

# Estill Rolls Over Knott County Central, 65-48

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Those numbers in the headline are correct. The Estill County Engineers travelled to Knott County Central on Friday, October 23rd and came out on top in their last district game of the year.

In a score more comparable to basketball, Estill would overcome a 40-point second half by KCC by putting up 40 points of their own. The Engineers would also withstand 25 penalties for an unbelievable 276 yards; it seems they were playing against more than eleven players.

Junior running back Dawson Bingham would join teammate Kordel Day in the 1000-yard club for the year as

he torched KCC for 187 yards on the ground. Day would "make 'em pay" on the night as well as he chipped in with 85 yards on the ground.

Blake Francisco had an impressive game on both sides of the ball as he found a rushing touchdown along with time to collect 6 tackles and 2 interceptions, one being a pick six.

Logan Beckler would find River Kelley for his first TD pass of the season from 53 yards out. Estill would finish the district season at 3 wins and 2 losses.

According to unofficial calculations, the Engineers have secured a playoff berth with the win over KCC. Estill will play away at Bell County from sister district 8. Powell County wins the 7th District and will host 1-8 Jackson

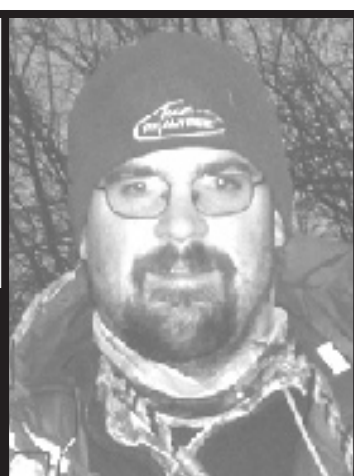
County; while Breathitt will be hosting Casey County.

The 4th place team in Estill's district plays Corbin and is still undecided since Knott, Magoffin and Morgan are tied at 1-4 with each winning one game over one other of the three. Magoffin would have to beat 7-2 West Carter to still be in the running which is unlikely. Morgan can win over Sheldon Clark and reach the playoffs outright. Morgan and Magoffin both losing will give the berth to KCC.

The Estill faithful will have a chance to say good bye to the seniors on Friday night as they host the Berea Pirates in the regular season finale. Come out and support these young men as they prepare for the upcoming playoffs. GO BIG BLUE!!!!

## Wanderings from the Woods & Water

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## Lost In The Woods And Left Behind

The other morning the boys and I decided to cook breakfast. We went to McDonalds! We went in to place our order. While waiting for our food Jake went to the restroom. Apparently Josh had zoned out for a bit. I saw Josh turn the corner like he was headed to the restroom. Then Josh came running back. He looked my way but didn't see me. I could see this CRAZY fear come across his face with tears following.

I said, "Hey Josh," and he looked at me smiled and said, "Dad, I thought you left me." I replied and said, "Buddy, I will never leave you."

Josh's fear of being lost or left behind reminded me of a grouse hunt many years ago when I was in high school. It was a Saturday and grouse season was in. A couple of my buddies and me were headed to Lee County to go after a grouse.

We let my old setter dog out of the box and were dreaming of grouse. It wasn't but just a few minutes and we moved three grouse. That's when we decided to split up. We all went after a different grouse. I went my way and was certain I could get back to the truck.

I had hunted about an hour with no luck. So I decided I would head back to the truck. The path I was taking I knew would lead back to the truck. Well, it led to a big drop off. I wasn't panicked yet but had some fear I was lost. I was about three hours into walking with no truck sighting when panic set in. I could tell my dog even knew we were lost. Seriously scared panic is hard to describe.

I guess for the next couple hours I would walk, yell and shoot. I had no responses from the guys I had been hunting with. I had made peace with myself that I would be sleeping in the woods. It was cold and spitting snow and I just had hand full of shells left. I carried on and kept walking, hoping and a lot of praying I would get out of the mess I was in.

I was several hours into being lost when I heard some guys hollering for their dogs. I had wondered into a reclaimed strip mine. I immediately started hollering help and was running to them. As I got closer I saw a guy cutting wood. With gun in hand and my dog at my side I was sprinting towards this guy cutting wood. He looked a little

surprised. I guess a guy with a gun in a dead sprint would surprise most folks.

I got to the guy and told him my situation. This is when he pointed to an old road. He said, "You follow that road you should come out at your truck."

I replied, "Buddy, I will cut your wood and buy you gas if you drive me to my truck."

