



**Tam's Front Porch Ponderings**  
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Evidently the rain has affected my ability to write, all I can think about is ... the rain. "Did you enjoy the Fair?" someone asked. "No, it rained," I replied. "Did you enjoy your 4th of July at the Lake?" "No, it rained." "Did you get to mow your yard?" "No, it rained". See what I mean? It's like

# Learning To Dance In The Rain

my brain is waterlogged, along with my potted plants, my yard and the cushions on my front porch. I suppose this is how it feels to live in Seattle, Washington, I hear it rains there all the time. Wonder how they deal with it? I can only imagine the limp hairdos and wet shoes they must endure.

I found my rain boots buried deep in the back of my closet and started wearing them with everything: shorts, Capri pants, dresses; I don't care what it looks like, I'm tired of soggy feet. This must be wonderful for the farmers though, I hope this makes their gardens grow nice and lush 'cause I'm in desperate need of a bushel of white, half runners to can. I'm down to my last 6 quarts of last year's canning; and believe you me, there's no living at our house without home canned green beans!

I spent the 4th couped up in a camper, watching the first three seasons of 'Grey's

Anatomy' and babysitting this sissy of a dog that I've got. He is wonderful at guarding our house and protecting me from absolutely everything, BUT he is terrified by fireworks and of course there were lots of those at Lake Cumberland this past weekend. Even with the rain, we could hear the loud booms well after midnight and Rankin stayed in my lap until all the booms were gone. Sissy dog!

When I say it rained in Russell County, I don't mean just a nice, steady, make you want to go out and play in the rain, kind of rain, I mean it was one of those torrential rains that accompanies a, uh, let's say, HURRICANE?! You know the kind, the rain that blows sideways and stings your face as you race out of the pizza joint, because you can't grill out for the rain! The kind of rain that no matter how BIG or how LONG your yellow rain slicker is, your butt is still wet when you get to your

destination! It had almost gotten to the point that we were looking into renting a houseboat because animals were wandering out of the woods, two by two!

We loaded our truck and I broke another umbrella in the process by accidentally closing the door on it, then we headed back home. I'd had about all the fun an action packed, grill-less weekend of babysitting a sissy dog could offer and was ready to watch the rain from the comfort of my couch. As we drug in the back door with sissy dog on my heels, I noticed a sign Corky had given me, hanging in the kitchen. I'm not sure why it felt like a slap in the face, but reading the words sure made me stop and ponder.

"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."

Hmmm, guess I got myself some dancing to do! Until next time .....

## School News

Monday, July 22nd, 9am-2pm

### South Irvine P-K Registration

Preschool Registration/Screening will take place at South Irvine P-K Center, Monday, July 22, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Call South Irvine P-K Center at 723-4700 to schedule a screening appointment.

Monday, August 5th, 3-6 p.m.

### Estill Springs B-to-S Open House

Estill Springs Elementary will host a Back-to-School Open House on Monday, August 5th from 3-6 p.m. for students and families of all Estill County first and second graders! Bring your child to see our exciting changes the night before school starts and sign up to volunteer this year! Confidentiality Training will be offered on the hour at 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Parents may also wish to bring school supplies in as well. ESE Staff hope to see you there! Go Bulldogs!

## ESTILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

246 Main Street, Irvine, KY - Call 723-3030  
If school is cancelled due to icy roads, the bookmobile will run two weeks after the scheduled date.

Week of July 15- 18, 2013

### BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.
Northwood Apts. Winchester Rd. Edgewater Drive Crestview Ct. Mt. Crest, Irvine	S. Irvine Ele. Stacy Lane Winston Rice Station	Horizon Angel Keepers Ravenna Wagersville Drip Rock	All God's Children, Sugar Hollow, Buck Creek, Doe Creek, Comp Care, Barnes Mt.

### "Mommie & Me" and Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.



The band Watt performed first during the Coca Cola Amateur Talent Contest at the Estill County Fair on Independence Day. Contestants were between 13 and 21 years of age. Watt placed third and will be competing at the Kentucky State Fair along with second place finisher, Cameron French, and first place winners, Dalton Adams and Trent Noland. In both the Open Female Solo and Gospel Solo, Hannah Wheeler was first and Kylee Flynn was second. In the final class Vocals, Hannah Wheeler and Cameron French were first with their duet, Dalton Adams and Trenton Noland were second, and Watt was third. One of the judge's, Sarah Beth Terry Bonner, delighted the audience with a solo of "Independence Day."



Terry Carroll, Teddy Hunt, and Gary Dawes grilled last week for the concession stand at the Estill County Fair. The grilling area was covered to protect it from the non-fair weather. Rain cancelled many events at the fair.



4-H Champion exhibits at the Estill County Fair were displayed at the front of the newly remodeled exhibit hall last week.

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FFA-ers exhibited floral entries at the Estill County Fair.

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