

Happy Fall, Y'all!



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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Growing up there were several "signs" of an upcoming bad winter, according to my Daddy and Papaw. If a

homet's nest was high in a tree it meant there would be deep snows; when you split the persimmon seed and inside looked like a spoon that meant we would be shoveling a lot of snow and if the squirrels 'cut' on pinecones or seemed busier than usual, they knew something big was coming. Evidently we are in for BIG trouble! I've seen the spoon and the squirrels have packed everything off at the house including the dry dog food I keep out for The Dynamic Duo!

They are running everywhere with their mouths full of Hickory nuts, Walnuts and acorns. This morning I watched one squirrel bury nuts under the clothesline as I drank my coffee. I bet I have an Oak sprout there

next year. It's funny when they run out in the road in front of me, they'll skitter across, then change their mind and fly back. I try to be very cautious when I see one headed my way so I don't accidentally run over it. I will have to admit, they have been much busier than I have seen in years past so I got to thinking about ways to prepare my house for the cold winter months ahead.

First I'm probably going

to need lots of yarn so I can just sit around and crochet, note to self—add that to the list! Next I'll need all the latest magazines, like Southern Living, Coastal Living, Taste of the South and all the Flea Market magazines. I'll pull out that old wooden bowl and fill it with snacks to sit by my chair and I may just slip out and get another remote control so I don't have to fight with Corky over the volume button! I'll move

the dogs beds into the living room close to my chair so they don't feel left out as the cold winds howl. There's also a couple of books I've been wanting to read so I'll put them in the basket...by the chair and my favorite quilt. I might just have to get a bigger basket!

It seems I have everything all planned out for what I must do during Fall Break and I'll get Corky a list of things too. I wouldn't want

him to feel left out so I'll get him to clean out the gutters, inspect the vents under the house, check our gas tank and the furnace and kerosene heater. He's gonna be so glad I've made all these preparations for Winter! I can't wait until he gets home from work so I can give him his list!

Happy Fall Ya'll!

Tam



Happy dad Jay Bicknell and new baby Joel Preston with his duck calls on.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We apologize for leaving out several pictures because of lack of time & space.

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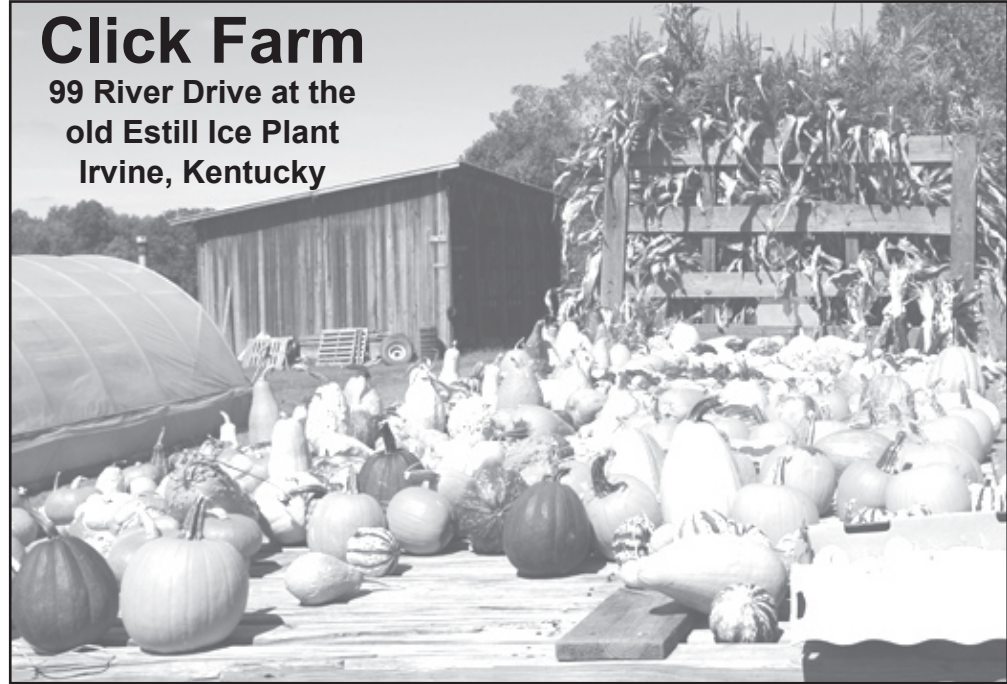
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