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Root Hog or Die

All of us country people know what that means, whether it pertains to the farm, or trying to get by in this bad economy. You have to have raised hogs and fed them to know the true meaning, but "Root Hog or Die" seems to have more meaning to all of us, every day. But did you know who was the first person whom the phrase was attributed to -- Davy Crockett in 1834. He reportedly said in his biography, "We know'd that nothing more could happen to us if we went than if we staid, for it looked like it was to be starvation any way; we therefore determined to go on the old saying, root hog or die."

Really Old!

Two Englishmen are reading head stones as they walk through a cemetery after an afternoon at a party. One says, "Look! There's a bloke here who was 152!" His friend says "What's his name?" "Miles, from London!"

Quit Smoking

Peter, at a New Year's party, turns to his friend, Ken, and asks for a cigarette. "I thought you made a New Year's resolution to quit smoking," Ken responds. "I'm in the process of quitting," replies Peter with a grin. "Right now, I am in the middle of phase one." "Phase one?" wonders Ken. "Yeah," laughs Peter, "I've quit buying."

New Year's Eve

On New Year's Eve, Daniel is in no shape to drive, so he sensibly leaves his van in the car park and walks home. As he is wobbling along, he is stopped by a policeman. "What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?" asks the police officer. "I'm on my way to a lecture," answers Roger. "And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?" inquires the constable sarcastically. "My wife," slurred Daniel grimly.

The Big Boys

An elderly gentleman is walking down the street when he sees a young lad who is crying so hard that he is shaking. Taking compassion, the old gent bends over and pats the boy on the head, saying, "There, there. What seems to be the problem?" The young man raises his tear streaked face and blurts out, "I can't do the things the big boys do." So, the elderly gentleman sits down on the curb next to him and cries with him.

Dead Donkey

A minister awakens one morning to find a dead donkey in his front yard. He has no idea how it got there, but he knows he has to get rid of it. So, he calls the sanitation department, the health department, and several other agencies, but no one seems able to help him. In desperation, the good reverend calls the mayor and asks what should be done. The mayor must have been having a bad day. "Why bother me?" he asks. "You're a clergyman. It's your job to bury the dead." The pastor loses his cool. "Yes," he snaps, "But I thought I should at least notify the next-of-kin."

New Kittens

A three-year-old boy goes with his dad to see a new litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informs his mother, "There were two boy kittens and two girl kittens." "How did you know that?" his mother asks. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replies. "I think it's printed on their bottom."

Choosing Hymns

One Sunday a pastor tells his congregation that the church needs some extra money, and he asks the people to consider donating a little more than usual into the offering plate. He says that whoever gives the most will be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates are passed, the pastor glances down and notices that someone had placed a \$1,000 bill in offering. He is so excited that he immediately shares his joy with his congregation and says he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate. A very quiet, elderly, saintly lady all the way in the back shyly raises her hand. The pastor asks her to come to the front. Slowly she makes her way to the pastor. He tells her how wonderful it is that she gave so much and in thanks asks her to pick out three hymns. Her eyes brighten as she looks over the congregation, points to the three most handsome men in the building and says, "I'll take him and him and him."

Man waives indictment and enters guilty plea

An Estill Countian has waived an indictment on felony charges made against him. Daren Hall, 47, of Blue Run Road, Irvine agreed to the waiver on Dec. 21 in Estill Circuit Court. The charges against Hall were operating a motor vehicle under the influence - second offense, possession of a controlled substance first degree and first offense (methamphetamine). and carrying a concealed weapon. The same day Hall pled guilty to the three charges on the Rocket Docket program. Circuit Judge Michael Dean sentenced Hall to 14 days in jail on the DUI charge and suspended his license for one year. Hall received a 14 day jail sentence for carrying a concealed weapon which runs concurrent with the above charge. Judge Dean sentenced Hall to three years on the possession of a controlled substance charge. The sentence will be diverted for two years if Hall successfully completes a day program at West Care.

Local Police Activity

A Madison County District Court bench warrant was served Dec. 14 on Timothy Sizemore, 21, of Witt Road, Irvine by Chief Smith. Sizemore had apparently failed to appear on traffic related charges. Sizemore may post \$250 bond. Officer Conrad charged Tim Charlton, 45, of McKee Road, Irvine with public intoxication of a controlled substance on Dec. 13. The officer said he saw Charlton walking unsteadily on the side walk of Main Street. A bench warrant from Madison District Court was served Dec. 11 by Chief Smith on Alicia Jones, 25, of Tanglewood Drive, Ravenna. She was wanted for failing to appear Nov. 7 on charges of public intoxication and contempt of court. She could post \$250 in bail.

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Saturday, January 6th @ 6pm

Give blood, save a Kentucky patient's life this winter

The need for blood never stops, even during winter months when donations typically decrease because of bad weather and colds and flu. This month, Kentucky Blood Center (KBC) is encouraging Kentuckians to roll up their sleeves, donate blood and help a Kentucky patient. Those who register to give blood at the drive below will receive a gray, long-sleeve KBC T-shirt. Estill County Community will be having a blood drive on Saturday, January 13, 2018, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church in the Fellowship Hall at 270 Main Street in Irvine. To schedule your life-saving appointment or to get more information, call 800.775-2522, ext. 3758. As always, walk-ins are also welcome. Blood donors must be at least 17-years-old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, which can be found at kybloodcenter.org.

Wednesday, January 10th - 1:30-3pm

Learn the Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer's Disease

If you have a loved one who is newly diagnosed, or if you just want to learn more about Alzheimer's disease, this program is for you. This presentation will explore what everyone should know about memory loss issues and what they mean for all of us. The program will be held on Wednesday, January 10th from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the Madison County Cooperative Extension Office located at 230 Duncannon Lane in Richmond. To register for this program, please call 1-800-272-3900. Registration is required. Programsponsoredthrougha generousgrantfromtheMargaret T. Stoeckinger Foundation.

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