

# Random Thoughts on a Rainy Day



**Tam's Front Porch Ponderings**  
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I've noticed that kindness is becoming...outdated...unpopular...antique...extinct? I'm not sure what to call it but instead of more and more people showing kindness to one another it seems they try their damndest to tear people down. Momma taught me to answer the phone with a smile, that way your voice is pleasant no matter who is on the other end of the line. She also taught me to say Yes Ma'am, No Sir, Thank you and Please, I know she had to try very hard to do teach me this because I was a stubborn child and got my fanny smacked on numerous occasions for not using my manners! She taught me kindness by being kind! She set an example for me and Beth to follow. Are you showing your children how to build someone up...or tear people down?

Our parents also raised us with the knowledge that if they couldn't take us with them, be it a restaurant,

trip, social event, then they didn't go. Simple as that! They taught us that family came first! They sacrificed much for my sister and me and I'm thankful for the lessons we learned from them. People today don't do that, it's a me, me, me society. I've witnessed people putting themselves first before their children, how can that be? We have responsibilities! We have duties! We have a job to raise our own children in the best way we know how. We must follow the Bible's teaching, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it", **Proverbs 22:6, King James Version.** Now don't get me wrong, just because you tried your level best, when they become an adult they have free will and sometimes make choices that as a parent, we don't agree with. You can rest at night knowing you did your best. Some parents, I'm afraid to say, cannot sleep so well because they put *themselves* first and not their children.

Children are a gift from God, no child is a mistake! Perhaps a baby wasn't planned...but it was NOT a mistake. Someone planned the child, that someone is Greater and Mightier than any plans we might have had for ourselves. In this life, many things will twist and turn our so-called plans. Nothing worth having is ever easy, it requires work, hard work! No one is going to stand on the corner and hand you a book on parenting that tells you everything you will encounter in raising a child. No one stands

around, passing out diplomas for graduating high school, or degrees from college, you have to work! Children are WORK, but if you raise them with love and kindness, the journey is oh so much easier.

Another thing about life is...it's not perfect! Don't expect it to be and you won't be disappointed. "Life happens", "That's Life", "Living the Good Life", all these statements are true and when you handle what Life throws at you with Kindness, then "Life is Good". As a new Mother, there were times when I lost my cool, said things I still regret to this day. I apologized for my mistakes, but the funny thing about Life is...others can forgive you easier than you forgive yourself. I still say things in haste and regret it, but that's a perfect example of how 'imperfect' life is. I try to stop and ask myself, "is this worth it?" I broke a dish, so what? I forgot something, no big deal! Life is going to happen and stuff is just that...STUFF. Daddy always said he never saw a hearse pulling a U-Haul. We can make a choice to handle what Life throws at us with kindness or cruelty. We can choose to set an example for our children by being kind and loving. Just think what a better World this would be if we all followed the instructions provided for us in **Ephesians 4:32**, "And be ye kind one to another". **KJV**

Amen!



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## Sound Remembered

While searching for some flower arrangements in the attic the other day, I spotted my old antique Underwood portable typewriter. It was still in the case, but dusty and aged to say the least. I can't recall exactly where I got it; I just know I got it when I was in high school, probably at an auction. It was a used typewriter but worked well.

I can still hear the tick...tick...tick of the keys chattering on the old typewriter. That's a sound from yesteryear that is seldom heard today. The tick, tick was the tapping of the typewriter keys as I typed along to a rhythm of my own during my high school days.

All typewriters were manual at that time. Electric type-

writers were a thing of the future. One had to develop a light touch on the electric typewriter, and it was hard to adapt to the change. I was used to striking the keys with force on my Underwood.

In 1967-68, I took several typing classes and my senior year I had Secretarial Office Practices, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Business English and Math. I was pretty well prepared for the business world.

I was a good typist; but not 80 words a minute typist. My speed increased with time and practice.

My senior year I was able to take the Clerk-Typist civil service exam, and being pleased with my score on the register I was excited about being called for a civil service position. Fate wouldn't have it just then because I moved to Texas and had to re-apply for a position at Fort Hood. They said I would have to wait until the exam opened again and there was a freeze on at the present time.

