

Most area residents are familiar with the iconic landmark Fitchburg Furnace but now a song has been written about Furnace Mountain, with the furnace which sits at the base of the Furnace Mountain area as the backdrop for the video.

Kentucky native, D. Boone Pittman has just released his historical ballad, "Furnace Mountain," a song which is a narrative, yet rocking, depiction of the history of Estill County's own Fitchburg Furnace, a national landmark in the Daniel Boone National Forest.

Furnace Mountain is an advanced release to his first studio album, Bluegrass American Dream, scheduled for release on May 10, 2019. The album is a combination of roots and outlaw country with a focus on life in the commonwealth. From the autobiographical title track, to the heartbreak song "Bardstown Train", Pittman connects the depth of his influences to his demographic.

The term "Furnace Mountain" refers to a wide area spanning parts of both Estill and Powell counties but is used more often in neighboring Powell County where the county seat of Stanton sits at the base of the Mountain.

Pittman was raised in Powell County on the "other side of Furnace Mountain" and graduated from the high school there with the Class of 1986. He says a few years back that he "had a vision to write songs about various landmarks in Kentucky and place them all in one project." He will be releasing all of these songs in this first studio album, "Bluegrass American Dream" which he tried to accomplish this with.

"I ended up including some songs that I had written earlier on that had never been previously recorded," says Pittman, "But the heart of the project is a focus on our culture and references different places we have come to know living here."

As for the song 'Furnace Mountain', Pittman says, "I grew up on the Powell County side of Furnace Mountain and one day I came across the story

of the rebuilding of Fitchburg Furnace on the internet, which seems to have been authored by Wayne Adams with the Daniel Boone National Forest.

"Anyhow, I found the history intriguing and to me it really sounded like a story that needed to be shared through music," concluded Pittman. "So I set out over the course of a couple days back in 2014 to write a folk ballad in the lines of Springsteen's 'Youngstown.' I have tried to maintain as much historical accuracy with a few embellishments (I prefer historical assumptions). But it made for a nice story and a real long song."

The song was engineered in Lexington at Shangri-la Productions by Duane Lundy who had worked previously with great artists like Sturgill Simpson and Ringo Starr.

"We pulled in some amazing musicians as well," said Pittman. "I love how it turned out and I hope that those living in the area enjoy it and see it as a source of pride in our history."

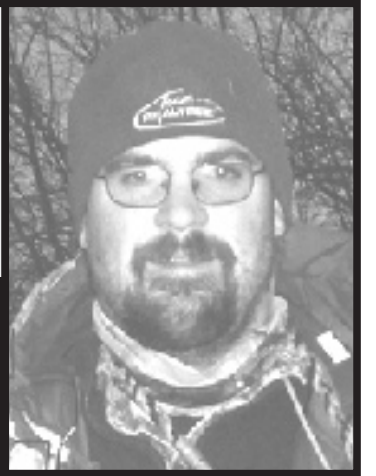
Furnace Mountain can be streamed on all major services or downloaded from most digital music services. Video can be viewed online as well.

D. Boone Pittman is a currently a resident in the Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, area and is a singer/songwriter/musician and performer. The Beatles were a big early influence, and triggered in him a deep appreciation for songwriting with lyrical depth. This led him to follow acts like Springsteen, Steve Earle, Tom Petty, and presently Jason Isbell. You can expect to hear him play a selection from each of these and more Americana/Country artists at one of his live performances. D's style of music is a heavy dose of roots country with an edginess to it. He has upcoming dates at Shelbyville in May and Lexington in June.

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## Wanderings from the Woods & Water

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## Lifetime Tree Plots Can Produce Long Term Dividends

Vintage Jay, from 2014

Recently, besides doing a lot of landscaping and patio work, I have gotten interested in wildlife trees. I soon will be getting a delivery of 1300 wildlife sapling trees with the plan of growing them out to sale. My interest in wildlife trees was sparked after looking at the cost benefit.

**What is a lifetime wildlife tree plot?**

It is trees planted as a food source or cover for wildlife. These plots once established have the possibility to last a life time. Tree plots will attract multiple species of wildlife.

**The cost benefit of tree plots vs a traditional food plot.**

The cost of a multiple species tree plot is cheaper than an acre of a traditional food plot. The money for seed and fertilizer, not to mention the equipment needed, could equal a lot of trees in the ground. All the equipment needed to plant trees is a good shovel and a strong back. In a day's time a lot of trees can be put in the ground. A food plot will pay out in 1 to 4 years depending on what you plant. A tree plot takes 3 to 5 years to produce, but once established it can last a lifetime.

**The Perfect Tree Plot**

In my opinion the perfect tree plot would consist of a plum thicket for cover and thermal breaks. Then I would stagger trees

so they produce food year round. I would have early apple and late apple trees. I would have persimmon and chestnut trees for the fall and winter. Then throw in pears and hazelnuts. This tree plot would attract deer, turkey, and other non-game wildlife.

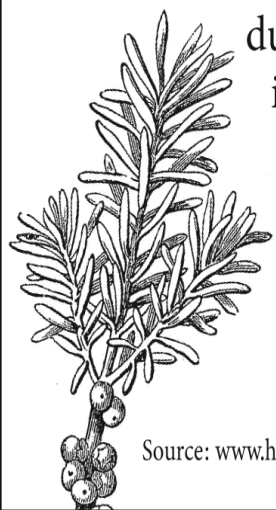
**For The Deer**

Once again just my opinion! The way I would strategically plant for deer hunting is using cover, food, and wind to my advantage. I would have my plum thicket in the no hunting sanctuary area. Then around the sanctuary area I would stage my trees with food production times with predominant winds. By doing this I would always have a food source with the right wind for a stand.

I have interjected a lot of opinion into this column. I have been doing a lot of research on tree plots and am a firm believer in trees for wildlife. Tree plots are easier and cheaper to establish than the traditional food plot. There are a couple of ways to get your trees. There are the bare root trees and potted trees; both have pros and cons. If you are thinking of doing a tree plot I suggest coming up with a plan first. Map out where and what you want to plant. Then put the plan in action. As the saying goes, when you fail to plan then you plan to fail!

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

## The Garden Bug



Source: www.herbsociety.org

**Rosemary** has been used for many purposes since ancient times. Greek scholars often wore a garland of it on their heads to help their memory during examinations. Charlemagne grew it in his royal gardens. The cologne that Napoleon Bonaparte used contained it. Shakespeare mentioned it in five of his plays. A sprig of the herb was often placed with the dead at funerals, and brides often wore it at their weddings.

- Brenda Weaver

## Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

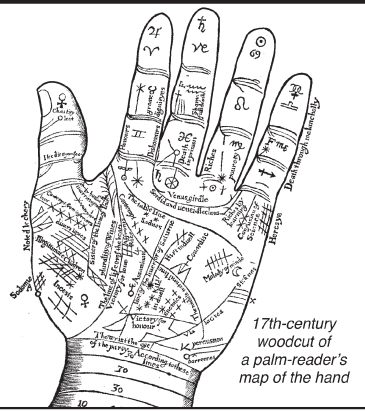
*When the Student is Ready ...*  
Observation is the best teacher. I have learned so much about birding simply by watching. For instance, titmice grab one seed, fly away to a nearby branch and peck it open. Cardinals are the first to arrive and the last to leave. What have you learned? Email me with your observations.

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## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Ye shall not regard them that work with spirits, neither soothsayers: ye shall not seek to them to be defiled by them, I am the Lord your God.*

LEVITICUS 19:31



## Saul in Jerusalem

Acts 9:26-29

26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. 28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem. 29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him. 30 Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

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## SCRAMBLERS

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