Strong turkey season about month away

BY TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

Kentucky's spring hunting seasons kick off with the youth-only turkey season April 5-6, followed by the general season for turkeys April 12-May 4, and according to the Kentucky Department for Fish and Wildlife Resources, (KDFWR) surveys are predicting a great turkey season ahead.

"During our winter netting and leg banding research, we caught an unusually high number of jakes, or younger birds," said Zak Danks, KDFWR Wild Turkey Program coordinator. "This aligns with the productive poult hatch in 2024, so I expect hunters will see more jakes this spring."

Danks suggests this should be an especially good season for youth and new hunters looking to bag a bird for the first time. Younger birds are easier for hunters to fool than older birds that have been hunted previously.

Hunters would do well to have a good turkey call and know how to use it. The online Learn to Hunt Turkey webpage on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website is a great place to start for tips and resources.

While most turkeys are harvested the opening weekend of the spring season, hunters should remember they still have three more weeks to take their bird. Weather plays an important role.

Turkey season begins in early April. (Kentucky Today photo)

"In general, turkey hunting is more difficult on windy or rainy days, although I still hunt whenever I can," Danks said.

No more than two legal turkeys may be taken per spring season. A legal turkey is defined as a wild turkey that is male or has a visible beard. Hunters may only harvest one bearded turkey per wildlife management area (WMA), and no more than one bird may be taken per day. Turkeys taken by youths during the youth-only season count toward their spring turkey bag limit.

For those without a place to hunt, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife manages dozens of WMAs across the state open to the public for hunting. Find these online at the department's Wildlife Management Area & Public Lands Search webpage.

Danks recommends that public lands hunters focus on prescribed burn sites with the fresh regrowth favored by turkeys. Scouting via an interactive topographic and aerial photography map, like the one available on the department's Hunting webpage, will provide a starting point for finding this type of land.

Do the world a favor in March

STEVE ROARK
Columnist

These days it's easy to get on an environmental guilt trip. Drive your car to work, you pollute the air. Buy a box of crackers, you end up with a box and wax paper to add to the landfill problem. Run your heat pump, add carbon dioxide and support global warming. But, in honor of March being Arbor Month in Tennessee (April for Kentucky and Virginia), let me suggest doing something to feel good about, one with numerous pluses: plant a tree. Why so good? Let me enumerate

Good thing 1: Looking good

Every human admires a stately tree in the landscape, so much so that they are willing to pay for it. A 10-inch diameter white oak in good health in a residential yard will add around 1700 bucks to the value of the property (price varies with size, species, and location).

Good thing 2: Trees are cool

That same 10-inch diameter tree has the cooling ability to offset a sizable air conditioner. If one tenth of your house is shaded by a tree from a brutal July sun, it could save you around ten dollars per month in electricity.

Good thing 3: Breathing easy

Our 10-inch tree (if healthy and vigorous) will take in 75 pounds of carbon dioxide and give off 50 pounds of oxygen. The average human (at rest) needs around 400 pounds of oxygen per year. If you exercise a lot, you need more trees. More important is the absorption of carbon dioxide (called carbon sequestration) and converting it to wood. This helps offset the greenhouse effect thing.

Trees provide multiple benefits and are worth planting a few. (Photo by Steve Roark)

Good thing 4: Pass the paper please

We Americans are good at consuming, using on average around 700 pounds of paper products per year. Up quite a bit with the coming of Amazon shopping. If you must consume, it's at least a plus to consume something that can be recycled and grown back.

Good thing 5: Getting wild

Planting the right tree in the right spot will benefit the many wildlife species that depend on trees and the forest for food and cover. A large oak will produce on average 2000 acorns per year. Deer, turkey, grouse, blue jays, and squirrels are just a few species that depend on oaks for food, especially during the critical winter months.

