

Estill Marching Band Gets Another Reserve Grand Champion

Estill is "shock of the night" as they finish 2nd out of 15 over some very distinguished bands

It has been a very busy and successful couple of weeks for the Marching Engineers as they continued to compete and rehearse during fall break.

The band traveled to Campbellsville University on October 3rd to compete in the Taylor County Invitational. This was a highly

anticipated contest because of the competition in class 2A. Rival Garrard County was the target and had been the focus of the week's rehearsals leading up to this run. The band had topped Garrard early in the season and needed a true representation of where they stood and the midway point.

This contest was not prelims/finals format so one performance would determine the outcome.

The band accomplished what they set out to do by sweeping class 2A, winning best color guard, best percussion, and 1st place over Garrard County.

The following weekend,

the band made the short trip to Madison Central for their Tournament of Bands. The field was stacked with 15 total bands including many former state finalists and champions. The class 2A competition included Glasgow which had been a formidable class contender in the past.

After preliminary competition, Estill took best color guard and 1st place in class 2A, beating Glasgow by 7 points.

The shock of the night came with Estill finishing 2nd overall out of 15 bands to earn another RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION behind only Adair County.

The band accomplished this by outscoring some very distinguished groups such as Boyle County, Grant County, Tates Creek, and Eastern High School.

This week the band will travel to South Laurel High School in London for their last regular season competition.

Patriots In Playoffs For 2nd Year

by CATHY DAWES
Estill County Tribune

The Estill County Middle School Patriots finished out their regular season last Tuesday night at home against Caudill Middle School. The seventh grade team finished their season with two wins and six losses. The 8th grade team finished with a big win against Caudill bring-

ing their record up to 6 wins and 3 losses. The 8th graders will advance to the playoffs on Thursday and will play the number one seed Clark Moore Middle School.

This is the second year in a row that this team has made it to the playoffs. The middle school had not had a team advance to the playoffs since 1997 according to

assistant coach Russ Swim until last year when the 7th grade team made it to the playoffs. The 8th grade team seems like a force to be reckoned with as they have averaged 37.1 points per game. During the nine regular season games they have played this year they have scored a total of 334 points. The team consists of nineteen

players many of which have played together since their days while playing for the Estill County Youth Football League.

The team will travel to Madison County on Thursday night to face off against Clark Moore's at Caudill at 6 p.m. in the first round of playoffs.

School & Community News

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

After School Tutoring Services

ECHS offers free after school tutoring services every week! This is a service provided to help our students be successful whether they need a little extra assistance or they just need to make up a missing assignment or two.

Tutoring Schedule (3:15-4:15)

- Monday – Math with Mr. Crowe (Room 43)
- Tuesday – Science with Mr. Horn (Room 40)
- Wednesday – Math with Mr. Crowe (Room 43)
- Thursday – English with Mrs. Mills (Room 36)

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Free ACT Workshops!

Who: Any interested ECHS student
When: October 19th-22nd directly after school

- Monday – Science with Mr. Stringfield
- Tuesday – Math with Mrs. Farmer
- Thursday – English/Reading with Mrs. Moore

Where: Estill County High School
**Must provide own transportation.
Any questions, see Ms. Rader.

Thursday, October 29th

Trick-R-Treat Trot

Trick-R-Treat Trot will held on Thursday, October 29th on Broadway in Irvine, beside US Bank. Register by October 27, 2015. Set up by 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, October 29th. Bring your own chairs and booth set up. Bring individual pre-packaged candy ONLY. Please come dressed in costume. For more information please contact Paula Short at 606-723-3537.

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Friday Is Homecoming Engineers Play Morgan

The Estill County Engineers football team was idle last Friday night because of fall break, but they'll be back on the gridiron this coming Friday, October 16th at Hoover Niece Field to take on the Cougars of Morgan County.

Friday night will also be homecoming night, so all alumni are encouraged to attend and cheer on the hometown team. At least two alumni groups, 1975 and 1985, plan to be there, so come out and show your "Estill Pride!"

The Engineers are currently 3-4 overall and tied for

third in the district with three other teams that are also 1-2.

The Powell County Pirates (4-3) and the Breathitt County Bobcats (2-5) got off to a slow start but rebounded to lead the district. Powell is 3-0 and the Bobcats are 2-1.

The 7th District is a 6-team district with only four playoff spots, so with only two district games left, wins are very important.

Class 3A District 7		
Powell	4-3	3-0
Breathitt	2-5	2-1
Estill	3-4	1-2
Knott Central	4-3	1-2
Magoffin	2-5	1-2
Morgan	4-3	1-2

Soccer Teams In Playoffs Girls, Boys Play Wednesday

Both the Estill County Boys and Girls Soccer Teams just completed their best season ever and both will be playing tonight, Wednesday, for the championship of the 54th District.