A year passed and still the exam was closed. Finally, that January it re-opened. I remember walking for two blocks in the cold and carrying that little typewriter to take the test. My fingers were numb by the time I got inside the building.

In fact, I took two exams that day in Waco, Texas at the Federal Building, the Clerk-Typist and Card Punch Op-

erator Exam. I did ok on the typing part and scored in the nineties on the written exam. My little typewriter came through for me.

After receiving my scores, it was hurry up and wait; I was on two registers and civil service would hire from the registers when they reached my score.

In May 1970, we ETS out of the Army and began my journey home. When I received my mail when I arrived back in Kentucky I had a letter to report to the Lexington Blue-Grass Army for a position. I was on cloud nine. All my work had finally paid off.

I was hired in June 1970, and began a career with the Department of the Army at then Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot. I served 30 years and held many positions from Clerk-Typist to Tool and Parts Attendant. My last 10 years I was a GS-12, Equal Employment Manager. I retired in 2008.

That little typewriter along with some great teachers in business in high school helped me to have a great career with the Department of the Army, Blue Grass Army Depot.

I decided that typewriter needed to be brought down from the attic and placed near my computer since it stirred up such affection memories. I gave it a place of honor where it can be admired.

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3. *Where the Wild Things Are*
4. Nancy Drew
5. Bible/Bible stories
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Source: The Harris Poll

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**Tuesday, May 24**  
Guess What or Cereal, Orange Slices, Assorted 100% Fruit Juices, and Milk Choices.

**Wednesday, May 25**  
Pancakes or Cereal, Applesauce, Assorted 100% Fruit Juices, and Milk Choices.

**Lunches at S. Irvine, Estill Springs & W. Irvine**  
**Monday, May 23**  
Chicken Nuggets/Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple, Milk, Ketchup.

**Tuesday, May 24**  
Hot Dog/Bun, Tater Tots, Broccoli/Dip, Applesauce, Milk, Ketchup, Mustard.

**Wednesday, May 25**  
Pizza, Corn, Cooked Carrots, Strawberry Cup, and Milk.

**ECMS Breakfasts**  
**Monday, May 23**  
Breakfast Pizza, Cinn Toast Crunch Cereal, Chocolate Pop Tart, Apple, Assorted Fruit Juices, Milk Choices.

**Tuesday, May 24**  
Sausage & Biscuit, Lucky Charms, Pineapples, Assorted Fruit Juices, and Milk Choices.

### Wednesday, May 25

Guess What?  
**ECMS Lunches**  
**Monday, May 23**

Chicken Tenders or Buffalo Tenders, Texas Toast, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Apple, Mandarin Oranges, Milk or Juice.

**Tuesday, May 24**  
Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza or Taco Snax, Romanine Salad, Corn Pineapple Tidbits, Grapes, Milk or Juice.

### Wednesday, May 25

Guess What??  
**ECMS Breakfasts**  
**Monday, May 23**  
Muffins, Cereal, Pop Tarts, Yogurt, Assorted Juices, Banana or Apple, Variety of Milk Choices.

**Tuesday, May 24**  
Bacon, Egg & Cheese

Biscuit, Cereal, Pop Tarts, Yogurt, Assorted Juices, Banana or Apple, Variety of Milk Choices.

**Wednesday, May 25**  
Gravy & Biscuit, Cereal, Pop Tarts, Yogurt, Assorted Juices, Banana or Apple, Variety of Milk Choices.

### ECMS Lunches

**Monday, May 23**  
Mini Corn Dog, Fish on Bun, Baked Beans, Baby Bakers, Applesauce/Peaches, Cookie, Variety Milk/OJ.

**Tuesday, May 24**  
Chicken Tenders/WG Roll, Spicy Chicken on Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce/Side Kicks, Variety Milk/OJ.

**Wednesday, May 25**  
Guess What?



**Feed Baby Birds**  
Baby birds are everywhere this time of year, and high-protein foods are a must if they are to grow healthy. Some baby-bird favorites are:

1. Suet nuggets (any flavor).
2. Whole-grain bread with peanut butter.
3. Sunflower chips and safflower seed.
4. Peanuts (no salt!).
5. Black oil sunflower seed.

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