



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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Sorting Through Stuff -- Again!

sale but this won't be the first time I've had to eat my words. As much as I DO love to collect things, I'm in that 'simplify' mode once more and I'm dreaming about new windows for the living room, I figure the more I sell, the more money I will have for windows.

For instance, how many boxes of Christmas decorations does a person need? I'm not even gonna say how many are stashed away in my attic, #1—I don't want to meet you on the street and see the look of disappointment on your faces and #2—what Corky don't know won't hurt him! I've contacted both the kids and told them of my intentions, Sarah Beth is having a hissy fit fearing I will toss something of her's (which is very likely) but Dylan is content with my decision on what to keep of his and what to box up. This

is going to be an adventure as I plan to completely remove all items from the attic, sort them and put only a select few things back in storage. If you see my porch stacked with boxes you'll know what I'm up to!

Over Christmas break and the snow days that we had, I managed to fill 12 boxes. It's a wonderful feeling to open the tablecloth drawer and all that is in it... are tablecloths. Not a six-pack of double A batteries or another pair of white sunglasses, just the tablecloths that I truly love and use on a regular basis. The Tupperware cabinet has been thinned out and every container has its lid accounted for, that is a miracle in itself! Serving bowls, glasses and baking dishes, yep, they've all been gone through and I've kept only the ones I use. I've passed out items to Mom and my sister Beth, to friends

and boxed things up to mail to Sarah Beth. It feels like a huge weight has been lifted off my shoulders!

Maybe it's time for you to do some thinning out of your own, grab some boxes and get busy. You'll be surprised how liberating it is to let go of the stuff and hold on to the memories. Now I don't want you to think I'm parting with EVERYTHING, I still have massive amounts of sea shells and a few pieces of pottery I can't bear to get rid of and I would never recommend thinning out family heirlooms, I simply mean 'the stuff' that we accumulate over a lifetime that doesn't amount to a hill of beans. I'll keep you posted on my progress and I look forward to seeing you at my big "Tam's Front Porch Sale" in the Spring. Until then, keep what you love, toss what you don't and live the simple life!

Estill School News

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.

Tuesday, January 21st @ 4:00 p.m.

Estill Springs SBDM Council Meets

The Estill Springs Elementary SBDM meeting will be next Tuesday, January 21st at 4:00 p.m. in the Estill Springs Library. The public is welcome to attend.

Wednesday, January 22nd @ 4:00 p.m.

West Irvine SBDM Council Meeting

West Irvine Elementary will be having its site-based, decision making council meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the West Irvine library. The public is welcome to attend.

Thursday, January 23, 2014 @ 4:15 p.m.

Kynect Informational Meeting

West Irvine Elementary will be having a Kynect informational meeting for families on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 4:15 p.m. in the West Irvine library.

Any family who has questions about Kynect or needs assistance completing the application is invited to attend. A Kynect representative will be at West Irvine Elementary to assist with answering questions and completing the online application. For more information, please call 606-723-7733.

Thursday, January 23, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.

West Irvine Family Fun Night

West Irvine Elementary's Family Fun Night will be held on Thursday, January 23, 5 p.m. in the West Irvine cafeteria. All students and families are welcome to attend.

OBITUARIES

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Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Casey Allen Jones, 27

Casey Allen Jones, age 27, of Lee Acres Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, after a long illness.

He was born March 31, 1986 in Fayette County and was the son of Loretta Jones and Jesse Rice. He had lived in Estill County all of his life.

Survivors, in addition to his mother and father, include two brothers: Nelson Jones, Alexandria; and William Moore, Somerset; and many mothers, includ-

ing Rebecca Spicer and the late Nancy Moore.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Laura Jones.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Sunday, January 12th at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Beverly Arvin. Burial was at the Pea Ridge Cemetery. Friends called after 11:00 a.m., until service time, on Sunday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Loretta Jones, Jesse Rice, Farrell Marcum, Johnny Turner, Jacob Hunt and Frank Johnson.

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IPD arrests boyfriend 2,000 without water

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Taylor said they even used fire truck tanks unsuccessfully in the Winston tank to build up the pressure.

He was getting ready to call a state of emergency on Friday when pressure in the Winston tank began increasing.

According to Taylor, National Guards would have brought in pumps and pumped water for the county during a state of emergency.

The water district is working to prevent last week's problems from happening again.

Taylor said the Winston pump is old, and the water district will be installing a new propeller on the Winston tank.

He expects the Winston tank will be replaced with a larger tank in the future to accommodate its growing

needs.

The water district is also interconnecting the water lines.

"This should have been done years ago," Taylor stated.

He said the Seniors Citizen and Extension Service buildings had always had water pressure problems. With inter-connectivity, those buildings now get their water from Stacy Lane and have better water pressure.

