



**Tam's Front Porch Ponderings**  
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Today I will be speaking from atop my Soap Box, not in a mean or hateful way, but as a concerned Aunt of young people who play soccer. I have several questions and I'm sure there are answers, I just don't know the right folks to ask. So here we go!

Last night I drove my niece out to the new soccer complex that is being built, at Wiseman's Crossing. What is the deal with the road? I know that last year, work began widening the narrow, curvy, gravel road that leads across a railroad track (that by the way, has **NO CROSSING ARMS**) out to the soccer field. As of last night, I see nothing new! It's still curvy, still narrow, still gravel except the 'going in' side has bits and pieces of pavement, the 'going out' side is gravel. Now I'm not too high and mighty to drive on gravel, but if you are a new driver, (let's say a new driver that plays soccer), and you want to drive to practice by yourself, and you get to going just a little too fast and you meet a car, you try to slow down, your rear end gets loose and before you know it, you're in the ditch! It's a real possibility! There's also a beautiful pond on the road that I find myself admiring as I'm driving, and before long, I'm about to drive

# Concerned Over Soccer Fields

INTO the pond. There must be a way we can improve on this highway! This is just the road to the soccer field, this isn't even addressing the many issues of Dry Ridge Road. It's too narrow for two cars and the pot holes, well, let's just say I'm glad I was in a four wheel drive or I might have lost a muffler. This is unacceptable! Totally unacceptable for the roads leading to our county soccer complex!

Another thing, why oh why, did the State spend so much money on road improvements for Highway 89, install a turn lane for the soccer field and NOT LEVEL OFF THE HILL!!!!!! I pull up and sit forever, waiting to see if something is coming from Winchester before I DARE try to cross the road. I hold my breath and say a prayer when I pull back out onto 89 because you can't see if something is coming! Dumbest thing I ever saw in my life and yes, that was my Daddy falling right out of my mouth just then! Sounded just exactly like something he'd say. But if the truth hurts, then FIX IT! Grade that hill off so we can see what's coming BEFORE we get T-Boned trying to get to the soccer field!

Then there's the subject of the rest rooms. Oh, there are rest rooms that were built, but someone, *some-where*, said they weren't "to code". You want to tell me the Porta-Potty is?!? A hot, nasty, smelly, sitting in the sun for weeks at a time Porta-Potty is up "to code" but a restroom with doors and running water and stalls is NOT! Somebody, somewhere is sitting back making an awful lot of money passing out Next, some lovely people went inside the restrooms and broke the sinks and toilets. People wonder why Estill

County can't 'have anything'---well, we can! We must teach our children to respect people, places and things so that when they grow up, they won't take a notion to destroy sinks sitting in an empty bathroom, somewhere out in the boon-docks!

If you know me, you know that I could sell ice to an Eskimo! If there are grants to be written, I can help! If there are Representatives to speak to about getting railroad crossing arms, I can talk right along with the best of them! Just someone let me know what I need to do to get that road blacktopped, I'll work on that! Don't sit back on your laurels and gripe about the young people in this town not having anything to do, get up and GET BUSY! Do something! Make some noise, call WTVQ on your side and beg for money! There must be something I can do to help! There must be something YOU can do to help! Let's get together and make Estill County a better place for you, for me and most importantly for... **our Children!**



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## Homespun Blanket

A warm blanket brings to mind all the comforts of home. But there was a time when obtaining such a modest luxury was not an easy task.

Before manufacturing bedding became an alternative, Early American women made their own blankets from "home-spun" cloth, a coarse wool-linen blend woven from hand-spun yarns. Little attempt was made to embellish those blankets beyond their plain, geometric patterns and it is what collectors admire.

The natural colors and the handmade quality of homespun can be used throughout the house as tablecloths, bedcovers, and throws.

Homespun was used for bedding and clothing by America's earliest European settlers, who began to raise sheep and grow flax shortly after their arrival in the new world. Raw wool and flax were processed and spun into yarn and then dyed using natural pigments such as goldenrod for yellow, hickory nut for brown and indigo for blue. The cloth was woven on handlooms that were often set up in the keeping room of the family home. Simple patterns such as stripes, plaids and checks were created by alternating naturalized and dyed yarns. Because the handlooms were narrow (a comfortable width to pass a shuttle back and forth), blankets were fashioned from two long pieces of cloth sewn together along a center seam.

Around the time of the Revolutionary War, homespun became a symbol of independence and self-sufficiency. Colonists proudly used and displayed the cloth while boycotting British goods.

As the Industrial Revolution brought advancements in textile manufacturing, both plain cloth and pre-made bedding became more affordable. By the end of the 19th century production of homespun blankets had all but stopped. Many homespun blankets were stored away in attics, and became artifacts of a bygone era.

Today these soft rebedding and clothing by shops specializing in Americana. Most surviving examples date from the mid-19th century; few earlier ones outlived the heavy use they had to endure. Indigo blue is the most common hue to be found and natural browns are the rarest, as the ingredients in the dyes were hickory nut browns and walnut browns that contained an acid that broke down the fabric.

Expect to pay between \$300 and \$400 for antique homespun blankets. Condition is an important factor when it comes to determining the price of these blankets.

Reproductions have been made to look authentic when displayed alongside the antique ones. Many yarns are dyed in natural colors and woven on old-time looms to achieve a product that looks like the homespun.

