

Notes to Consider...

Woodcraft: Trapping (Live Traps)
By G.S. Morris — 25 September 2017



It is only after picking up finely slivered garbage from your yard deposited there courtesy of a coon, that you may truly appreciate the satisfaction of later finding said animal securely imprisoned in a live trap. Just a couple of decades ago, healthy numbers of coon hunters like my Pap used to comb the woods keeping raccoon numbers in check. As the numbers of good men have dwindled, the pests have taken over. There's a lesson, here.

A sturdy live trap is not only valuable for capturing those wild bandits, but also allows you to release harmlessly a pet which may get caught in the contraption. In design, a quality live trap (such as the Havahart brand #1079) provides a heavy duty, safe design as close to escape proof as one can get. Bait is placed in back of the cage (use a stick or dowel rod to hold the door open while baiting), so the animal is forced to step on the door's trip plate located well past the closing door.

Aside from the ability to release unharmed pets, in a survival situation you have the ability to keep meals on the hoof in the barn until they are needed. Dispatch with your trusty Ruger Bearcat and it's fresh coon, possum, groundhog, etc. for breakfast!

Next Week: Current Events

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Local High School Student Meets Favorite Author



Jackson County High School sophomore, Bailey Byrd, recently travelled to West High School, Knoxville, Tennessee to meet her favorite author, Kerri Maniscalco.

Friends of the Knox County Public Library, the Knox County Public Library's Teen Central, the Center for Children's & Young Adult Literature at The University of Tennessee, and Union Ave Books came together on September 19th to celebrate the release of *Hunting Prince Dracula* by YA author Kerri Maniscalco. Bailey was greeted upon arrival by Martha, one of the members from Friends.

Kerri had saw a comment online that Bailey was coming from Kentucky. So everyone involved was waiting for the Kentucky fans to arrive.

Inspirational Thoughts Into God's Word

By Lynetta Hunter

Trees are indigenous in scripture, from the one that was forbidden in the garden to the one from which Jesus hung as he gave Himself as a sacrifice to save the world from sin and death. There are several usages mentioned for trees, analogies that Jesus used for teaching and customs that involved their common trees.

In Ps. 1:3 & Jer. 17:8, God compares humans to a tree that prospers, yields fruit, and doesn't fear when it is fed by Him. (John 10:10 God wants His people to prosper and have abundant life, (John 15 produce spiritual fruit that will help others along the way (2 Tim. 1:7 for He has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind.

A tree's position puts it in the direct line of wind, storms, and rain, making it vulnerable to damage. A tree top can be bent to almost broken for any length of time, depending on the storm. The tree is defenseless and at the storms mercy. When watching it, it looks like the leaves are holding on for dear life, for when they become disconnected from the tree, they fall to the ground, die, and wither away. The ones left on the tree that make it are left broken, torn, and shattered, but show a picture of beauty afterwards as a gentle breeze blows through them. The same kind of breeze was felt before the storm but is much more appreciative and with a whole new meaning when felt in times of feeling wilted and worn out. Storms bring a realization of God's power and protection, and a vulnerability that is the same in high winds as it is in the cool, peaceful breeze that heals afterwards.

City Council Holds Regular Monthly Meeting

This month's City Council meeting took place on September 18, 2017 and was full of updates on old business. All council member were present at this meeting, and the first order of business was approving the minutes from last month. Two members from the Regional Kentucky Works Program were present to highlight the benefits of their program. They offer training to people in order to make them employment ready. They will help write resumes, provide short-term training for certain skills to help people be more employable, and offer career counseling. They also offer a wage subsidy program in which employers who enter into a contract with them will receive a partial reimbursement of wages for the first six months that they employ someone through this program.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this program or would like more information can contact Sandra Krum by phone at (859) 623-3111 or by e-mail at Sandra.crum@bigsandy.org.

Also discussed at the meeting were updates on various orders of old business. We are still waiting on quotes to be submitted in order to continue forward with purchase of a new police cruiser. Research is still being done about turning McCammon Ridge Road over to the county. The agreement with the Fiscal Court for utilizing Inmate work is almost finished, some final reviews and changes just need to be made.

We are waiting on funds to become available to fix that valve at the water station, and are also waiting on the funds to fix street signs and paint parking spots. The Mayor also informed the Council that the city was turned down for the Land and Water grant for the Jack Gabbard Memorial park, but that we would reapply in the future.

