

Tam's Front **Porch Ponderings Tammy Terry** TamsFrontPorch@IrvineOnline.Net

The house is upside down, not because of the wild winds that blew through over the weekend, it's just me, as always, a day late and a dollar short. I must confess, Friday night when I fell into bed, it dawned on me that the tree still wasn't up, no Christmas shopping had been done, Dylan was in Chicago, Sarah Beth and Jake were in mess!

I rolled out of bed at 6:00 of things to do a mile long, only to find my coffee pot buy for?"

Greatest Christmas Shopping Day

wouldn't work. Amazingly enough, I didn't have a melt them!" I replied. down, just jumped in the truck and headed for McDonald's. Back home, with a large cup of coffee in hand, I got down the washer and dryer were going strong and a sink full of hot, sudsy water waited to tackle the sticky leftovers of Bethel's Spice Tea. By 9:00 I felt it best to begin shopping. I called Mom, "You wanna go shopping with me?"

"Sure, give me thirty minhome in time for Kentucky's ball game."

over and resisted the urge to to the dash clock. wear flip flops. No Christmas sweater today, it was the warmest, first day of Winter I could ever recall. As I pulled into Mom's driveway, the truck's thermometer flashed 65 degrees at me. At least we wouldn't have to battle bitter Louisiana and I . . . was in a coldalong with the Christmas crowd. Then we were off!

About halfway to Rich-Saturday morning with a list mond Mom asked, "How many more do you need to

"The game comes on at noon," she reminded me.

"We'll be okay," I said, but as we began stopping to business and before long at all the places on my list, I feared I wouldn't make it in time. We didn't waste any time looking around, I knew exactly what I needed, but we found ourselves running into one long, lost friend after another, and, you know us, we DO love to talk!

At 11:30 we were headed utes," she said, "and have me to another stop on the list when I realized the time, "Mom! We've got to head I gave my list the once home, look!" and I pointed

> "Nah, we'll listen to it on the radio," she replied, so off we went again.

> > It was the greatest day of

Christmas shopping I can ever recall. The next most memorable, was the Christmas Eve that Jenny Hardy and I decided to tackle Wal-Mart. Can you say nightmare? At one point, we became separated by the massive crowd and thankful-

"Hmmmm ... ALL of last minute shoppers, I heard a voice cry out, "Sugar Plum Fairy? Sugar Plum Fairy? Where are you?" It was Jenny! We vowed NEVER to do THAT again, but as luck would have it, my final stop was Wal-Mart!

When we entered the store, I advised Mom, "If we become separated, remember to call out 'Sugar Plum Fairy' and I'll find you!" I headed for deer corn (for Santa's reindeer), she headed for groceries and at 4:30 we headed for home. We'd visited with sooooo many friends, called out 'Merry Christmas' until our throats were sore and checked everything off my list. It had been a wonderful day spent with my Mom and as we pulled into her driveway, I glanced at the clock, "Glad our goal wasn't 7:00 p.m." I said with a grin.

"Me too!" Mom laughed, "We'd be getting home at midnight!"

Thensheheardmeexclaim as I drove out of sight ...

Merry Christmas to all ly above the roar of crazed, and to ALL a goodnight!

January 6th through January 24, 2014

Pennies For Patients at ECMS

Estill County Middle School students are participating in a service learning project to help raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Students are encouraged to bring in coins and participate in activities over a three-week period, January 6-24, 2014. Classrooms will collect coins daily during this time. Each student will receive a collection box to use to collect coins and transport to their classroom

Leukemia is a blood cancer that is the most common cancer in children under 20 years old and causes more deaths than any other cancer in this age group. The school's goal for this project is \$1,000.

Condensed from Information prepared by Estill High School Counselor Melissa Neal

Friday, December 27th

• SAT Postmark Registration Deadline for the Jan.

Tuesday, December 31st

 POW/MIA Scholarship Application Deadline (for anyone who has had a parent, spouse, sister, brother, grandparent, uncle, aunt who has served in the military who was a POW/MIA or a KY veteran

Free Computer Classes! @ Estill County Library

January 23rd - 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Windows 8**

Contact us at (606) 723-3030 to register for classes. **Please bring your own laptop or device.



Dr. Jennifer Hunter, University of Kentucky State Extension Specialist for Family Financial Management, presented a comprehensive overview of estate planning and reverse mortgage facts last Monday evening. The meeting was hosted and sponsored by the Estill County Cooperative Extension Service. If you have questions, call 723-4557. (photo by Eric Baker)

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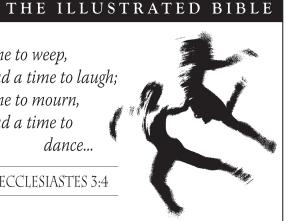
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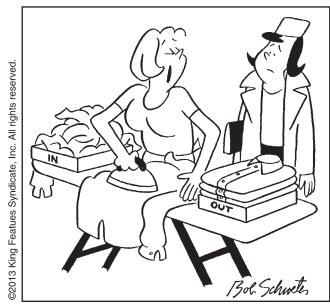
ESTILL COUNTY FAIR BARN

A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, *And a time to* dance...

ECCLESIASTES 3:4



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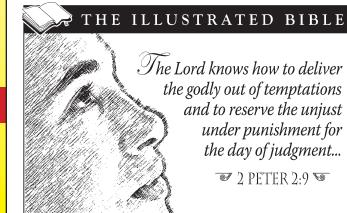


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