR, Elementary Education Teaching, (4.0);

Peyton Riley Martin, SR, Sociology;
Austin Bradley McClanahan, SR, Recreation & Park Admin., (4.0);

Jacob Earl McGee, SR, Environmental Health Science, (4.0);
Brandon Michael McKinney, JR, Middle Grade Education;

Jeremy Keith McCoy, JR, Computer Information Systems;
Brandi Nicole McKinney, SR, Occupational Science;

Corey William Neal, JR, Music;
Maggie Michelle Neal, SR, Middle Grade Education, (4.0);
Brett Tracy Noland, SR, History;
Mary Elizabeth Plowman, JR, General Dietetics;

Mallory Amanda Puckett, SR, Mathematics Teaching, (4.0);
Leanna Rose Richardson, SR, Public Health, (4.0);

Kaisee Marie Riddell, SO, Political Science, (4.0);
Kara Beth Singleton, SR, Special Education Teaching, (4.0);

Matthew Stephen Smith, SR, Computer Science;
Evans Garrett Stelter, SO, Physics, Home School, (4.0);

Lily Katherine Thacker, SR, Criminal Justice, (4.0);
Jerieka LaShay Waterbeck, SO, Pre-RN Pre Nursing, (4.0);

Leah Morgan Wiseman, SR, Occupational Science;
Jennifer Lynn Wolfenbarger, SR, Public Health, (4.0);

Kayla Danielle Wolpert, SR, Criminal Justice, (4.0);
Alyssa Nicole Wysong, SO, Elementary Education Teaching;

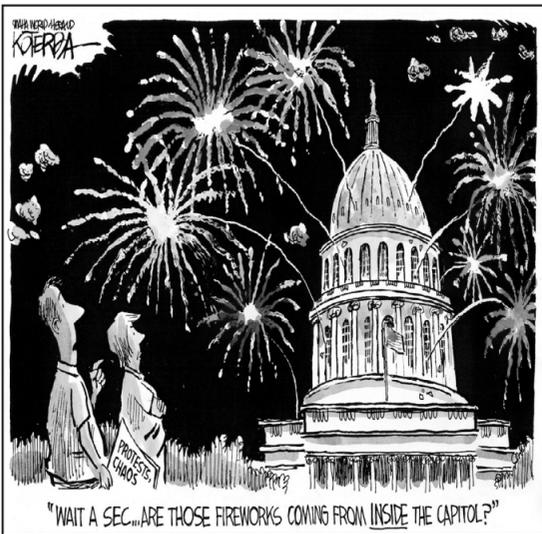
Briana Tre' Cahal, SR, Ravenna, Elementary Education Teaching;
Shannon Elizabeth Horn, SR, Ravenna, Elementary Education Teaching, (4.0);

Joshua Lewis Moberly, SR, Ravenna, English, Madison Central;
Ivan Thomas Pomeroy, SR, Ravenna, Environmental Health Science;

Marissa Cheryl Puckett, JR, Ravenna, Medical Laboratory Science, (Dean's Award), Harvest Academy; and

Hank Cameron Wiseman, SR, Ravenna, Psychology.

Eastern Kentucky University is a comprehensive university serving approximately 17,000 students on its Richmond campus, at its educational centers in Corbin, Danville, Manchester and Hazard, and throughout Kentucky.



Tom Shaffer, Pat Banks, Michael Wilson, and Tom Bonny participate in a press conference last Thursday via telephone.

Citizens group is formed to oppose landfill taking out of state wastes

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Some others from out of county include Pat Banks, a Kentucky Riverkeeper, Craig Williams, project director of the Kentucky Environmental Foundation (chemical weapons disposal), Carol and Richard Stull of Rowan County.

Carol Stull is on the board of directors at Camp Burnamwood, a Presbyterian Camp located close to the landfill. The Stulls' home in Rowan County is close to Maxey Flats, a nuclear waste dump which made national news.

It was Mrs. Stull's idea for forming the citizens' group. She originally wanted the rally to be held at Camp Burnamwood, but the road was too narrow.

Some of the members of the Burnamwood's camp staff are volunteering for CCEC in designing Facebook and web pages.

"It's not just an Estill County problem, it's a regional problem," said Williams.

"What happens on the land, impacts our water," said Banks.

TENORM contains Radium 226, which has a half life of 2,000 years. The liner in the landfill is only expected to last 30 years.

Once the radium gets into the Kentucky River, it affects the fish, then the people.

Banks said once radium gets into the body, it acts like calcium and goes to the bones, causing bone cancer.

The Kentucky River flows all the way to Carrollton, where it runs into the Ohio River. Banks estimated that almost one million people get their drinking water from the Kentucky River.

Bee Williams, plant manager of Irvine

Municipal Utilities, said that IMU routinely monitors for radium in water taken from the bottom of the liner at the landfill.

So far, he said there has been no readings higher for radium than drinking water standards.

He added the landfill does not pre-treat the leachate prior to it going into IMU's system.

CCEC wants Estill Countians to be included in the negotiations between the state and the landfill.

They also want a voice in the new host community agreement being drawn up with the county and landfill.

Wilson said on a personal note, he wants the landfill to set aside monies for compensation to relocate the two schools now across from the landfill, medical expenses, property devaluations, and for employees' health.

"The number one asset of Estill County is our children. Our students shouldn't be exposed to potential radioactive waste from our landfill," he said. "No citizen of Estill County should be exposed to this waste."

"I want to see full transparency," he stated.

CCEC is now accepting membership dues. They are \$25 for an individual and \$50 for a business/corporation.

Money from the dues will be used to pay the Appalachian Citizens Law Center for incorporating the CCEC.

Bonny emphasized that everyone is welcome to the rally, a member of CCEC or not.

Another meeting of CCEC is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 11, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the public library.

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