

Estill County Middle School Band: Bringing In The Holiday Spirit, With Music, Despite COVID-19

from **ALEX BRITTON**
Estill Middle Band Director

Without a doubt, this year has been the toughest year in education for students, parents, teachers, and administrators. The middle school band students at Estill County Middle School are persevering and keeping a positive mindset.

Virtual band has meant more one-on-one and small group instruction, more individualized lessons, more private study, more self-motivation, and more teamwork in order to keep the band successful. The students in the program have stayed "ON TRACK," says Britton. "My thoughts since the beginning of school were, if I can get these sixth graders playing "Jingle Bells" by Christmas time, then we are in great shape!" With that being said, many sixth graders tried out for the collaborative slideshow that was sent across the district for all to see in hopes of bringing in the holiday cheer and feelings of nostalgia. The slideshow was

a collaborative effort. Not only did it feature students from all grades of the Estill County Middle School Band, but included a range of musicians from young to professional and a variety of instruments such as: woodwinds, keyboards, pianos, brass, percussion, strings, voice, and miscellaneous.

The slideshow opened with Eastern Kentucky University Percussion Studio and Trombone Studio; coordinated by the ECU Percussion and Trombone Professors Dr. Jason Koontz and Dr. Nathan Siler. The At-Home Recital also features two of our Estill County Principals: Mr. Josh Yost on the Saxophone and Mrs. Jessica Mullins on the vocals, accompanied by Mr. Chaston Carroll. The slideshow also included some of the Estill County High School Marching Band staff members such as Jason Bowles (Estill County High School Band Director), Alex Britton (Estill County Middle School Band Director), Daniel Calvin (Marching Band Woodwind Instructor and Music Teacher at

Boonesborough Elementary School), and John Allnut (Marching Band Front Ensemble Instructor).

Other remarkable musicians on the concert included: Heather Amos (St. Michael's Elementary Music Teacher), Laura Allnut (Flute private lessons teacher), Dr. Richard Crosby (EKU Piano Professor), Mr. Matthew Fletcher (ECMS Choir Director), Mr. Daniel Chaney (Estill County Band Alumni and ECU music student), Professor James Willett (EKU Professor of Tuba/Euphonium), Dr. Greg Wing (Trumpet legend and Professor of Trumpet at Morehead State University), Sam Adams (Orchestra Director at Montgomery County and former Guitar Teacher at Estill County), Dr. Nathan Jasinski (EKU Professor of Cello/Bass), Lucas Black (Band Director at Menifee County), and Kerry Evans (Band Director of Madison Middle School).

The featured artist on the concert is Mr. Wycliffe Gordon. He is a world-renowned Jazz Trombonist. He also collaborated with The New York Philharmonic Trombone Section: Principal Trombone Joseph Alessi, Associate Principal Trombone Colin Williams, David Finlayson, and Bass Trombone

George Curran.

Throughout the slideshow, there are full band performances from the past of the ECMS Band Students along with life lessons and a special message to the ECMS Band students. The letter reads:

"Our Band family loves you..."

Thank you for making music, staying on track, keeping a positive mindset, overcoming this difficult school year, continuing success, and keeping your heads up. This year may not have been the year we asked for, but we are so blessed to keep the love of music in our lives so that we may change the lives of others.

Keep working hard. Keep succeeding!"

~Mr. B

The ECMS Band would like to thank everyone who made this slideshow possible. It is so important to have music in your lives. Music is so beneficial to us all. Music is a creative space for us to release our emotions, our thoughts and our innermost feelings. Music is where we learn confidence and team building and discipline. Music is relaxing, helps us develop an international language and reasoning skills. Music helps us

Estill Courthouse News

Marriage

Holly Jo Taylor, 30, daycare center of Richmond and Justin Lynn McIntosh, 33, unemployed of Millers Creek Road, Ravenna, married Nov. 7, 2020.

Property Transfers

Lisa Gail Sons to Steven Tyler Sons, \$43,000, three acres, more or less on Walling Road.

Myron and Patricia Smyth to Clyde Fritz, \$20,000, lot in Wallace Addition to Irvine.

Billy L. and Lisa T. Wright, Chris Rader, Candie McMaine fka Candie Rader, Steven and Amy Farmer to Justin Shane and Kayla Autumn Albright, \$40,000, 3.82 acre tract of Deer Run Estates Phase III.

Jesse Thomas Whisman to Bobby and Misty Couch, \$23,000, tract at Spout Springs.

Zachary Michael O'Grady to DGS Development Ltd., \$247,000, 232.9394 acres on Murphy's Ford Road.

Estate of David W. Riddell by Bradley Riddell and Anna Susie Riddell to Tyler A. Mansfield, \$73,000., 4.03 acres of Boundary Retraction Survey David W. Riddell.

Steve McGee to Charles Arvin, \$15,000, tract 1 of 3/4 acre and tract 2 containing 1/2 acre, on waters of White Oak Creek.

CMH of Ky, Inc. to Emily A. and Colton Keith Goodrich, \$156,125, two acres, more or less, on Opossum Run Road.

Richmond Cold Storage LLC to Charcee Kwinn McIntosh, \$84,000, tract on Park Avenue in Irvine.

Eugene and Debra S. Kidd to John Henry Tortella, \$258,000, 97.40 acres by survey in Estill County.

Johnnie Wayne and Tina L. Stephens to Brian E. and Jennifer D. Charles, \$32,500, lots 67 and 68 of Cockrell Addition to Irvine.

Kenneth Darrell Hall and Dorothy Hall to Dorothy Hall and Cynthia Ann Barnes, love and af-

fection, tract on Cob Ford Road.

