



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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So much has happened in the past two weeks I don't know where to start! Our weekends have been busy with the outstanding performances of the Estill County Marching Engineers, so much so, that I failed to even submit last week's story! Regional competition was in Bourbon County and we raced to Paris only to get caught in Garrard County's bus traffic so that left us with a fleeting glimpse of Estill's performance. We managed to see the last song and a half of the show! I was a nervous wreck waiting for the announcement of the top eight but Estill was in there! Oh glorious day, they were going to Preliminary competition on November 1st!

Corky had to work but had given me strict instructions to let him know if Estill made the top four in pre-lims, so we could watch

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them march at State Finals Saturday night. I paced the floor all day, with pre-lims being held in Danville, I could have made the trip but felt guilty going without Corky. We counted back and discovered Sarah Beth's first year in marching band was 1997 and we'd been following them ever since. Looking back over our years with the Marching Engineers, it's amazing to see the transformation Corky has gone through. While I waited for 12:30 to roll around, (Estill's performance time) my mind wandered back to that very first competition so many years ago.

Sarah Beth was born musical! She began playing the piano by ear at age four and before long she informed us that she wanted to be just like Dolly Parton, sing and play music. We figured it was a phase she would grow out of, but that never happened. She began concert band in elementary school, then advanced to marching band in Middle School. I can hear Corky's voice just as plain as day saying to me, "Now I don't get into all this music stuff, that's all on you. If she wants to hunt or fish, that'll be me! But I know nothing about a marching band and you'll be going to competitions by yourself".

"We'll just see about that!" I thought to myself.

That year, Estill's first competition was at George

Rogers Clark high school in Winchester and Corky happened to be working at Sylvania. I indeed traveled to the show alone and Band Mom Phyllis Dennis, took me under her wing and showed me the ropes. Where to sit, (with Estill of course), what to wear, (prepare for temperature fluctuations), what to bring, (everything) and for Pete's sake, DO NOT TALK OR GO TO THE CONCESSION STAND WHILE A BAND IS ON THE FIELD! So there I was, camped out with the Estill fans, when I looked across the football field and recognized the familiar gate of my husband. He had left work early to come see his girl perform! He made his way into the stands beside me, waiting for Estill's turn to perform but before long he was fidgeting and decided to watch from the fence. When Estill took the field, I watched a smile come across his face and when the show was over, I met him at the fence. With a twinkle in his eye, he turned to me and said, "I had NO idea this is what a show would be like! This is AWESOME!" And from that day on, for the next TWELVE years while our children were in band, he missed two performances. One because he was at drill with the Kentucky Army National Guard and the other when he had an emergency appendec-

tomy! When our son Dylan showed interest in drums at an early age, Corky was the very one who encouraged him to be in marching band. Sarah Beth graduated high school in the spring and Dylan began marching band that fall. We've traveled all over the state with them, we've built props and made costumes, we've laughed and cried at good and bad performances and all this from a man who sternly advised me, "...this music stuff, that's all on YOU!"

Finally 12:30 came... and went. I spent that fifteen minutes in prayer for the Estill County Marching Engineers, then all I had to do was wait for the results. When I got the message that Estill had made the top four in the STATE coming out of preliminary competition, I almost fainted! Seventeen years, seventeen long years since Corky and I became Estill County Band Boosters and finally, yes finally, they would march under the lights at State Finals! I couldn't dial the phone quick enough! "We're in!" I screamed. "We are going to perform at ECU at 7:00! Can you make it? It's STATE FINALS...ESTILL IS MARCHING AT STATE FINALS".

For a moment there was silence, then I heard him say, "I'm on my way".

"But you're at work, you don't get off until seven!" I whined.

"I said, I'm on my way. Get out the insulated coveralls, the long johns, the gloves, the hats, get it all out! I wouldn't miss this for the world!", and with that he was gone.

I scrambled looking for winter attire. I dug through the winter clothing containers in the attic, I found gloves tucked in dresser

drawers and pom-poms sticking in the top of the bedroom closet. My hands were shaking as I texted both our children to let them know Estill would march under the lights! Within the hour, Corky and I were in line at ECU's ticket window and that's when we looked at each other and grinned. "We've made it!" we said in unison. Both of us so happy for the Estill County Marching Engineers that we wanted to scream it from the mountaintops!

We found our seats and waited for Estill to take the field. All around us in the bitter cold, were former Band Boosters and former Marching Band Students and even though the cold wind blew, it couldn't wipe the smile off of all our faces! Just when I thought I

couldn't be any happier than I was at that very moment, the band took the field in the most amazing show I've ever seen! Tears ran down my face as I watched lines move in perfect unison, the music was powerful and the color-guard told a story with their flags. When the night came to an end, the Estill County Marching Engineers were Runner-up in State Finals, second place in the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky's Class 2A, marching bands! "Nevermore" was a show that would be with me...Forevermore!

