



# THE PEACEABLE EARTH

YEAR 52, EARLY AUTUMN

GOOD NEWS FROM A WORLD MADE NEW • HILL COUNTRY • EAST MEADOW

**TODAY**  
68°F / 50°F; clear after morning mist

**WILDLIFE**  
East meadow nesting path temporarily redirected

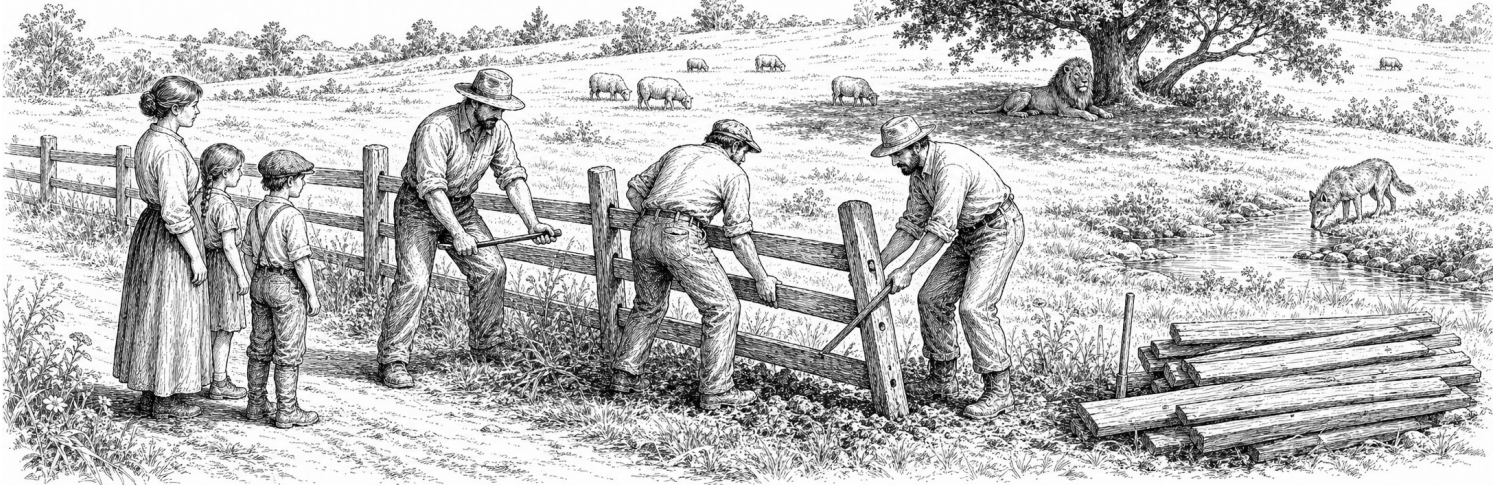
**TRAVEL**  
Fence-line trail reopened

**SUNSET**  
7:18 p.m.

**GATHERING**  
Meadow supper at 5:45 p.m.

## THE MORNING THE FENCE CAME DOWN

*After a full season of peaceful observation, neighbors remove the last barrier between the sheep meadow and the restored wildlife corridor.*



*The final section of fence is removed while the flock continues grazing and meadow wildlife remains peacefully nearby.*

### COVER REPORT

The fence remained while the families caring for the sheep patiently confirmed that peace had become dependable. With growing confidence, they prepared to remove the final barrier. For months, they watched wolves rest within sight of the flock, young lions pass without giving chase, and children walk the outer path under the guidance of experienced animal caretakers.

Yesterday morning, the final gate was lifted from its hinges. The sheep continued grazing. A lion raised his head from the shade, watched the work for a moment, and went back to sleep. The quietness of the scene affected the crowd more than any dramatic display could have. Jehovah's promise at Isaiah 11:6-9 describes former enemies dwelling together under conditions where nothing causes harm. The meadow offered a modest glimpse of that promise becoming ordinary.

The removal of the fence does not end careful stewardship. Nesting areas remain protected, young children still learn how to approach animals calmly, and paths may close when creatures need space. Peace is not possession. Animals are fellow living creatures in the restored earth, not decorations or toys. The best celebration may be that after the brief gathering, everyone returned to the day's work and the meadow remained wonderfully uneventful.

### TOP STORIES

#### Young Leopard Uses the Shaded Reading Bench

A young leopard has begun lying on the shaded bench beside the west path after the children's reading circle leaves. The district has moved the circle ten paces east so the animal has space and the children can continue meeting nearby. Caretakers are using the tracks and claw marks around the bench to teach the children how to recognize an animal's regular route without approaching or disturbing it.

#### Nesting Path Redirected for Two Weeks

The east meadow trail will bend around the lower reeds while ground-nesting birds care for their young. New markers are in place, and guides will lead the longer route at 8:00 each morning. The change adds twelve minutes and a fine view of the upper pond.

### DEPARTMENTS

#### Creature Watch: Turtles Return to the South Bank

Six river turtles were observed nesting on the restored south bank. Visitors should use the raised path and avoid the pale sand markers. A sunrise watch will be organized when the young are expected to emerge.

#### Children Ask: Do Animals Still Need Rules?

Animals may no longer be dangerous, but they still have needs, habits, young to protect, and places where they should not be disturbed. Rules help people show kindness and self-control. A peaceful animal is not automatically a pet, and love does not require constant touching.

### COMMUNITY BOARD

- 8:00 a.m.: Guided walk on the redirected nesting path
- 10:30 a.m.: Animal-care lesson for children
- 2:00 p.m.: Fence wood collection for garden trellises
- 5:45 p.m.: Meadow supper and songs

### NEIGHBORLY ADVICE

*Warm counsel for everyday questions.*

**Q.** *The elephant cared for in the neighboring garden has learned to spray water across several planting beds. The arc also reaches our clothesline, so clean sheets get soaked. How do we keep the useful watering routine without moving the entire garden?* — Damp but Grateful

**A. FROM THE EDITOR** You have already noticed the hopeful part: the watering is useful, and the overlap is easy to adjust. Coordinate with the elephant's caretaker and change the watering position, angle, or time so the spray remains within the planting beds. Moving the clothesline a short distance may still be sensible, but the entire garden need not be rearranged. Observe the pattern for several days and mark a dependable watering station. This is not a question of correcting the animal's intentions; it is a matter of designing the routine around the reach of a very capable trunk. The tomatoes can receive their water, and the sheets can dry in peace. — The Editor

Inspired by: Isaiah 11:6-9; Isaiah 65:25; Hosea 2:18