

It was announced at the meeting of the Estill County Board on April 19, 2017, that two Estill County principals were awarded a \$10,000 grant sponsored by the William Schmidt foundation to attend a summer leadership program. Principals Charlotte Arvin of West Irvine Intermediate and Jessica Mullins of Estill Springs Elementary were chosen for the sponsorship. Superintendent Jeff Saylor stressed what an honor it was for them to have been chosen to participate in the program. He said \$20,000 had been put into reserve for two other principals to attend in the future. Left to right, above, are Arvin, board members L.W. Beckley and Jon Bicknell, and Mullins.



Estill County School's Food Service Director, Belinda Puckett and South Irvine Pre-K Center Food Service Manager, Mildred Brandenburg, was among the 900 school nutrition professionals who recently met with legislators in Washington D.C. asking for support of school meal programs. The Kentucky delegation, as part of the School Nutrition Association's 45th annual Legislative Action Conference, met with U.S. Rep. James Comer, congressman for Kentucky's 1st District. The contingent (pictured, L-R) included Shane Bosaw, Vice President, Kentucky School Nutrition Association from Union County Schools; Mildred Brandenburg; Belinda Puckett, President, Kentucky School Nutrition Association; Rep. Comer; Leah Feagin, Food Service Director for Mayfield Independent Schools; Susan Melton, Food Service Director for Russell County Schools; and Jan Anderson, Food Service Director for Fleming County School.

Gatton Academy Team Wins West Ky. Science Bowl

A team from The Gatton a second team in the compartment of Energy's (DOE) West Kentucky Regional that won. Science Bowl on February al Science Bowl® (NSB) challenges students' knowledge in all areas of science, including biology, chemistry, Earth science, physics, energy, and math.

traveled to the DOE's National Science Bowl (NSB), which was held in Washingwinning team to represent level!" west Kentucky in the high More than a dozen high school competition.

The Gatton Academy's the daylong tournament. winning team consists of seniors Karthik Boyared- practicing even before the dygari (Bowling Green school year began," said High School), Caleb Stick- Academic Opportunities ney (Estill County High Coordinator Cheryl Kirby-School), Tricia Thompson Stokes. "Gatton is incred-(Owensboro Catholic High ibly proud of this wholly School), Matthew Broadbent (Heritage Christian we look forward to repre-High School).

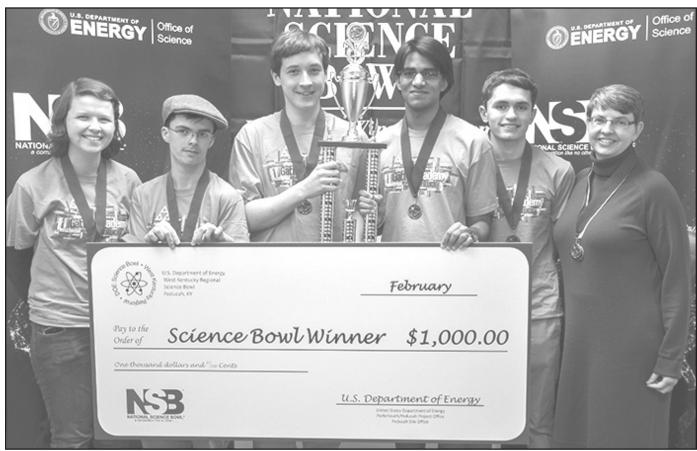
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Academy which included an petition, which finished the Estill County High School tournament in third place. student, won the U.S. De- This team, whose only loss came to the Gatton team

"I am amazed at the ac-17, 2017. The DOE Nation- complishments of both Gatton Academy Science Bowl teams this year at the DOE Regional Science Bowl," said junior Ethan Brown. "Both teams studied hard all year long and have made With the win, the team tremendous progress in their abilities to work as a team. Getting to take home two trophies once again is ton, D.C., April 27 to May a huge honor, and we are 1. The DOE provided the looking forward to getting all-expense paid trip for the to participate at the national

school teams competed in

"The students started student-led initiative, and D.C."



Members of The Gatton Academy team that competed in the Department of Energy's National Science Bowl are (from left) Tricia Thompson of Owensboro, Matthew Broadbent of Cerulean, Estill County High School student Caleb Stickney of Irvine, Karthik Boyareddygari of Bowling Green, Ethan Brown of Paducah and Coach Cheryl Kirby-Stokes.

in the regional competition.

