



**Tam's Front Porch Ponderings**  
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# Snow Days Are Glorious!

through some of my collection and see what I could come up with.

After a couple of hours, I came across a cookbook that Rita Douglas, a friend of mine at the lake, had given to me when I remodeled our camper. When I completed transforming our camper into true 1950's style, she gave me a cookbook for our camper kitchen. "Fabulous '50s Recipe Collection". When we packed up for the winter, I'd brought it home with me and boy I'm glad I did!

As I flipped through it, ingredients like cream of mushroom soup, salt, pepper, sour cream, all the things I had on hand, jumped off the pages at me! I'd read a recipe, "Ha, I can do that", I'd say to myself, "Oh, I can do this", and I'd flip another page. I actually had the desire to make something from this book, so I got busy.

I won't go into detail about all the recipes I've tried except one, the Pineapple Upside-Down Cake. What caught my eye was the fact that you baked it in a cast iron skillet! How fun?! I gathered the ingredients and began my first ever, cake baked in a cast iron skillet. First I melted a stick of butter, so far, so good. I added

my brown sugar, "Looking good", I said out loud. Next came the pineapple rings and maraschino cherries. "Beautiful!" I squealed, "I might just pull this off". I mixed the batter and carefully poured it evenly over the fruit in the skillet, then popped it into a 350 oven for one hour.

I paced the floor as the sinfully delicious aroma filled the house. I dared not peep, certain I'd mess it up (as I always do) and finally the timer went off. I gingerly opened the oven door and lifted the heavy twelve inch skillet onto a hot plate. Now here was my dilemma. I was to immediately turn it out onto a cake plate, except none of my cake plates were big enough to fit over the twelve inch skillet so I could flip it! I began digging through cabinets until FINALLY I found one big enough to lay over the skillet. I put an oven mitt on my right hand and held a pot holder in the left. "Gosh this thing is heavy", I groaned as I flipped the skillet and just about the time the cake loosened it's grip on the skillet, so did my pot holder! The side of my left hand lay browning like bacon against the hot, cast iron while I wrestled the cake to it's plate. I yelped with pain,

but wasn't about to drop my creation. With the cake safe, I flipped the skillet back over and peeled my hand off of it. As I grabbed some ice, I couldn't help but notice how pretty the Pineapple Upside-Down Cake looked. Wrapping my hand in a Ziploc bag of crushed ice, I continued to admire my work. "I did it", I whispered. "I... DID... IT", I said for the dog to hear. "I did it, I did it, I did it", I sang as I searched the medicine chest for burn cream.

Corky walked in from work as I was singing, "What did you do?" he asked.

"I made a cake... in a cast iron skillet!" I smiled and showed him the cake in true Vanna White fashion.

"Smells good, let's see how it tastes", he said cutting a sliver of the hot cake.

I waited for his reaction, the true test of my hard work. After several bites and a big gulp of milk, he pointed his fork at his plate and said... "THIS is good!"

I almost fainted! I did it, I did it, I made something from a cookbook and didn't screw it up! Well, gotta run, I'm fixin' to try my hand at Chicken Divan Casserole and a Holiday Fruit Salad. That is... as soon as my left hand stops burning!

## 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 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 programs, please call (606) 723-3030.

Snow days are glorious! I've cleaned house, listened to all my old albums, sorted through boxes of keepsakes and... Ta Da... I've cooked! Yes, me, I've really and truly cooked, and, even though I've never been good at it, I might just be getting the hang of it now.

Corky has teased me for years about my "cookbook collection." "If you've got THIS many cookbooks, how can you NOT know how to cook?"

He makes a valid point, but all the cookbooks I have generally call for far-out ingredients that you can only get at a big grocery store chain, and who wants to drive to Richmond for one ingredient? Surely not me! So I decided to thumb

## Peterson Graduates AF Basic

Air Force Airman 1st Class Douglas K. Peterson graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Peterson earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of Donna and Douglas Peterson.

