

ECHS band named Grand Champion

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Out of the 12 total participating bands, 8 would advance to finals competition based on the preliminary results. Estill advanced to finals, having the second highest score out of all 12 bands . . . second only to class rival Washington County who edged out the band by three points.

After a truly amazing performance in finals competition, the Marching Engineers awaited the final results. Out of the eight finalist bands, the Marching Engineers received the following overall awards:

- Best Overall Music Performance
- Best Overall Visual Performance
- Best Overall Effect, and . . .

GRAND CHAMPION!, earning the highest score of all competing bands.

This is "another major milestone for this program," said Bowles. Earlier he remarked, "It's going to be another fun season and we are hoping for, and working toward, amazing results at the end."

Looks like amazing results are already showing up for the Estill County Marching Engineers. "Congratulations and good luck!"



From left to right are Freshman Princess Phyllis Davidson, daughter of Christopher Davidson and Chrissy Ramos, Sophomore Princess Rachel French, daughter of Travis French and Beth Isaacs, and Junior Princess Rachel Harrison, daughter of Daryl and Rebecca Harrison. Photo by Cathy Dawes

School board

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GEAR-UP counselor Mike Flynn brought some of his students to tell the board about some of their experiences with the program and representatives of the program from Berea College also addressed the board. A memorandum of agreement between the Board and Berea College was approved for the GEAR-UP program.

New hires for the system included Selisa Adams (.2 teacher, S.I.), Diane Bates, bus driver; Mona Henry, Elizabeth Wright, both bus assistants; and Tonya Isaacs, assistant superintendent.

Intermittent/substitutes hired included Melissa Deaton, teacher; Holden Hardy, Jennifer Miller, James Morris, Michelle Osborne, Daniella Powell, and Bobby Snowden; all in various positions.

Extracurricular positions included middle school assistants Leslie Dooley, cheerleading; Sophie Peterson, girls soccer; Darren Somerville, boys soccer; Steven Stevenson, football.

Resignations were accepted from Andrea Banks, team leader; Drew Barnett, baseball; Rick Chaney, soccer; Peggy Cox, Melissa Deaton, and Angela Riddell, all teachers.



Above: Hamster balls at the festival. Below: David Harvey pulls his granddaughter, Jasmine Watson through the festival area.



Firefighters paid less than street workers

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Both Riddell and Neal said the pay scale ordinance said any employee would receive a 2% increase on their work anniversary. It does not specify full time or part time employees. The proposed ordinance has the same language.

After some discussion, the council gave first reading to the ordinance. A second reading is expected to be given at the next meeting.

City attorney Rodney Davis said the council can make changes to the ordinance before giving it a second reading. It is expected to be finalized by November 1.

"If we hire somebody off the street, this is what they start out with," said Mayor Farmer.

"Why would we want to change it? They deserve the 2% the same as anybody else," said Councilman Woody Tipton.

The mayor then stated that part time employees do not have benefits from the city.

Attorney Davis said he will look at the city's personnel policy. It was unclear at Monday's meeting if the part-time employees will receive back pay for the 2% pay increase.

The council then addressed three farmers from Kirkland Avenue area, who have received their second year city tax bills.

The city attorney said a boundary map dated 1931 shows the Irvine boundary goes all the way to the Kentucky River.

He stated that he has ordered five files from archives, but did not know when they were in. He said he ordered the files based

on five index cards in the clerk's office.

"Basically, they're saying it's all in city limits," said Dwight Arvin after researching the Secretary of State's office on line.

He said he disagreed because Green Clay deeded 1.5 acres to Irvine when the city began.

Davis said the maps changed city boundaries in 1931 and 1994.

"What are we going to do about the tax bills we got the other day?" Arvin asked.

Davis said they could pay them and receive a refund if they are not in city limits. Failing to pay them would result in penalties.

"Why was the tax bill sent back in March?" asked Councilwoman Janice Bush.

"We did not know anything about those tax bills," added Councilman Tobo Byrant.

The mayor said PVA Jeff Hix had never printed city tax bills for the farmers because he thought the land was in the county.

The mayor added the issue was brought up when it was asked about Irvine annexing the golf course.

Arvin said he has owned the property there since 1963 and never got a city tax bill until March.

Danny Click said he has paid city taxes on his house but not on the farm land.

No action was taken on the zoning issue.

In other action, hopefully the final memorandum of settlement was approved for the city council to accept the sewer merger between IMU and Estill County Water District.

The Twin City Cruizers will have their last cruise-in on October 11. That morn-

ing, a Hospice 5K Run/Walk will start at 9 a.m. in Irvine.

The mayor said the city will get up to 1,000 tons of salt from the county this year.

Trick or Treat night, including Trick or Treat Trot, will be on Thursday, October 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. Only children 12 and under are allowed to participate.

Davis said the city has no authority to amend alcohol sales to 50/50 for restaurants. It will stay at 75/25 meaning a restaurant must sell at least 75 percent food and 25 percent or less of alcohol.

Fire Chief Tony Murphy said the county-wide CSEPP exercise was held last Tuesday with 68 emergency volunteers present.

He said Estill County goes above and beyond what is required, and is considered a role model for CSEPP.

Neal said Estill County scored over 500 points higher than Fayette County.

Police Chief Brad Smith said Irvine will receive quarterly payments from alcohol sales. He estimated the first quarter from August alone will yield \$4,200.

Police Beat

Michael J. Harlow, 41, of 719 Broadway, Irvine was charged Sept. 12 by Sgt. Mike Gross with alcohol intoxication. Citation states man was passed out in car near Sycamore Street.

Derrick R. Napier, 37, of 585 Cantrill Street, was charged with disorderly conduct on Sept. 19 by Officer Karl Rifenbark. Citation states the man was in a verbal argument with his girlfriend at 525 Cantrell Street. It adds the man was yelling and throwing things into the road, which created a disturbance for surrounding neighbors.

Five warrants were served Sept. 19 on Morgan F. Abney, 21, of 292 Main Street, Irvine by Irvine Officer John Sturniolo. Each warrant charged Abney with theft by deception, including cold checks under \$500. The warrants state that on October 19, 20, and 21, 2013, Abney issued cold checks to Burger Barn and Price Less Foods.

The four checks allegedly issued to Burger Barn were for \$30.46, \$27.60, \$16.47, and \$15.30. There is a \$130 fee for each returned check. According to the warrants, Abney owes a total of \$89.83 on the cold checks to Burger Barn plus \$520 in fees, or a total of \$609.83.

On October 19, 2013, Abney issued a check to Price Less Foods for \$100.00. She also owes fees on that check for \$130.00, according to the citation.

The offense is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by fines and up to one year in jail on each offense.

Robert Saller, 51, of 201 Sandhill Road was arrested Sept. 20 by Deputy Robert Farthing on a charge of assault fourth (domestic violence - minor injuries).

Kevin Burns, 30, of 985 South Irvine Road was charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place (1180 South Irvine Road) on Sept. 21 by Deputy Farthing.



The Estill County Community Chorus began rehearsal for their Christmas Concert last Thursday at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, Main Street, Irvine. You may still join this year's chorus. Everyone is welcome, and auditions are not required. Rehearsals are held every Thursday night at 7 p.m. except for Thanksgiving at First Christian Church. Carol Ann Wilson is director and Nancy Farmer is pianist.