

# Estill Middle School band students attend ECU Honor Band Program

On December 1, 2018 there were 27 students from the Estill County Middle School that attended the Eastern Kentucky University Honor Band. The Middle School Honors Band program is hosted by ECU each fall in order to enhance the music experience for the more advanced Middle School band student. Students must be recommended by their band director in order to be eligible for the Honors Band. The students were divided into four bands (Green, White, Blue, and Red). These bands range from 6th grade beginning band to 8th graders who are preparing to enter high school band or more advanced bands. "I am proud of all of the students for their hard-work and commitment to excellence. We also had a couple of students make some of the top chair placements in many of the bands!" Said Mr. Britton, Band Director at Estill County

Middle School.

The bottom band, or Green Band, was conducted by Mr. Kerry Evans, Director of Bands at Madison Middle School. The follow Estill County middle schoolers were in this band: Kaelyn Benton, Caden Bowles, Kaydance Bussell, Bonny Caudill, Parker Hall, Michael Kirby, Hunter Mays, William Mullins, Chloe Reed, Gracie Rhodus, Alexis Stevens, and Natalie York.

The second to last band, or White Band, was conducted by Ms. Kristen Harrod, Director of Bands at Foley Middle School. The follow Estill County middle schoolers were in this band: Baylie Jessie, Alex Beckler, Heather Gray, Ashton Hale, Haley Harris, Dominick Johnson, Makyla Mohoney, Dakota Owens, Dalton Riddell, Abby Smith, and Xander Turner.

The second band, or Blue Band, was conducted by Mr. John Bow-

mer, Director of Bands at Beaumont Middle School. The following Estill County middle schoolers were in this band: Kirston Kelley and Carl Swanger.

The top band, or Red Band, was conducted by Dr. April Kite, Director of Bands at Edythe J. Hayes Middle School. The follow Estill County middle schoolers were in this band: Rachel Arthur, Tucker Bishop, and Elizabeth Swanson.

The honor band students had the opportunity to watch the Eastern Kentucky University Wind Ensemble perform at the highest level of musical artistry. The band was conducted by Dr. Andrew J. Putnam. The title of their concert was called "Metamorphosis," meaning a change of physical form, structure, or substance especially by supernatural means the metamorphosis of humans into animals or a striking alteration in appearance,

character, or circumstances. They performed Prelude from Suite No. 1 in G major and Fugue in G minor by Johann S. Bach. They also performed Funeral Music for Queen Mary by Henry Purcell and Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria von Weber by Paul Hindemith.

The middle school band students spent only 5 hours rehearsing with their conductors to try to perfect 3-4 pieces of music for a huge audience! This is extraordinary since it takes months of hard-work, practice, time management, mastery of memorization, coordination, engagement, emotional development, pattern recognition, improvement in work, fine tuning auditory skills, discipline, spatial intelligence, teamwork, risk-taking, and self-confidence to make a piece of music sound beautiful and presentable.

The schools in participation included: Berea Community, Boston Middle, Burgin Independent, Carrithers Middle, Clark-Moores, Estill County Middle, Farristown Middle, Foley Middle, Harrison County Middle, Henry County Middle, Maurice Bowling Middle, Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary, Model Laboratory, Morton Middle, Mount Washington Middle, New Haven Middle, Owsley County Middle & High School, Powell County Middle, School for Creative & Performing Arts, Second Street Middle, Sts. Peter and Paul Regional Catholic, and Winburn Middle schools.

Estill County is proud of our young musicians and expect to see more great things to come! The students have an upcoming auditions for the 2019 All-District Honor Band. Go Estill!

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# Lady Engineers improve to 3-3 with win over Jackson County

The 2018-19 Estill County Lady Engineers basketball program is starting to see some benefits from the middle school program that has produced some of Estill's best players and teams over the past few years.

Estill has only five upper class players and one of them is not playing at the time but the team fields several highly talented 9th graders and middle school students. After five games played, the top five scorers include two of Estill's seniors, two 9th graders and an 8th grader.

The Lady Engineers currently have only two of three seniors playing, Meagan Bellamy and Kiely Flynn, and both are talented and well-experienced. Bellamy is the points leader with 96 after six games for an average of 16 per game. Flynn has scored as high as 13 this season and averages nearly 9 per game. Senior Amelia Farmer has not be playing in recent games.

At the top of the underclassmen list has got to be Mia Hale, a very experienced player who plays well beyond her age. As the leader of her middle school teams she led the Estill Middle Lady Engineers to the top of the conference.

Also scoring in the top five are Haley Angel, an 8th grader, with 8 per game and Hannah Baker, a freshman who has scored above 3 per game average. Junior Mary Robinson and freshmen Brittney Mason and Macy Reed are also contributing.