He said, "I have been in your situation, hop in and I will get you to your truck." It seemed like a 10 mile drive to get to my truck. I was so relieved to see my old blue S-10 and my two hunting buddies. I was going to get to sleep in my warm bed. A relief came over my mind and body.

The Lord was with me my entire journey. He knew one day I would write an outdoor column about my wanderings. 24 years later the time I was lost grouse hunting is as clear today as when it happened. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good.

I say all that to say this. If you are lost and wandering, there is a carpenter by the name of Jesus who can save you. If you haven't found him; then hope you have some of that seriously scared panic come over you. I don't see how the world can keep going on the track it is running on. If you don't want to be left behind; then you'd better find the Savior.

I told my little boy Josh I would never leave him. I got to thinking about that and well that's a lie. I could die tonight and leave him. We are not promised tomorrow. I hope I have instilled in him that he has a Heavenly Father that will never leave him and will always be by his side.

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



### Five Things for Migrating Birds:

1. Unsalted peanuts for catbirds, redwings, cardinals.
2. White proso millet for sparrows, finches, buntings.
3. Black oil sunflower seed. Most any bird can crack it open.
4. Suet (cakes or nuggets) for its high-fat content.
5. Fresh water. All birds need fresh water.

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## Estill County Middle School Students of the Week



**William Vanwinkle**

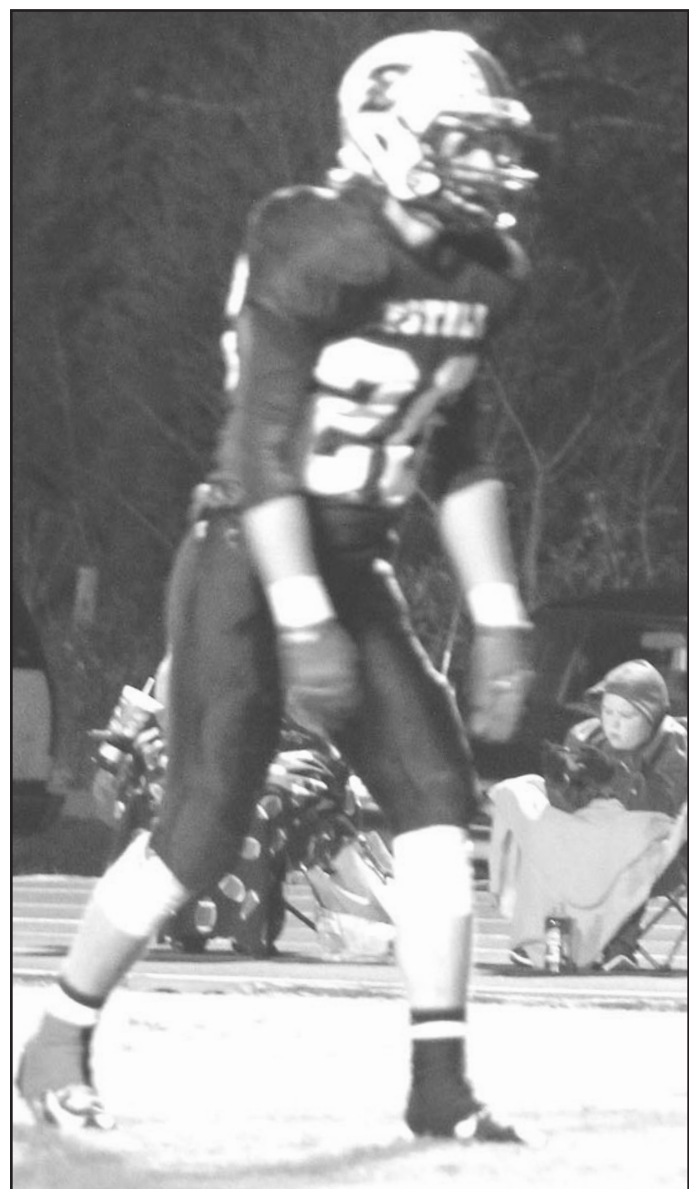


**Courtney Powell**

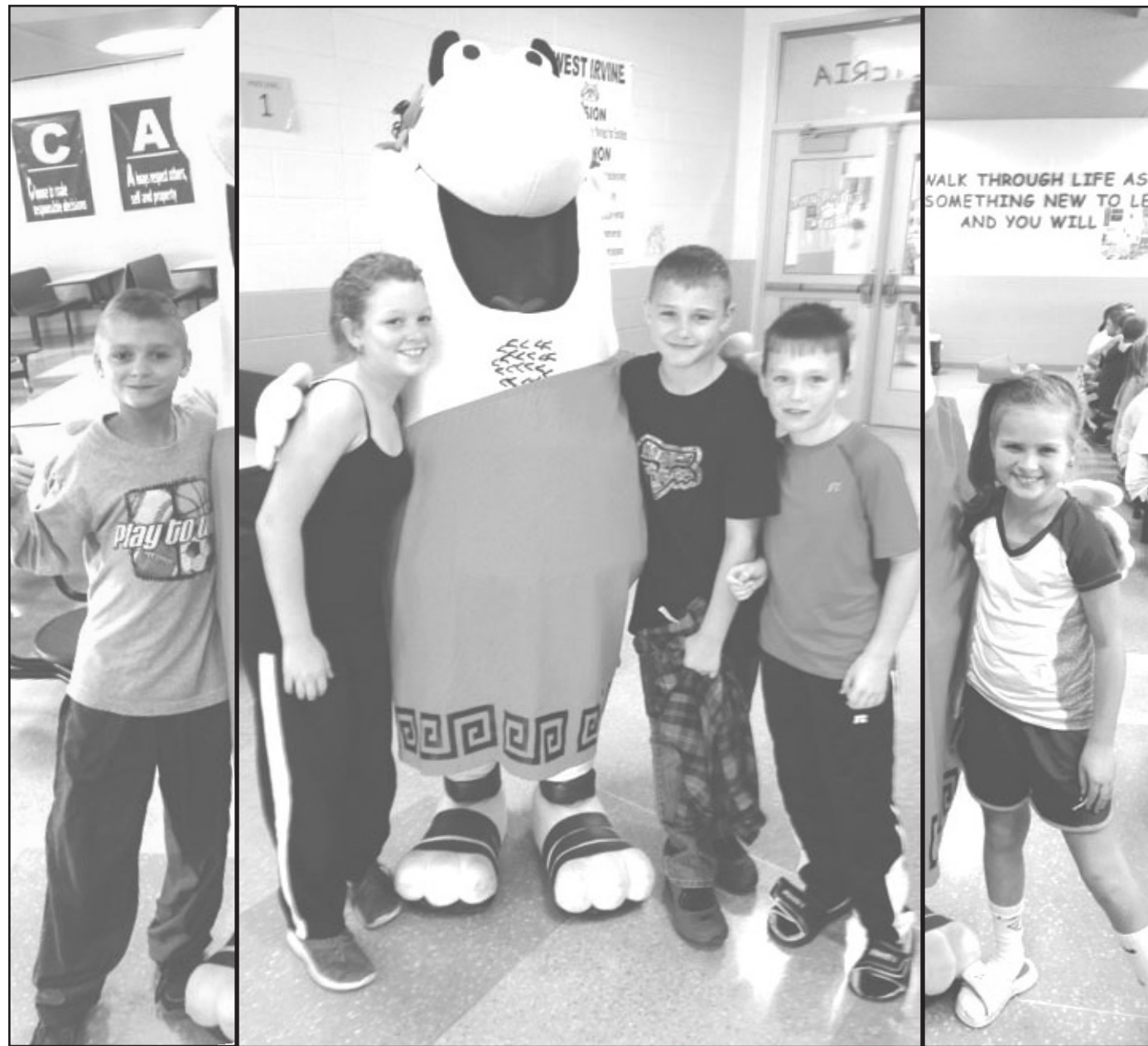
The Estill County Middle School Youth Services Center Male Student of the Week is **William Jr. Vanwinkle!** William is the son of Tanya and William Sr. Vanwinkle, and is in the 7th grade. William said he enjoys playing football, doing math, and gaming on his Xbox. William was selected for displaying great honesty and integrity. William found money that did not belong to him and quickly returned it to the correct student.

The Estill County Middle School Youth Services Center Female Student of the Week is **Courtney Powell!** Courtney is the daughter of Melinda Fields and Matthew D. Powell, and is in the 7th grade. Courtney enjoys drawing, playing football and basketball, and listening to her favorite music. Courtney was selected for having a great attitude and excellent school performance!

Courtesy of Kordel Day, ECMS YSC Assistant



#25 Blake Francisco getting ready to kick off for the Engineers against the Morgan County Cougars on Friday night, October 16th.



West Irvine Intermediate student's participated in a Little Caesar's Pizza Party Friday, October 23. Students who completed a level in Lexia, during the first nine weeks, attended the Pizza Party to celebrate their accomplishment. All pizza was donated by Little Caesars of Irvine! Students from left to right are: Matthew Powell, Amber Estes, Eric Young, James Turner, and Lexi Muncie.

### Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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