During the national com- The students did not answer perfect fit for our students their leadership, persistence, tition."

petition, The Gatton Acad- questions during the entire who have been curating sci- and commitment to develemy competed in the same trip, as they will also had the ence knowledge for years," oping their teamwork. They Academy) and junior Ethan senting the Academy and fast-paced, question-and- opportunity to visit national states Director of The Gat- will be positive representa-Brown (McCracken County Kentucky in Washington, answer format that was used monuments and museums. ton Academy Dr. Lynette tions of our school and our "The Science Bowl is the Breedlove. "I am proud of state at the national compe-

Hospital Program Designed to Help With Medication

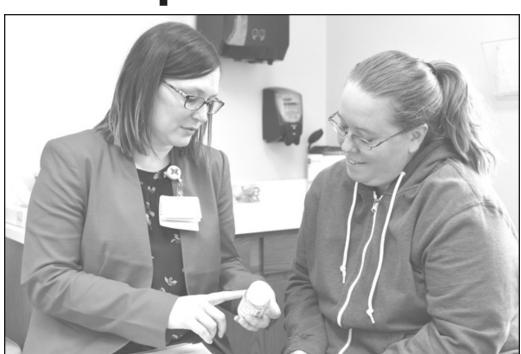
A new program at Marcum & Wallace Memo- the Project HOME Net- Clinics, Estill Medical rial Hospital (MWMH) has work were awarded a fed- Clinic, Mercy Health Clinbeen made available to pa- eral Small Health Care Pro- ics, Foothills Clinic, Junitients designed to help with vider Quality Improvement per Healthcare, Lee County medication management Grant to develop a MTM Health Department, Estill and patient safety. In today's program. The aim of the County Health Department, healthcare environment, it is not uncommon for a patient to see multiple health care gency department or hos- Chamber of Commerce, providers and specialists or pital admissions caused by Estill County Emergency use multiple pharmacies in medication error or misuse. Medical Services, US Acute an attempt to get the best This service is being pro- Care Solutions, Bluegrass. value. Unfortunately, these vided to residents of Estill, org, Westcare, Inc. and Hosbehaviors create ample op- Lee, and Powell Counties at pice Care Plus.) Note: Fundportunity for error includ- no charge for the duration ing for the Small Health ing: interacting medica- of the grant funding period. Care Provider Quality Imtions, duplicate therapy, or In addition, members of the provement Grant is proa necessary medication that pharmacy team at MWMH vided by the United States was stopped for a procedure have been trained in the Department of Health and

and never restarted. Medication Therapy Management, commonly referred to as MTM, is an emerging pharmacy service aimed at bridging that gap and helping health care cation when they are unproviders identify concerns. able to afford it. If you or MTM is a comprehensive someone you know is havone-on-one service examining current medications cation or is concerned about (both prescription and over- the number or combination the-counter), vaccination of medications taken, please status, and affording the reach out to your primary patient an opportunity to care provider for a referral ask questions about their or contact MWMH at 606medication (side effects, 723-2115 and ask to speak administration, why it is to Kristen Blankenbecler or necessary, etc.). It is also an Amanda Tipton in the pharopportunity for a patient to macy department. address any issues related to their inability to be compli- Network (PHN) was estabant with their medication. lished in 2009 to address The ultimate goal is to find issues related to access to a solution to help if they care. The PHN network aren't taking their medica- covers three counties in tion the way it is prescribed Eastern Kentucky with a because they don't like the combined population of apside effects, it is too expen-proximately 35,000 people. sive to buy as frequently as it Based at MWMH hospital, is needed, or they have trou- fifteen agencies are memble remembering to take it. bers of the network includ-

program is to prevent un- Kentucky Homeplace, Esnecessary trips to the emer-till Development Alliance/ sistance Program (KPAP). Health Resources Services This program helps match Administration (HRSA) Ofpatients with available as- fice of Rural Health Policy sistance programs to ensure (ORHP) they can obtain their mediing trouble affording medi-

(The Project HOME

In 2016, MWMH and ing: MWMH, White House Kentucky Prescription As- Human Services (DHHS)



Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital and Project HOME Network Pharmacist Kristen Blankenbecler explains medication dosage to a patient during a Medication Therapy Management (MTM) session.



Members of the Project HOME Network met recently at Michael's in Irvine to discuss plans for the new Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Grant. Members include L to R John Isfort, Director - Project HOME Network; Candy Rittenhouse, Counselor Bluegrass.org; Susan Starling, President/CEO MWMH; Kevin Fleming, Rural Project Manager Kentucky Office of Rural Health; Donna Isfort, APRN/President Estill Medical Clinic PSC; Kayla Combs, Rural Project Manager Kentucky Office of Rural Health and Kentucky Homeplace; Morgan Fowler, Operations Director Mercy Health Clinics; Kristen Blankenbecler, Pharmacist - MWMH Project HOME Network; Shelia Wise, Training Major/Paramedic Estill County EMS; Jimmie Wise, Director Estill County EMS; Jerrica Brandenburg, Counselor West-Care Inc; Paige Tipton, RN, Healthcare Liaison Hospice Care Plus; Arielle Estes, Business Development/Foundation MWMH; Courtney Barnes, Health Educator Estill County Health Department.