

Estill High School FBLA Put Excellence In Action

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On November 6, 2013, 39 Estill County High School Future Business Leaders of America boarded a tour bus bound for Texas to join our FBLA State Officers Ethan Hall and Sydney Richardson at the 2013 National Fall Leadership Conference. Before arriving at the Gaylord Texan Resort in Lake Grapevine, Texas, the FBLA members were able to see countless famous destinations in Texas.

The first stop was Southfork Ranch, home of the renowned television show Dal-

las. Even though filming was in progress for next season's show, students were still permitted to tour the mansion. While inside, "Lucy" joined everyone for a photo and conversation. However, Lucy wasn't the only star on hand. Filming for next season's show was in progress, so the entire cast was present. As you watch a wedding take place next February when the new season of Dallas resumes, know that many Estill Countians walked right through the middle of the set and many well-known actors and actresses. In spite of

the long, overnight bus ride, students were eager to visit the Gas Monkey Garage, home of the television show Fast and Loud. Upon arrival at the garage, students were once again on site of a television taping. In spite of his hectic schedule, Richard took a break from filming to join the FBLA members for pictures. After lunch at the Gas Monkey Restaurant, the excitement continued with a tour of the ATT Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys. Personal locker rooms of the players and cheerleaders, sky boxes, after-game

press conference room, and many other areas were explored. Everyone even had a personal picture made on the field. By this time everyone was ready to head to the hotel for some rest and relaxation.

Another highlight of the trip for the students was visiting the Holocaust Museum and being able to meet and learn the touching story of Mr. Mike Jacobs, a survivor of the tragic events. Mr. Jacobs was actually held in three different concentration camps as a boy and lost his entire immediate family to

these camps. Last but certainly not least, the FBLA members in Dallas were able to see firsthand the historic location of President John F. Kennedy's assassination and the Sixth Floor Museum which was where Lee Harvey Oswald was when the shots were fired. To see this location at this time was even more memorable as it is the 50th anniversary of the death of President Kennedy this Friday.

Now the reason for the trip — NFLC Conference. The conference consisted of many workshops that pertained

to leadership building and prospective career paths and phenomenal keynote speakers. Ethan and Sydney, seniors at ECHS, were required to attend the conference as they are members of the Kentucky FBLA State Executive Council. Both helped lead the entire Kentucky delegation as a State meeting kicked off the conference. All of this was accomplished and we were back in Kentucky on November 10th. All in all, the trip was a major success and a wonderful learning experience for the members of our FBLA chapter.

Estill Middle School Patriots Basketball Is Off To A Great Start

Boys basketball season has started at ECMS and the program is off to a great start.

The 8th grade team is coached by Jim Bonny with assistant coaches John Robinson, Jeff Barnett, Don Brown, and Shaun Chaney.

The 8th grade ran off six straight wins before getting upended by Clark County in overtime at the 4,200 seat Arena in Montgomery County. They have wins over Owsley, Wolfe, RW Combs (Hazard), Whitesburg, Jackson, Powell, Lee and West Carter.

The 8th grade is led in scoring by Caleb Bonny (19.4 ppg), Will Burkhardt (8.3 ppg), Joe Benton (8ppg), Dylan Evans (4.7 ppg), Kevin Richardson (4.1 ppg) and Logan Beckler (3.3ppg).

Coach Bonny is very positive about the season's start and comments, "Every player is working extremely hard in practice and we are really coming together as a team. Our boys are understanding and embracing what they need to do both individually and collectively to help this team be successful."

The seventh grade team is off to a 3-5 start with their losses including several close games.

Their wins include Owsley, Wolfe and Lee. They have lost to East Perry, Jackson, Powell, Clark, and West Carter.

They are led in scoring by Logan Napier (8.4ppg), Conner Chaney (8.3ppg), Micah Adams (5.6ppg) and Matt Rowland (4.3ppg). The

seventh is coached by Mark Chaney and Seth Martin.

The sixth has a record of 8-1 with their only loss coming at the hands of Hazard.

They have wins over Owsley, Wolfe, Jackson, Powell, Clark, West Carter, McNabb (A), and McNabb (B).

