



# This Week's Random Thoughts

**Tam's Front Porch Ponderings**  
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Before driving a new car (or old one for that matter) please read the instruction manual. You will notice on

the left side of the steering column, an elongated utichtus protruding in such a manner that it moves up...AND...down. This is known as the "Turning Signal", it alerts other motorists like myself, that you may (or may not) intend to turn your vehicle to the left—OR—to the right! It's a simple movement requiring you to put down the cell phone and use your left hand to manipulate the utichtus in an up or down motion. Believe it or not, the turn signal flashes on the front as well as the back of your vehicle, so I know coming OR going that you intend to make a turn. Useful information

huh?!? It's there for a reason, USE IT!  
 Another crazy thought is this, if the turn signal bulb is blown and you're on your way to Advance to purchase one, (which is highly unlikely), roll the window down (minus the cell phone) and point to the left if you are turning left. If you intend to go right, carefully bend your arm at the elbow and point straight up, this lets me know you intend to make a right turn. If you are going to STOP, carefully bend your arm at the elbow to point down. These handy dandy arm signals are even on the Commonwealth of Kentucky's driving test,

LEARN them and better yet, USE them!  
**Now for World News:** Someone explain to me why the people in Ferguson, Missouri are burning their own town down around their ears? I realize what happened to that young man is a horrible, horrible tragedy but I don't understand how burning down the town and looting the stores solves any problems. This is *your* town; these are *your* stores; this is where you buy *your* groceries and clothing and gasoline, who's going to be responsible for rebuilding *your* city so *you* can live in it? **ME!** That's who! My tax dollars will be paying for *your* foolish behavior. Somehow that just strikes me as wrong!

**Local News:** Someone from the State Highway Department please change the timer on the stop light at River Drive and Estill Avenue/Old Pike. I'm not complaining about the new business on the corner, but I do think the timer could be shortened for those of us stopped on River Drive. You know, like how short the one is on the new Bypass? I barely have time to squeak under that one, even if I'm first in line, but on River Drive I can read the entire newspaper while I wait on THAT red light to turn green.

**Finally the County News:** Will the young man on the crotch rocket, that is frequenting the Sand Hill Road area, please SLOW DOWN?!? I really don't want a new hood ornament and if you continue to fly by me at the speed you are going and crowd me ONE... MORE... TIME, that's where you'll be sitting!

Have a nice day and... let's be careful out there, okay?

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August 25-28, 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 Ravenna Wagersville Drip Rock Angel Keepers	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 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 COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

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

MONDAY August 25	TUESDAY August 26	WEDNESDAY August 27	THURSDAY August 28	FRIDAY August 29
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### SOUTH IRVINE BREAKFASTS

Breakfast Pizza Apple, Juice	Yogurt, Scooby Doo Snacks	Mini Maple Pan- cake, Banana	Lucky Charms, Toast, Peaches	Pop Tart, Fruit Loops, Fruit
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### SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Applesauce	Pepperoni Pizza Corn Steamed Broccoli Grapes	BBQ Pork on Bun Cole Slaw Baked Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich	Corn Dog Potato Smiles Grape Tomatoes Peaches	Turkey Wrap Lettuce/Tomato Baby Bakers Fresh pear
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### ESTILL SPRINGS BREAKFASTS

Breakfast Pizza Apple, Juice	Strawberry Yogurt Scooby Snacks	Mini Maple Pancake Syrup, Banana,	Lucky Charms Ce- real, Toast, Peaches	BS Cinn. Poptart Fruit Loops
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### ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES

Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Applesauce	Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Broccoli Corn Grapes	Pork BBQ/Bun Baked Beans Slaw Banana	CornDog Potat o Smiles Grape Tomatoes Sliced Peaches	Turkey Wrap Lettuce/Tomato Baby Bakers Sliced Pears
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### WEST IRVINE BREAKFASTS

