

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

I sit here in the quietness of the snow expecting any minute to hear my Daddy on the tractor. On snowy days like this, he loved to hook the blade up and clear everyone's driveway. He'd start with his, then head to Bruce and Ray's house and before long, I'd hear him pushing snow at my house.

The last stop was my Great, Great Uncle Emmanuel Blackwell's house.

Daddy cleared his drive and storm of February 1992 (my out incident, but boy was it then would step in for a min-sister's 21st birthday) that he scary! ute to check on Aunt Ethel made it all the way to work and Uncle 'Manuel and usu- and I had to call the plant for ally ended up with a list of him to come home. Two big something Uncle 'Manuel Lob-lolly pines had crashed needed, so off he'd go to into Mom's dining room, so town.

the snow. It made no difference how slick or how deep, he always found a reason to the store.

Daddy was an excellent driver, we never worried about being snowed in at the top of Sand Hill, he always made it down safely. He never missed a day's work at Sylvania because of snow or ice, he'd just throw the chainsaw in the trunk, pick up his carload of riders and Daddy one bit, we loaded head out Highway 89 like the car and took off. Cars it was a Sunday afternoon drive. If ice had dropped a ramps, piled up in the metree across the road, he'd dian, slipping and sliding off stop and cut it, clear the debris and be on his way.

he fought the ice all the way Daddy loved to drive in back to Irvine. Neighbors had already arrived to help him by the time he got home and we worked all day clearget a little something' from ing pines and praying no more would fall.

Daddy Loved To Clear Everyone's Driveway

January of 1979 was probably the scariest time I can remember being on the road with Daddy. I was Miss Estill County and had to participate in the Miss Kentucky County Pageant in Owensboro and we had an ice storm! It didn't phase were cross ways all over exit the road all around us and Daddy drove right on. We I think it was the ice made it to Owensboro with-

Daddy won all kinds of awards in the Army for his driving abilities. In Germany, his evasive driving techniques and expertise behind the wheel earned him an offer to drive for some four star General, but he turned them down. His Sweetheart was waiting state-side for his return and he just wanted to serve his tour of duty and get home to her. It's a good thing he did or I might not be sitting here telling you this story.

I watched my little sister pull out of her driveway this morning, onto the highway blanketed in snow. Momma made her way to the food bank where she volunteers and, if need be, I'll head to the store later to 'get a little something'. Thanks Daddy, your girls are all going good in the snow, but I sure wish I knew how to get this blade on the tractor!

#### Estill County Public Library announces new and ongoing programs for the New Year.

Fusion Fun - A new teen centered crafting group centered around tiny plastic fusible beads. The group meets the third Friday of each month, starting January 17 at 3:30p.m. Each month, group members can create a special fuse bead project, or create their own design.

The Great Graphic Novel & Comic Debate - Designed for teen fans of graphic novels & comics, this new group explores the history, heroes, and villains in both the Marvel and DC Comic universes. The first meeting on Friday, February 7 from 3:30 to 5:30p.m will debate the differences and similarities between Marvel and DC Comics. The group will continue to meet the first Friday of each month to examine individual characters, story arcs, and the various films and televised programs centered on Marvel and DC Comics.

Afternoon Book Club - This ongoing program for adults meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30p.m. to read and discuss a variety of books provided by the library. A list of books the group is reading this year is available at the library.

Movie Nights - The library will continue to show a variety of movies for free on the first and third Friday of each month. Anyone can attend, but those under the age of twelve need accompanied by an adult. Titles are announced at the library at least a month in advanced. Those attending are asked to pick up a free ticket from the library. Popcorn is provided.

Teen Game Night - This ongoing popular program featuring a variety of video and board games continues to meet from 4:00 to 6:00p.m. on the second and fourth



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.

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

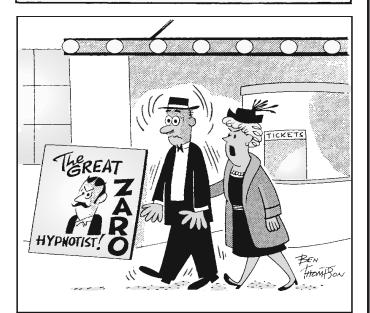
West Irvine Elementary's Family Fun Night will be held on Thursday, January 23, 5 p.m. in the West Irvine cafeteria. All students and families are welcome to attend.

