



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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I've discovered I can't give up my day job! I thought I might have a future in 'dog-sitting' since I have such a good relationship with our two, big, red dogs but...it's just not in the stars for me. This all came about when my sister

Can't Give Up Day Job!

and her family went out of town recently and I volunteered to watch Pebbles, their little house dog. I've been around Pebbles and we get along great, she is such a sweet little dog! You never know she's even on the place so watching her for the weekend would be no problem at all.

I'd eat those words before the weekend was through!

I went out to get Pebbles on a Friday night, she was so happy to see me! We had no problem getting her to go with us, she just hopped right up in the seat beside me and Corky plopped her bag of dog food in the back floor board. She rode like a pro on the console as we headed for Burger Barn and when we got back to the house, she made herself

at home beside me on the couch. I decided to give her a bath so she would be nice and fluffy when the kids got home from their trip. She loved it, even rolled over on her back and let me use the blow dryer, then I bundled her up in a beach towel and she snuggled on the couch with me until time for bed. We didn't hear a peep from her all night and she stayed curled up on the comforter at the foot of the bed until I got her up for a potty break the next morning.

The only thing that bothered me was she wouldn't eat. She'd go sniff at her food and check out her water bowl but she never ate or drank. She followed me from room to room as I did chores, but soon grew tired of that and perched on the back of the couch to look

out the window. I knew she was missing my niece and nephews, she seemed so homesick staring out at the yard. I pulled the sheers back so she could have a better view and went about my house cleaning. She laid there all day! I'd take her out for a potty break then she'd return to the back of the couch. This was dog-sitting thing was gonna be a piece of cake! Yeah, right!

About 3:30 that afternoon, the phone guy showed up to do some work on the outside line leading into the house and things went downhill from there! Pebbles did NOT like the fact that he was in our yard. She threw a fit! I tried every way in the world to calm her but she would have no part of it. She didn't calm down until he was out of sight in his truck. I let her out to potty and she made a bee line for her house next door. For that little baby to have such short legs, she sure can run fast! I chased her until I ran out of breath then turned around and walked back to the house for the Tahoe. I drove next door to retrieve her and getting her in the truck this time wasn't as easy, she wanted to run from me. I finally persuaded her with a cookie and we went back to my house. Four times that night, she ran home when I took her out to potty. I got smart though, I didn't chase her anymore, just got in the truck and picked her up next door. That fourth time Corky suggested, "Give it UP! She's home-sick and she's not gonna be happy until you put her in the house. You are not her people!", so I left her overnight at her house, by herself! I worried all night about the little thing alone in that house! Corky said I was crazy, but first thing the next morning he went out to get her. She seemed happy to see him and we started the day again with her on the back of my couch. All went well but little did I know she was plotting her escape for later that eve-

ning! As it grew dark and I took her outside for her night time break, she bolted again. It was pitch black dark but down the path to my sister's house she went, lickity split!

As I bailed out of the Tahoe for the millionth time that weekend, I finally got the message that she didn't like staying at Aunt Tam's house! I wasn't her "people" and she wanted her "people" to come home. I put her in the house and made sure her potty pad was okay, her food and water were good and her toys were in her bed. I hugged her real good and for the

first time all weekend, I saw her go for her food bowl! Her "people" would be home soon so I didn't feel as guilty as before for leaving her.

So "people", I'm here to tell you I cannot watch your dogs for you! It's not that I don't want to, it seems they don't like me. I'd do it again in a heartbeat for my little sis, but I'm not sure Pebbles would agree to it, 'cause as Corky says, I'm just not her kind of..."PEOPLE!"



School News

Gantz Makes Murray Dean's List

Murray State University has announced its dean's list recipients for the 2015 fall semester. The list recognizes the academic accomplishments of the University's undergraduate students including Sara A. Gantz of Irvine.

"We are so proud of our students' academic achievements. This is a testament to their hard work and dedication," said Tim Todd, MSU interim provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The dean's list criteria, for students having completed a minimum of 12 credits, is a 3.5 grade point average.

