



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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The Week's Been A Blur

on the Sky Lift and it was way too hot to hoof it to the bridge. I wish our time hadn't been so short, I really wanted to share with her the beauty of the Furnaces. I let her return to Louisiana thinking that's how we used to heat the county, by huge furnaces strategically placed about the countryside. Probably should call her and straighten that little white lie out, huh?

We managed to slip to Pigeon Forge so Sarah could celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Dollywood. Dolly is her hero and I think they rode everything that moved, rode the train and played every game while I visited all the shops, had a melt-down, sat on all the benches, fanned myself and drank 40 gallons of water. I discovered that I'm way too old for Dollywood, I do not care to ride any rides including the Merry-Go-Round, all I really wanted to do was lay in the water of the log flume! It seems all I do

anymore is fight the heat! Upon returning to our hotel, we found the pool full of ducks. I didn't care if it was full of snakes, I was going to swim! All day long at Dollywood had zapped me of any energy I might have had starting the day. I just wanted to get in the cool water and truly didn't mind if a dozen ducks were there with me. After an hour of swimming, I finally managed to cool off and was more than ready for a good night's sleep. The next morning we stood in line for over an hour to eat at the Pancake Pantry, a tradition my Daddy began years ago. I hadn't been to Gatlinburg since 2007 and so many things had changed but it was a fun time with the kids and I hated to say goodbye after breakfast. They had a long trip ahead of them and we needed to get back home to the Dynamic Duo. I had received notice of severe storms at home so I knew Rankin would be

peeling the paint off the door to get inside with us not there. He hates thunder! I tried hard not to cry as I watched our babies drive away. All grown up, they both had lives of their own now and didn't need me anymore. I was proud that our children

had found their way in the world and both seemed very happy. That's all a parent can wish for, their children's happiness. Back home with a clean house and no guests, Corky and I really didn't know what to do with ourselves. The

only choice we had was load up the dogs and head to Burger Barn. After the hectic week we had survived, it was time for... ice cream!

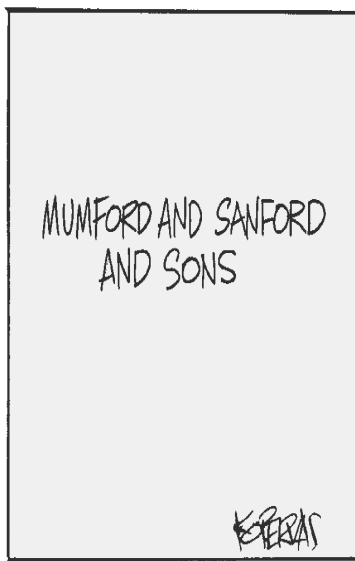
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Our children have been home for a visit from Louisiana and the week has been a blur! It seems they had just arrived and it was time for them to leave, but it was nice to have everyone under one roof again. Sarah Beth's husband is still in Milan, Italy but she hopes to visit him soon, probably in August. Dylan's girlfriend from Houston, Texas was able to make the trip and she loved Kentucky. We visited Natural Bridge where Jasmyn freaked out

Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



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2015-16 School Year

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At South Irvine P-K Center, 1000 South Irvine Road, Irvine, KY

Preschool Qualification Guidelines:

- Children who turn **four years old by August 1st** and meet income requirements or have a delay or disability
- Children who turn three years old by August 1st and have a delay or disability or meet Head Start requirements
- Children may attend on a tuition basis, depending upon enrollment numbers of income-eligible students. Tuition fee is \$175 per month for 10 months. This is offered on a first-come, first-served basis for four-year-old children.

Bring the following required documents to the screening appointment:

- Child's Certified State Sealed Birth Certificate (not a hospital certificate)
- Child's Social Security Card (optional)
- Proof of Family Income (For eligibility purposes): Check Stub, Tax Forms, Statement from Employer, SSI Award Letter, Food Stamp Letter, Child Care Subsidy Form, statement from person providing room and board
- Up to date immunization certificate recorded on a Kentucky form only
- School Entry Physical that includes blood pressure, Hemoglobin count, and Lead Screening/test
- Eye Exam by an Optometrist or Ophthalmologist
- School Entry Dental Exam performed by a licensed dental professional
- Medical Insurance Card
- Copy of legal guardianship, (if not biological parent)

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