



**Tam's Front Porch Ponderings**  
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## Six Years of Stories . . .

25th, 2008. I had been a regular guest columnist for the Estill County Marching Engineers each fall since the late 1990's. Writing about the wonderful shows performed by the marching band was my way of sharing with the community the talent our county had produced. One thing led to another and after the gift of a homemade mulberry cobbler, I penned my first official "Pondering".

Notebook after notebook was filled with stories. Some funny, some sad, but all from my heart! I didn't realize my column began after my Daddy passed away, somehow I thought he had been there. I suppose he was--always there encouraging me from

the depths of my memory.

Flipping the pages, I would stop and read, then flip some more and after awhile, I wondered what to do with them. I'm an old fashioned writer, I pen my stories on paper, think on it, then edit before I type it into the computer and hit the send button. What on earth should I do with all these scribbles? After a couple of hours, I decided to put them back in the basket I'd pulled them from and 'ponder' on it for a bit longer.

Six years! Six years of tall tales and crazy notions of a country girl who has nothing better to do than sit on a porch and drink peach tea. While the dust gathers and laundry spills onto the floor from the clothes hamper--I write! On vacation you'll find me with a tattered notepad and a handful of my favorite ink pens jotting down something funny that has happened. Friends

are few now, they fear I'll "put this in the paper"! My writing was never meant to hurt anyone's feelings, but I suppose there are those who don't find things as humorous as I do!

Memories are memories! They revolve around the people I've met and the places I've seen. You, my readers, know my deepest thoughts and secrets. That my attic is too full, I can't cook, I yearn to sew and that gardening is not a job I'll be assigned to do in heaven. I drive old cars, I love old stuff and that my family is THE most important thing in my life.

So there it is, summed up in six years of stories. Averaging 50 articles a year, that's ... 300 ponderings! Wow! Thank you for being loyal readers, for your kind words when I meet you on the street but most of all, for listening!

Until Next Time...

## Adult Ed. News

### Estill County Adult Learning Center

All Of Our Services Are FREE!

June 9, 10, 12 & 13

#### Paraeducator/Teacher Aide Class

The Adult Learning Center will offer paraeducator classes on June 9, 10, 12, and 13. To make these classes more accessible for everyone in the community, we will offer both a daytime (11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) and an evening (6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.) session. The same content will be covered in the daytime and the evening class each day. Students will be given the paraeducator exam on the last day of class. Successfully completing this exam would allow you to work in any school system in Kentucky. If you are interested in signing up for the classes, please contact Mary Skipper or Rebecca Lee at 606-723-7323 for more information.

Friday, June 20th @ 6:30pm

#### GED Graduation

On June 20, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., the Adult Education Center will hold its annual graduation exercises in the Estill County High School auditorium. If you earned your GED at the center between July 2013 and June 2014, you are invited to participate in this graduation ceremony. Graduates should already have received an invitation and additional graduation information through the mail. If you did not receive an invitation, please contact the center. If you plan to participate in this graduation, please contact the center before June 16, 2014, at 723-7323.

Get the job YOU want . . .

#### GED Testing Is Offered Weekly

Is not having your high school diploma preventing you from getting the job you want? The official GED test is now being offered weekly within our area. If you are interested in preparing to take the GED test, we offer classes in literacy (language and reading), math, science, and social studies at the center on Monday through Thursday. Come by or call the center at 723-7323 to get a copy of our class schedule and to learn about future test dates.

#### Barnes Mountain Adult Learner Reunion

We are coming to you! St. Timothy's has offered to open their place to all adult learners who need their GED. Ms. Patti from Estill County Adult Learning Center will be there Wednesday, June 11 and Wednesday, June 18 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please share this news and come join us for ways to work on your GED closer to home. Lunch will be provided. Call and let us know if you can make it. For more information, call (606) 723-7323.

