

Want your spirits lifted? Visiting the zoo and going to church can do the trick



America's Heartland
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A fellow explained to me the other day the difference between a city zoo and a country zoo.

"In a city zoo," he said, "they have the names of the animals on signs with the Latin names underneath. In a country zoo, they have the names of the animal on signs with recipes underneath."

One of the things I enjoy about living in the

country is having the opportunity to be around animals. I enjoy seeing the whitetail deer grazing in the backyard and songbirds eating seeds from the feeder in the tree outside the kitchen window.

I have lots of fun with my pack of beagles, my two mountain feist squirrel dogs, and my flock of chickens.

I know many of you have cattle and horses and goats and pigs and alpacas and yaks and cats and who knows what else.

Perhaps none of us loved animals any better than King Solomon, who with his great wealth, sent ships and crews to faraway places to bring back animals of all sorts. He essentially had his own zoo, complete with apes and monkeys.

Solomon had pretty much anything money could buy. He had a magnificent throne made of

ivory, with lions along the stairs leading up to it. All his drinking cups were made of gold. Silver just wasn't good enough.

"And King Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom" (2 Chronicles 9:22).

But Solomon found no happiness in all his possessions. In fact, he said they were nothing more than vanity.

"I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit" (Ecclesiastes 1:14).

Solomon, having gathered every material thing in search of happiness, found that only a personal relationship with the Lord can provide the kind of joy that every person hungers for.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his command-

ments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

Solomon was telling us that joy doesn't come from the homes we live in or the things we fill those homes with, that true joy doesn't come from apes or monkeys or any other pets, though life would be less fulfilling without them. Solomon made it clear that joy comes from a right relationship with Jesus.

There's nothing wrong with enjoying the things God has blessed us with. And there's certainly nothing wrong with visiting the city zoo to have our spirits lifted. Of course, the country zoo can do that too, while also giving you some delicious recipes.

Roger Alford offers words of encouragement to residents of America's heartland. Reach him at rogeralford1@gmail.com.

Estill County Courthouse News

Property Transfers

Charles and Joline Hughes to Robert Fleming Hughes, love and affection, two tracts on highway leading from Irvine to Clay City.

Charles and Joline Hughes to Robert Fleming Hughes, love and affection, tract of land on KY 82.

Tony and Gina Murphy to Daniel Alan and Tamara Farnsworth, \$17,000, three acres, more or less, on Noland's Creek Road.

Jesse Chaney and Tasha Chaney, individually and as attorney in fact for Steven Christopher Chaney, to David Courtney Howard, \$22,000, parcel 1 of four acres, more or less, on water of Millers Creek and parcel 2 of 0.1 acre, more or less.

Raymond Hall and Barbara Bliss to Michael D. and Tammy R. Moore, \$110,000, on waters off

Millers Creek.

Buddy Ray and Charlotte Arvin to Robert and Marissa Tipton, deed of correction, tract on Crooked Creek Road, Irvine.

Marriage

Kristian Delaney Doyle, 19, clean houses, Kiskey Branch Road, Irvine and Jordan Taylor Lee Coyle, 20, construction of Red Lick Road, Irvine, married November 21, 2018.

Intermediate licenses

Dasha Rucker and William VanWinkle.

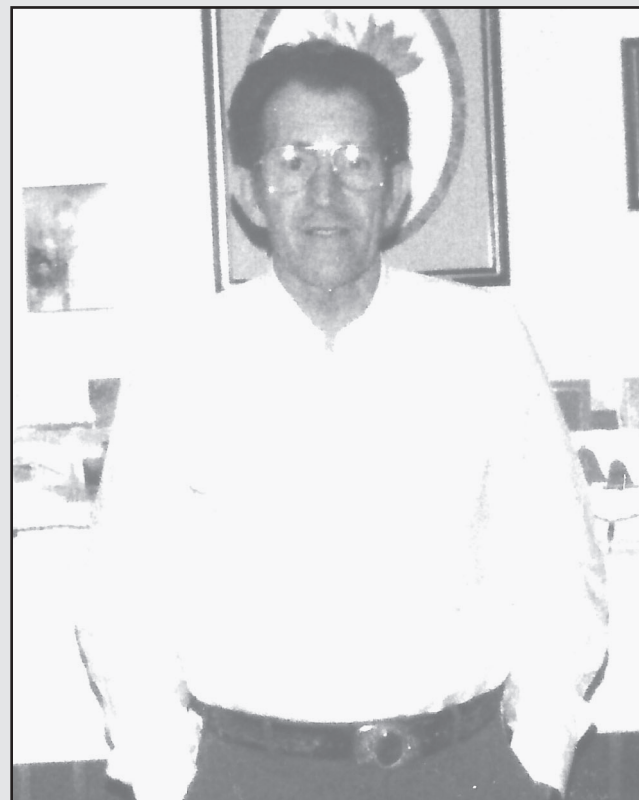
Operator permits

Cheyenne Kilgore, Joshua B. Benton, Kayle Henry, and Morgan Samples.

Road Test

If you would like to schedule an appointment for a road test to get a Drivers License, please call the Estill County Circuit Clerk's Office (606) 723-3970.

In Loving Memory of a Special Husband and Dad



Glendon Marcum (6-21-36 to 2-08-08)

A loving heart and a secret thought,
 A silent little tear.
 Are all things that keep you close,
 When Christmastime is here.

For you were someone special, Dad;
 One of the very best.
 The pain and grief was hard to bear,
 When you were laid to rest.

Our bond was sadly broken,
 And for now, we are apart.
 But time they say can help to heal,
 This ever-aching heart.

Christmas thoughts are bitter sweet,
 Yet lovely to recall.
 For Dad, it's at such special times,
 You're missed the most of all.

A special Christmas to my husband and the children's Dad, you are still loved and missed. Wife, Lillie Marcum

In Memory of Beverly Arvin



Christmas time is almost here,
 How you will be missed again this year.
 There may be presents, laughter and a tree,
 But to me, most of all, will be your memory.

Our home is lonesome since you are gone,
 But your love for us will always linger on.
 Your smile, your face we may not see,
 But in our hearts, you'll always be.

Though we feel like you are
 A million miles away,
 But we know you will be spending
 Christmas with Jesus, this special day.

*Sadly loved and missed by your wife,
 Marinda Arvin, grandson David T. Arvin,
 and daughter Carolyn Adams.*



Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 40!

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1 year \$16.04	1 year \$26.42	1 year \$30.19	1 year \$32.00
Sales Tax 0.96	Sales Tax 1.58	Sales Tax 1.81	Sales Tax 0.00
Total \$17.00	Total \$28.00	Total \$32.00	Total \$32.00

**Seniors, 65 and older, may deduct \$2.50 from above totals

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The Estill County Clerk's Office will observe the following schedules for the holiday season for the months of December and January:

Christmas -- Closed Saturday, December 22, 2018 through Wednesday, December 26, 2018.

We will be open on December 27-28, 8:00-4:00

New Year's -- Closed Saturday, December 29, 2018 through Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Reopen Thursday, January 3, 2019 with regular hours.

We wish each and every one a "Very Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year" with family and friends.

Sherry L. Fox
Estill County Clerk