



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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There's "busy times" at our house . . .

There's busy times at our house---and Mom's--and Aunt Shirley's; it's canning time! Even with the lack of rain, the white half-runners have managed to mature and are hanging full on the vines. I've already managed to put up 20 quarts, I canned 21 but as I lifted one jar from the canner the bottom burst, so I lost that one. Even as I jot this down, I'm waiting

for the sun to rise so I can help Aunt Shirley pick the Nelle beans. If you recall, those are the bean seeds that we got from Nelle Kissick years ago and have continued to save seed and replant now for many, many years.

I love to pick with Aunt Shirley, sometimes we work in quiet solace and some days we talk non-stop. After a couple of hours of picking, we head to the coolness of her basement to string and break the beans; then we begin the canning process. First, I clean the kitchen sink and dump all the beans into a cool water bath. With both sinks full, I plunge my hands into the water and roll the beans, checking for any strings or bad spots we might have missed. It's a pleasing sound, the beans tumbling in the stainless sink, making me think of a primitive sort of wind chime. Next I drain them

and sterilize the seven quart jars needed for one pressure canner. Which always makes me ponder the fact that Mason and Ball and Atlas all sell jars, rings and lids by "dozens" knowing full well a canner holds seven per canning.

Why not sell jars, rings and lids by "fourteens"? That way you get two full cannings from one box of jars. It does make you wonder?!

I fill the jars, one at a time, tapping the bottom on a thick, folded dish towel to pack them tightly. When all seven are full, I add half a teaspoon of salt and fill the jars with hot water from the teakettle, just to the bottom of the neck. Then the hot lids are lifted from their barely boiling bath, (careful not to touch the rubber gaskets) and placed carefully on the jars. The rings are twisted finger tight and after adding two quarts of water

to the pressure canner, all seven jars are nestled in for ten pounds of pressure for ten minutes.

By the time I got around to finishing this story, I had worked with Aunt Shirley from 8:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. that hot July day. We picked a bushel basket of beans, (including some Heirloom half-runners that were beautiful), to add to the massive amount she already had waiting for me. We strung and broke enough beans for 49 quarts! FORTY-NINE! That's seven cannings! They will taste wonderful this winter and as Aunt Shirley always says, "It beats eating a snowball!"

I don't regret one minute of the time I spent with Aunt Shirley, but right now, I'm so tired that I don't care if I EVER . . . see ANOTHER . . . green BEAN! Happy Canning to all and to all a GOOD night! I'm going to bed!

SOUTH IRVINE P-K CENTER KINDERGARTEN CAMP

Thursday, July 31st
10:00am to 2:00pm

The purpose of Kindergarten Camp is to help families learn more of what is expected in Kindergarten, while familiarizing them with the school staff and facilities.

Things you will do at Kindergarten Camp will include:

- Meet teachers and staff
- Tour the school building and grounds
- Make cool "All About Me" posters
- Engage in fun Activities
- Take a short bus ride
- Eat lunch in the cafeteria
- Play on our school playground (weather permitting)
- Receive Student/parent informational packets

We invite all Kindergarten families to join us on this day
At the South Irvine P-K Center
1000 South Irvine Road
Irvine, KY 40336

Happy 54th Anniversary
Alma & Tootie Willis
celebrating 54 years of marriage
"We wish you many more to come!"
Faye & Bea

top ten

MOST BURGLARIZED VALUABLES

1. Cash
2. Jewelry
3. Wallet/purse
4. Guns
5. Tools
6. Laptops
7. Video games/consoles
8. iPods/iPads
9. Coin jars
10. Your identity

Source: SimpliSafe

top ten

Most Popular Vegetables

1. Tomatoes
2. Onions
3. Lettuce
4. Green Beans
5. Corn
6. Carrots
7. Broccoli
8. Cucumbers
9. Peppers
10. Cabbage

Source: USDA

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Estill County Adult Learning Center

\$10 GED® TESTING AVAILABLE FOR LIMITED TIME IN KENTUCKY

For a limited time and effective immediately, eligible Kentucky adults can take each module of the GED® test at the reduced cost of \$10, a savings of \$20.

The offer is being made possible in Kentucky through \$20 limited-time vouchers using federal Workforce Investment Act funds. Through the offer, the full GED® test is available at the reduced cost of \$40, a savings of \$80.

"We are pleased to offer this opportunity and are hopeful that Kentuckians will take full advantage of it," said Reecie Stagnolia, vice president for Kentucky Adult Education, Council on Postsecondary Education.

The current version of the GED® test was launched by the GED Testing Service™ in January. The computer-based test consists of four modules: Reasoning through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science and Social Studies. The test allows for individual content modules to be taken one at a time.

Stagnolia says that the vouchers will be distributed while supplies last.

"We encourage all Kentucky adults who need to earn a GED® credential to visit their local Kentucky Adult Education centers as soon as possible for more information. Whether you need a quick refresh in a particular subject area or additional assistance in preparing, the staffs at our local centers stand ready to help," he said.

To determine eligibility, residents should contact their local centers available at: <http://www.kyvae.org/countycontacts.aspx>.

Have you had difficulty finding a job because you do not have a high school diploma? Let us help you. The Estill County Adult Learning Center at 200 Wallace Circle offers regularly scheduled classes. For information about the \$20 vouchers, or to receive a copy of the local class schedule, come by the center or call 723-7323.

ESTILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

246 Main Street, Irvine, KY - Call 723-3030

Week of July 21-24, 2014

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.
Mountain Crest 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 News

Thursday, July 31st, 4-7 p.m.

West Irvine Intermediate "Back To School" Night

All students and families are invited to attend West Irvine Intermediate's Back to School Night. Students will have the opportunity to meet their new teachers and staff, tour the school and enjoy a family dinner before going home! Families will also have the opportunity to learn more about resources available in our community. We hope you will make plans to attend!

Estill County High School Schedule Pickup Times

Students attending Estill County High School during upcoming school year may pick up their schedules on the designated days and times listed below:

- Monday, July 28th**
Senior schedules 1 - 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 29th**
Junior schedules 9 - 11 a.m.
Sophomore schedules 1 - 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 30th**
New Enrollees 9 - 11 a.m. & 1 - 3 p.m.
- Thursday, July 31st**
Freshmen Orientation 6 - 8 p.m.

Freshmen should arrive by 6 p.m. for orientation in the High School auditorium. Schedules will be passed out following orientation. Food will be provided.

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.

AT SALEM

Spout Springs Road, Irvine
(pavilion behind the church)

SUMMER CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 26th @ 6pm

- "Transformed" drama team
- "Broken" praise/worship band
- Closing speaker & invitation
- Burgers, hot dogs, drinks provided
- Bring a lawn chair or blanket
- Come, worship together!