



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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More of the white stuff . . .

beautiful flowers and vegetables, they get me to thinking about attempting a garden this year. We all recall how successful I am at gardening, right? I'm pretty sure if I can learn how to cook after all these years, I can learn how to garden. The evening news keeps reminding me that food prices are going to soar this year because of droughts and milk is rumored to approach \$6.00 a gallon. In addition to a garden I may have to get a cow! A wise man told me years ago that when the economy gets bad, the Southerner won't starve because we raise our own vegetables and hunt our own meat, it's the Northerner's we will have to worry about. They will head South just to eat! I didn't really pay alot of attention to him at the time, but now that I think about it, what would all the people in the big cities do for food? It is something to ponder on!

It's a good feeling to work the earth and reap the harvest of fresh vegetables. There is nothing quite so satisfying as canning your own produce! Which reminds me, I need to see how many rings and lids I have left from last

year's canning's, I don't want to run short this year. I've noticed some stores are already stocking canning jars and it wouldn't hurt to pick up some, little at a time, so I'm prepared when the beans come in. Here I am already thinking about picking beans and the snow is fixin' to fly again tonight!

I remember when I was little how early Daddy would get the lettuce bed ready to plant. It was always at the front of the garden, surrounded by landscape timbers and covered with arches made of pvc pipe. Then he put something over it to make it look like a tent, I suppose I should have paid closer attention because I have no clue how to take care of lettuce.

I DO however remember when he would bring the first fresh bunch up from the garden and Momma would fry bacon and pour the drippings over the lettuce and some onions, then crumble up the bacon to place on top. Gosh that was good! When the potatoes began to grow, he would dig up the little ones for Momma to cook with green beans. She'd fix

up a big cast iron skillet of corn bread to go along with it and I always thought it was a big deal to eat the tiny, new potatoes. I couldn't imagine living in some big city without any green space around to plant lettuce and potatoes!

If you think about it, it's only three weeks until the first day of Spring! That gives me hope that I can make it through this next batch of cold weather that's getting ready to slam us!

For now I can dream big about four varieties of tomatoes, three kinds of peppers, squash, zucchini, cucumbers and a border of flowers for cutting in a huge garden behind the house. By the time planting season rolls around I'll have trimmed the list down to something much easier for me to handle like only one kind of tomato and pepper, a couple of rows of white half runners and maybe some squash.

Until then, I'll just keep thinking about turning my garden, the rich black soil that lies beneath and the beautiful tee pees of green beans that will soon be a part of my landscape!

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Week of March 3-6, 2014

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.
Old Fox Road Furnace Jct. Miller's Creek Cow Creek	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.

2014 Estill Senior Calendar

Condensed from Information prepared by Estill High School Counselor Melissa Neal

Friday, February 28th

- KY Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship (this is not the local one...it is the state one)
- Federal Reserve Bank "Economic Essay Contest" Application Deadline
- Berea College's Priority 2 Deadline for Admissions
- NIAAA Student Athlete Sch. Deadline - criteria: must have at least a B+ GPA, a 24 ACT, have participated in 2 sports for at least 2 years each, must have at least 1 varsity letter in each of the 2 sports. See Mrs. Neal for info.

Remember the winter of 1959-60? Don't Get Your Spring Clothes Out Yet

by Nelle Williams

We had not had a drop of snow my entire freshman year at EKU. I went home for the weekend with my roommate, Judy, and we attended a ballgame at her brother's school that night. I don't remember what we had planned to do the next day in the small town of Perryville the next day, but when we got up the next morning, on February 27, there was a huge snow on the ground. I do mean a deep snow, probably seven or eight inches. In those days people didn't pay much attention to TV on Friday nights, so the snow was unexpected. In fact, I don't even remember having the thing on after we got in from the ballgame. Families sat around and talked a lot in those days, and since I was company, I think that was what we did that night, so the snow really surprised us. We had a terrible time getting back to Richmond from Boyle County on Sunday afternoon. The narrow, curvy roads had not been scraped and were only cleared a little by the traffic, the sun, and a favorable temperature.

On Monday morning, the students were ecstatic about the wonderful snowfall and played every game we could, built snowmen, threw each other in the snow. Great, great times! So much fun! My roommate didn't have any boots so I walked to town with the wonderful fold-up plastic ones, Totes, that Santa had brought me to find her some. All the stores in downtown Richmond, Penneys', Lermon Brothers, Newberry's and others had sold out of everything, but I found her a cheaper, plastic pair at Begley's on the corner, their own brand.

We didn't use the word generic then in those days. The big stores even sold all those old white boots that had turned yellow with age because the students had to get to class. No cancellations, except one morning there was a delay for one hour because of ice on the sidewalks.

When I got back into Irvine that weekend, Main Street had been plowed and scraped and there was a big pile on the sides of the Main Street, a particularly

large one in front of Royalty's Pontiac Garage, the Poolroom, and the Riteway Store. It had thawed and frozen back at night all week and was full of dirt and dust.