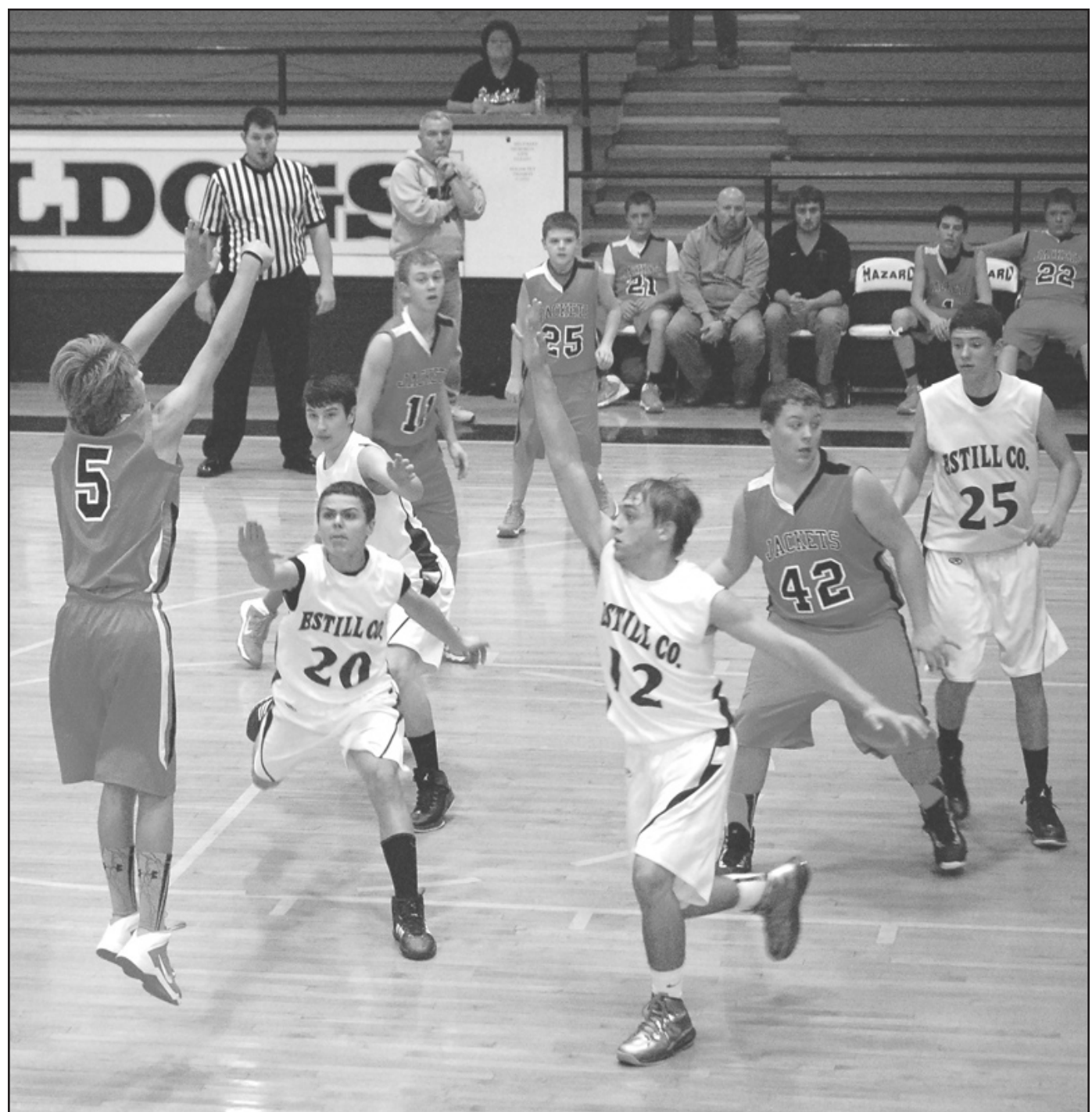
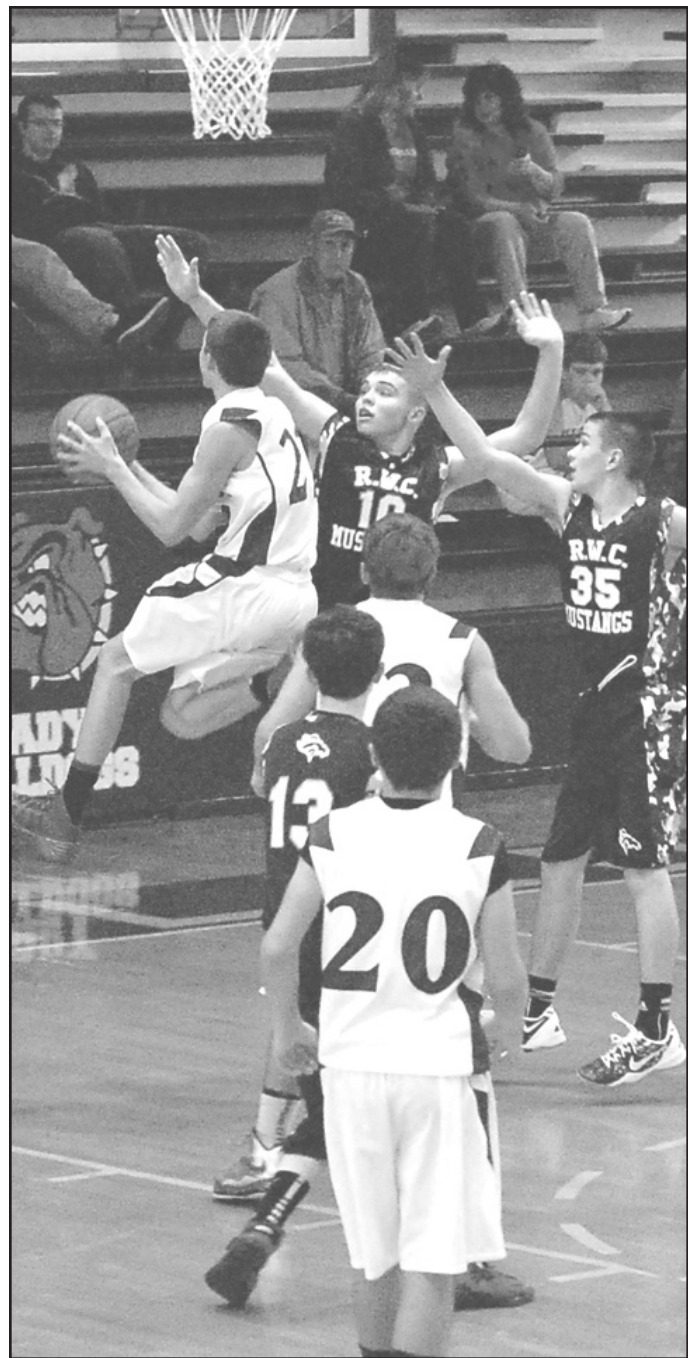
The sixth grade is coached by Brian Covey with assistant coach Seth Martin.

The sixth is led in scoring by Joe Benton (17.4ppg), Micah Adams (10.4ppg), Chase Rawlins (5.2ppg), and Cobbe Click (4.8ppg).

The Patriots open conference play this week on Thursday playing at Rockcastle, and will host the 56th Middle School District Tournament on Saturday, November 23. Tournament games begin at 10 am.



Estill Middle School Patriots 8th Grade action, courtesy of Mandy Beckler



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56th DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Saturday, November 23, 2013

Estill County Middle School

10:00	6th grade	Owsley vs. Powell
11:15	7th grade)	Owsley vs. Powell
12:30	7th grade	Lee vs. Estill
1:45	8th grade	Owsley vs. Powell
3:00	8th grade	Lee vs. Estill
4:15	6th grade	CHAMPIONSHIP
5:30	7th grade	CHAMPIONSHIP
6:45	8th grade	CHAMPIONSHIP

*Lee does not have a full 6th grade team, so Estill 6th will automatically be in the championship.

**Trophy presentation to Champions will follow each championship game.

***Last team listed is home. First team, by alphabetical order, will be home team in championship games.