



**Tam's Front Porch Ponderings**  
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# STOP! Not 4 Days Before Thanksgiving

never done it before. After I'd pulled about half a strip off, I phoned a friend, "Hypothetically speaking", I began, "if someone wanted to strip wallpaper off their bathroom walls, what advice would you offer?"

"I'd say...Don't Do It, it's FOUR days until Thanksgiving", the friend advised.

"Weee!!!?? What if, hypothetically speaking of course, a person has already started it?" I asked.

"Then I would recommend they STOP, it's FOUR days before Thanksgiving!" the friend sternly cautioned.

"They're way past the stopping point", I whispered into the phone.

"Well then...", he began, "I'd say...there ain't nothing like remodeling a bathroom at Thanksgiving. What can I do to help?"

Now THAT'S a true friend. After he bestowed upon me all the wisdom of his wallpapering endeavors, I was ready to get down to business. I had all the wallpaper stripped except the border, when Corky got home

from work. He walked to the bathroom doorway and found me on a ladder with a clothes steamer in one hand and a Pampered Chef pizza server in the other.

"Hi!" I called to him, grinning as I worked.

With his hands on his hips, he looked at me and asked, "Really? Four days before Thanksgiving?"

"Oh, I'll have it finished in plenty of time", I said confidently.

"Uh huh, we'll see", and he walked away mumbling.

It wasn't ready by Thanksgiving but let's just say in a week's time, I've learned the correct way to strip wallpaper (which is not how I originally began), that Pampered Chef utensils are THE best for any job you may have, cooking OR remodeling. I've also learned the fine art of skim coating, I didn't say I was good at it, but I did manage to skim coat and sand (not good at that either). Don't starve your roller, always cut in and for the love of all that is Holy, never, EVER wallpaper behind the vanity! I

know I will one day eat my words, but I hope I never get the urge to wallpaper ANYTHING...ever...again! Oh yeah, keep in mind you might just have to change out your wall sockets and covers to match your new paint job, but try to remember to turn the power off to the plugs BEFORE you begin. I flipped the breaker that read 'BATH' and the lights went out so I figured all was well. For some unknown reason, the thought occurred to me that I should test the plug on the back wall before we removed the socket. I'm sure glad I did because when I plugged in the blow dryer and hit the switch, it came on!!! It was at that point that Corky gave me 'the look' and I tried to be real, real quiet as I flipped numerous breakers to find the right one.

For over a week I've cooked and swept around an oak medicine cabinet sitting in the middle of my kitchen floor. Corky has had to play hide-n-seek to find his razor, aftershave and toothbrush. My kitchen table is covered with trowels and mud trays, paint brushes and paint pans instead of wrapping paper and gifts. As of Sunday afternoon, our bathroom is a lovely shade of 'Faint Maple'. It only took me eight days to strip and paint a bathroom that isn't big enough to whip a cat in and not get fur in your mouth! Most everything is back in place, except the towel racks and toilet paper holder. They're getting a coat of high gloss, white paint to cover the outdated oak fixtures. The toothbrushes are now readily available as well as Corky's razor and aftershave. Yep, everything is almost back to normal if I could only remember where I stashed...the toilet paper!

**Free Computer Classes!**  
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**December 16th—10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**  
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**Week of December 9-12, 2013**

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE			
MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.
Old Fox Road Furnace Jct. Miller's Creek Cow Creek	SI Elementary Winston Trotting Ridge Sandhill	Wisemantown Station Camp Red Lick Crooked Creek	Spout Springs Hudson Mill New Fox Road Hargett-Parvin Road

**"Mommie & Me" and Storytime**  
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

## Estill School News

**Saturday, December 7th**

**ETS College Prep Academy**

The ETS College Prep Academy (CPA) will meet on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at the John Grant Crabbe Library, located on University Drive on the Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) campus. The College Prep Academy is a Saturday ACT Prep component of the Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program hosted at EKU. Transportation will be provided for Talent Search Scholars who registered to participate. Below is the transportation schedule:

**Jackson County Bus Times**

County	Pickup Location	Pickup	Return
Jackson	McKee Dairy Queen	7:30am	5:45pm
Lee	Beattyville Dairy Queen	8:15am	5:00pm
Estill	Irvine Wendy's	9:10am	4:00pm

Staff will be waiting. Don't miss it... there will be some surprises! For more information, contact ETS Director, Lisa Sons at: 859-622-5425 or email: Lisa.sons@eku.edu.

## ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

Milk is included with every meal; plus assorted juices included with breakfast

MONDAY Dec. 9	TUESDAY Dec. 10	WEDNESDAY Dec. 11	THURSDAY Dec. 12	FRIDAY Dec. 13
<b>SOUTH IRVINE BREAKFASTS</b>				
Breakfast Pizza Assorted Juice	Cereal & Toast Assorted Juice	Biscuit & Gravy Assorted Juice	Muffins, Yogurt Assorted Juice	Cinnamon Rolls Assorted Juices
<b>SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES</b>				
Chicken Tenders Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Grapes	Bologna Sandwich Corn Carrot Sticks Apple	Hamburger on Bun Let./Tom./Pickles Tater Tots Pork & Beans Pears	Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Pineapples	Chicken Pattie on Bun French Fries Cucumber Slices w/dip, Peaches
<b>ESTILL SPRINGS &amp; WEST IRVINE BREAKFASTS</b>				
Breakfast Pizza Assorted Juice	Biscuit, Gravy Assorted Juices	Toast & Cereal Assorted Juice	Pop Tarts Assorted Juice	Blueberry Muffin Assorted Juices
<b>ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES</b>				
Chicken Nuggets Roll Glazed Carrots Peas Mandarin Oranges	Pizza Corn Broccoli & Cherry Tomatoes/Dip Pineapple	Nacho Cheese & Chips or Bologna Sand. w/chips Salsa, Fruit Carrot Sticks	Ham/Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apple Crisp Ice Cream	Chicken Pattie on Bun Baked Beans Tater Tots Raisins
<b>WEST IRVINE LUNCHES</b>				
Chicken Nuggets Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Mandarin Oranges	Pizza Corn Broccoli & Cherry Tomatoes/Dip Pineapple	Hamburger on Bun Let./Tom./Pickles Baby Bakers Apple	Chili, Crackers Peanut Butter Sand. Carrots/Dip Banana	Chicken Pattie on Bun or Ham Sand. Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes Raisins
<b>ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST</b>				
Breakfast Pizza Assorted Juice	Scooby Doo Crackers, Cereal, Mandarin Oranges	Pancake Porky Applesauce Juice	Cinnamon Roll Pop Tart, Juice Cantaloupe	Blueberry Mini Muffins, Yogurt Pop Tarts, Juice
<b>ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH</b>				
Bosco w/Marinara or Pepperoni Sub Romaine Salad Carrot Sticks Applesauce	Cheeseburger or Chuck Wagon on Bun Let./Tom./Pickles Potato Wedges Peaches	Chicken Tenders or Buffalo Tenders Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apples	Nacho Cheese & Chips or Chili Crispito Salsa Refried Beans Pears	Chili, Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrot Sticks Broccoli & Cauliflower bits Fruit
<b>ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST</b>				
Cereal Pop Tarts Yogurt	Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Yogurt Banana or Apple	Chicken Biscuit Cereal, Pop Tart, Yogurt, Fruit	Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt	Breakfast Pizza Cereal Pop Tarts
<b>ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH</b>				
Bosco w/Marinara Sauce or Pork Chop on Bun Carrot Sticks Romaine Salad Fruit	Spicy Chicken or Deli Turkey on Bun, Baked Beans Potato Wedges Applesauce Tropical Fruit	Chicken Rings w/Roll or Chicken Pattie on Bun Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Pears, Applesauce	Cheeseburger or Hot Dog on Bun Baby Bakers Let./Tom./Pickle Mandarin Oranges Peaches	Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich Carrot Sticks Broccoli Bits Pineapples, Pears

**top ten**

Cities with Cheapest Lodging

1. Orlando
2. Las Vegas
3. Tucson
4. Virginia Beach
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6. Anaheim
7. Honolulu
8. Jacksonville
9. Anchorage
10. Miami

Source: CheapHotels.org

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**2014 Estill Senior Calendar**

Condensed from information prepared by Estill High School Counselor Melissa Neal

**Wednesday, December 4th**

- ETS rep here: presentation on Financial Aid, Cover Letter & Resume Writing

**Friday, December 6th**

- ACT Photo Upload Deadline for Dec. 14 ACT Test

**Saturday, December 7th**

- Last day of classes at EKU
- SAT Test Day

**Saturday & Sunday, December 7th & 8th**

- Sullivan University's ACT Review, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., lunch & book provided, \$80/student. Reservation required: call: 1-800-467-6281

**Sunday, December 8th**

- Murray State University's "Racer Day"

**Monday, December 9th**

- EACT Math Prep Workshop, 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.

**Monday-Saturday, December 9th-14th**

- EKU's Final Exam Week begins

**Tuesday, December 10th**

- ACT English Prep Workshop, 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.

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