

CLANCY'S CLICHES



Fear.
Not a favorite reaction of mine.

When the wind blows, the rain pummels against the air conditioner, flashes of lightening jolt my vision and thunder vibrates my inner doggie bones, then yes, my reaction is fear acted out in all sorts of bizarre yowls, yips and spastic actions. This summer seems to have had more of these occurrences, especially the tornado in mid-July.

If a stranger saw me during storm events, they may have misinterpreted my fear for crazy and vicious and think I'm like that all the time. We each have those moments when we're not at our best behavior, or showing our "normal" self. Maybe you experience your own "storms" in life and have difficulty dealing with them or expressing yourself. Maybe others get the wrong impression based on a singular incident or action. These storms are only a snapshot of our character. These storms only reveal that small part of hardships and frustrations in our lives which we try to deal with in unanticipated ways.

Puddles are often seen during and after storms. A puddle is a shifting, altering, and fluctuating conundrum. It is both moving and still. It changes with a simple light breath or heavy stomping. It always returns to its stable center and eventually dissipates. Consider how your own storms and puddles appear; consider how others' storms and puddles seem to you. Can you let them settle and dissipate in order to enjoy the sunshine that is the true nature?

In this Holy Year of Mercy, consider that people can be in a state of "puddling". We all need understanding, forgiveness and mercy from strangers and from those we love during the storms of life. Most of all, remember that, like puddles, we all return to our stable center and eventually the storm and puddles dissipate into glorious light and grace.



Summer Film Class: Our youth, with Bob and Ben featured celebrities Clancy and Jake in their film project.

AUGUST'S "SPLASHES"

- *August 5: National Work Like A Dog Day (you'll luv celebrating this one if I'm your example!)
- *August 6: National Root Beer Float Day & Wiggle your toes day (Jake and I find that one difficult)
- *August 10: National Lazy Day
- *August 15: National Relaxation Day
- *August 16: National Tell-A-Joke Day

Howlin's hootn'; Growlin's not gooten!



- Clancy

CLANCY'S CACKLES

Knock, knock! Who's there? Clancy. Clancy who? Clan-cy anyone out there!

1. Why did the frog cross the road? *To get a croak-a-cola!*
2. Why did the dinosaur cross the road? *Chickens hadn't evolved yet!*
3. Why did the chicken cross the playground? *To get to the other slide!*
4. Why did the cow cross the road? *To get to the udder slide!*
5. Why did the sheep cross the road? *To get to the baa-baa shop!*
6. Why did the rabbit cross the road? *To get to the hopping mall!*

