

# Wanderings from the Woods & Water by Jay Bicknell

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## TIME

The last few days of warm weather has me thinking about time.

My day job takes up 8 hours in Frankfort. The warm weather and longer daylight means landscaping/patio work in Lexington every evening. The Lexington work is piling up like crazy. So, time to get everything done and not neglect God, family; and possibly a turkey hunt is on my mind a lot.

Time is one of those things we can't make up, and the Good Lord only gives us a certain amount of minutes. I want to make the most of every minute He gives me on earth. Time is a very important and precious commodity.

I have been blessed with an awesome wife and five awesome kids! Our family time is very important to us. We try to have dinner every evening at the table with the TV off and Brinley (our 2 year ) praying "amen for Jesus and amen for food."

I know you're wondering what does this have to do with hunting. Well, this weekend is opening day of youth turkey hunting. I plan on spending opening day of youth season with my two oldest kids. I plan on us spending time with Jesus in his creation. I hope they kill a turkey, but, if not, it will still be time well spent.

When we get home, I

would imagine I will take Josh and Brinley out for a little hunt (walk through the woods)!

The kids and I have been talking about turkey season for a while now. The time to go hunting is finally here. I am going to soak in every minute of the hunt; Cherish every second I get to spend with the kids outdoors.

I think it is very important how we spend our time. Spending time working hard is an imperative part of life. Spending time with your family is vital to our kids. Spending time with God is a must in your life. How are you spending your time?

Good luck to all youth hunters! The adults taking the youth out, cherish your time in the field and give God thanks for his AWESOME creation. Give him thanks for the time he has given you!

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Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources staff artist Rick Hill (left) and "Kentucky Afield" Television Host, Tim Farmer (right) admire a smallmouth bass Farmer caught from Dale Hollow Lake in early spring. Dale Hollow Lake, Laurel River Lake and Lake Cumberland hold some of the largest smallmouth bass in the world.

# Legislators Honor Popular Ky. Afield Television Show

"Kentucky Afield" television host Tim Farmer and video producer Nathan Sangster left the show's studio Friday morning to film an upcoming segment about sauger and muskellunge fishing on the Kentucky River in downtown Frankfort.

It was business as usual less than 24 hours after Kentucky legislators adopted resolutions honoring the longest, continuously-running outdoor TV show in the United States and a winner of seven regional Emmy awards. Audiences have enjoyed the show for 61 years.

Joining Farmer and Sangster on Thursday at the state capitol were "Kentucky Afield" Executive Producer Scott Moore, Video Producer Nathan Brooks and "Kentucky Afield" Producer and Radio Host Charlie Baglan.

"People in this Commonwealth can tune in to each episode to see outstanding chronicles of some of the greatest accomplishments in wildlife and fisheries restoration," read the state Senate and House resolutions. "'Kentucky Afield' also teaches viewers about their Kentucky heritage, and rightfully celebrates the history of this Commonwealth and its people in unique, entertaining ways."

The television show was born from the "Kentucky Afield" radio show

and was first broadcast on WAVE television in Louisville in 1953. The program has appeared statewide on Kentucky Educational Television weekly since 1985.

Farmer is one of six hosts in the show's storied history. Preceding him were Ron Rhody, Hope Carleton, Jeremy Drier, Tim Michaels and Dave Shuffet.

"In my mind, the secret to 'Kentucky Afield' is Tim Farmer," Moore said. "I see what Tim can do, what he does and the way people react to him as a sportsman. Tim portrays the love of what he's doing, and that's very important to Kentuckians."

He continued: "It's one thing just to be out there doing it because it's a job, but when they see this guy believes it, he understands it and he loves it, that's the key. We're very fortunate to have Tim as our host."

Farmer has become the face of "Kentucky Afield" and an inspiration to sportsmen and sportswomen during his 19 years as the show's host.

A motorcycle accident in 1984 left him without the use of his right arm, but he refused to let it stop his outdoors pursuits. Farmer learned to shoot a bow with his teeth, tie fishing knots with his mouth, and shoot a shotgun cross-shouldered.

"We are here for a reason: we love the outdoors,"

Farmer said. "It's our job to show people what they can do with our resource. That's our job. Everybody who works for 'Kentucky Afield' takes that seriously. These guys are dedicated."

"Kentucky Afield" airs at 8:30 p.m. Saturdays and 4:30 p.m. Sundays on KET. Segments are viewable online at youtube.com/kyafield. The show's YouTube channel has generated more than 20 million views since 2007 while its Facebook page has registered more than 8,500 likes.

On Saturday, March 26, Farmer was joined on set by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Wild Turkey Biologist Steven Dobey and Conservation Officer Rufus Cravens for the spring turkey season call-in show at 8:30 p.m. Eastern time.

"It's great that we can win awards and be recognized," Moore said. "But at the end of the day, if you don't have people that watch what you produce and enjoy the things you talk about, what do you really have? We're in our 61st year. That means Kentuckians have embraced the idea of the enjoyment of hunting and fishing. None of this exists without the support of our sportsmen and sportswomen. They have to believe in what we do to support what we do."

# Larry Stewart

## for Estill County Jailer

My name is Larry Stewart and I am a candidate for Estill County Jailer

I have been a resident of Estill County for 28 years. During those years I have been owner and operator of several local businesses, and, for the last eleven years, have been employed by the Irvine Municipal Utilities at a Water Treatment Plant Operator. I am a member of River Drive Christian Church as well as a current member and past president of the Irvine-Ravenna Kiwanis Club. In the past, I have served for six years as Deputy Jailer and have served as a member of the Estill County Drug Court Review Board as well as a member of the State Police Personnel Board.

Four years ago, the people of Estill County showed me a lot of support; Because of that support and the encouragement of many of you, I am once again asking for your vote.

Thank You, Larry Stewart

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## Stickeler's Puzzle

**STICKELERS** (est.)  
by Terry Stickels

Here's a "trickledown" puzzle. The rules are simple; you merely change one letter on each line to make a new word and continue until you reach the final word.

EXAMPLE: COAT      ANS: COAT  
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Now, try this one.

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## Stickeler's Answer on Page 14



*Drops of Sunshine*  
Who doesn't love American goldfinches? Here are five things they can't resist:

1. Thistle or Nyjer seed in a tube feeder.
2. Sunflower heart chips.
3. Black oil sunflower seed.
4. Purple cone flowers.
5. Fresh water (lots of it!).

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