#### **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.





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"I warned you not to make loud comments about his being a fake!"

**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 January 27-30, 2014 **BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE**

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	
	N. Wood Apts.		Horizon Daycare		
	Winchester Rd.	Rice Station	<b>J</b>	Buck Creek	
	Edgewater Drive	West Irvine		Doe Creek	
	Crestview Ct.			Barnes Mountain	
	Mt. Crest, Irvine		Drip Rock		
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"Mommie & Me" and Storytime

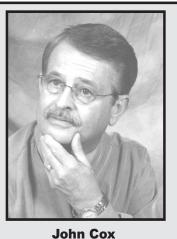
#### Thursday of each month.

Story Time - Every Wednesday and Friday young children and their adult companions are invited to Story Time. Wednesday meets at 10:00a.m. Friday meets at 10:30a.m.

For more information on any of the library's 11 (606) 723-3030.

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<b>MONDAY</b> Jan. 27	<b>TUESDAY</b> Jan. 28	WEDNESDAY Jan. 29	<b>THURSDAY</b> Jan. 30	<b>FRIDAY</b> Jan. 31
SOUTH IRVIN	IE BREAKFAST	ſS	n	
Breakfast Pizza Assorted Juice	Biscuit & Gravy Assorted Juice	Pancake Porky Assorted Juice	Mini Waffles Pears, Juice	Cereal & Yogurt Assorted Juice
SOUTH IRVIN	IE LUNCHES			
Chicken Tenders Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Applesauce	Bologna Sand- wich Glazed Carrots Broccoli & Cheese Tropical Fruit	Cheeseburger on Bun Tater Tots Pork & Beans Pears	Pepperoni Pizza Corn Carrot Sticks w/dip Pineapple	Chicken Pattie on Bun French Fries Green Beans Peaches
ESTILL SPRI	NGS & WEST I	RVINE BREAK	FASTS	
Breakfast Pizza Assorted Juice	Gravy & Biscuitt Assorted Juice	Pancake Porty Assorted Juice	Cinnamon Toast & Cereal, Juice	Mini Waffles Assorted Juice
ESTILL SPRI	NGS & WEST II	RVINE LUNCH	ES	
Hot Dog w/Bun Chips Dill Spears Pork & Beans Appleslauce	Mexican Pizza Corn Green Beans Pears	Chicken Nuggets w/Roll Mashed Potatoes Peas Peaches	Ravioli w/Breadstick or Fish on Bun Glazed Carrots Broccoli & Cheese Mandarin Oranges	Nacho Chips & Cheese or Turkey Wrap, Salsa Let./Tom./Cheese Apple
ESTILL COUN	ITY MIDDLE S	CHOOL BREAM	(FAST	
Breakfast Pizza Assorted Juice	Sausage biscuit Applesauce Juice	Frosted Flakes Honey Nut Cheer- ies, Yogurt	Mini Waffle w/ syrup, pop tarts pears, juice	Cinnamon Toast Breakfast bar Pop Tart, Apple
ESTILL COUN	NTY MIDDLE S	CHOOL LUNCH	4	
Pepperoni Pizza or Burrito Corn Green Beans Peaches cup	Hot Dog or Pork Chop on Bun Baked Beans Baby Bakers Pineapple	Chicken Nuggets w/Texas Toast or Fish on Bun Mashed Potatoes Broccoli/Cheese Mandarin Orange	Chicken Pattie or Deli Turkey on Bun French Fries Pork & Beans Applesauce	Spaghetti w/meat sauce & bread- stick or Mr. Rib on bun, Peas Glazed Carrots Pears
ESTILL COUN	NTY HIGH SCH	OOL BREAKFA	AST	
Cereal, Pop Tarts Yogurt, Juices Banana or Apple	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 COUN	NTY HIGH SCH	OOL LUNCH		
Chicken Pattie on Bun or Burrito w/Cheese Sauce Green Beans Normandy Blend Fruit	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce & Bread- stick or Fish on Bun, Corn Glazed Carrots Fruit	Chicken Tenders w/Roll or Mr. Rib on Bun Mashed Potatoes Broccoli & Cheese Fruit	Hot Dog on Bun or BBQ on Bun Baby Bakers Baked Beans Gold Fish Cookie Pears, Applesauce	Chili w/crackers PB&J or Grilled Cheese Sandwich Carrot Sticks Broccoli Bits Fruit





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