

The

Family Room

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Although we may not realize it, there is a good chance that we have all known a victim of domestic violence at some point in our lives. They are our mothers and daughters; our sisters and friends. They are strangers we've seen mocked in public places by their husbands or boyfriends or neighbors who hide their bruises while they walk outside to check the mail. In many cases, they have hidden their pain so well that we as outsiders have no idea what is going on behind closed doors. In other cases, we have seen the pain and stayed silent, thinking what happens behind closed doors is none of our business.

It is time to make domestic violence our business.

Domestic violence is happening at an epidemic rate: studies show that one in every four women will be a victim. Another study shows that it will affect 1.3 women living in the United States this year alone. Yet we still view domestic violence as a private affair. It is important to realize that there is never just "one" victim of domestic violence. When a woman is victimized, it will affect everyone in her life in some way: her family, friends, and especially her children. Her performance at work may go down, and she might become less involved in groups or activities. Until she is able to move past the violent situation, all of these people will feel the effects of the violence.

So what can we do? First of all, we can take simple steps to help end violence in the communities we are a part of. Following are four ways to put an end to domestic violence.

1. Talk about it. If you know or think you know someone who might be experiencing domestic

violence, talk to them. Let them know that they are not alone and that this is not their fault. Create an environment where it is safe and possible to talk about violence and how to move past violent situations.

2. Evaluate your own actions. Have you ever caught yourself behaving violently? How do you react when you see violence on television or in the movies? Think about these things. If you notice that you have a problem with violent behavior, talk to someone about it. Don't be ashamed to seek help.

3. Eliminate gender stereotypes. Many issues of domestic violence stem from the misconception that women must always be submissive and that men must always be in control in romantic relationships. This is not a healthy way to view a relationship. Relationships should be equal, and gender stereotypes should never be used as an excuse for domestic violence.

4. Raise awareness in your community. An educated and informed community is the first step toward a community that lives free of violence. Schedule a presentation by Family Life Abuse Center, or host your own event to discuss the prevention of domestic violence. Only when we stand together can we end this epidemic.

Family Life Abuse Center exists to help victims of domestic violence. We believe that only when we as a community stand together and show that we will not tolerate or accept abuse will we be able to stop it. To seek help for a domestic violence situation or to schedule an event to raise awareness and help prevent domestic violence, please call 1-800-755-5348.

Federal officials confirm gray wolf taken in Kentucky

Federal officials recently confirmed that an animal taken by a hunter near Munfordville in Hart County on March 16 is a gray wolf.

A DNA analysis performed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Wildlife Research Center in Colorado determined the 73-pound animal was a federally endangered gray wolf with a genetic makeup resembling wolves native to the Great Lakes Region. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Forensics Laboratory in Oregon confirmed the finding.

How the wolf found its way to a Munfordville hay ridge at daybreak in March remains a mystery. Wolves have been gone from the state since the mid-1800s.

Great Lakes Region wolf biologists said the animal's dental characteristics - a large amount of plaque on its teeth - suggest it may have spent some time in captivity. A largely carnivorous diet requiring the crushing of bone as they eat produces much less plaque on the teeth of wild wolves.

Hart County resident James Troyer took the animal with a shot from 100 yards away while predator hunting on his family's farm. Troyer, 31, said he had taken a coyote off the property just two weeks earlier.

But when he approached the downed animal he noticed it was much larger. "I was like - wow - that thing was big!" he recalled. "It looked like a wolf, but who is going to believe I shot a wolf?"

Because a free-ranging wolf has not been seen in the state for more than a century, biologists were skeptical at first. However, wildlife officials were aware that a few radio-collared north-

ern wolves have wandered as far south as Missouri in the past decade.

Wolves resemble coyotes, except they are much larger. From a distance, the size difference is difficult to determine.

Troyer convinced Kevin Raymond, a wildlife biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, to look at the animal. Once Raymond saw the animal was twice the size of a coyote, he contacted furbearer biologist Laura Patton, who submitted samples to federal officials for DNA testing.

Because state and federal laws prohibit the possession, importation into Kentucky or hunting of gray wolves, federal officials took possession of the pelt.

Since this is the first free-ranging gray wolf documented in Kentucky's modern history, federal or state charges are not expected because there were no prior biological expectations for any hunter to encounter a wolf.

Yard Sale

Huge yard sale at the home of Steven and Marsha Caudill, Friday and Saturday, 8 to ? Take Hwy. 1505 from the Brodhead Fire Department 4.5 miles out, then turn at Chestnut Grove Road. Lots of back to school clothing, kids, adult, name brands and many sizes, shoes, furniture, home decor and much more. Priced to sale. Rain cancels.

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ABSOLUTE Auction

Ms. Sherry Mahaffey's Tools ~ Personal Property ~ Antiques

Saturday, August 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
330 Mahaffey Hill, Livingston, KY

Location: Turn off of Main Street in Livingston onto Church Street. Follow signs to top of hill. Auction signs are posted.

