



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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A lot of things have changed

up to the table. Next I uncovered a child size rocker that had belonged to me as a child and I drug it down the ladder too, it went by the coffee table so he could sit down and play with the cars.

One last trip up the ladder and at last I spotted it, Dylan's favorite toy of ALL time! CAR MOUNTAIN! Made by Little Tikes, Car Mountain had a tunnel, loop-de-loop, a bridge and all kinds of downhill roads that twisted and turned before shooting cars up in the air. I hoped my little man wouldn't be bored with the toys I had found. After Dylan had outgrown Car Mountain, Taylor, Scarlett and Jon had all enjoyed playing with Car Mountain when they were little. As I dusted the cobwebs from the suspended bridge I smiled, thinking about all the fun we'd had over the years racing on Car Mountain. Sometimes we raced according to car color, next it was cars versus trucks, we made up all kinds of games and eventually we even wore out the loop-de-loop, but we still raced! Car Mountain and shooting one another with mini Nerf guns were the favorite things to do at Aunt Tam's house. My great-nephew wasn't quite old enough for Nerf yet!

When he arrived, he immediately headed for a Playschool activity I had on the coffee table but it didn't take him long to find the cars. Before we knew it, we had hundreds of Hot Wheels and MatchBox cars scattered on the living room floor. We squealed and hollered as each car jumped higher and higher into the air and landed in an Ale-8 box we had designated as the 'WINNER' spot. Helicopters were shoved down the steep hills, along with a Mickey Mouse and a plastic shark. My little man didn't care, we sent everything down the steep terrain to see how far they could jump and he clapped his little hands with great excitement anytime something made it to the Ale-8 box. When it came time for him to leave, I was sorry to put it all away. Time had flown while he was there and my sister asked, "Can I help you put this back in the attic?"

"No!" I quickly replied. "The toys will stay right here, out in the open, so he can get to them anytime", I said with a big smile. I hoped he would be visiting again soon and the toys now have a special place in our living room, waiting for his return.

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Many things have changed since my children were little. Things were simpler back then, Mr. Rogers Neighborhood, Sesame Street, The Electric Company, Reading Rainbow and Barney the Dinosaur were our kids favorite shows. Mr. Rogers was my personal favorite, he was a wonderful man with an amazing way of reaching children. He told the truth! He talked openly about life and death, happy and sad, good times and bad, in a way that children understood. Now there are shows that appear to teach sarcasm, smart remarks, (back-talking as my Daddy would put it) and instill no values what-so-ever! Hard work is NEVER talked about and like it or not kids, you're gonna have to work if you want to survive in this world.

Toys have changed too. Many games and toys are geared around a piece of electronic equipment, so when I found out we would be babysitting our great-nephew, I worried about what toys I had that would appeal to him. I climbed the attic ladder and scanned the mess. Okay, there were Lincoln Logs and I had Dominos, I found a huge container of Dylan's Hot Wheels. Next I found the old stools I'd had when my niece and nephews were little and visited the house. I packed a red one down the ladder and dusted it off, then scooted it

ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

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

MONDAY March 7	TUESDAY March 8	WEDNESDAY March 9	THURSDAY March 10	FRIDAY March 11
ELEMENTARY BREAKFASTS				
Breakfast Pizza Apple	Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Pizza, Pears	Pancake Porky Applesauce	Toast, Cereal Peaches	Muffins, Cereal Mandarin Oranges
SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES				
Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Pears Milk	Bologna Sandwich Corn Cucumber Slices Dip, Oranges Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrots & Celery/Dip Banana, Milk	Bosco Cheese Bread Sticks Marinara Sauce Cauliflower/Dip Gr. Beans, Peaches	Hamburger/Bun Let./Tom./Pickles Potato Smiles Cole Slaw Apple, Milk
WEST IRVINE LUNCHES				
Chicken Patty/bun Potato Wedges Baked Beans Apple Milk	Round Cheese Pizza Corn romaine Salad Mandarin Oranges Milk	Chili/crackers Grilled Cheese Sandwich Carrots w/Dip Oranges, Milk	Chinese Chicken or Turkey Wrap Stir Fry Vegetables Celery Sticks/Dip Rice, Egg Roll	Pizza Mumchable Pepperoni, Raisins Marinara Sauce Carrots/Dip Loco Bread
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Breakfast Pizza Cinn. Toast Crunch Cereal, Apple Chocolate Pop Tart Assorted Juices Milk Choices	Sausage & Biscuit Lucky Charms Brown Sugar Cinn. Pop Tart Pineapples Juice & Milk	Pancake Porky w/Syrup, Cocoa Puffs Cereal, Chocolate Pop Tart, Applesauce, Assorted Fruit Juices, Milk	Mini Pancakes w/syrup Trix Cereal Strawberry Pop Tart, Oranges Fruit juices, Milk	Chocolate or Cinn. Muffin, Cinn. Toast Cereal Bar, Chocolate Pop Tart Mandarin Oranges Assorted Fruit
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH				
Popcorn Chicken Texas Toast Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apple Tropical Fruit	Bosco w/Marinara Sauce or Chicken Quesadilla, Corn Broccoli Bites Diced Pears Side Kicks	BBQ or Spicy Chicken on Bun Let./Tom./Pickle Potato Smiles Applesauce Mandarin Oranges	Meatball Marinara on Bun or Corn Dog Baked Beans Romaine Salad Assorted Pepper slices, Fruit	Chili/Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrot Sticks Broccoli & Cauliflower Bites Fruit
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Muffins, Cereal Pop Tarts Yogurt Banana or Apple	Bacon, Egg & Chz. Biscuit, Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt Apple or Banana	Gravy & Biscuit Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt Apple or Banana	Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Yogurt Banana or Apple Juice & Milk	Breakfast Pizza Cream Cheese Bagel Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt Banana or Apple
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH				
Pepperoni Calzone Chicken Quesadilla Corn, Glaze Carrots Salsa/Marinara Cup Pineapples Peaches Variety Milk/OJ	Spicy Chicken or Grilled Chicken/Bun Sweet Potatoes CA Blend Veggies Applesauce Mandarin Oranges Variety Milk/OJ	Ravioli w/TX Toast or Pork Chop/Bun Carrot Sticks Steamed Broccoli Pears Pineapples Variety Milk/OJ	Cheeseburger or Mr. Rib on Bun Potato Wedges Baked Beans Let./Tom./Pick/Onion Side Kicks Tropical Fruit	Fred Brown Pork Roast, Gravy, Roll Chicken Patty/Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Applesauce Peaches

