



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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Time To Get Away And Relax . . .

all know where I'm going with this, don't we? Sometimes a picture can be soooo deceiving!

We did just a little more than sit around on the porch! We unloaded the truck and as I began to put away the groceries and unpack the suitcase, Corky got out the lawnmower. There was grass to mow and a fence line to weed eat plus we needed to check on my mother-in-law's place to see if she needed anything. While Corky mowed, I changed the bedspread (a yellow one, for Fall) and replaced the flower arrangement on the kitchen table. I swept the porch and decided to do some dusting and while I was at it, cleaned the bathroom sink and mirror, then laid out the freshly laundered towels. Whew, I needed a break! I sat down for a minute to drink a diet coke and noticed the refrigerator door needed wiped down so I jumped up and got that out of the way. Corky finished mowing and called for me to help him get the lawn chairs out of the building for the evening's bonfire. I moved our outdoor table closer to the fire and found

a pretty tablecloth to make things festive. That's when I began to wonder, where had I put the marshmallows?

Back inside, I tore through cabinets looking in every airtight storage container I owned in search of the big, fat marshmallows I had purchased on our last trip. After about an hour of thinking I'd completely lost my mind, I was just about to give up and drive into town when I checked one more place. The bottom drawer of the refrigerator! Yep, there they were! By then it was time for supper and I gathered everything up and hauled it outside to cook on the grill. So far there hadn't been any porch sitting for either of us. After dinner there were dishes to wash, dry and put away and firewood to gather for our bonfire.

I will admit that sitting around the fire, sipping coffee and gazing up at the stars, was very relaxing. I watched two shooting stars make their way across the night sky and listened to the neighbors laughter. It was a perfect evening. We told tall tales, relived adventures from our youth and didn't go inside

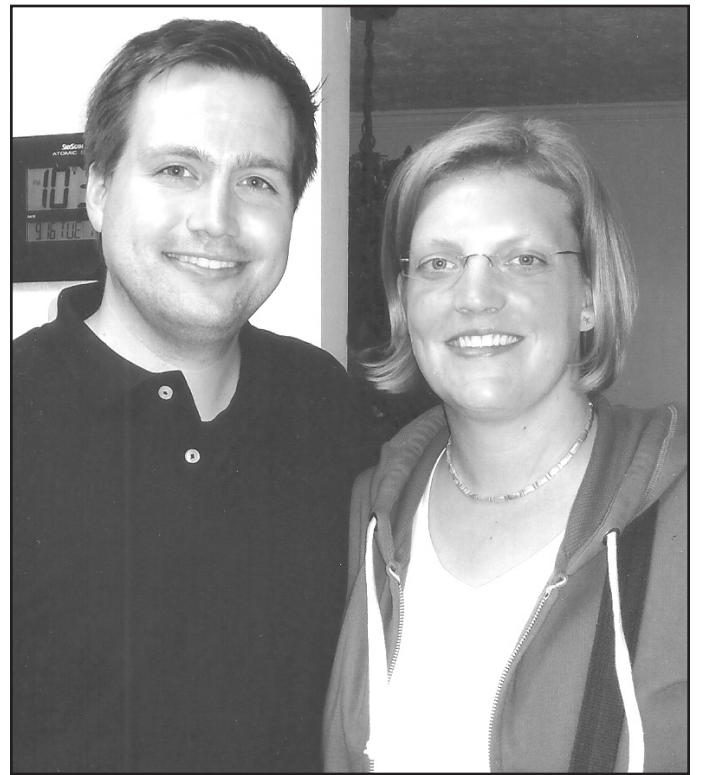
until the glowing embers of the fire had completely faded away. I drifted off to sleep completely exhausted from the day's activities, knowing I could sleep as late as I wanted the next morning.

