



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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I've Lost My Mind, Haven't I?

catch up by explaining that Hooch dug a hole by the back door and rolled in it, losing his rabies tag in the process and getting his nice, new collar nasty. They continue to tattle as I climb the back steps and try to unlock the door. Sometimes I can hear Rankin call out after I'm in the house, "and that's just the beginning of what Hooch has done" as shrug off my coat and hang up my purse.

I've always thought people were silly to pamper their pets the way some do and I swore I wouldn't become one of them...but I have. Everyone knows how spoiled our dogs are because you've seen us with them at Burger Barn getting ice cream cones, but now that it's too cold to ride in the back of the truck, we've had to find another way to "treat" them. Beggin Strips became very expensive so we've discovered they love animal crackers, which are very affordable at Sam's Club. I don't mean to brag, but they know the cabinet I keep them in and will go stand in front of it and beg! Now is that smart or what?

They've also been leaving little hints about what they want for Christmas. I have a minky blanket that I wrap up in while I watch television, Hooch LOVES it. He will casually wander into the living room when he hears me sit down and then plop down by my chair. He tries to play it cool by putting his head on his paws and heaving a huge sigh. Next he scoots closer to my feet, little by little, until finally he can touch the bottom of my blanket

and slip his nose under it. Before I know it, he's in my lap, rubbing that big head of his all over the minky blanket, twisting it around and around his neck, squishing the very breath out of me. A new minky has been added to the Christmas wish list.

Rankin on the other hand, seems to be asking for a new pillow for his dog house. Lately I've found a dead squirrel, a Thanksgiving turkey carcass and what appears to be a deer leg, inside his dog house. Then he pulled his pillow out onto the garage floor, so I don't know if he wants a bigger place, or just a new pillow since he got his dirty from the critters he's drug home! I'm gonna go for the new pillow since truthfully, they spend the majority of their winter nights in the house with us and we recently purchased them nice, new pillows for their spots in our utility room. His dog house is perfectly fine, there's not a thing wrong with it, so a new dog house just isn't practical (like any Christmas gift for a dog is?).

Yes, these are the Days of My Life now that our children are grown and gone. I've resorted to imagining conversations with our dogs and buying them Christmas gifts! Oh wow, do you think I should get them a stocking too? I wouldn't want them to feel left out on Christmas morning! I better have their names embroidered on them too, wouldn't want them to argue over who's is who's!

I've lost my mind haven't I?



West Irvine wins attendance banner for 4th month of school. Pictured from left to right are Renae Wainscott, Haley Harris, Hayden Fletcher, Toni Garrett Hall and Hannah Hall.

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DECEMBER 14 - 18, 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mountain Crest Old Fox Road Furnace Jct. Millers Creek Cow Creek	Winston Trotting Ridge Sandhill	Horizon Daycare Ravenna Drip Rock Wagersville	Spout Springs Hudson Mill Rd. New Fox Road Hargett-Parvin Road	West Irvine Intermediate

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ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

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

MONDAY December 14	TUESDAY December 15	WEDNESDAY December 16	THURSDAY December 17	FRIDAY December 18
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ELEMENTARY BREAKFASTS

Breakfast Pizza Apple	Bacon, Egg, Cheese Biscuit, Pears	Pancake Porky Applesauce	Toast, Cereal Peaches	Pop Tarts, Cereal Mandarin Oranges
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SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Pattie/Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apple Milk	Round Cheese Pizza Corn Romaine Salad Mandarin Oranges Milk	Chili, Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrots & Celery/Dip Oranges Milk	Ham, Roll Mashed Potatoes Celery Sticks/Dip Green Beans Cooked Apples Milk	Pizza Munchable Pepperoni, Mozz. Ch. Marinara Sauce Loco Bread Carrots/Dip, Raisins
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ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES

