



The Estill County Community Chorus gets ready for its performance on Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m. at Irvine First Baptist Church.

## Modern Woodmen Chapter Raises \$5,000 For Theater Purchase

Members of the Irvine Modern Woodmen of America chapter recently helped raise money for River City Players by selling Longaberger products.

The event, held in October, 2014, raised \$5,000 which includes \$2,500 matched by Modern Woodmen's home office through the organization's Matching Fund Program. The money will be used for purchasing the former Mack Theater building.

The Matching Fund Program offers Modern Woodmen members nationwide the chance to show their support for a community cause, organization or individual in need by holding fundraisers. Modern Woodmen matches money raised up to \$2,500.

These fundraising products contribute more than \$6.5 million to community needs nationwide each year.

"The community truly came together to support a local need," says Glenda Gay Oliver, local Modern Woodmen chapter activities coordinator. "That support is what it's all about."

Coordinated by local Modern Woodmen members, chapters provide opportunities to take part in social activities and community services projects to meet local needs.

Annually, Modern Woodmen and its members provide more than \$26 million and 1 million volunteers hours for community projects nationwide.



Gay Oliver, Susan Hawkins, and Penny West hold a display showing \$5,000 raised through Modern Woodmen of America's Matching Fund Program which will be used to purchase the former Mack Theater building.

## Three Estill County Students Accepted Into Congressional Youth Ambassador Program

Congressman Andy Barr announced the acceptance of three Estill County students for entry into his Congressional Youth Ambassador Program, juniors Ashleigh Dozier and Ethan Price, and senior Jocelyn Hodges.

The non-partisan program, which is in its inaugural year, enables junior and senior high school students from across the 19 counties that make up the Sixth Congressional District to come together to learn valuable lead-

ership skills from top Commonwealth leaders while serving as an ambassador for their school.

The students will meet four times over the course of the academic school year with each session focusing on one of the following topics: government, education, military and business. The first meeting, which occurred on October 11, 2014 at Transylvania University in Lexington, KY, focused on government and military service. Speakers

for the session included former Congressman Larry Hopkins, BGD General Les Beavers, Mayor Jim Gray, Representative Jonathan Shell, former Secretary of State Bob Babbage, and U.S. Postal Governor Ellen Williams to name a few.

"Developing solid leadership skills is a fundamental component of a successful ca-

reer and life," said Congressman Andy Barr. "I am excited to launch our Ambassador Program and especially having representation from such bright students from across my district."

The next session of the Congressional Youth Ambassador Program will be held on December 13, 2014.



The Estill County Community Chorus is putting the finishing touches on its Christmas performance for 2014. The performance will be held on Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 pm at Irvine First Baptist Church on Broadway. Admission is free with donations gratefully accepted.



Congressional Youth Ambassadors Ashleigh Dozier, a junior, Ethan Price, a junior, and Jocelyn Hodges, a senior, with Congressman Andy Barr.

The Estill County Middle School Youth Services Center recently held a "Gather Around the Table of Thanks" Family Fun Night. Twenty-seven families totaling 83 people participated in the event. During this event the families enjoyed a nice Holiday style meal and then worked together to create a holiday wreath for their home. Students from the Estill County Middle School Student Leadership Initiative Program assisted in serving the meal as part of their community service program. The next ECMS/YSC Family Fun Night

will be a family movie night on December 11, 2014, from 5:30-7:30 and will feature a free holiday movie and refreshments. If you would like to attend this event please register with the ECMS/YSC by calling 606-723-6840.