Darrell Hall aka Kenneth Hall and his wife, Dorothy Hall, to Dorothy Hall and Cynthia Ann Barnes, love and affection, lot 14, block 3 of Whispering Woods Subdivision.

Robert W. Johnson to Robert A. Johnson, love and affection, tract 1, 50 acres, more or less, and tract 2 of 50 acres, more or less, on waters of Cow Creek.

Robert W. Johnson to Robert A. Johnson, love and affection, 69.100 acres on Marbleyard Road.

Robert W. Johnson to Robert A. Johnson, love and affection, 50 acres, more or less, in Estill County.

Robert W. Johnson to Robert A. Johnson, love and affection, two tracts on Marbleyard Road.

Dwight A. and Teresa R. Sparks to Derek A. and Keshia R. Sparks, love and affection, 4.34 acres of boundary Retracement Plat for Dwight and Teresa Sparks and James and Cathey Sparks.

Wallace and Beverly Morefield to Steven S. Stamper, \$28,500, tract 1 on Winn Avenue and tract II, lot 17 of block 4 of Hamilton Addition to Irvine.

Steven S. and Angela Stamper to Randall and Carrie West, \$17,000, tract 1 on Winn Avenue and tract II, lot 17 of block 4 of Hamilton Addition to Irvine.

Adam Steven Abney and Kimberly Abrams fka Kimberly Abney to Christopher and Ginger Thompson, \$60,000, tract #8 of 13.57 acres, more or less, of Boundary Subdivision for Roy Douglas Rose and tract #1 of plat of survey for Narita Rose.

Cynthia Ann Turner fka Cynthia Ann Bogolo and Jacob Turner, spouses, to Donald Rickie Self, love and affection, 100 and 1/2 acres, more or less, on Millers Creek.

TLWJC Properties, LLC to Adam Scott Travis, \$13,500, lots 9, 10,

and 11 in block 11 of Leets Addition to Estill County.

Blake Kristopher and Rebecca Jordyn Crowe to Crystal Henegar, Joseph and Mary Muncy, \$45,000, lot 15 of Phase II of Quail Run Estates Subdivision.

Richard Carl Merica as power of attorney for Matt Merica and Richard Carl Merica to Timothy David and LaNeika R. Skinner and James Edward and LaTonya Hurt, \$132,000, property address 625 Clark Road, Irvine containing 30 acres.

Joyce and Randall Christopher to Earl J. and Javenne Brandenburg, \$1,000, tract 4 (0.57 of an acre, more or less.

Billy Ray Carroll, Wanda and Ronnie Duncan, to Christopher V. and Stephanie A. Taluskie, \$70,000, parcel 1 of approximately 1.00 acre, more or less.

Jason A. and Amy Thomas to Cindy and James Charolton, \$21,000, lot 16 in Turner Addition to Irvine.

Leon and Katly Durbin to Phillip and IHope Camfield, \$21,000, Lot 48 on KY. River.

Wendell E. and Diane V. Combs to Jeffrey and Lelia Elam, \$40,000, 40 acres, more or less, in the Reges Community of Estill County.

Valerie Flinchum to Jared and Rebecca Babb, \$24,500, 26.658 acres of plat entitled Valerie Flinchum Property Survey.

Stacy Noland to Ashley Nicole Harrison, Charles Glenn and Angela Harrison, \$160,000, property address 100 River Road, Irvine.

Rodney Larson, deceased, by Adrienna Larson, administrator of estate, to Adrienna Larson, lot at corner of Estill Avenue and Broadway.

Daelyn Ray and Emma Chaney to Brett R. Coyner, \$61,000, 10.389 acres, more or less, Boundary Survey of Daelyn Ray Chaney Property.

Jerry A. Perrin to Coty A. Perrin, tract on Old Richmond Road.

Births -- Baptist Health of Richmond

County	DOB	Parents	Town	Gender
Madison	Nov. 29, 2020	Amber and Willie Feltner	Berea	Boy
Estill	Nov. 30, 2020	Victoria Townsend & Shawn Norton	Irvine	Girl
Madison	Dec. 1, 2020	Allie McLean and Cody Lane	Berea	Boy
Madison	Dec. 3, 2020	Desiree Smith & Markus Hupp-Smith	Richmond	Girl
Estill	Dec. 3, 2020	Hailee Bales and Hunter Ferguson	Irvine	Girl
Madison	Dec. 3, 2020	Shelby Brandenburg & Dominic Adams	Richmond	Girl
Jackson	Dec. 4, 2020	Chelsie Ann Collins	McKee	Boy
Madison	Dec. 4, 2020	Andrea Michelle Smith	Berea	Boy
Jackson	Dec. 4, 2020	Heather Turner & Zachary Schmidt	McKee	Boy
Madison	Dec. 4, 2020	Kimberly Brock and Alex Adams	Richmond	Girl
Madison	Dec. 7, 2020	Sreyrath Keo and Vathana Menh	Richmond	Girl
Madison	Dec. 8, 2020	Lacey Durham and Corey Turner	Berea	Girl
Estill	Dec. 8, 2020	Veronica and Josh Miller	Irvine	Girl
Mercer	Dec. 9, 2020	Ashley VanWinkle & Michael Whitehead Jr.	Harrodsburg	Boy
Rockcastle	Dec. 10, 2020	Gentry Cain and Zachary Roberts	Brodhead	Girl
Madison	Dec. 10, 2020	Tiffany and Donevan Berry	Berea	Boy

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1 year \$16.04	1 year \$26.42	1 year \$30.19	1 year \$32.00
Sales Tax 0.96	Sales Tax 1.58	Sales Tax 1.81	Sales Tax 0.00
Total \$17.00	Total \$28.00	Total \$32.00	Total \$32.00

**Seniors, 65 and older, may deduct \$2.50 from above totals

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