Chicken Pattie/Bun Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Apple Milk	Round Cheese Pizza Baked Beans Corn Oranges Milk	Chili, Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrots & Celery/Dip Oranges Milk	Chinese Chicken Stir Fry Vegetables Celery Sticks/Dip Rice, Pineapples Milk	Pizza Munchable Pepperoni, Mozz. Ch. Marinara Sauce Loco Bread Carrots/Dip, Raisins
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WEST IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Pattie/Bun Potato Wedges Baked Beans Apple Milk	Round Cheese Pizza, Corn Romaine Salad Mandarin Oranges Milk	Chili, Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrots w/dip Oranges Milk	Ham, Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Cooked Apples Milk	Pizza Munchable Pepperoni, Mozz. Ch. Marinara Sauce Loco Bread
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Dutch Waffle Cinn. Toast Crunch Cereal, Apple Chocolate Pop Tart Assorted Juices Milk Choices	Scr. Eggs/Toast Cocoa Puffs Cereal Strawberry Pop Tart Pineapples Assorted Juices Milk Choices	Biscuit & Gravy Raisin Bran Cereal Chocolate Pop Tart Peaches Assorted Juices Milk Choices	Trix Yogurt & Scooby Snacks Frosted Flakes Reese Puffs Cereal Brown Sugar Cinn. Pop Tart, Pears	Donut, Apple Cinn. Cheerios Chocolate Pop Tart Mandarin Oranges Assorted Juices Milk Choices
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH

Chicken Nuggets Texas Toast Mashed Potatoes CA Blend Vegetables Tropical Fruit Apple	Pepperoni Pizza or Old El Paso Gordita Romaine Salad Corn Pineapple Tidbits Grapes, Milk	Cheeseburger or Mr. Rib on Bun Potato Wedges Baked Beans Lettuce & Tomato Peaches, Banana	Ham, Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Cooked Apples Mandarin Oranges Milk or Juice	Asian Chicken w/Rice or Fish/Bun Stir Fry Vegetables Glazed Carrots Applesauce Pears, WG Cookie
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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Muffins, Cereal Pop Tarts Yogurt Orange, Apple	Sausage & Biscuit Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt Apple, Orange	Gravy & Biscuit Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt Apple or Banana	Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit, Ce- real Pop Tart, Yogurt Banana or Apple	Breakfast Pizza Cream Cheese Bagel Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt Banana or Apple
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Offered Daily: Pizza Line Sandwich Box, Salad Box

Asian Chicken Mr. Rib on Bun Rice/Egg Roll Stiry Fry Veggies Glazed Carrots Peaches/Side Kicks Variety Milk/OJ	Hot Dog on Bun Hamburger on Bun Potato Wedges Steamed Broccoli Let./Tom./Pickle Pears Pineapples	Beef Taco or Chicken Fajita, Soft Shell, Salsa Refried Beans Let./Tom./Cheese Tropical Fruit Applesauce	Ham w/Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Cooked Apples Cherry Crisp Variety Milk/OJ	Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrot Sticks Broccoli Bits Mandarin Oranges Applesauce
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The Compassionate Friends
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

Light a candle for all children who have died

**Worldwide
Candle
Lighting®**

... that their light may always shine.

**Sunday, December 13, 2015
7 PM Around the Globe**

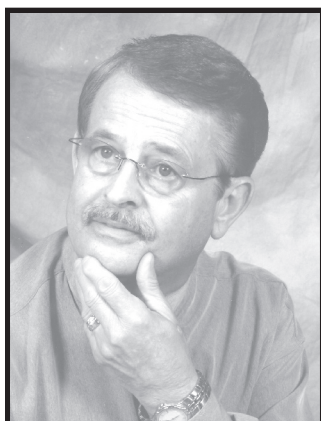


The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting is held the second Sunday of December at 7:00 p.m. for one hour local time around the globe. It commemorates and honors children, siblings, and grandchildren of all ages who have died from any cause.

The Worldwide Candle Lighting is The Compassionate Friend's gift to the bereavement community. By holding a candle lighting service, we remember the lives of the precious children of this world who are no longer with us.

Please join us in our local Candle Lighting ceremony, December 13, 2015 at Marcum Wallace Memorial Hospital starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Mercy Room.

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