



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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Speaking At Career Day

different way, like the sunset or a flower. Some people see a weed when they look at a dandelion, others see the beauty of it's bright, yellow color or the promise of a hundred wishes as we dance around the yard, scattering it's puffy seeds. We talked about doing the things you love in life and working hard to achieve their dreams. Nothing comes easy and hard work is good for the soul.

Looking into their young, eager faces, I realized half of my life is behind me! I regret nothing! Sharing my adventures, encouraging them to embrace life and follow their dreams was

a pleasure. Trying to look at the world through the eyes of a second grader is a goal I've set for myself, it's surprising what I've been missing! Remember what that was like? Being eight years old? The sky was always blue, the clouds looked like circus animals and you believed with the right amount of wind, an umbrella could carry you away like it did Mary Poppins. Take time this week to be eight again and enjoy the world through the eyes of a child!

Until next time...



It was an honor to be invited to speak at Career Day for Estill Springs last Friday. No, I didn't talk about being a Finance Clerk, I spoke about my adventures I write about in the Estill Tribune Newspaper. The classes were on a ten minute rotation and went by way too fast, but I really enjoyed talking with the children about writing.

I began by telling the students that my writing began in the fifth grade and although I've had many jobs in my life, being at school with the children and writing have by far been my favorites. I've always had the desire to write things down, sometimes I share them with you and sometimes they stayed tucked away in one of the many journals I have. My children have strict instructions that upon my death, they must immediately burn my journals...or publish them then promptly move to another state!

There's really nothing in my journals that is scandalous, it's me we're talking about, remember? I'm sure no one is interested in the fact that "today I found a pretty rock on my morning walk", along with other general observations of an average day, of an average woman, living an average life.

I encouraged the students to look at things in a



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May

Thanks to a variety of circumstances last week I didn't write an article. I had some type of stomach bug. I'm also

behind with spring chores.

May brings a lot of work around the house, yard and farm. Several in our family have birthdays in May and graduation, prom, spring fling, softball tournaments... and Mother's Day dinner at church, sponsored by the men of the church.

May brought tobacco setting time. What labor; pulling plants from the tobacco beds; a back-breaking experience, sitting on the tobacco setter, then someone had to follow behind and reset the plants. Tobacco was a cradle to the grave experience. I sure don't miss raising tobacco, but it was a way of life for many in Kentucky. Tobacco paid for farms, equipment and Christmas.

May also brought strawberries! Ripe strawberries. We even picked wild strawber-

ries, they were tedious to pick, equally demanding when it comes time to work them up, fragile and they did not keep well. However, the taste of wild strawberries made up for those shortcomings.

Any strawberry, over shortcake, sliced atop a bowl of vanilla ice-cream, made into a trifle or in a jar of preserves or jelly was a joy beyond compare.

May brought barefooting. My days wandering around barefoot outside are long behind me, but I still look back with joy on my childhood days when it got warm enough to go barefooted, usually May 1st. The incomparable feel of newly plowed ground beneath your feet and stomping around in the mud just because you could. By the end of May my feet would be fit and tough.

School News

Nominations taken May 2-6

ECHS SBDM Parent Nominations

Estill County High School will be accepting parent nominations for the ECHS Site Based Decision Making Council (SBDM) for the 2016-2017 school years. Nominations for SBDM will be made in the ECHS main office May 2nd thru 6th from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm.

Two parents will be elected to serve on the council and required to attend a SBDM Training before school begins. Estill County High School Election for SBDM council members will be held on May 10th and 11th.

Parents may vote in the ECHS main lobby from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm. Parents are eligible to nominate, run for election and vote only if they will have a student enrolled at Estill County High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Library News

Estill County Public Library

Brand New Books Available For Checkout

Murder at the 42nd Street Library, Con Lehane
Fast and Loose, Fern Michaels
City of the Lost, Kelly Armstrong
The Doll-Master, Joyce Carol Oates
Tea With Jam and Dread, Tamar Myers
The Art of Murder, Elaine Viets
The Night Wanderer, Alys Clare
Extreme Prey, John Sandford
The Girl From Summer Hill, Jude Deveraux
Fatal Thunder, Larry Bond
Night Shift, Charlaune Harris
15th Affair, James Patterson
The Apartment, Danielle Steel
Tiple Play (large print), James D. Crownover
Stolen Horses (large print), Bill Brooks

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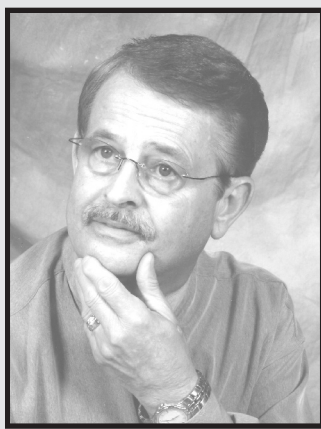
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MAY 2-6, 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mountain Crest Millers Creek Cow Creek Furnace Jct.	Winston Trotting Ridge Sandhill Opossum Run	Horizon Daycare Ravenna Drip Rock	Spout Springs Hudson Mill Rd. New/Old Fox Road Hargett	No School Services

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