**ESTILL PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
 246 Main Street, Irvine, KY - Call 723-3030  
 If school is cancelled due to icy roads, the book-mobiile will run two weeks after the scheduled date.

Week of June 9-15, 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.

## COMMUNITY BOOK DROPS

The Estill County Public Library now has two new community book drops; outside Honchell's in West Irvine and outside Bryant's Paint Store in Ravenna. If someone is in a hurry, only able to get out on foot, or just wants to return any items without coming all the way to the library, they are able to use these drops to save time, money, and gas. The Library will be doing pickups each weekday by 4 p.m. Any items can be put into the drops; not just books.

## Luminary Ceremony at Relay for Life

Relay for Life is filled with fun, but the event also takes time to remember and honor those who have personally battled cancer. The night time luminary ceremony is both emotional and inspirational, and it is a highlight of the Relay for Life.

Luminaries are candles

placed in paper bags that are placed around the track at Relay for Life. Each luminary is lit in honor or in memory of someone who has faced cancer. The candles are lit and left glowing to provide motivation for walkers as they pass by and see the names of these special individuals.

You can show your support for Relay For Life by purchasing a luminary. Luminaries can be purchased for a \$5 donation before the event. You are also welcome to attend this special ceremony Fri., June 6 at Estill County High School track and purchase a luminary.

#### Luminary Order Form (\$5 Minimum Donation)

In Memory In Honor

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Name Of \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Name Of \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Name Of \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Name Of \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Name Of \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form and donation to: **Francine Bonny**  
 1548 Wisemantown Rd.  
 Irvine, KY 40336-9343

## top ten

### Girl Baby Names

1. Sophia
2. Emma
3. Olivia
4. Isabella
5. Ava
6. Mia
7. Emily
8. Abigail
9. Madison
10. Elizabeth

Source: Social Security, 2013

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## ESTILL COUNTY FAIR LITTLE MISTER & MISS ESTILL COUNTY PAGEANT

TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2014  
 (Immediately following the Pre-Teen Pageant)

Admission: \$10 for ages 3 and up

All entries **must** be Estill County Residents.

*You're eligible if your residential home falls within the Estill County Lines.*

Entry fee \$10.00.

Due to state rules - Contestants will wear and be judged in age appropriate attire in the pageant. The winners of the Little Mister and Miss Pageant are not allowed to compete again. Little Mister and Miss Estill County will be competing at the Kentucky State Fair as a couple. All contestants will receive a silver dollar and blue ribbon. The winner receives a crown, banner and trophy.

#### Committee:

TTammy Cole, Chair; Susan Lay, Co-Chair; Eidy Cole, Lezley Cole, Pearl Tyree, Kenneth Rice, and Cheryl Stepp

#### For further information, call:

Tammy Cole - 723-4326 or  
 Susan Lay - 726-9989

#### Boys and Girls

Ages: Five through Seven -

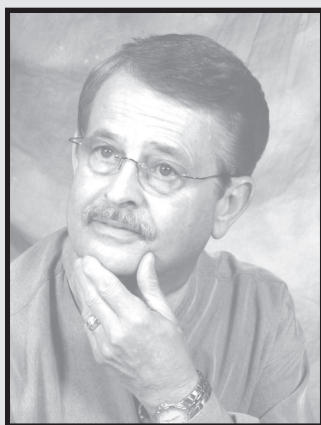
Must have reached his/her 5th birthday by midnight, June 30, 2014 and cannot be 8 years old by June 30, 2014

#### Practice Date -

Sunday, June 29th, 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Grounds



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Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee \$10.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Girl  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's Signature/Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If you don't have a phone, give number of nearest neighbor or relative)  
 Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year

Clip this form and bring or send to the Extension Office, 76 Golden Court, Irvine, Kentucky 40336 by June 28th. Make checks payable to: Estill County Fair Board. You may also bring the form and \$7 entry fee to the practice at the Fair Grounds on Sunday, June 30th, 7:00 P.M.