



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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Through the years many dogs have won our hearts. Old Yeller', Rin Tin Tin, Lassie and Benji are a few that come to mind. By the response I've received, Rankin and Hooch have been added to that list. Since selecting us as his new family, Hooch has settled right in; Steering clear of skunks, he's worked his way inside the house on numerous occasions, a couple of times when the air was so muggy you could barely breathe and of course - when it thunders!

It seems he's a jewelry hog too, loving his new collar that bears his vaccination and name tags. Is it possible for a dog to

Thanks for the green lights

'prance'? Such a show off!! Hooch made his way around the yard, pausing every few steps to pose for Corky and Rankin, turning his head back and forth as if to say, "See?...My collar is red and it jingles when I walk". Until trained to walk with me on a leash, he's also wearing a red harness. That's a lot of dog for me to train with just a collar, but he's doing very well.

Rankin is over his jealousy and they romp together in the yard like old friends. Rankin still makes it clear though, that I am HIS property and the floor on my side of the bed is OFF LIMITS! Friends have asked how riding in the truck is going. Well... Hooch is struggling with balance issues. I'm not naming names, but - could be the driver! Until he learns my driving habits, I might need to slow down a bit. Rankin travels like a child, curious about the scenery, loves it when we drive by cows (he's partial to black and white ones) and politely lets me know when he needs to make a rest stop! Hooch longs to drive, leaving his back seat position and placing both big front paws on the

console, he inches his way towards the lap of which ever one of us is behind the wheel.

Both dogs are very protective but Hooch made the cut as official Watch Dog last weekend. I was doing laundry, going in and out the back door to the clothesline with Hooch following me every step of the way. In between loads, I stood at the sink doing dishes. The sink faces the clothesline and I watched as Hooch stood guard over the sheets blowing in the breeze. Suddenly, he began barking and lunging at the trees around our deck. He would look at the shrubs, then glance up at me in the window, then back to bark, bark, barking at the trees and shrubs. I figured it was the little gray cat I sometimes see sneaking around the corner of our house and didn't pay much attention to him, but he was VERY insistent that someone come investigate. Corky headed out the back door to check things out and I turned briefly away from the window. When

I turned back around, the 'thing' that Hooch had been protecting me from, was suspended in front of the window. Corky was doubled over with laughter as he held on to the culprit of Hooch's behavior. It apparently had fallen from the sky and was trapped in a Forsythia bush and as the gentle breeze blew it back and forth, it shimmered and danced in the sun causing Hooch to "alert" us of this intruder! It turned out to be a helium filled, Mylar balloon that had lost almost, but not all, of its air. As Corky pulled it from the weeds and it slowly floated up in front of the kitchen window, Hooch tried to get between the balloon and Corky, protecting him from the dreadful, blue creature called... #1 DAD! (See below)

Yep, I've got myself a couple of true, blue Watch Dogs, protecting me from stray, Mylar balloons and... thunder!

"Good Boys, now let's go get an ice cream!!"



Nine From Estill County Make Dean's List At UK

The University of Kentucky has released its Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester. A total of 5,477 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance.

To make a Dean's List in one of the UK colleges, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. Some UK colleges require a 3.5 GPA to make the Dean's List.

Shelby Arthur, Sophomore, Architecture

Lyda Rae Arvin, Senior, Interior Design

Teia Ashten Brandenburg, 3rd Year Pharmacy
Erin Bradley Combs, Sophomore, Undergraduate Studies

Kalen Trevor Freeman, Sophomore, Chemistry

Emily Elizabeth Horn, Sophomore, Elementary Education

Bradley Scott Hurley, Junior, Management

Matthew Phillip Ruffner, Junior, Electrical Engineering

Jacob Aaron Travis, Senior, Electrical Engineering

Adult Ed. News

Estill County Adult Learning Center

All Of Our Services Are FREE!

Thursday, June 26th, 9am-4pm

KHEAA College Information Sessions

KHEAA outreach counselor Keith Ritchie will be at the center on June 26, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to provide free help to college students or people interested in going to college. He can help you with completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), questions regarding financial aid, difficulties in understanding award letters, and applications for college admission. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment with Mr. Ritchie on June 26, please contact the Estill County Adult Education Center at 606-723-7323. GED

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; there are three sites: Richmond, Winchester, and McKee. 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.

ESTILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

246 Main Street, Irvine, KY - Call 723-3030
 If school is canceled due to icy roads, the bookmobile will run two weeks after the scheduled date.

Week of June 30 - July 3, 2014

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.
N. Wood Apts. Winchester Rd. Edgewater Drive Crestview Ct. Mt. Crest, Irvine	Stacy Lane Rice Station West Irvine	Horizon Daycare Angel Keepers Ravenna Wagersville Drip Rock	Sugar Hollow Rd. Buck Creek Doe Creek Barnes Mountain

"Mommie & Me" and Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

ESTILL COUNTY FAIR

BABY SHOW

JULY 1, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Admission:
\$10 For Ages 3 and Up

(Only contestant will be admitted free)

All entries must be Estill County Residents.

If your residential home falls within the Estill County Lines - You're eligible for the Baby Show.

Pre-register at the Extension Office

(76 Golden Court)

June 16 - July 1

Registration at Fair Grounds

July 1 - 5:30-7:00 P.M.

Boy & Girl Classes:

(Age of child as of July 1, 2014)

Birth up to 6 Months Old

Six Months up to One (1) Year Old

Baby One (1) Year Old

Baby Two (2) Years Old

Baby Three (3) Years Old

Baby Four (4) Years Old

For further information, contact Tammy Cole 723-4326 or Susan Lay 726-9989

A trophy will be given to each boy and girl class champion. All contestants will receive a blue ribbon and a silver dollar

Child's Name _____

_____ Boy _____ Girl

Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Phone _____
 (If you don't have a phone, give number of nearest neighbor or relative)

Birthdate _____
 Month Day Year

Bring or mail with \$10 entry fee to the Estill County Extension Office, 76 Golden Court, Irvine, KY 40336

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:

Tammy 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



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 27th. Make checks payable to: Estill County Fair Board. You may also bring the form and \$10 entry fee to the practice at the Fair Grounds on Sunday, June 29th, 7:00 P.M.