



# An Earth Poet

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If the saying the “April Showers Bring May Flow-ers” is true then we are due for a bumper show-case as May comes to pass. The April showers have sure done their part. So, what’s a fellow who longs to be outdoors do at this point of the season? At present he is writing this column.

Turkey season is upon us and for those who live for this part of the Kentucky hunting season it is special. It’s a great time to be outdoors as spring continues to move forward. There are definitely

not as many turkeys on the scene as there used to be in the fields. But there are still enough around to hunt and without as many hens to breed the males should be more receptive to the mating call. Like every other outdoor activity, though, you must put the time in to be successful.

I’ve never had the urge to be in the majority of what Kentucky hunters pursue—deer and turkeys. Or maybe now elk and black bear. I don’t exactly know why as I first started hunting with squirrels and rabbits. But when that first hunt over an Eng-lish setter for quail and ruffed grouse took place, I was hooked and never looked back. Upland bird hunting is in my blood and that’s where the circu-latory system of the body it will remain.

Hitting the water on creeks and rivers would have to be the second passion that drives me. And this time of the year with cool weather, high and muddy water leaves me somewhat agony as I long to feel the water swirl through my legs and the bend of the rod with a smallmouth bass on the other end. Waiting for the conditions to be just right to begin is hard on the body and soul.

There is another type of hunting that the sea-son brings and as soon as the weather lets up the hunt will begin. No, it’s not for mushrooms. Since we have been married Patti and I have struck out to the hills and stream sides in search of various wildflowers. Our hunts take us to various locales in search of hepatica, Virginia bluebells, red and white trillium, dutchman’s britches, squirrel corn, trout lily, and many, many others. It takes vari-ous trips to find them all as they bloom at various times. It’s good exercise and gives us time to enjoy the natural beauties of the hillsides together. And the accompanying sights and sounds of running water, trees in bloom, birds singing are an awe-some accompaniment.

Jesse Stuart said, “My father was an earth poet who loved the land and everything on it.” He went on to say that “My father didn’t have to travel over the country searching for something beautiful to see. He didn’t have to go away to find beauty, for he found it everywhere around him.”

That’s the beauty of living amongst the fields and forests of the world. You don’t have to travel the globe to find beauty. It’s all around you if you only have eyes to see it. From a wildflower to a newborn lamb, from a dogwood tree to the vast green of hillsides and pastures. Your travels need to take you no further than your back door. It may just yield only a yellow dandelion but it’s there with all it’s brilliance for you to enjoy. And with those eyes to see this beauty you become an earth poet too.

## Lawmakers Update Changes in Frankfort

By LISA JOHNSON,  
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### The Age of Young New Drivers:

In last week’s col-umn, we updated you on lawmakers in Frank-fort passing a bill that allows teens as young as 15 to receive a driver’s permit. Now we have more on what’s coming out of our state capital and why it should mat-ter to everyone, from teenagers to seniors.

Frankfort is push-ing through sweep-ing changes that touch nearly every corner of life in Kentucky. Along with the new driving law, the state has ap-proved a personal in-come tax cut, dropping the rate to 3.5% by next year. While that sounds like relief, it comes with a projected \$718 mil-lion loss in revenue that helps fund schools, roads, emergency serv-ices, and more.

Meanwhile, Medic-aid will no longer cov-er gender-affirming care for those who need it, and lawmakers have reopened the door to controversial therapy practices targeting LG-BTQ (full name, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans-gender and queer). It’s also for people who don’t identify with the sex they were assigned at birth or in their youth. Medical excep-tions have been added

to Kentucky’s near-total abortion ban, but many argue it’s not enough.

On the streets, an urban camping ban has gone into effect, criminalizing homeless encampments, while Louisville has launched a separate “homeless court” to try to help peo-ple find services instead of jail. These decisions aren’t abstract- they’re fundamental policies with real consequenc-es, especially for those who don’t have a voice at the table.

Whether raising kids, caring for aging parents, or just trying to make it paycheck to paycheck, what happens in Frank-fort shapes your daily life. If you think poli-tics doesn’t affect you, it’s time to rethink. People feel unheard, pushed aside, and fed up. It’s time to change that. Don’t just read the news- respond to it.

Contact your law-makers. If unable, at-tend town meetings and request that the sessions be recorded and shared publicly. You are the taxpayer. You are the constitu-ent. Your vote matters. Just because some-one has been voted in doesn’t mean they stop being accountable for the actions to the peo-ple. Your voice should not just be heard- it should come from their mouths. Let them know you’re watching.

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## Public Notice of Master Commissioner Sale

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## Public Notice

### BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ESTILL COUNTY, KENTUCKY SUMMARY AND NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

The Board of Education of Estill County, Kentucky (the "Board of Education") at a regular meeting on March 20, 2025, passed and adopted a Resolution entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ESTILL COUNTY, KENTUCKY (“BOARD”), AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025 IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$890,000 (SUBJECT TO AN INCREASE OF UP TO \$90,000 OR DECREASE IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE BOARD) (THE “BONDS”) THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH ARE TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION, TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED, OF THE PROCEEDS OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE BONDS AND THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO KRS § 66.480; PROVIDING FOR DELEGATION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES NECESSARY OR REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.**

The Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$890,000 of the Board of Education’s General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025 (“Bonds”) (subject to permitted adjustment) to be issued for the purpose of financing construction of athletic improvements at various facilities throughout the Estill County School District (collectively, the “Project”).

To assure the payment of the Bonds, it is necessary that the Board of Education authorize the levy of a tax (“Bond Tax”) sufficient to pay debt service on the Bonds; provided, however, it is now anticipated that other available taxes and revenues of the Board of Education will be sufficient to meet the debt service requirements of the Bonds without the collection of the Bond Tax.

Section 5(C) of the Bond Resolution, which levies the Bond Tax reads as follows:

That pursuant to Section 157 of the Constitution of Kentucky and KRS § 66.111, there is hereby authorized to be levied, and the Board hereby does so levy, without limitation as to rate or amount, each year that the Bonds remain outstanding, a Tax in an amount sufficient to provide for the full payment of the principal and interest requirements on said Bonds; provided, however, that said Tax shall be collected only to the extent that other receipts from existing Board taxes or other sources are not sufficient to provide for the full payment of the debt service payments on the Bonds each year.

That by the adoption of the Resolution the Board of Education covenants with Owners of the Bonds that it shall, if necessary, collect each year a Bond Tax in a sufficient amount and appropriate in its annual budget, together with other monies available to it, an amount of funds sufficient to pay the “debt charges” on the Bonds as defined in Section 66.011 (4) of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The Bonds are to be sold at a publicly advertised competitive sale. The Bonds will mature over a term not to exceed 20 years. The Resolution establishes a Sinking Fund to provide for the payment of the principal and interest requirements of the Bonds as same become due.

A copy of the Resolution is available in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education.

This summary has been prepared by David B. Malone of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Louisville, Kentucky, Bond Counsel to the Board of Education.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ESTILL COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
By: /s/ Charlie Brock, Secretary