School News

Saturday, March 5th, 6-8pm

Appalachian Culture Fair at ECMS

The academic teams at Estill County High & Middle Schools will be sponsoring an Appalachian Culture Fair on Saturday, March 5, 2016, 6-8 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria and gym. Join in a night of celebrating our Appalachian culture with live music, an Appalachian inspired dinner, silent auction, and demonstrations by Appalachian artisans. Booth rentals are available by calling 643-5295 or 975-0130 for information and reservation. Adult admission is \$5.00 and students is \$3.00 which includes the meal.

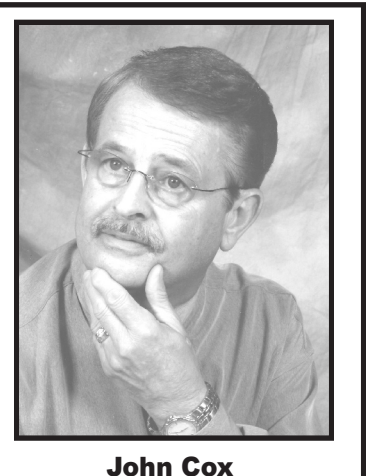
ESTILL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

246 Main Street Irvine, KY – Call 723-3030

MARCH 7-11, 2016				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mountain Crest Old Fox Road Furnace Jct. Millers Creek	Winston Trotting Ridge Sandhill	Horizon Daycare Ravenna Drip Rock	Spout Springs Hudson Mill Rd. New Fox Road Hargett-Parvin Road	West Irvine Intermediate

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

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Library Begins New Whodunit Book Club

Love a good Mystery? Then the Whodunit Book Club might be just the thing for you. Estill County Public Library is trying something new. In addition to the afternoon book club that meets once a month at the library, we will be starting a new mystery & detective book club that meets at a local restaurant in the early evening. Whether you like gritty crime fiction, cleverly written suspense stories, or cozy mysteries, you'll find a warm welcome and fellow mystery fans at The Whodunit Book Club. Bring the mystery that you are currently reading to our first meeting on Monday, March 14 at Eagle's Roost, 214 Main Street, Irvine. Book club starts at 5:00 p.m. with an informal meet and greet, and discussions begin at 5:30. The library will provide appetizers for each meeting, but attendees will be responsible for their own drinks. There is no charge to join The Whodunit Book Club. For more information about meeting time and location, call Estill County Public Library at 723-3030, or Eagle's Roost at 717-0222. You can also email the library at estillcolibrary@gmail.com with questions, comments, or suggestions.

Appalachian Culture Fair

Hosted by:
Estill County Middle & High School Academic Teams
at the
Estill County Middle School Cafeteria & Gym
Saturday, March 5th - 6-8^{PM}

Join us for a night of celebrating our Appalachian Culture! There will be live music, an Appalachia inspired dinner, silent auction, and demonstrations by Appalachian Artisans.

Booth rentals are now available for those wanting to display and sell merchandise. Booth rental is \$20. Contact Staci York (606) 643-5295 or Rhonda Hardy (606) 975-0130 between 5-8 pm for more information & reservation.

Ticket Prices:
Adults \$5 - Students \$3
3 Years & Under FREE
****Ticket purchase includes meal****