



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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Mom has had some trouble getting around lately because of an injury to her leg but I never dreamed it would prevent her from climbing into my Tahoe. When I arrived at her house she was ready to go and I was right on schedule. I just had to waste enough time to let everyone assemble before I brought Mom in. Here's where our trouble began! Mom couldn't get into my truck! I searched her house for a step stool, I pushed, she pulled, nothing was going to get her into my truck with the pain she was suffering in her leg. Finally after numerous attempts, I

The Greatest Mom Ever

gave up and declared we'd just drive her car. Surely she could get in the car, so I backed it out of the garage and then hopped out to help her in the other side. We began the process of getting the bad leg into the car all over again and I must admit, it was easier to get IN the car, than my truck. The getting out was going to prove to be the problem later on!

I raced off Sand Hill, glancing at my watch and avoiding the ringing of my cell phone. I knew it was Beth and there wasn't a thing I could do about the delay, so I let it ring. As I raced by the cut across that we use to get to Richmond, Mom said, "Where are you going?"

"Burger Barn. You know I can't do anything without a large diet coke, half cup of ice", I replied

So there was the second lie! I knew I didn't have time to stop for a coke but if I didn't it would surely alert her that something was going on. So I stopped, grabbed my coke (which my girls at the Barn always have ready when I pull up) and tried to look nonchalant when I said, "You got

time to run by my office at school and see how I've got decorated?", I lied again.

"Sure, what have I got to do? Let's go by". She was still clueless and I was sweating bullets and so was Beth. She had a building full of guests and no guest of honor! My cell phone was still ringing as I pulled into the driveway of Estill Springs Elementary.

"Wonder why there are so many cars here on a Saturday?" Mom asked.

"Oh, it's that Zumba class, they're in the gym so we won't bother them", oh how I've lied and lied and lied some more.

I parked and with my heart racing and sweat pouring from my eyelashes, I ran around the car to help Mom out. One leg out, so far so good. Purse out, okay we're gonna make it. Got the cane out that Mom had been using for support and now all I lacked was the other leg and I was home free! "Come on, get a move on", I was thinking to myself as the phone rang...AGAIN! Mom tried but the pain was so severe she couldn't get her leg out of the car. We tried and tried and tried and there was just

too much pain. Oh I couldn't stand to see her like that and then she said, "Let's just go on to Richmond, I'll see your office later" and that's when I thought I would hyperventilate!

"Umm...no...let's just try one more time. I REALLY need you to see my office. Uhhhh...ummmm...well...let me go unlock the door, prop it open and put down our purses, then we'll try it again" ARRRGGHH what was I gonna do?

I raced up the sidewalk to find all of Mom's friends waiting for her and the expression on Beth's face let me know I was BAD late. "Help me", I cried, "I can't get Mom out of the car, she wants to just go on to Richmond!" I was in a panic! Thankfully Shelly Sparks jumped up and said, "I'll help, if Beth does it the secret will be out. I'll say I'm here to get a yearbook" so off we went down the sidewalk. It didn't even register with Mom that Shelly was with me as we managed to get the injured leg out and walk her to the front door. When we opened the double doors into the school, she refused to go in!! She recognized

all of her friends but thought we were interrupting a meeting and wouldn't go in! The crowd began to sing 'Happy Birthday to you...' and still she wouldn't budge. Laughing I looked at her and said, "MOM! You HAVE to go in, this is your surprise birthday party" and that's when I saw her knees buckle. "Oh great, now she's gonna faint", I thought to myself, but she pulled herself together and after the initial shock of it all, she entered her surprise birthday party.

I made my way over to Beth, exhausted from the afternoon's activities. "Shwewww...everything that could go wrong, DID go wrong!" I said as I grabbed a glass of pink lemonade.

Beth looked at me and grinned, "Humph, ever think that might be what we get for lying?"

I hate it when she's... RIGHT!

HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY TO THE GREATEST MOM EVER, ONALEEN MUNCIE!

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Week of July 7 - 11, 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.

School board honors retiring employees

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Bowles added that due to the number of students interested in band that he feels that it's a must to purchase more instruments. He also explained that sheet music for the students was approximately \$89 per set.

Superintendent Bert Hensley said that the band is allotted \$5,000 each school year to make purchases with and that his recommendation to the board would be to give the band program \$20,000 to purchase the remaining items with.

"Why don't we just go ahead and give them \$25,000 and they can get what they need?" asked Charlie Bill Muncie.

The board agreed to give Bowles the entire amount of \$29,000 to purchase new instruments.

"This board supports you, Jason, and we are happy to help you," stated Patty Hood.



Estill Springs principal Jessica Mullins and Supt. Bert Hensley present retirement gifts to retiring cooks, Dolly Witt and Shirley Frazier.



ECMS principal Tim Burkhardt and Supt. Bert Hensley presented gift to Beverly Flynn, a clerk at the middle school.



ECMS principal Tim Burkhardt and Supt. Bert Hensley presented a gift to Debbie Smyth, a teacher at the middle school.



Tim Freeman retired as teacher at Estill County Middle School.



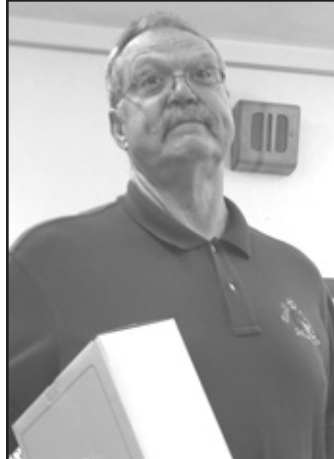
South Irvine Pre-K principal Lisa Harris and Supt. Bert Hensley presented a gift to teacher Sherry Freeman.



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Randall Christopher retired as school administrator.



Skip Johnson was Director of Pupil Personnel.



ECMS principal Tim Burkhardt and Supt. Bert Hensley presented a retirement gift to Leslie Cornett. She was also an academic team coach.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

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RCP Children's Drama Camp

River City Players "Children's Drama Camp" for boys and girls 9 - 13 years old will be held Monday-Wednesday, July 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2014. Your child will make new friends and discover talents they never knew they had. Morning sessions will focus on stage terms and performance goals, making

props and backdrops, makeup and costumes. Afternoon sessions will be dedicated to rehearsal.

Camp will be held in the basement of the Irvine United Methodist Church on Main St. Irvine, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on July 16th & 17th; and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., July 18th. On July 18th campers

will perform a series of skits beginning at 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

Lunch and afternoon snack provided. Camp fee is \$25 per child. Pre-registration required. For more information call Susan Hawkins 606-723-5755, or email susan.hawkins81@yahoo.com.

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