

# Estill Middle Students Emphasize "Child Abuse Prevention"

The Estill County Middle School Youth Services Center annually sponsors the Student Leadership Initiative Program, better known as S.L.I.P. This program works with students who are identified by the ECMS faculty and administration as having leadership skills and potential.

Each year the student participants spend a day working with high school mentors learning how to work as a team and developing their communication skills. Through this facilitated process the SLIP members discuss their community, first, by identifying what the common community is for the group.

Then they identify what is great about their community. SLIP teaches students that it is always important to focus first on what is positive in their community before they ever look at what they want to change about it.

Once they determine what factors exist in their community that needs change, they create a service learning project to address one of these factors. This decision is made based on a consensus vote. This year they identified five areas of change that the group agreed were all worthy issues to pursue change, however, the one area that was rated as most important

was increasing awareness about child abuse prevention. Therefore, the Student Leadership Initiative Program participants decided to try and help increase awareness of the issue during the National Childhood Abuse Prevention Awareness Month by creating these displays and reminding everyone in our Community of Estill County that "We are all in it together" and that we all can make a difference every day. The students have created pin wheel container gardens as the one pictured to be placed around the community to remind everyone that "every day, you can help prevent child abuse."

Lyric McCoy and Lee Mills presented the Estill County Board of Education a planter, at Thursday night meeting, that emphasizes the need to help prevent child abuse.

Also, January 20, 2014 marked the 100th anniversary of Kentucky's current Governor's Mansion. According to the Governor's Mansion Web page, the building is the official residence of the sitting Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. It is a proud symbol of Kentucky's history and has been home to the state's governors since 1914.

The Governor's Mansion

is both a private home and a public building. It serves as the center of the first family's ceremonial, social and political activities. As each governor moves in, it takes only a few moments to realize that he or she has become a part of history simply because of living in this place. In 1972, the mansion was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

As part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the Kentucky Governor's Mansion, students were invited to submit either artwork or an essay. Students in the Commonwealth, grades 4 through 12, were invited to create an

essay portraying the history of the Governor's Mansion. All students in public, private and home schools in the Commonwealth of Kentucky were eligible to enter. First, second and third place students at each award level received a certificate of merit signed by Governor Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear.

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## Joan Richardson Memorial Easter Egg Hunt



Top Photo: Hailey Richardson, the great-niece of the late Joan Richardson poses for a photo beside the sign in front of the park. Four hundred eggs had the name, "Joan" on them. Inside each of them was a quarter donated by Joan's widower, Jim Richardson. Top right: Rhonda Willis, center, brought her grandchildren, Claude and Selena to the egg hunt. Bottom right: Egg hunters were lined up to hunt approximately 5,000 eggs. Many of the eggs and baskets were donated by Larry and Harriet Henry. The Kiwanis Club bought candy and filled some of the eggs.





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### Cooper & Rogers Engagement Announced



**Josh Rogers and Lindsey Cooper**

Raymond & Shurla Cooper, along with Eldon Rogers and Hazel Ruth & Michael Marrujo, would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Lindsey Cooper and Josh Rogers. The wedding will take place Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cooper Farm on Spout Springs in Irvine, Kentucky. A reception will follow the ceremony. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.