

Lost dog answered to Lucky, though he didn't look very fortunate



America's Heartland

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A woman called the police to report her dog missing, and an officer asked her for a description.

"Well, one of his ears is missing," she said. "He only has one eye. He lost one of his legs when he was hit by a car. And, oh yeah, his tail is half cut off."

"What's his name?" the officer asked.

"Lucky," she replied.

My dog, Rusty, fits part of that description. He has a bobtail. He was

born that way. Rusty is a Mountain Feist, which is a fairly rare breed that played a vitally important role as hunting dogs in the Appalachian region during the Depression era. They put meat on the table for families who had no money at a time before welfare programs had even been invented.

My friend Ab Smith in Inez, Ky., gave Rusty to me. I couldn't think of a finer gift. I wouldn't be able to even guess how many miles I've trekked through the woods with this little dog. I feel very fortunate to have him, but not lucky.

Perhaps you realize the word "luck" doesn't appear anywhere in the Bible. People who have been walking with God for any length of time have learned that there are no random happenings with God in control. The Bible makes clear that God has a plan for each of us and every event in our lives in some way is part of that plan.

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love

the Lord, who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

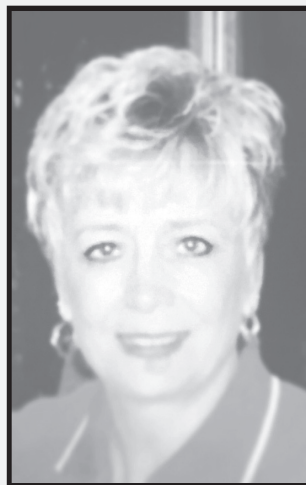
For that reason, it always bothers me when I hear someone talk about their good luck or bad luck, as if through some happenstance something good or something bad occurred.

One of my favorite Bible verses, which shows up in this column from time to time, speaks to the fact that the Lord has a purpose for our lives.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

The fact is, even if we have one ear, if we have one eye, if we are missing a leg, if our tails are half cut off (if we had tails), we are still blessed to have a God who loves and cares for us.

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Surprises

Last week was a week of surprises; some great and some not so great. One of the greatest things to ever happen in Estill County is the Estill County High School's Boys Basketball team winning the 14th Region. A first in many years.

Sadly, they lost in the first round to Corbin. These guys accomplished something that had not happened in many years. I was very proud of them and heard many compliments about our school and team. So guys, you have a lot to be proud of!

It was amazing how our community came together in support of the team. Whether it was giving money, buying pizza, shirts, and tickets or supporting the team with the Pep Band. The attendance at state was phenomenal. I'm so proud of the people in Estill County. Our county is so wonderful when it comes to support and giving. Thank you!

Also, my daughter's team, the Scott County Girls Basketball Team lost in the first round of the Girl's State Basketball Tournament. The 11th Region draw

was to play the 7th Region team, Manual High School, out of Louisville. The girls did not play well; they had that "Deer in the headlights look," and it was like there was a lid on the basketball rim and they were very nervous. To say the least; they lost, but, they did have a great season, of 32-2.

Now, the not so good surprise . . . I woke up about 3:30 a.m. on Monday morning to a dark, black room. I asked myself, "What is going on?" Suddenly, I was wide awake and realized the power was off; no night lights or flood lights outside. I grabbed my housecoat and tried to find a flashlight, matches or a lighter; to no avail. I finally made it down the steps to the kitchen to look for matches; they weren't there.

My flowering plum trees and forsythia bushes were bending over with the weight of the snow. There must have been 7 or 8 inches and there were drifts on the yard. No wonder the power was out; there was ton of snow. It was a winter wonderland; so beautiful, but oh! The damage it can do to modern conveniences.

I yelled at Bob to come help me look; well you might as well wake a bear from hibernation as to try and wake him. He yelled his famous, "WHAT." I tried to explain what was wrong. He finally went out to the front porch and found his lighter on the table where he smokes his pipe.

I did know where all the candles were. I got those lit and I finally found the flashlights and got the gas logs turned on. By that time it was 5:00 a.m. I called the 1-800 number for Jackson Energy and found there thousands without power. Well, I thought, this will take at least two or three

days to fix. No television, internet, (I couldn't write my article last week), or radio. We did find our emergency crank radio and we were tickled to have it. We had plenty of food and we put the perishables in coolers. Therefore we, didn't lose much. My deep freeze and freezer compartment in the refrigerator stayed frozen.