The airman is a 2008 graduate of Estill County High School, Irvine. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2012 from Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond.

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Week of February 3-6, 2014

### BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.
Old Fox Road Furnace Jct. Miller's Creek Cow Creek	Winston Trotting Ridge Sandhill	Wisemantown Station Camp Red Lick Crooked Creek	Spout Springs Hudson Mill New Fox Road Hargett-Parvin Road

### "Mommie & Me" and Storytime

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

## 2014 Estill Senior Calendar

Condensed from Information prepared by Estill High School Counselor Melissa Neal

### Friday, January 31st

- ACT Photo Upload Deadline for the Feb. 8 ACT Test Date

- Governor's School for Entrepreneurs Application Deadline. The program is seeking creative thinkers and leaders in science, technology & business. Go to: HYPERLINK "http://www.kstc.com" www.kstc.com

### Saturday, February 1st

- EKU's Academic Scholarship Application Deadline

- Transylvania University's General Application Deadline

- Georgetown College's Scholarship Application and Admissions Deadline

- UK's Wilbur L. Price "Chemistry" Scholarship Application Deadline

- U.S. Army Women's Foundation "Legacy Scholarship" Application Deadline - for women who have served and their children

### Saturday & Sunday, February 1st & 2nd

- Sullivan University's ACT Review Course, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. each day with lunch & book included. \$80. MUST pre-register. See Mrs. Neal for the registration form.

### Monday, February 3rd

- UK's deadline to apply to be a student athletic trainer (after successful completion of the freshman year, scholarships are available.)

### Wednesday, February 5th

- ETS Meeting: Goal Setting, 9:30 - 10:38 a.m.

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# Estill County's Little Sweethearts

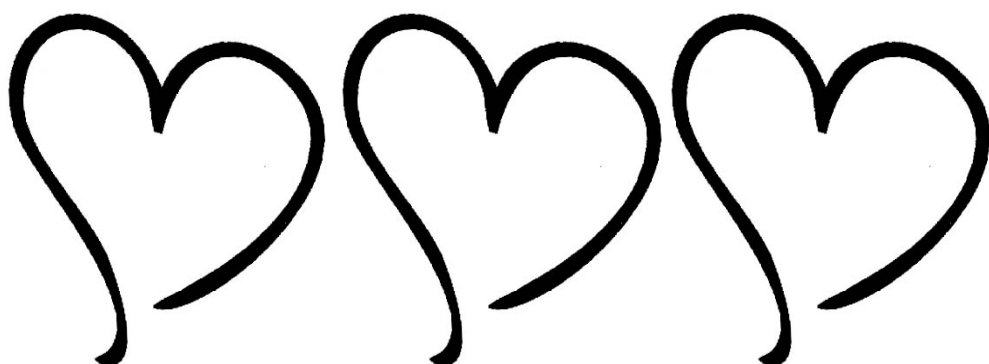


## Kids ages birth to 17

To Be Published in Color  
 Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

Just Mail, E-Mail or Bring In  
 a Color Photo & Payment  
 By Monday, February 10th

# \$10<sup>00</sup>



Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Address (to return photo) \_\_\_\_\_

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Bring In or Mail to:

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## top ten

Languages Spoken in U.S.

1. English

2. Spanish

3. Chinese

4. Tagalog

5. Vietnamese

6. French

7. Korean

8. German

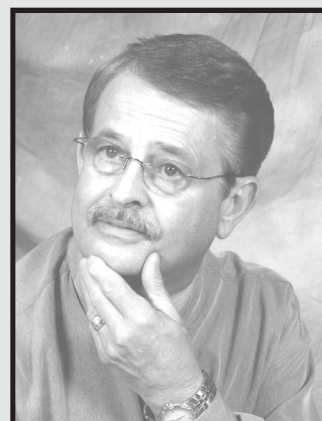
9. Arabic

10. Russian

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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