The neighbor had other plans for me. As soon as the sun began to shine, the lawnmower next door fired up, and so did I. No sleeping late for this girl. I staggered to the coffee pot and began another day of "quietly" doing nothing. I swept, mopped, cleaned out the refrigerator and packed our things for the journey home. As we were loading the truck, a swarm of tiny, black, biting gnats attacked us. We swatted and smacked while we quickly tossed our bags in the truck. By the time we were ready to turn off the water and lock up, we were both covered with the horrible little pests. Driving away we continued to fight the gnats, and they still tortured us twenty five minutes later when we reached Somerset.

Laughing, I glanced over at Corky and as I smacked yet another gnat I asked, "Aren't you glad we had this time to get away and relax?"

He rolled his eyes at me and replied, "Yeah, it's been just great, now lean over here and get this bug off my neck!"

I feel so recharged!



Host family Dianne and Jerry Smith were delighted when their exchange student, Niklas Ahrens, and girlfriend, Rina, both from Germany, came to visit. Niklas attended his senior year at Estill County High School, ten years ago. The couple planned to go to Michigan to visit Rina's host family and to see as much of America as time allowed.

Dollar General Awards \$2,000 To Estill Springs

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded Estill County Board of Education in Irvine a youth literacy grant in the amount of \$2000 to support their Estill Springs Leveled Non-Fiction Guided Reading/Book Room additions Program.

Awarded at the beginning of the academic year, youth literacy grants from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation help provide teachers, schools and organizations with the funding and resources they need to properly begin the school year.

"Youth literacy grants from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation make a distinct impact on the communities we serve by supporting programs that im-

prove education and enhance literacy," said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General's chairman and CEO. "At Dollar General, we are passionate about our mission of Serving Others and it's exciting to see the real difference literacy and learning make in people's lives."

This September, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded approximately \$4 million in youth literacy grants to approximately 825 schools, non-profit organizations, libraries and community groups dedicated to the advancement of literacy.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and educa-

tion since its inception in 1993. In the past 21 years, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$97 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 5.8 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

A complete list of grant recipients may be found online at www.dgliteracy.org. Grant applications for adult, family, summer and youth literacy grants will be available in January 2015.

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Adult Ed. News

Estill County Adult Learning Center

Starting Monday, Oct. 13th

Para-Educator Classes

The Estill County Adult Learning Center will be offering para-educator classes starting Monday, October 13, 2014. We strive here at the Adult Learning Center to better help our community through the betterment of our citizens. We would like to invite you or anyone that you may know that would like to earn a state certified certificate allowing you to work in school systems across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Topic(s)
Mon., Oct. 13	4-7	Pre-Test/Instructional Strategies
Tues., Oct. 14	4-7	Math
Mon., Oct. 20	4-7	Language Arts
Tues., Oct. 21	4-7	Math Review/Paraeducator Exam

If you know that you can not attend class do not allow this to prevent you from signing up for the class. We have teachers that will be happy to tutor you allowing you to make-up time lost in class. Please contact Mary Skipper or Rebecca Lee at the Adult Learning Center at 606-723-7323 to sign-up!

top ten Dog Breeds

1. Labrador retriever
2. German Shepherd
3. Yorkshire terrier
4. Golden Retriever
5. Beagle
6. Boxer
7. Bulldog
8. Dachs-hund
9. Pooodle
10. Shih Tzu

Source: AKC registrations

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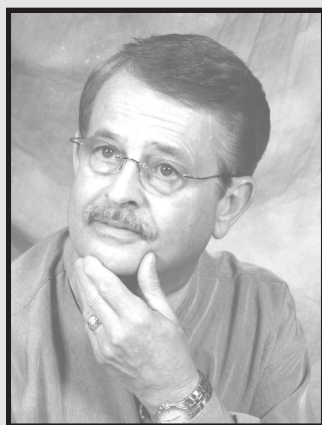
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October 6-10, 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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CHECK THE FACTS: Senate Committee Meeting Records, 2009-2014; Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, accessed 8/7/14.



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