I think you get the picture. For help in selecting trees to plant, contact your local nursery, Extension Agent, wildlife agency, or Forestry official.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Jessamine County-City of Wilmore Joint Planning Commission will meet in regular session Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7:00pm in the second-floor courtroom of the Jessamine County Courthouse located at 101 North Main Street, Nicholasville, Kentucky. The agenda will be as follows:
Old Business
Case #9996 – Application for approval of a Zone Map Amendment submitted by the United Methodist Retirement Community for 18.632-acres zoned A-1 to P-1 located on Lexington Road (KY 29) approximately 0.87 miles southwest of the intersection of KY 29 and US 68 (Harrodsburg Road), Wilmore, Kentucky. PVA Parcel ID: 023-00-00-043.02.
Case #10144 – Proposed Text Amendment of the Jessamine County Zoning Ordinance concerning Medicinal Cannabis
Case #10198 – Application for an amendment to a Development Plan for submitted by the United Methodist Retirement Community for 9.02-acres zoned P-1 located on Lexington Road (KY 29) approximately 0.10 miles from the intersection of KY 29 and Veteran's Drive, being a portion of the property denoted by PVA Parcel ID: 023-00-00-048.01.
New Business
Case #10267 – Petition for approval and acceptance of the roads in Drakes' Landing Units 2, 3, and 4 into the Jessamine County Road system and release of the associated bond, submitted by Horne Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Longridge Plantation, LLC.

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AGENDA 4.8.25

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NOTICE OF SALE OF VEHICLE:
Vehicle model year : 2010
Make: Cadillac SRX
VIN: 3GYFNEEYAS592518
Name of owner: Russell Edward Carr 437 Status View Katy TX 77493
Name of lien holder: ONEMAIN FIN GROUP (LLC) PO Box 278 Wilmington, OH 45177
My name address: Steven Vinson 320 Friendly Avenue Nicholasville, KY 40356
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NOTICE OF BID

The Jessamine County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids for Parking Lot Construction. Bid specifications can be picked up at the office of the Jessamine County Judge Executive David West, 101 North Main Street, Nicholasville, KY or obtained on www.jessamineco.com. Sealed bids will be accepted until Monday, April 7, 2025 at 11:00 am at the office of the Jessamine County Judge / Executive, David West, 101 North Main Street, Nicholasville Kentucky 40356. The Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Jessamine County Fiscal Court

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BIDS/PARKING LOT

PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE NUMBER 25-P-52

NOTICE is hereby given that Amanda Burchfield has qualified as Executrix of the estate of Buford R. Burchfield, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on February 20, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Amanda Burchfield, 102 Mallard Ct., Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to her, attorney, David A. Franklin, 1001 Monarch St., Lexington, KY 40513 not later than August 20, 2025.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE NUMBER 25-P-87

NOTICE is hereby given that Teresa Bibb has qualified as Executrix of the estate of Eva Goldey, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on March 6, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Teresa Bibb, 501 Harvard Dr., Winchester, KY 40391 or to her, attorney, Robert Gullette, 125 South Main Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356 not later than September 6, 2025.

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CASE NUMBER 25-P-59

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Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

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EST/HAYDEN, W.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE NUMBER 25-P-50

NOTICE is hereby given that William Hobbs has qualified as Administrator of the estate of Ronnie Hobbs, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on February 13, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid William Hobbs, 496 Carr Ct., Lexington, KY 40505 not later than August 13, 2025.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE NUMBER 25-P-53

NOTICE is hereby given that Courtney Morris has qualified as Administratrix of the estate of James Morris, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on February 13, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Courtney Morris, 303 Miles Rd., Nicholasville, KY 40356 not later than August 13, 2025.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

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CASE NUMBER 25-P-55

NOTICE is hereby given that Carolyn S. Kennedy has qualified as Executrix of the estate of Jerry Jon Sweers, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on February 10, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Carolyn Kennedy, 4032 Palomar Blvd., Lexington, KY 40513 not later than August 20, 2025.

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