Congratulations Band! We are so very proud of you and salute you for the hard work and dedication it takes to be...ESTILL COUNTY MARCHING ENGINEERS!

Estill School News

Friday, November 7th, 5-8pm

South Irvine P-K Center Fall Carnival

South Irvine P-K Center will be having its Fall Carnival this coming Friday evening, November 7th, 5-8 p.m. at the school.

Come, join in the games, prizes, food, raffles, silent auction, and live entertainment.

Admission is \$1.00. Game tickets are 25 cents each. The chili supper costs \$5.00 and raffle tickets will be \$1.00.

Attention Veterans

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the National Guard Armory, 335 Cow Creek Road, Ravenna, on Thursday, November 6, 2014 and the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Veterans and their dependants will receive assistance filing for Federal and state veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within Kentucky, 1-866-376-0308, to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

ESTILL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

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

November 10-14, 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mountain Crest Old Fox Road Furnace Jct. Millers Creek Cow Creek	Winston Trotting Ridge Sandhill	Wisemantown Station Camp Red Lick Crooked Creek	Spout Springs Hudson Mill Rd New Fox Road Hargett-Parvin Road	South Irvine P/K Center

"Mommie & Me" and Storytime Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. & Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

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

MONDAY November 10	TUESDAY November 11	WEDNESDAY November 12	THURSDAY November 13	FRIDAY November 14
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BREAKFASTS - SOUTH IRVINE

Mini Blueberry Pancakes, Apple	Chicken on Biscuit Cantaloupe	French Toast Stixs Syrup & Banana	Trix Cereal Toast & Peaches	Scooby Doo Snacks Yogurt & M. Oranges
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SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Tropical Fruit, Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Corn, Apples Normandy Blend Vegetables Milk	Taco/Soft Shell Lettuce & Tomato Shredded Cheese Refried Beans Pineapples, Milk	Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Grapes and Milk	Hamburger on bun Lettuce & Tomato Potato Smiles Pork & Beans Oranges & Milk
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BREAKFASTS - ESTILL SPRINGS

Mini Cinni Rolls Apple, Juice, Milk	Cocoa Puffs Cereal Toast & Grapes	Pancake Porky Syrup & Applesauce	Funnel Cakes Blueberries	Choc or Cinnamon Muffin, Pineapple
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BREAKFASTS - WEST IRVINE

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WEST IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll, Peas Mashed Potatoes, Peach Cub BBQ Sauce, Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Corn, Apples Normandy Blend Vegetables Milk	Chili w/ PBJ Sandwich Crackers Carrots/Dip Fresh Oranges	Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Romaine Salad Cucumber Fruit Cocktail	Hamburger on bun Lettuce & Tomato Potato Smiles Pork & Beans Sliced Peas
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Mini Blueberry Pancakes w/Syrup or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal SB Pop Tart Banana	Chicken Biscuit or Lucky Charms Brown Sugar Cinnamon Pop Tart Cantaloupe Juice & Milk	French Toast Sticks w/ Syrup or Frosted Flakes Cereal, Strawberry Pop Tart Blueberries	Trix Cereal Cocoa Puffs Cereal Brown Sugar Cinnamon Pop Tart Peaches Juice & Milk	Trix Yogurt Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar Reese Puffs Cereal Strawberry Pop Tart Applesauce
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH

Popcorn Chicken WG Biscuit Mashed Potatoes Normandy Blend Vegetables Banana/Apple	Bosco w/ Marinara Sauce or Chicken Quesadilla Corn, Peas, Oranges Borccoli Bits Ice Cream Sandwich	Grilled Chicken or Deli Turkey on bun Lettuce & Tomato Potato Wedges Applesauce Tropical Fruit	Mr. Rib on bun or Corn Dog Baked Beans Red Pepper Slices Peaches Pineapples	Meatball Sub w/ Mozz. Cheese or Fish on bun Romaine Salad Peppers, Applesauce Mandarin Oranges
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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH

Meatball Sub Chicken Patti WG Bun Lettuce Tomato, Cheese Peppers, Broccoli Apple/Peach Cup Stuff Crust Ch. Pizza	Corn Dog Mr. Rib WG Bun Baked Beans/ Baby Bakers, Peaches Applesauce Stuffed Crust Pep Pizza	Hamburger or Fish WG Bun Fiestada Pizza Slaw/Lettuce/Tomato Potato Wedges Fruit Cocktail Pairs	WG Bosco Sticks Chicken Quesadilla Marinara Sauce Broccoli/Ranch Sour Cream/Corn BB/Strawberry Cups Stuff Crust Pizza	Chicken Pattie or Grilled Cheese w/ WG Bun Sweet Potatoes Lettuce, Tomato Tropical Fruit Stuff Crust Pizza
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