

# Estill cheerleader to perform in London New Year's Parade



Christian Harkins, Miss Estill County 2017

Christian Harkins from Estill County High School is one of more than 650 high school cheerleaders and dancers from across the U.S. who will be representing Varsity Spirit in the world famous London New Year's Day Parade.

She is a junior cheerleader for the Estill County Engineers varsity and is the reigning Miss Estill County 2017. Christian is also a member of Jobs For Kentucky Graduates, the high school's Beta Club, Girls Empowerment and Mentoring, Students Against Destructive Decisions, as well as the All-American cheer team.

The individuals invited to perform in the parade qualified for the trip after being selected as an All-American at a summer camp hosted by one of the Varsity Spirit camp brands, which include Universal Cheerleaders As-

sociation (UCA), Universal Dance Association (UDA), National Cheerleaders Association (NCA), National Dance Alliance (NDA) and United Spirit Association (USA).

All-Americans are selected to try out based on superior cheerleading, dancing and leadership skills at camps across the country. Only the top 10% of the more than 325,000 cheerleaders and dancers who attend the 5,000 Varsity Spirit summer camp sessions earn the chance to march in the holiday spectacular.

Harkins will be among parade performers from all over the world. The theme of this year's parade is "Showtime!" and will celebrate the greatest shows on earth. Cheerleaders, dancers, marching bands, acrobats and more will make up the 10,000 performers rep-

resenting 20 countries worldwide in the 2018 parade. Established as one of London's biggest events, the parade is seen by nearly 300 million people around the world. In addition to cheering in the parade, All-Americans will be able to celebrate the holiday's European style with the chance to tour some of London's most historic sites during their seven-day stay.

"I am very honored to be one of the first ever cheerleaders from Estill County to actually perform in the London New Year's Parade to be on the All American team! I can't wait to travel to London and represent my hometown and school at a national level, this a once in a lifetime opportunity," shared Harkins.

"This is the 30th year we've been able to bring these talented cheerlead-

ers and dancers to London, where they can showcase their skills to a very enthusiastic international audience, and explore the rich cultural heritage of this great city," says Mike Fultz, the International Event Coordinator for Varsity Spirit.

Christian went to great effort to raise the money need for the trip and is appreciative of all her helped her in any way. "I'm super excited and very blessed for the many people that has helped get to my goal!" says Christian. "I want to thank everyone that has helped me and anything that was given to me was very appreciated! I want to go to each and every person but that would be hard to do, (but) you know who you are and I'm so very thankful for each and every one of my supporters!!"

Good luck, Christian! Have a safe trip!

## Engineers raise their record to 5-5 with a win over Wolfe and two in Kentucky Bank Classic

The Estill County Engineers Boys Basketball team saw their season record reach the .500 level with three consecutive wins before the Christmas break.

Estill would grab a hard fought regional win on the road when they took down Wolfe County by the score of 72-58. This win seemed to raise the Engineers confidence level as they headed to the Kentucky Bank Challenge in Rowan County. The Engineers would pick up, back to back wins to push their season record to 5-5. Estill would take take down Boyd County, 66-59, in a tight affair while handling Franklin County, 64-46, in their final game before, the holidays.

Caleb Bonny continues to score well, the entire Estill Engineers squad has been playing well with center Andrew Doty putting in 27 points against Boyd County. He scored 10 against Franklin County while J.T. O'Hair added and Joe Benton put in nine.

After overtaking Estill scoring great Delmar McGee in the all-time scoring list, Bonny continued his scoring run with 16 in a 46-52 loss to South Laurel,

21 points against Wolfe, 16 in the Boyd County win and 25 in Estill's big win over Franklin County's Flyers.

Unofficially, Bonny now 2,022 points in career high school scoring. He played JV for the high school while in middle school but did not score any varsity points.

McGee did play for the varsity while in middle school but no record has been found of those points although school officials have contacted several sources.

There is no regulation against a middle school player being on the high school squad and Estill girls scoring leader Kennedy Flynn did have varsity points while still in middle school. Meanwhile, 8th grader Mia Hale is already racking up points for the ECHS varsity and has even led in scoring in some games.

The Engineers next action will take place on Thursday as they travel to Bath County to take on Robertson County in the CSI Classic.

Come out and support the Estill County Engineers Basketball team! GO BIG BLUE!!!



Engineers senior center Andrew Doty looks to move inside against Franklin County. He scored 10 against the Flyers and had 27 in Friday's game against Boyd.



Estill senior Caleb Bonny looks to pass during Saturday's game at Rowan County against the Franklin County Flyers. Bonny scored 25 to increase his career total to 2022.

## Estill County Engineers All-Time Scoring List

Caleb Bonny	2022
Delmar McGee	1943
Brian Kiser	1614
Tristan Cackling	1768
Blake Christopher	1517
Clinton Dixon	1417
Cody Berryman	1292
Bud Erwin	1162
Kyle Christopher	1154
Jeremy Niece	1128
Randall Meek	1112
Tony Muncie	1112
Troy Mullins	1047
Glenn Puckett	1045
David Newton	1040
Rodney Brewer Jr.	948
Chris Hoover	940
Greg Robinson	919
Steve Honchell	900
Paul Roberts	874
Charles Young	858
Larry Noland	849
Randall Young	845
Chris East	813
Jeff Cole	795
Mark Birchfield	780
Jason Williams	778
Daniel Rose	770
Tony Puckett	763
Buddy Joe Smyth	726
Justin Snowden	695
Chris Kearns	692
Jimmy Noland	691
Bart Rison	673
Anthony Wiseman	648
Nelson Dunaway	641
Mike Puckett	641
Don Williams	631
Jon Isaacs	629
John Henry	628
Willie Puckett	625
Josh Riddell	623
Chris Winkler	622
Billy Sebastian	611
Ron Van Cleve	599
Donnie Dunaway	598
Jerry Creech	596
Stuart Reese	511
Josh Napier	475

## Lady Engineers fall to 2-6 but see signs of progress ahead

The Estill County Lady Engineers would see their season record fall to 2-6 with a tough loss on the road to Letcher County Central. The Ladies poor shooting woes continued as they could only hit on 32% for the night and fall by the score of 68-63.

A more balanced scoring attack could be a sign of good things to come as four Lady Engineers hit double figures on the night. Meaghan Bellamy 15 pts, Amy Brewer 15 pts-8 reb, Savannah Brewer 10 pts, Sidney Danyeur 1 pt, Kiely Flynn 6 pts-7 reb, Mia Hale 16 pts-7 reb.

Earlier, in a loss to Pulaski County, Amy Brewer had 16 points to lead and added 8 rebounds. Eighth grader Hale had a double dozen with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Meaghan Bellamy put in 10 in the 53-56 loss to Pulaski.

The Lady Engineers next action will be on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday as they travel to Montgomery County to play in the Gateway Holiday Classic. The Ladies will take on Bath County in the opener.

Come out and support the Lady Engineers!!! GO BIG BLUE!!!