

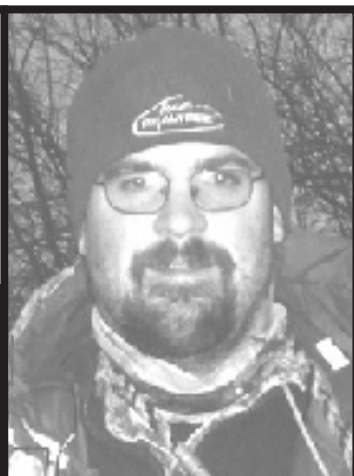
Marching Engineers Win at Madison Southern

The Marching Engineers traveled to Madison Southern this past weekend to compete in their first contest of the season. The band was anxious to debut their "Interstellar" production, to see how they would stack up to the competition, and to receive valuable feedback from the judging panel. After a very solid performance, the band rushed to the gymnasium to take shelter from the quickly approach-

ing thunder storms. The rest of the performances were postponed but eventually, all bands were able to perform in preliminary competition. It was then announced that finals competition, scheduled for later that evening, had been cancelled. This news was met with disappointment because the band was totally prepared to make a run at winning Grand Champion of the contest. When the preliminary

scores were released, the Marching Engineers placed first in their class, beating rival Garrard County by eight points. After reviewing the scores from all 9 participating bands, it was confirmed that Estill had the overall highest score. Had finals not been cancelled, the goal of Grand Champion would have been met. The band's next performance will be at Pulaski County's contest on September 22nd.

**Wanderings
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Rain

This has been one of the rainiest summers I can remember! It seems to rain about every 48 hours. The past few days it either rained hard or rained harder. The last time I checked the hurricane tracker it looks like Kentucky was dead center for Hurricane rains.

The rain has made it tough for me to get hay up. It seems like we have not had a day this summer without mud. With all the rain it seems like my yard needs mowing every two days. This crazy amount of rain has made it tough this summer, but when I see the rainbow in the sky after a rain it's reassuring.

Genesis 9:8-16, "Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: 9'I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you 10and with every living creature that was with you-the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you-every living creature on earth. 11I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." 12And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every liv-

ing creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: 13I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, 15I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. 16Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

It's reassuring that the rainbow in the sky leads straight to the creator. I know there will never be a great flood again. I love how God gives us signs of how real he is.

I might fuss about how it's too hot, too cold, too rainy, too snowy and so on. Even though I fuss, I know in my heart God knows exactly what the weather needs to be. He knows exactly what each of us needs. We need not fuss but rather follow his lead because he is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and End. Glory be to God!

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



ABOVE: Callan Smith - Color Guard Member
BELOW: Lauren Mullins - Horn Soloist

Long Scores 1,000 Points



Estill County Middle School Lady Engineers 6th grade coach Larry Tiller presents the game ball to Jayci Long, a 6th grader at Estill County Middle School who scored her career 1,000th point on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 against Owsley County's Lady Owls during the 8th grade game. She has played basketball for the middle school since she was in the third grade. (Photo courtesy of Wendy Long)



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