



## Estill Band is Grand Champion

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## BAND WINS GRAND CHAMPION AT MADISON CENTRAL!!! Estill wins ahead of several of state's top marching bands

The Marching Engineers traveled to Richmond this past weekend to compete in the Madison Central Tournament of Bands. This contest was stacked with excellent bands from across the state, and the competition was going to be tough. Most "experts" from around the state had predicted that Estill would probably finish fifth or sixth place overall behind the likes of Grant County, Ryle, Russell County, and Paul Lawrence Dunbar. The "experts" from Estill County saw things a little bit differently.

With confidence and energy, the band delivered a solid performance in preliminary competition, winning best color guard and 1st place in class AA. After reviewing the scores, it was discovered that Estill had the second highest score on the day, behind only Dunbar after prelims. The naysayers and competitors still insisted that this result was a

fluke or a scoring error, and that it was impossible for Estill to have scored such a placement after the first performance.

As the band prepared for finals competition, they knew they had a target on their back and that those other past state champions would be out to get them. After a short talk in warm ups before finals, the band eagerly accepted this challenge and was ready to prove to everyone that this little group from Irvine was for real.

The band drew the 9th performance spot out of 11 for finals. In front of a packed stadium and under the lights, the band turned in a performance that will not soon be forgotten. The Marching Engineers brought the crowd to their feet with a stellar run through! The energy and execution of this performance was simply amazing! The rest was up to the judges, but regardless of

the outcome, these students were thrilled and satisfied with their achievement.

As the awards ceremony began, it was anybody's guess how the chips would fall. At best, the band was hoping to hold onto their second place position. Third place was announced . . . Russell County. There was a gasp from the crowd and a huge sigh of relief from the Estill family. Everyone at this point was expecting to hear Estill's name called for second place overall. Second place was then announced . . . Paul Lawrence Dunbar. The celebration began! The Marching Engineers had done it! Grand Champions at Madison Central! This is another milestone for this program and a great boost of momentum heading into the post season. The band will rehearse during fall break then head to South Laurel on Saturday for the last regular season competition of the year.



Seniors accept Grand Championship Trophy

## Man arrested for trying to stab neighbor

A man living on Old Fox Road has been arrested for attempting to stab his neighbor. Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris said that he was dispatched to 60 Old Fox Road, to the home of Cash Willis on October 2.

The citation states that 41 year old James Matthew Smith of 284 Old Fox Road was trying to stab Willis with a knife. It adds that he had also damaged a car belonging to Cash Willis. That damage was estimated at \$300.

Morris said there were three witnesses to the incident in which Smith was charged with third degree criminal mischief and first degree wanton endangerment.

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## Obituaries

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## Helping The Hungry



Estill County Retired Teachers held a food drive on Friday at Save-A-Lot for the local food bank. The food bank is in need of food for the upcoming holidays and its backpack program for elementary students. Retired teachers who helped with the food drive were Floretta Thorpe, Bo McCreary, Robert Smith, and Skip Johnson, in the back row.

## Property owner wants alley opened on Cantrill Street

by CATHY DAWES  
Estill County Tribune

Josh Ratliff went before the Irvine council on Monday night to ask permission to use the alley behind two homes that he has recently purchased on Cantrill Street. Ratliff said that according to the survey that he had there was an alley behind the homes at one time but has since been shut off.

He stated he would like to access that alley once again in order to get equipment in to tear the one home down and clean it up. He also added that by using the alley it would keep the equipment off Cantrill Street which is already a tight fit due to the amount of cars parked up and down the street.

Ratliff said that he currently lives on White Oak but intends on moving to Cantrill Street in the future and wants to have a nice place for his five children to play.

Willis Estes approached the council about using the city's parking lot to have an auction to liquidate the inventory that is in his store. Estes said that he has been trying to get rid of the items in the store but feels like an auction would be the best way to get rid of everything that's left.

Estes stated that he plans on maintaining a business on Main Street but after the auction he will restructure his store and the items that he sells in it.

The council agreed to allow Estes to close the city parking lot next to Riverview Place either the first or second Saturday of November.

Mayor Noland proposed that all financial matters pertaining to the city be handed over to EKAT in West Irvine. Currently the city pays Payroll Solutions \$192 per month to handle the payroll.

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## Ravenna debates time clock use by city employees

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The Ravenna council met on October 9th to set a date for Trick or Treat and to discuss the use of a time clock by city employees.

Mayor Estine Tipton said that Trick or Treat would be held on the 31st of October which falls on a Tuesday this year. Tipton added that the city of Irvine will be having theirs at the same time this year. Children 12 and under are allowed to trick or treat between the hours of six and eight.

Councilman William VanCleve said that he wanted to clarify that he had fixed the old time clock but didn't think that it would last very long. VanCleve had purchased a new time clock for city employees but the council didn't feel like it was needed so VanCleve returned it. Mayor Tipton said that Ricky Williams had been utilizing the time clock.

When asked by VanCleve if the other city employees had been using it as well, Tipton replied no that the officers who work for the city call in to dispatch when they clock in and out and she can hear it on the police scanner. VanCleve asked if Tipton was authorized to use the police scanner and if she had documentation to prove that she was allowed to use it. Tipton replied that she would obtain that documentation from Emergency Management.

Councilwoman Amy Crowe said she felt like the time clock was very confusing as to which employee

was using and which wasn't and she made the motion to not use the time clock at all. The motion sparked a lengthy debate among council members.

"How do we keep people honest with writing down the correct time?" asked Councilwoman Sharon Snowden.

Tipton said that it wasn't possible. She said in her many years working at Carhartt that if someone wanted to cheat on their time they would find a way regardless.

Someone asked if the School Resource Office clocked in at the school and Tipton said that she didn't know the answer to that question and Supt. Jeff Saylor would have to answer that.

"Let him come up here every morning, clock in, and get his police car. In the afternoon he can come back and clock out and leave the car instead of being out running around in it," stated VanCleve.

The council agreed that they needed to discuss the matter in closed session after the meeting was over.

VanCleve asked if Mayor Tipton had ever heard anything about the lease on the park. Tipton said that she had sent the application in to lease or possibly buy the land where the park is located at and that she should know something within six months. She also said that an anonymous donor had paid the \$250 for the application process.

The council moved to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.80 section F.