Liesegang Is On UPike Dean's List

The names of the top students at the University of Pikeville for the fall 2015 semester has been released and includes Nikisha R. Liesegang of Irvine who was named to the Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must be full-time and receive a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.9.

Estill Students Graduate Rogers Explorers

Estill County students Amelia Farmer and Elizabeth Hardy graduated from The Center for Rural Development's 2015 Rogers Explorers youth leadership program in October. Amelia, daughter of Steve and Amy Farmer of Irvine, and Elizabeth, daughter of William and Rhonda Hardy of Irvine, represented Estill County Middle School.

Stickney Makes President's List at WKU

John Caleb Stickney of Irvine has been named to the President's List at Western Kentucky University. The Dean's and President's lists are open to undergraduate students who have at least 12 hours of coursework for the semester with no incomplete grades. Students on the President's List have GPAs of 3.8 to 4.0.

Stickney is the son of Jack and Teresa Stickney.

Henry & Young Accepted At UCumberlands

University of the Cumberlands has proudly accepted MaKayla Henry and Taylor Young of Irvine, Kentucky for the upcoming academic year. UC welcomes MaKayla and Taylor, current students at Estill County High School, to the class of 2020.



Times Remembered
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In 1959, I was 9 years old, and the United States was concerned about the Cold War with the Soviet Union. I attended school at Hargett Elementary, north of Irvine on Highway 89. It was a sturdy red brick building that housed grades 1-8. There were usually fifteen to twenty children in my classroom.

Mrs. Opal Richardson was my teacher. She was a tall attractive lady who dressed nice every day. She had a beautiful voice and loved to sing. Every morning after we had the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer, we would sing 4 or 5 songs. I especially remember the song, "Camptown Races," it was my favorite. That year was the beginning of my love of singing.

Elementary School Days

I couldn't sing great, but I later participated in chorus in high school.

In the basement of the school was a coal fired furnace where an elderly man, Mr. Stone kept the coal furnace going during the winter. Sometimes in the morning if we had time before the bell rang we would go to the basement and talk to him and he gave us bubble gum and candy.

We had two wonderful cooks: Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Kilburn. (I was with my church at the nursing home the other day and Mrs. Patrick is a resident there). They told me she was in the hospital, so sad. They made the best homemade chili and chocolate cake from scratch. There were no microwaves to warm up chicken nuggets like today. We had very wholesome meals every day. We didn't have a lunchroom; we walked to the kitchen and the eighth grade girls who helped in the cafeteria brought our plates to the door and we went back to our room and ate. Our milk was 2 cents and lunch was a quarter. The milk was brought to our room in a metal crate with little bottles of milk. Those bottles are antique now.

After lunch we went out to the playground and played softball, jump rope

and bridge, Red Rover, and tag. We even skated down the big hills around the school when it snowed, turn flip flops on bars, climbed trees and made play houses in the woods.

Of course, we had a very strict disciplinarian principal, Mr. John Witt, he was tough now; he patrolled the halls with his trusty wooden paddle and he sure would use it. I didn't get any spankings in school, but I seen many boys get paddlings. We need more discipline like that today.

In the back corner of the school yard were the "necessary buildings," or out-houses. The ones on the left were for girls and the right for boys. One didn't dilly-dally there; in the winter, it was so cold; and in the summer, it always had bugs and spiders. Sometimes you might even see a snake. But we managed.

Hargett school building now sits quiet; it has for several years since some of the schools were consolidated. There's no laughter and squealing on the playground; but I can shut my eyes and see all my childhood friends playing on the playground and having a great time. Times were different them; they were so simple.....

ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

Milk is included with every meal; plus assorted juices included with breakfast

MONDAY January 25	TUESDAY January 26	WEDNESDAY January 27	THURSDAY January 28	FRIDAY January 29
ELEMENTARY BREAKFASTS				
Waffles Apple	Toast Cereal Peaches	Biscuit & Gravy Applesauce	Pop Tarts Cereal, Pears	Muffins Pineapples
SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES				
Chicken Nuggets Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apple, Milk	TACO TUESDAY Taco/Wrap, Salsa Let./Tom./Cheese Refried Beans Pineapples	Hot Dog on Bun Tater Tots Broccoli/Dip Applesauce Milk	Pizza Corn Fresh Carrots/Dip Mandarin Oranges Milk	Deli Turkey Wrap Shred. Lettuce./Tom. Potato Smiles Cucumber Slices/Dip Side Kicks, Milk
WEST IRVINE LUNCHES				
Chicken Nuggets Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apple, Milk	TACO TUESDAY Taco/Wrap, Salsa Let./Tom./Cheese Refried Beans Pineapples	Hot Dog/Bun or Mr. Rib on Bun Tater Tots Broccoli/Dip Applesauce	Pizza Corn Fresh Carrots/Dip Applesauce Milk	Chicken Strip or Deli Turkey Wrap Shred. Lettuce./Tom. Potato Smiles Cuke Slices/Dip
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Breakfast Pizza Cinn. Toast Crunch Cereal, Apple Chocolate Pop Tart Assorted Juices Milk Choices	Scrambled Eggs & Toast, Cocoa Puffs Cereal Strawberry Pop Tart Pineapples Juice & Milk	Biscuit & Gravy Raisin Bran Cereal Chocolate Pop Tart Applesauce Assorted Fruit Juices, Milk Choices	Trix Yogurt & Scooby Doo Snacks Frosted Flake Cereal Reese Puffs Cereal Brown Sugar Cinn. Pop Tart, Pears	Donut, Apple Cinn. Cheerios Cereal Chocolate Pop Tart Mandarin Oranges Assorted Fruit Juices, Milk Choices
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH				
Popcorn Chicken Texas Toast Mashed Potatoes CA Blend Vegetables Tropical Fruit Apple	Bosco w/Marinara Sauce or Chicken Quesadilla, Corn Broccoli Bites Pears, Side Kicks Ice Cream Sandwich	Grilled Chicken or Spicy Chicken on Bun, Let./Tom./Pick. Potato Smiles Applesauce Mandarin Oranges	Meatball Marinara on Bun w/Mozz. Cheese or Corn Dog Baked Beans, Fruit Romaine Salad Asst. Pepper Slices	Chili & Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrot Sticks Broccoli & Cauli- flower Bits, Orange Tropical Fruit
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Muffins, Cereal Pop Tarts Yogurt Orange, Apple	Bacon, Egg & Chz. Biscuit, Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt Apple, Orange	Gravy & Biscuit Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt Apple or Banana	Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Yogurt Banana or Apple Juice & Milk	Breakfast Pizza Cream Cheese Bagel Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt Banana or Apple
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH				
Ravioli/Texas Toast Pork Chop on Bun Sweet Potatoes California Veggies Applesauce Mandarin Oranges Variety Milk/OJ	Cheeseburger or Mr. Rib on Bun Potato Wedges Normandy Blend Let./Tom./Pickle Peaches/Pears Variety Milk/OJ	Spicy Chicken Ten- ders/Roll or Chicken Patty on Bun Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Side Kicks Tropical Fruit	Mini Corn Dog or Fish on Bun Baked Beans Glazed Carrots Mandarin Oranges Applesauce, Cookie Variety Milk/OJ	Chicken Alfredo Breadstick or Grilled Chicken on Bun Carrot Sticks Steamed Broccoli Peaches Pineapples

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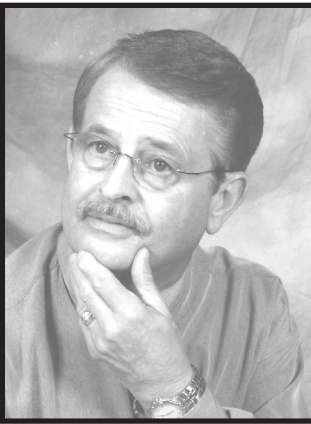
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Mountain Crest Old Fox Road Furnace Jct. Millers Creek	Winston Trotting Ridge Sandhill	Horizon Daycare Ravenna Drip Rock	Spout Springs Hudson Mill Rd. New Fox Road Hargett-Parvin Road	West Irvine Intermediate

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