

**Wanderings
from the
Woods
& Water
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Grow Where You Are Planted

If you noticed I have not written a column in a couple of weeks. Well, I have been feeling rough and just now got diagnosed with Lyme Disease.

Next week I will be writing about Lyme Disease and what to watch for.

I was looking at the landscape rip out pile the other day and got a surprise. We are always tearing out old landscaping to put in new stuff for people. The old stuff comes home us with where it goes into a refuse pile. To my surprise growing out of the pile was a beautiful coral drift rose, limelight hydrangea, and blackeyed susan.

These plants were left alone and they are doing excellent. They have had no outside interference. I am not sure if they could

do any better if I had tried taking care of the plants. These plants are growing and healthy without any interference.

I could easily kill these plants! I could dig them up and toss them over the hill. I could spray them with roundup. I got this ground killer spray that will kill everything for a year. I plan on letting them grow and produce more plants. Then I will use them in my landscape.

As I looked at these plants it got me to thinking about a lot of stuff. We started a business a few years ago. We are doing good, but could be doing better if the government would just leave us alone with AKA Taxes and Insurance. Every time we turn around more taxes and another type of

insurance we must pay for. Money that could have went to hire more people.

To survive in business, you must constantly think outside the box. Every day you must look for new business. What worked today might not work the next day. So, you must be ready to change the plan. If you do something over and over you are probably going to get the same results.

You are probably wondering where I am going with this. Here comes the point of this column!

I have heard a lot of talk about nickel tax, 4% tax, payroll tax, property tax and everything tax. The plants grow without any outside interference. Same with people, if you leave them alone the producers will grow. The growth will equal jobs. With more jobs comes bigger tax base and raising taxes is not necessary to pay for things.

I love Estill County and this will be where I am planted one day. I got six kids that I hope want to live in Estill. The way I see it right now, by the time they get old enough to get a job there won't be any reason for them to stay. It's time to start thinking outside the box. Quit doing stuff because that is the way it's always been done. Instead of spraying with ground killer

put some miracle grow down. Then young people will want to stay in Estill and be a part of the landscape!

Estill is a diamond in the rough for tourism. It needs to be utilized to its full potential. If we get tourists to come the dollars will follow. When the dollars follow then the community grows without taxing the producers when a bill comes due.

I am a hunter and hate to see a piece of ground I hunt get leased to an outsider, but if helps the community I am ok with it. There are a ton of outsiders who would pay top dollar to lease deer hunting ground mostly out-of-state outsiders. If Estill becomes hunter friendly it could equal an extra crop for farmers in the form of lease money. When hunters come in they need to

eat, buy supplies, and have a place to stay. With an increase of hunters equals an increase in dollars to the community.

If you look downtown there are not a lot of businesses. The ones that are downtown don't even get a parking place dedicated to their storefront. When court is going on, good luck trying to find a parking place. I would imagine most of, court goers are paying fines and don't pay taxes. The business owner who pays taxes loses business because of many of non-taxpayers have got the parking all locked up because of court.

The definition of insanity- "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results"

-- Albert Einstein.
Until next week get out and enjoy God's creation!

**Dr. Savannah
Shea Martin
Is Awarded
Doctor of
Pharmacy
degree at UK**

Dr. Savannah Shea Martin of Irvine, KY, daughter of Ronnie Martin and Allison Haddock, recently received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. The University of Kentucky awarded 140 Doctor of Pharmacy degrees to students on May 5, at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts. UK College of Pharmacy Dean Kip Guy presided over the ceremony.

**ESTILL COUNTY FAIR BABY SHOW
TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

Rules:
All entries must be Estill County Residents.
If your residential home falls within the Estill County Lines - you're eligible for the Baby Show.

Gate Admission: \$10 For Ages 3 and Up
\$10 Entry Fee for Baby Show
(Only contestant will be admitted free. If contestant wants to ride later, you will have to pay the \$10 admission.)

Pre-register at the Fairgrounds during Farmers Market hours-4-7pm (Fridays) June 2nd-June 30th

Registration at Fairgrounds—
Saturday, July 1st —1-4 P.M.
Monday, July 3rd—1-6 P.M.
Tuesday, July 4th—2-7:00 P.M.

For further information, contact:
Tammy Cole 723-4326 or
Susan Lay 726-9989

A trophy will be given to each boy and girl class champion.
All contestants will receive a blue ribbon & coin dollar.

Boy & Girl Classes—
(Age of child as of July 4, 2017)

- Birth up to 6 Months Old
- Six Months up to One (1) Year Old
- Baby One (1) Year Old
- Baby Two (2) Years Old
- Baby Three (3) Years Old
- Baby Four (4) Years Old

Child's Name _____
_____ Boy _____ Girl

Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Phone _____
(If you don't have a phone, give number of nearest neighbor or relative)

Age _____ Birthdate _____
(Age as of July 4th) _____ Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Mail with \$10 entry fee to the Estill County Agrl. Fair Board, P. O. Box 361, Irvine, KY 40336
Attn: Baby Show - Make checks payable to: Estill County Agrl. Fair Board or
Clip this form and bring with \$10 entry fee to the Estill County Farmers Market



**Estill County Fair
Little Mister & Miss Estill County Pageant
Saturday, July 1, 2017**

**1:00 P.M.
Entry Fee: \$10**

**Admission:
\$8 for ages 3 and up
Pay at the Exhibit
Hall front door next
to the parking lot.**

- Rules:**
- All entries must be Estill County residents.
 - You are eligible if your residential home falls within the Estill County Lines.
NEW REGISTRATION SITE—Fairgrounds during Farmers Market hours on Fridays starting June 2nd, 4:00-7:00 P.M. Farmers Market will be located in the caged-in area of the Extension Office on Tuesday, June 13th.
You may also register at the practice at the fairgrounds on Friday night, June 30th, 7pm. Bring your entry form from the newspaper and the \$10 entry fee.
 - Due to state rules:
 - Contestants will wear and be judged in age appropriate attire in the pageant.
 - The winners of the Little Mister and Miss Pageant are not allowed to compete again. Little Mister and Miss Estill County will be competing at

Boys and Girls

Ages: Five through Seven –
Must have reached his/her 5th birthday by midnight, July 1, 2017 and cannot be 8 years old by July 1, 2017

All contestants will receive a coin dollar and blue ribbon.
The winner receives a crown, banner and trophy.

For further information, call:
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Susan Lay -726-9989

Committee: Tammy Cole, Chair; Susan Lay, Co-Chair; Ciara Arvin, Caleb Cole, Lester Cole, Brandon Hall, Eidy Hall, Lezley Dotson, Cheryl Stepp and Keyona Tipton

Full Name _____ Entry Fee \$10.00 _____ Boy _____ Girl _____

Address _____

Parent's Signature/Phone _____
(If you don't have a phone, give number of nearest neighbor or relative)

Age (as of July 1) _____ Birthdate _____
_____ Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Clip this form and mail to Estill County Agricultural Fair Association, P. O. Box 361, Irvine, Kentucky 40336 by June 28th. Make checks payable to: Estill County Fair Board. You may also bring the form and \$10 entry fee to the practice at the Fairgrounds on Friday, June 30th, 7:00 P.M.

**ESTILL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE
246 Main Street Irvine, KY – Call 723-3030**

JUNE 12 - JUNE 16, 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mountain Crest Old Pike Millers Creek Cobhill	Winston Trotting Ridge Sandhill Opossum Run	Nursing Home Horizon Daycare Ravenna Wagersville	Spout Springs Hudson Mill Rd. Old Fox Road Hargett	Mt. Crest Summer Reading

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