These are items from the estate of Ms. Mahaffey's grandmother plus her own items.

TOOLS & LAWN FURNITURE: Poulan Chainsaw (unused) ~ cable wrench~ tile saw ~ wood chipper ~ 3 pc matching patio furniture with glider/sofa, lounge chair and glass top table ~ air compressor ~ roofing tools ~ nail guns ~ power pack electric box ~ deep well pumps and tanks ~ PVC water pipe slip joints ~ concrete hand tools ~ carpet laying tools ~ black wrought iron gates ~ primed interior doors ~ bi-fold doors ~ cabinet doors ~ horse drawn plows ~ wheels & tires ~ disc plow ~ cultivator plow ~ antique plane tools ~ hand press ~ mowing blades ~ cutoff saw ~ pallet jack ~ flower pots ~ kerosene cans ~ aluminum walk boards ~ aluminum jacks ~ pump jacks ~ well bucket ~ wooden lawn furniture ~ metal lawn chairs.

FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Early American style sofa (hide-a-bed) ~ platform rocker ~ china cabinet ~ cake plate ~ relish dish ~ butter dishes ~ wall plaques ~ set of encyclopedias ~ Home Interior pieces ~ modern mantle clock ~ chain light ~ spindle back rocker ~ wardrobe ~ wingback chair with Queen Anne legs ~ living room sofa and matching loveseat ~ magazine rack ~ several hat boxes (ladies) ~ night stand/record cabinet ~ chest of drawers ~ full length dressing mirror ~ Library table with gated legs ~ brass pulls and inlay ~ ottoman ~ desk ~ large wall mirror ~ teacart ~ magazine rack ~ toaster ~ coffee maker ~ Library table ~ egg basket ~ cookware ~ milk glass ~ glass coffee pot and cups ~ kerosene wall lamps ~ cast iron pieces ~ round oak table with 4 matching spindle back chairs ~ crock churn with dasher ~ oak buffet with beveled mirror ~ glass punch bowl set ~ bud vases.

Oak cabinet ~ electric meat slicer ~ blue canning jars ~ electric fireplace ~ large cast iron kettle ~ Warm Morning Gas Heater ~ gas logs ~ Zippo lighters ~ coffee mill ~ metal cabinet ~ bottle capper ~ camel back trunk ~ iron bedstead ~ mail pouch sign thermometer ~ Whirlpool washer & dryer ~ 4 pc. Wicker set including loveseat, 2 chairs and coffee table ~ Maytag ringer washer with rinse tub ~ sideboard ~ cheese boxes ~ set of Haviland Bavarian China ~ old milk bottle ~ set of Crock bowls ~ picnic table ~ Range Qualified wood cook stove ~ strainers ~ Tupperware ~ dippers ~ 10 gallon crock ~ granite cookers ~ numerous miscellaneous baskets ~ pressure cookers ~ cider press ~ glass showcase (out of Bingham's Restaurant) ~ glass churn ~ ice cream maker ~ blue fruit jars ~ sausage mill ~ percolators ~ old lard cans ~ several Jim Beam decanters with historic figures ~ kitchen utility tray ~ electric heaters ~ Potbelly stove ~ cast iron broilers ~ oil heater ~ trunks ~ old churns ~ crocks ~ lamps ~ old metal toy tables ~ twin beds ~ meat grinder (from C.F. Mullins' store) ~ quilting frame ~ end tables.

18k gold necklaces ~ Elvis posters ~ electric horse clock ~ coffee grinder ~ luggage set ~ candy dishes ~ upright Randix radio ~ wicker rocker ~ square trunk ~ table and 4 chairs ~ meat platter ~ canister set ~ dollies ~ sewing machines ~ suitcases ~ milk cans ~ clock and key ~ metal kitchen cabinet with flour bin ~ metal top kitchen table ~ ladder back rockers ~ numerous miscellaneous books ~ coffee and end tables ~ and much, much more!

PRINTS: City of Livingston prints including: The Depot, The Bridge, The Livingston School, The Seven Gables Hotel and Main Street Livingston by Kitty Fridmore (local artist) ~ and other miscellaneous prints.

The following items will be selling subject to seller's confirmation:

- Cub Cadet 19 h.p. 42" cut riding mower
- Anti que banjo
- 4 cylinder, 52 amp generator, 24v with starter and 2 new batteries
- Wood stove

TERMS: Cash or check in full day of the sale. MasterCard and Visa will also be accepted with a processing fee.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Come join us for a fun-filled auction. There will be lots of items from yesteryear plus plenty of tools. This auction will be held under the auction tent with fans blowing and concessions will be by Livingston Fire Department.

Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter. For additional information, contact the auctioneers.



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