CHFS Distributes Luggage for Children in Foster Care

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 21, 2017) – Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) leaders distributed several hundred duffle bags, backpacks and luggage to Service Region Administrators (SRAs) who are meeting in Richmond this week. The SRAs will take the bags back to their multi-county regions and pass them on to front-line staff. Children coming into foster care will receive the bags for their belongings.

"I do not want another child to have to put their belongings in a trash bag," said Kentucky First Lady Glenna Bevin. "Kentucky's citizens have taken steps to help change that. The duffle bags that were collected will give kids something to call their own. I am so humbled by everyone's generosity!"

Hundreds of Kentuckians donated more than 500 duffle bags, backpacks and suitcases this summer at the CHFS Kentucky State Fair exhibit and at several advocacy meetings hosted by First Lady Glenna Bevin.

CHFS Secretary Vickie Yates Brown Glisson thanked the SRAs for their part in delivering the luggage and said it will bring dignity to children in foster care.

"All too often, when children are removed from their home and placed into state care, there is no choice but for them to stuff all their belongings into a black garbage bag," Secretary Glisson said. "Because of the generosity of people from across the state, we can change that."

DCBS Commissioner Adria Johnson added that the SRAs are part of what she calls a circle of kindness.

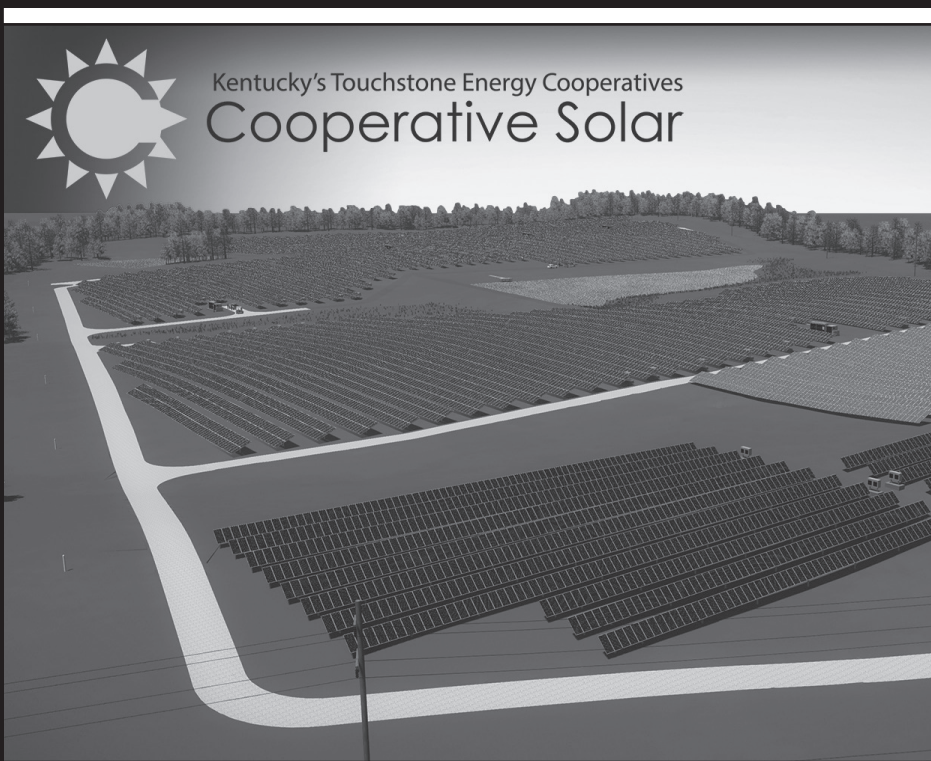
"In taking these bags to your county staff, you are completing the giving acts we saw during the State Fair and at the Governor's Mansion, when visitors brought one or more bags to contribute to this tremendous effort," Johnson said.

A number of organizations have sponsored duffle bag and backpack drives this year. Specifically, Children's Home of Northern Kentucky launched a "Duffle Shuffle" campaign to ensure children entering out-of-home care would not have to use trash bags to carry their belongings. More information is available at www.duffleshuffle.org or by searching #Duffle-Shuffle on social media.

Others, including Girl Scout Troops and office groups, have sponsored duffle bag drives. Earlier this summer, the "Foster Care Pack Drive," coordinated by employees at Disability Determination Services (DDS), which is part of CHFS, raised \$4,200 to purchase new bags and collected nearly 900 donated bags.

Donating duffle bags and backpacks is just one way to help children in foster care. For more information about how you can become a foster or adoptive parent, or to get more general information, email: openhearts@ky.gov, visit the state adoption website adopt.ky.gov.

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