Estill's boys improved to 12-3-2 with a 9-0 win over the Wolfe County Wolves on Monday night in district semi-finals and will face either Powell County or Jackson City tonight at 8 p.m. in Stanton.

The Engineers finished 8-1 in the region and are unde-

feated, 6-0 in the district.

The Lady Engineers have had one of the most impressive regular seasons in the state and in school history with a 15-1-2 record. They are undefeated, 7-0, in the region and 4-0 in district play.

Estill will be playing either Powell County or Breathitt County in the finals of the 54th District at 6:15 p.m. in Stanton.

Estill Volleyball
Estill County's Volleyball Team will play Powell County on October 20th

Ask, Seek, Knock Matthew 7:7-12 See also, Luke 11:5-13

⁷Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: ⁸For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ⁹Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? ¹²Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

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Deer Shakes & Unanswered Prayers

I want to thank God for unanswered prayers! He is the Alpha and Omega for a reason. He knows what we need much better than us all the time.

After months of dreaming and weeks of practicing the big day was here for my son Jake. He had been dreaming and talking about it constantly. He had been practicing his aim. He was acquiring and cutting center-of-targets out to 100 yards. Youth season was finally here and we were on the road to Pendleton County at 4 a.m.

I was drinking energy drinks like crazy to keep my eyes open for the two hour drive. Jake on the other hand never stopped talking the entire trip. It was evident he was pretty excited. He was ready, all he needed now was for a deer to cooperate.

We got set up in a well-placed two-man stand well before daylight. As the sun started showing itself I could see Jake's excitement grow. It was about 45 minutes into our sit when a big doe was headed our way. This is when I thought my prayers was about to be answered. I had been praying that Jake would shoot a deer.

This doe that was headed our way was on the wrong side of the fence for Jake to shoot. I have seen turtles walk faster than the doe headed our way. So Jake had to watch her for 25 minutes slowly walk our way on the wrong side of fence. I could feel the stand start shaking and some excited breathing. Jake had a bad case of the deer shakes. It was awesome to see my son have the same feeling I get when deer come in.

So this doe makes it within 20 yards of us on wrong side of fence. I am pretty sure Jake was close to passing out at this time. The doe finally crossed on our side of the fence directly into a thicket with no shot. I knew she would pop out in the food plot to our left for an easy shot.

She did just that and turned broadside. I told Jake it was go time. He put the rifle up

and was looking for her in the scope. I saw the doe look over the hill and get spooked. She trotted it off into the cedars before Jake could get a shot. She was also the only deer we saw.

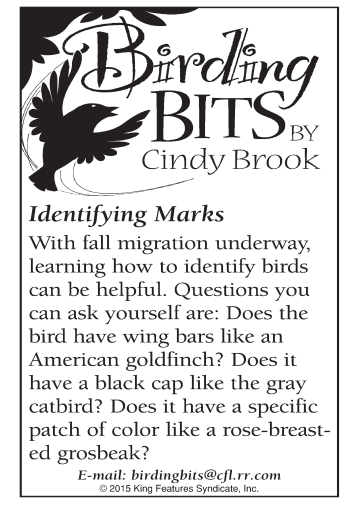
It wasn't until hours after our hunt how my unanswered prayer was better than it being answered. I had prayed and wanted so badly for Jake to get his first deer. Instead he got a lesson on restraint and participation trophies. The Lord works in mysterious ways.

He could have shot that doe on the wrong side of fence and I would imagine the landowner would have been fine with it. What kind of lesson would that have been? He had to watch a doe that was within 20 yards and couldn't shoot. I know adults who need a lesson in restraint. I pray Jake takes this lesson with him all throughout life.

We live in a day when everyone gets a trophy for showing up. Well that is not how deer hunting works. Jake did everything needed to prepare for the hunt. He showed up for the hunt very early but did not go home with a trophy. He didn't kill a deer, but he is driven more than before to kill his first deer. I imagine he will be shooting his bow a thousand times a day to try to kill one with it.

We didn't come home with a deer. Jake got to feel the wrath of the deer shakes and learned some good life lessons. My prayers went unanswered, but God is so good on how he works.

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



**Birding
BITS** BY
Cindy Brook

Identifying Marks
With fall migration underway, learning how to identify birds can be helpful. Questions you can ask yourself are: Does the bird have wing bars like an American goldfinch? Does it have a black cap like the gray catbird? Does it have a specific patch of color like a rose-breasted grosbeak?

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