We read and studied the list of scriptures that our church is reading and fasting every Wednesday for five weeks before Easter.

It's amazing how God works; perhaps he knew we all needed more Bible reading and blessed us with snow to stay inside to read and study.

We read, played board games and listened to golden oldies, and just listened to about anything that would make noise. It was so quiet. We made coffee on the burner on the grill and basically cooked on the grill and ate bologna sandwiches.

We were getting a little bored and grouchy by the time the electric came back on Wednesday about 4:00 p.m. We were at Estill's ball game at Rupp Arena, but I called my neighbor between games and she told they were working on getting it on. I jumped up and down and thanked the Lord it was back on.

All that time, I thought how blessed we are. In my lifetime there are many modern conveniences that we take them for granted. Such as: first of all, electricity, running water and gas. We have automatic washers and dryers, dishwashers, refrigerator, vacuum cleaners, HVAC units, and the list goes on.

God has blessed us so much; and I have a greater appreciation of electricity, HVAC, running water, propane and natural gas.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

Milk is included with every meal; plus assorted juices included with breakfast

MONDAY March 26	TUESDAY March 27	WEDNESDAY March 28	THURSDAY March 29	FRIDAY March 30
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SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER BREAKFASTS

Breakfast Pizza Pineapple Tidbits Milk	Oatmeal & Toast Apples Milk	Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Peaches Milk	Scrambled Eggs Toast, Mandarin Oranges, Milk	Yogurt Animal Crackers Juice, Milk
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SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER LUNCHES

Chicken Nuggets Rolls Green Beans Apples, Milk	Turkey Sandwich Potato Smiles Strawberry Cups Milk	Spaghetti w/Breadstick, Garden Salad Mandarin Oranges Milk	Pizza Hut Pizza Corn Side Kicks Milk	Hamburger on Bun French Fries Peaches Milk
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ESTILL SPRINGS BREAKFASTS

Breakfast Pizza or Toast/Cocoa Puffs Pineapple Tidbits Asst. Juice Milk	Mini Maple Pancakes w/syrup or Cinn. Toast Crunch Graham Snacks Apple, Juice, Milk	Donuts or Pop Tart/ Trix Cereal, Pears Asst. Juice Milk	Scrambled Eggs or Lucky Charms Toast Applesauce Asst. Juice, Milk	Asst. Muffins Trix Cereal Peaches Asst. Juice Milk
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ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES

Popcorn Chicken Roll, Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Apple, BBQ Sauce Ketchup, Milk	Taco/Wrap, Salsa Shredded Cheese Lettuce/Tomato Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Noodle Soup/Crackers Grilled Cheese Cauliflower/Dip Tomatoes, Peaches	Pizza Hut Pizza Corn Baby Carrots/Dip Pineapple Milk	Mini Corn Dogs Potato Smiles Seamed Broccoli Applesauce Milk
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WEST IRVINE BREAKFASTS

Breakfast Pizza or Cinn. Toast Crunch Pineapple Tidbits Juice, Milk	Mini Pancakes/Syrup or Lucky Charms Applesauce Juice, Milk	Mini Cinni Rolls or Donuts or Cocoa Puffs/ Scooby Snacks Pears, Juice, Milk	Scrambled Eggs Toast or Cocoa Puffs Peach Cups Juice, Milk	Assorted Muffins or Cocoa Krispies Apple Juice, Milk
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WEST IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Nuggets Roll, Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes Apple Milk	Deli Turkey/Wrap Potato Wedges Cucumber Slices Shredded Let./Tom. Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Noodle Soup/Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrots/Dip Orange, Milk	Hot Dog on Bun Potato Smiles Pork & Beans Peach Cup Milk	Pizza Hut Pizza Corn Grape Tomatoes Apple Milk
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Dutch Waffle Apple Jacks Pop Tart, Apples Juice, Milk	Scrambled Eggs & Toast, Cocoa Puffs Pop Tart, Pineapples Asst. Juice, Milk	Biscuit & Gravy Trix, Pop Tart Peaches Asst. Juice, Milk	Pancakes, Choco. Bites or Mini Wheats Pop Tart, Banana Asst. Juice, Milk	Chocolate or Cinn. Muffins, Apple Cinn. Cheerios, Pop Tarts Mandarin Oranges
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH

Chicken Tenders Buffalo Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Gr. Beans Mandarin Oranges Apples	Hamburger on Bun Pork Chop on Bun French Fries Let./Tom./Pickles Applesauce	Pizza Hut Pizza Garden Salad Corn Pineapples Grapes Fudge Bar	Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers Grilled Cheese Broccoli Bites Mandarin Oranges Pineapples	Hot Dog on Bug Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Doritos Carrot Sticks, Baked Beans, Tropi. Fruit Oranges
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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

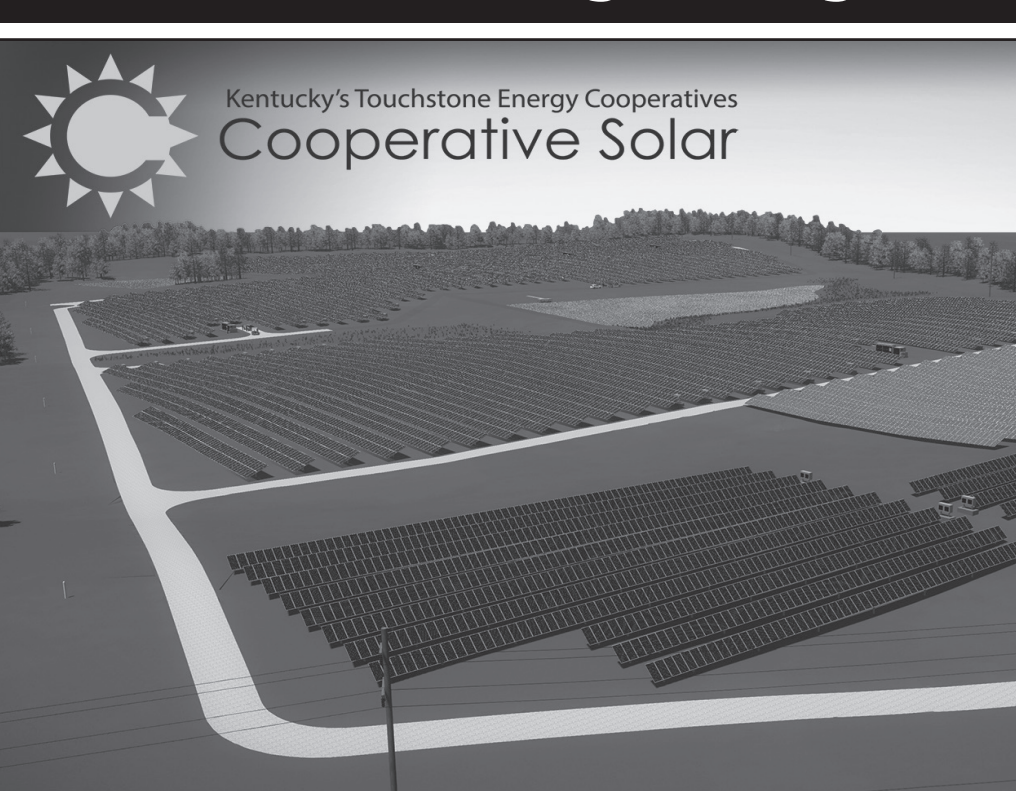
Breakfast Honey Bun, Cereal, Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts Mini Choc. Donuts Oranges or Apples	Pancake Porky Pop Tarts Donut Holes Yogurt Parfait Oranges or Apples	Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit Pop Tarts Yogurt Parfaits Mini Choc. Donuts	Chicken Biscuit Pop Tarts Yogurt Parfait Donut Holes Oranges or Apples	Gravy & Biscuit Pop Tarts Cereal, Cereal Bars Mini Choc. Donuts Oranges or Apples
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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH

Offered Daily: Pizza Line Sandwich Box, Salad Box

Bosco or Pepperoni Calzone, Marianara Sauce, Corn Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Green Beans Normandy Blend Side Kicks Tropical Fruit	Deli Turkey on Bun Fish Sandwich Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Green Beans Glazed Carrots Chips, Grapes Applesauce	BBQ on bun Spicy Chicken/Bun Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Baked Beans Tater Tots Strawberry Cups Peaches	Chicken Alfredo w/ Breadstick Pork Chop on Bun Garden Salad Grape Tomatoes Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Pears	Chili w/Crackers Grilled Cheese Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Broccoli Bites Carrot Sticks Peaches Pineapples
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