Estill is led at coaching

again by head coach Ruth Hughes who is assisted by Cassidy Flynn and Blaine Click.

The Lady Engineers are now 3-3. They won over Model and Jackson City, and most recently on Monday night over Jackson County.

The Engineers had to contend with one of the largest centers in Jackson County's 8th grader Kenady Ward who was nearly unstoppable under the basket although she has not perfected her shot yet. She will be a strong contender in the future.

Estill pulled away from the Lady Generals going into the third quarter and led by 10, 35-25. With only a few seconds to go in the period, Hale took the basket across the mid-stripe and calmly sunk a 3-pointer as time ran out which gave Estill a 13-point lead going into the fourth.

The Lady Engineers led by as much as 23 late but let Jackson County pull closer as Estill substitutes came into the game and ended up winning by 19, 58-39.

The next game is on Friday, when the Lady Engineers and the Estill Engineers play in a double-header against long-time opponent and 56th District contender Powell County, at Stanton. Powell is also 3-3 with the Lady Patriots 71-64 win over East Jessamine on Monday night.

Estill's young but talented boys team is 1-4 and will take on Dave Fraley's Powell Pirates who are winless after four games.



Estill Lady Engineers freshman Mia Hale calmly crosses the line and pops in a 3-pointer that beat the 3rd-quarter buzzer and put Estill ahead of Jackson County's Lady Generals by 13, 38-25.



Estill's Kiely Flynn puts up a shot over Jackson County's huge 8th grade center Kenady Ward during action between the Lady Engineers and Lady Generals on Monday night in Irvine.

# Estill Schools To Host Irvine Alumni Night

Estill County Schools is having an Irvine High Celebration on Monday December 17, 2018 at Estill County High School. There will be a reception followed by recognition of Irvine High Alumni attending the game, as well as recognizing the 1948 Irvine High regional championship basketball team and the 2018 ECHS regional champions as well. KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett will be in attendance as well.

The main lobby of Estill County High School will be open for registration of Irvine Alumni, starting at 5:30 p.m. The reception will begin at 5:30 as well and will last until 6:45 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., there will be brief ceremony between the JV and varsity games between Estill and Wolfe County which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Players during the 1947-48 year were Guy Strong, Charlie Broadus, Norman Christopher, Parker Bryant, Bucky Denny, Morton Flynn, Bally Baker, Benny Bob McPherson, Raymond Neikirk, and Paul Noland. Coach was Joe Ohr with manager Joe Hester. Cheerleaders were Elizabeth Whitehead, Lois Lutes and Dorothy Newman.

The way that team played is just one thing they are remembered for at that school. From "The Commentator," the official publication of Irvine High School, comes this about Strong and his starting five at Irvine High: Irvine's biggest moment in the athletic sun came in 1948 when guards Paul Noland and Strong, center Norman Christopher and forwards Morton Flynn and Charlie Broadus led the Golden Eagles to our school's only State Tournament. The thing most of us were most proud of is that all five starters were straight A students, and

all got at least a masters' degree. Charlie got a doctorate in chemistry and got to be vice-president in charge of research and development for Proctor & Gamble. Norman still does some work in the atomic energy business. Guy coached Kentucky Wesleyan to its first of many national basketball championships. Morton taught chemistry in the California college system. Paul was a government official in New Mexico.

He was the quarterback for the Irvine High School Football Team and a pitcher for the baseball team.

After he graduated from Irvine High School, Guy enrolled at the University of Kentucky as a student and played basketball on a scholarship for the legendary Adolph Rupp form 1948-1951. Guy also played baseball while attending UK. He was a member of two SEC Championship Basketball Teams and one NCAA Championship Team 1950-51.

Guy left to fight in the Korean War. After the War he enrolled at Eastern Kentucky State College (EKU) and played basketball for another legendary coach, Paul McBrayer. He was member of the OVC Championship Basketball Team in 1954-55. He also played baseball while at Eastern.

Guy Strong has coached basketball and football at numerous schools including: Madison High School, Male High School, Virginia Tech University, Kentucky Wesleyan College where his team won a National Championship in Div. II in the 1965-66 season, Eastern Kentucky University, Oklahoma State University and George Rogers Clark High School. He has served as assistant principal and principal at George Rogers Clark.

## 2018-2019 Kentucky State Competitive Cheer Results 14th Region and Area Schools

Super	None	
Large	3.	Rockcastle County 83.4
	15.	Powell County 54.4
Medium	1.	Madison Central 91.0
	14.	Lee County 58.0
Small	3.	Perry County Central 85.7
Coed	7.	Wolfe County 67.0
Game Day	4.	Madison Southern 94.5
	7.	George Rogers Clark 90.4
	12.	Bourbon County 86.8

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