About the time that snow had melted off, except for the big pile-ups there in town, here came another one. The students at Eastern were happy, and played some in the snow, but somehow it wasn't as much fun as the first big one. Back in Irvine on Friday, the pile had risen higher after you crossed the bridge, and it was dirtier and messier, yet frozen solid again each night.

Believe it or not, each of the two other weeks in March supplied us with a big snowfall. Third one was no fun at all, and the fourth we just hated. Judy's boots ripped apart, and mine weren't much better. We had to toss them and walk to class in our saddle oxfords and socks and of course, our sheath skirts with the kick-pleat in the back and the sweater set. I can't remember the coat.

We didn't know anything about slacks, except maybe

some loose jeans to wear when we had Senior Work Day to make money for our senior trip. (Women wearing pant suits to work didn't come in for many years). Irene Noble and I agreed to wear ours to a faculty Christmas party at Irvine Elementary in 1969, but it was surely a brave thing to do). Slacks and a separate top were many brave years later than pants suits. I made most of my clothes then out of that wonderful, beautiful, washable double-knit, and I always made a jacket, the trusty skirt, a pair of slacks, and a matching top. I needed to get lots of wear out of that jacket that was so complicated to make, all those buttons and buttonholes! Schools were not air-conditioned then and I have never understood how I wore the

double-knit pant suits to school. The stuff was pure plastic, but it didn't wrinkle. Wow! My coordinating outfit was always soaking wet when I got home.

Back to the snow-ice pile-up in downtown Irvine. By the end of the fourth week of major snowfalls, one at a time, and the street scraping and cold temperatures at night after each one, the ice pile finally got about five feet high, maybe more, and was filled with everything imaginable, all entombed in the ice that took over at night. You are wondering how long it took for the big pile of dirty ice to melt? As I remember, we were way into April by the time it was all melted and the street under it had to be scrubbed and hosed.

The moral of the story:

March can have lots of snow. That March we had four big ones. You never know in Kentucky.

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3. Fatuous
4. Sanctimonious
5. Vacuous
6. Unctuous
7. Craven
8. Pusillanimous
9. Obstreperous
10. Obtuse

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ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

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

MONDAY March 3	TUESDAY March 4	WEDNESDAY March 5	THURSDAY March 6	FRIDAY March 7
SOUTH IRVINE BREAKFASTS				
Cereal & Toast Assorted Juice	Toast & Eggs Assorted Juice	Pancake Porky Assorted Juice	Mini Waffles Pears Assorted Juice	Cereal & Yogurt Assorted Juice
SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES				
Chicken Tenders Texas Toast Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Applesauce	Pizza Peas Celery Sticks Peaches	Fish on Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Peach Cup	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Breadstick Romaine Salad Glazed Carrots Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Fajita w/Shell, Salsa Refried Beans Corn Fruit Cocktail
ESTILL SPRINGS & WEST IRVINE BREAKFASTS				
Cereal & Toast Assorted Juice	Gravy & Biscuit Assorted Juice	Pancake Porky Assorted Juice	Cereal, Pop Tart Assorted Juice	Mini Pancakes Assorted Juice
ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES				
Chicken Nuggets Roll, Peas Mashed Potatoes Peach cup	Pizza Corn Green Beans Pears	Spaghetti Bread stick Glazed Carrots Broccoli w/dip Mandarin Oranges	Hot Dog on Bun Potato Smiles Dill Spears Pork & Beans Applesauce	Taco w/soft shell Let./Tom./cheese Refried Beans Salsa Apple
WEST IRVINE LUNCHES				
Chicken Nuggets Roll, Peas Mashed Potatoes Peach cup	Pizza Corn Green Beans Pears	Spaghetti, Breadstick or Fish on Bun Glazed Carrots Broccoli w/dip Mandarin Oranges	Hot Dog on Bun Potato Smiles Dill Spears Pork & Beans Applesauce	Taco or Chicken Fajita w/soft shell Let./Tom./cheese Refried Beans Salsa, Apple
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Toast, Cereal, Pop Tart, Fruit, Juice Milk	Biscuit & Gravy Cereal, Pop Tart, Fruit, Milk	Yogurt, Cereal, Pop Tart, Fruit Juice, Milk	Mini Waffle, cereal pop tarts, pears, juice	Cinnamon toast Breakfast Bar Pop Tarts
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH				
Pepperoni Pizza or Burrito Corn Romaine Salad Peach Cups	Hot Dog or Pork Chop on Bun Baked beans Pineapple	Chicken Nuggets w/Texas Toast or Fish on Bun Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Cheese Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Pattie or Deli Turkey on Bun French Fries Pork & Beans Applesauce	Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese Carrot Sticks Apples
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Cereal, Pop Tarts Yogurt, Juices Banana or Apple	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
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH				
Chicken Pattie on Bun or Burrito w/ Cheese Sauce Green Beans Normandy Blend Fruit	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Breadstick or Fish on bun Corn Glazed Carrots Fruit	Chicken Tenders w/Roll or Mr. Rib on Bun Sweet Potatoes Brccoli & Cheese Fruit	Hot Dog or BBQ on Bun Baby Bakers Baked Beans Gold Fish cookie Fruit	Chicken Pot Pie w/ Biscuit or Chuck- wagon on Bun Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Fruit

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