

Students paint mural to cover hospital wall

Left to right: Estill County High School art seniors, Kenna Riddell, Dasha Rucker, Jordan Williams; art instructor Jon Potts; Kathy Samples, chair, Marcum and Wallace Hospital Board; Penny West, chair, Marcum & Wallace Foundation Board; and Trena Stocker, president, Marcum and Wallace Hospital.



Three Estill County High School senior art students have been busy for the past several weeks, painting a huge mural to cover a wall at the Marcum and Wallace Hospital. Jordan Williams, Kenna Riddell and Dasha Rucker worked during their class time and were assisted by their art instructor, Jon Potts. He said it was a "learning process" to get all of the

entities to come together under one visual while using colors that were uplifting. Themes of the mural were those representing Estill County, including morels (painted blue for our school color), mountains, the river, Fitchburg Furnace, the railroad, and of course, our beloved "Green Bridge." Jordan said he enjoyed doing this project and the students also

indicated its value to the community. Hospital president Trena Stocker said one patient had been at the hospital for 70 days brought to their attention that there was one brick wall that was plain and that maybe people would like to have something to look at which resulted in the painting a mural to cover the wall.



The Estill County Middle School Youth Services Center recently partnered with the GEAR UP Opportunity Program and the Estill County Extension office to sponsor the Annual "Gather Around the Table of Thanks" Family Night. On this night families enjoyed a full turkey and dressing meal. The evening's activities included learning how to create a nutritional and healthy holiday meal. Then each family created a decorative wreath for their front door. The families pictured above are a few of the families in attendance displaying their holiday creations. (Photos courtesy of Michael L. Flynn, YSC & GEAR-UP coordinator)



Lauren Mullins (Estill Band Senior) has been named to the Kentucky All State Band. Lauren was chosen after a live audition, where she was asked to perform two prepared pieces, play major scales, and sight read for judges. Over 1000 high school band students from across the state traveled to Elizabethtown this past Saturday to compete for these coveted placements. Only a select few were chosen to create these bands. Lauren is only the 9th student in the history of our school to earn this prestigious honor. Lauren will be performing with the All State Band at the Kentucky Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference in Louisville this February. Her future plans include attending the University of Kentucky and majoring in Music Education.



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Girl Scout Troop #7182 helped decorate the Estill County Court House with the help of Freida Lancaster, Estill County road foreman Brad Goolman and Roy Fowler from Estill County Recycling. Girls pictured are Hannah Goolman, Mary "Belle" Conner, Madeline Prychodko, Marie Jane, Britney Mason, Tanya Richardson and Ferrah Fowler. (Photo courtesy of Melissa Goolman)