No major fires were reported during the water outage, and Taylor said he did not think it would have affected the fire department's ability to fight fires.

He said hydrants are sparse in the county so water is trucked in tankers to fight fires. The Estill County and Hargett Fire Departments were not affected by the water outage.

Man is charged in burglaries

David T. Flynn, 19, of White Oak Road, Irvine was charged Saturday by Deputy Randy Farthing with burglary and theft.

The citation states that Flynn entered an outbuilding belonging to Fred Schnitter unlawfully on November 5, 2013. A four-wheeler

was taken during the burglary.

Deputy Russell Morris charged Flynn with another burglary and theft on Sunday.

Morris said that he was dispatched to a burglary at 15 Pitts Road on October 12, 2013.

The citation states the perpetrator had removed a flat screen television and a tool box.

Gerald B. Johnson, 25, of Scott Court, Irvine was arrested Sunday afternoon on a warrant for numerous counts.

Irvine Officer John Sturniolo reported that he had stopped Johnson's girlfriend in traffic on January 2 because he had an active warrant for her arrest.

He said that Johnson cursed him and called him vulgar names during the traffic stop.

Officer Sturniolo added that Johnson followed him to the jail attempting to take his girlfriend home.

Sturniolo said that Johnson drove recklessly out of the parking lot and cut off a pick-up truck.

The warrant charges Johnson with three counts of wanton endangerment, a felony, along with two misdemeanors of obstructions/interference with an officer and second degree disorderly conduct.

Johnson also faced five traffic violations including driving too fast for traffic conditions, failure to give an improper signal, reckless driving, improper start from a parked position, and disregard/fail to yield right of way.

Johnson was in court on Monday, January 13 where he pleaded not-guilty to the charges.

Johnson's bond has been set at \$25,000.

Thank You

The family of Charles Williams Jr. would like to thank all those who helped with the service, the meal after the funeral, the flowers, the support of those who attended visitation on such a cold night. Our special thanks to Toler Funeral Home; singers David and Rosemary Watson, Ivory Hill Baptist Church, the pallbearers, and all those who brought food after the funeral and helped with the meal. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Family of Charles Williams Jr.

ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS				
Milk is included with every meal; plus assorted juices included with breakfast				
MONDAY Jan. 20	TUESDAY Jan. 21	WEDNESDAY Jan. 22	THURSDAY Jan. 23	FRIDAY Jan. 24
SOUTH IRVINE BREAKFASTS				
No School	Sausage & Biscuit Applesauce	Cereal & Toast Assorted Juice	Min Pancakes Assorted Juice	Pop Tarts, Cereal Assorted Juice
SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES				
No School	Pizza Peas Celery Sticks Peaches	Fish on Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Applesauce	Ravioli w/Breadstick Romaine Salad Glazed Carrots Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Fajita w/Shell, Salsa Refried Beans Corn Fruit Cocktail
ESTILL SPRINGS & WEST IRVINE BREAKFASTS				
No School	Gravy & Biscuit Assorted Juice	Mini Pancakes Assorted Juice	Toast & Cereal Assorted Juice	Pop Tart, Cereal Assorted Juice
ESTILL SPRINGS & WEST IRVINE LUNCHES				
No School	Cheese pizza Corn Romaine Salad Pears	Chicken Noodle Soup, Fruit Grilled Cheese Carrot Sticks/dip Celery Sticks	Bosco w/Marinara Sauce or BBQ on Bun, Slaw Green Beans Applesauce	Hamburger on Bun, LTP Cool Ranch Doritos, Apple Baked Beans
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
No School	Biscuit & Gravy Applesauce Juice	Funnel Cake Cereal Assorted Juice	Toast Reece's Puff Ce- real, Pop Tarts	Mini Cinnis Cereal Juice
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH				
No School	Chicken Noodle Sopp, Grilled Cheese Carrot Sticks Cauliflower Grapes	Chicken Rings w/Biscuit or Bologna Sand. Broccoli & Cheese Corn Peaches	Deli Turkey or BBQ on Bun Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Pears	Cheeseburger or Deli Turkey on Bun, LTP Baked Beans Potato Wedges
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
No School	Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Yogurt Banana or Apple	Chicken Biscuit Cereal, Pop Tart, Yogurt, Fruit	Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt	Breakfast Pizza Cereal Pop Tarts
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH				
No School	Chicken Pattie on Bun or Chicken Quesadilla, Salsa Broccoli & cheese Tropical Fruit Peaches	BBQ on Bun or Mr. Rib on Bun Glazed Carrots Corn Pears Apples	Chicken Pot Pie or Chuck Wagon on Bun, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Peaches Cooked Apples	Corn Dog or Fish on Bun Cheese & Crack- ers, Carrot Sticks Broccoli Bits Fruit



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