Breakfast Pizza Apple, Juice	Strawberry Yogurt Scooby Doe Snack	Mini Maple Pancakes Banana	Lucky Charm Cereal Toast, Peaches	BS Cinnamon Pop- tart, Froot Loops
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### WEST IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Nuggets WG Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apple	WG Pepperoni Pizza Seamed Broccoli Corn Grapes	Hamburger or BBQ on WG Bun Let./Tom Baked Beans Slaw, Banana	WG Corn Dog Potato Smiles Grape Tomatoes Peach Slices	Deli Turkey w/WG Wrap Let./Tomatoes Baby Bakers Pears
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### ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Breakfast Pizza or Fruit Loops Strawberry Poptart	Trix, Yogurt Nutri Grain Bar Cereal, Poptart	Mini Maple Pan- cakes, Cocoa Puffs Cereal, Poptart	Lucky Charms of Frosted Flakes Poptart, Peaches	Fruit Loops or Reese Puffs Poptart, Oranges
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### ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH

Chicken Nuggets Texas toast Mashed Potatoes California Blend Vegetables, Apple Tropical Fruit	Bosco w/Marinara Sauce or Pep- peroni Calzone Corn, Carrot Sticks Diced Pears, Cantaloupe	Grilled Chicken or Mr. Rib on Bun Lettuce, Tomato Potato Smiles Applesauce Banana	Spicy Chicken on Bun or Corn Dog Mashed Potatoes Slaw Tropical Fruit Fresh Oranges	Deli Turkey Wrap or Chili Crispito Let./Tom./Cheese Refried Beans Salsa, Pears Pineapple Tidbits
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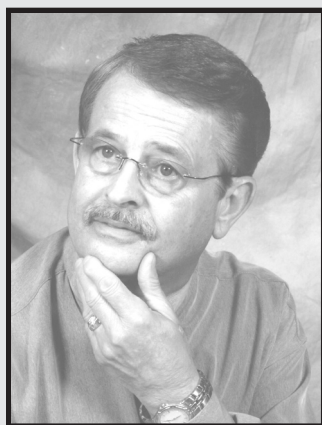
### ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

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 Yogurt, Juices
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### ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH

Deli Turkey Wrap or Chili Crispito Let./Tom./Cheese Refried Beans Salsa Pears, Pineapples	Grilled Chicken or Mr. Rib on Bun Lettuce/Tomato Baby Bakers Applesauce Bananas	Spicy Chicken or BBQ on Bun Potato Wedges Slaw Tropical Fruit Oranges	Bosco or Pepperoni Calzone w/Mari- nara Sauce Baby Carrotsw/Dip Corn Pears, Cantaloupe	Chcken Tenders or Buffalo Chicken Roll, Apples Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Tropical Fruit
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## ELECT Jim Thacker

### Estill County Judge Executive

*The Change we need...  
 The Voice we deserve...*



I am Jim Thacker and I want to tell you why I am running for Estill County Judge-Executive, but first let me tell you a little bit about myself.

I am the son of Ruth Fike Thacker and the late Jim Thacker, Sr. My maternal grandparents were Ernest Fike and Rosie "Pete" Lynch Fike. My paternal grandparents were Lillie Newkirk Thacker Barnes and Hoy Van Thacker.

I've lived in Estill County all of my life, and I have been married to my wife, Jackie, for over 25 years. We have three children: Pauline, Kate, and Jay Thacker.

I am running for County Judge-Executive because I believe our county is approaching a critical point in its history where we will either breakout of old patterns and ways of thinking and succeed as a community or we will continue with the status quo and see our community and economy continue to struggle and ultimately fail. I have over 20 years of administrative experience in both the public and private sector with a strong record of cutting costs, streamlining operations, and creating new revenue streams; and I want to put that experience to work for Estill County.

Why? Here are three reasons:

- Between 2011 and 2012, private nonfarm employment in Estill County dropped 8.2%
- Between 2008 and 2012, over 26% of Estill Countians lived below poverty level, and
- Between 2008 and 2012, the median household income in Estill County was almost \$14,000 lower than the state average. (Source: US Census Bureau)

For too long we have watched many of the best and brightest of each generation, leave Estill County due to lack of opportunity and that has to CHANGE! I am asking the citizens of Estill County to give me the opportunity to be their agent of Change and to be their Voice at home, in Frankfort, in Washington or anywhere else opportunities arise for our community's growth and future.