People put a value on something that has been lovingly handmade using the traditional techniques; I know I do.

Remember that any wool textile, whether old or new, should be stored with insect deterrents, such as moth balls, cedar chips, or herbal sachets.

The next time I go antiques I am going to start looking for home spun blankets!!

# School News

**Wednesday, September 21st @ 6pm**

## Special SBDM Council Meeting

There will be a special called Site Based meeting at West Irvine, Wednesday, September 21, 2016 in the school library. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. for the concerning "Principal Selection."

## "Just Supposing"

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Not many people go throughout their lives without using the word suppose. Have you given any thought to about what it really means? In the original term it meant to *think*, or to *consider*. In **Mark 6:49**, it means to be of an *opinion*. Then in **Acts 13:25**, it means to *suspect* or *conjecture*. Once again, in **John 21:25** it signifies to *expect*, or to *imagine*.

So by now we can see this word used many times in consideration of a particular event. There is a story in the book of **Acts 27:9-25** where the apostle Paul was making his way to Rome to be before Caesar's judgment seat, and was traveling at the expense of Rome also. So at the time in this story, winter time was nigh at hand and the risk of sailing was just too dangerous. Paul said to the captain, "Don't sail. If you do, you will lose your cargo and endanger all lives on board." But the Roman guard listened to the ship's captain, and in so doing ignored the warning from Paul. So being in a place where the accommodations were scarce, they wanted to leave this place of safety. **And when the south winds blew softly, supposing that they had gained their purpose, untied their ship and sailed away. But** not long after a giant storm began to render the sailors efforts futile and they let her drive.

In this story we can clearly see that those in charge had supposed that everything was going their way, but they were wrong! How many folks have done this same thing in a similar way in supposing that they can ignore the Lord for the present time, supposing that they have plenty of time in the future to obey and become faithful after a while. My own mother lived to be almost 94 years of age, but I have no allusions that I will do the same. I built a house for a man one time that would say unto us, "Make sure you build it right, for I am to enjoy it for many years to come." He was 72 and his mother lived to be 95. So then he supposed that he would live to an advanced age. **But he died three years later.**

So, don't let your suppositions get the best of you. Obey and serve the Lord now. Tomorrow on earth may not be a part of your future. I have listed below some suppositions written by an unknown writer that are fitting at this time. **Read, think, reflect** on these.

- **Just suppose** - That the Lord begins to make people sick as they claimed to be when they miss worship.
- **Just suppose** - Thy Lord should take away the child you used as excuse for not being in worship.
- **Just suppose** - The Lord would make people as poor as they say they are when asked to finance His work.
- **Just suppose** - That you had to live on ten times what you gave to the Lord each week.
- **Just suppose** - That the Lord would strike all who lie about their giving as Ananias and Sapphira did.
- **Just suppose** - That the Lord let some parents look into the future and see what their example and lax control are doing for their children.
- **Just suppose** - That it was the Lord's day and you were not at the meeting of the church, and the Lord returned.
- **Just suppose** - you had wasted your opportunity to make amends for these things.
- **Just suppose** ????

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## Mom Sees Uncanny Resemblance between husband, baby



### America's Heartland

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I love the story of the woman who was admiring her friend's newborn baby.

"He sure favors his dad," the woman said.

"Oh, yes, he surely does," the new mom said. "He sleeps all the time, never talks and has no hair."

It's only natural that children look like their parents. In some instances, the resemblance is uncanny. Sometimes, they act alike. And sometimes they even sound alike.

So to should Christians have traits that cause them to resemble Jesus. To be Christian, after all, means to be like Christ. Scriptures tell us anyone who claims to be Christian ought to walk even as He walked (1 John 2:6).

Oh, what a better world we'd live in if people took seriously the biblical directive to be like Christ. One of the things I've come to appreciate about his very busy public ministry while He was here on earth was that he spent time with people of every station in life.

In one instance, people brought little children to Him, but the disciples rebuked those people. After all, they must have thought, Jesus was way too busy to be bothered by kids. What Jesus said at that point was very revealing.

"Let the children alone, and do not hinder them

from coming to me, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these" (Matt. 19:14).

Oh, what a blessing it is when children come to Jesus, when they give their hearts and lives to Him at an early age. That means they have a whole lifetime to serve Him. So many people who are older when they accept Christ look back over the wasted years with great regret.

I've met lots of people who, like the disciples Jesus rebuked, have reservations about children coming to Christ. They cite a variety of reasons, but primarily their concerns that the children don't understand what they're doing. Well, friends, I have good news for you. The plan of salvation is so simple, even a child can understand it.

In fact, often times, it's much easier for a child to understand and respond than for an adult who is weighed down with doubts accumulated over a lifetime.

Children tend to be the most faith-filled Christians on the planet. They find it easy to trust Jesus. Perhaps that's why Jesus said "except you be converted and become as little children ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matt. 18:3).

And children tend to be the most like Christ. They find it easy to love and to forgive, as Jesus taught, unlike so many grown-ups, even those who claim church affiliation.

To mature as a Christian means we become more childlike in the areas of faith and love and forgiveness.

Perhaps instead of being thrilled about areas in which our children resemble us, we should be thrilled about areas in which we resemble our children.

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