



Southern start

In Texas, Georgia, Florida and other southern states, February is the start of garden season.

- It's time for southerners to plant root vegetables, including carrots, beets, and onions sets. Plant your peas if you haven't already, and get your cabbages, kales, and broccoli in the ground.
- Cut back ornamental grasses and dead stalks on perennials.
- Transplant snapdragons and pansies. Direct seed poppies and sweet peas.
- Give the compost pile a flip. – Brenda Weaver

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Public Notice of Master Commissioner Sale

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
ESTILL CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00105
ELECTRONICALLY FILED

JAMES S. NOE

PLAINTIFF

VS.

LEVI ADKINS, et al.

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to and in compliance with the Judgment and Order of Sale of the Estill Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will offer for Sale at public outcry the following described property located in Estill County, Kentucky:

Property Address: 1025 Cobb Hill Road, Irvine, KY 40336
PVA Parcel No: 123-00-00-019.00

Said sale shall take place on the following date and at the following location:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE ESTILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE
130 MAIN STREET, IRVINE, KENTUCKY

Said property shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and the following terms and conditions:

1. At the time of the sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of at least ten (10%) percent of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event of default by the purchaser the ten percent (10%) deposit made by the purchaser shall be applied to any costs and/or expenses of this action. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, he or she will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety or sureties thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear the interest rate of six percent (6%) per annum from the date of sale until paid. Any purchaser or purchasers shall have the privilege of paying said bond before maturity by paying the principal together with all accrued interest. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment in order to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price and said bond shall constitute a prior and superior lien on the property until paid. No bond or earnest money shall be required if the Plaintiffs are the purchasers and the bid is less than their adjudged lien.
2. All delinquent property taxes shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all ad valorem taxes assessed by the county of Estill and State of Kentucky for the current year and all subsequent years. The property shall further be sold subject to any delinquent State, County and/or city real estate taxes sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action.
3. The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title, and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, and all existing liens recorded after the recording of the Plaintiff's Lis Pendens Notice, excepting and subject to, however, easements, restrictions, stipulations and covenants of record in the Estill County Clerk's office, any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose and any assessments for public improvements levied against the properties.
4. The risk of loss and the right of possession of the real estate and any improvements thereon shall pass to the purchaser upon confirmation of sale by the Estill Circuit Court.

FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPERTIES AND/OR SALES THEREOF CAN BE FOUND IN THE ESTILL CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE BY THE FILE NAME AND NUMBER FOR EACH SALE, THE ESTILL COUNTY PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, AND THE ESTILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE AT THESE LOCATIONS FOR MORE DETAILS OF THE PROPERTIES OR SALE, AS THE MASTER COMMISSIONER HAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DOES NOT WARRANT TITLE TO THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD. THE PROPERTY SALES, IF MORE THAN ONE IS SCHEDULED FOR A PARTICULAR DAY, WILL OCCUR SEQUENTIALLY AT THE APPOINTED HOUR.

This the 3rd day of February, 2026.

/s/ Patrick E. O'Neill

PATRICK E. O'NEILL
MASTER COMMISSIONER
ESTILL CIRCUIT COURT

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Absence of rabbit hunters is a sad day

This time of year, brings back many memories, that even go back to my childhood, the memories of rabbit hunting.

Every time I go to Winchester this time of year and notice the wide-open fields that is the home of many rabbits, the thing I notice most is the absence of orange hunting jackets, and the sight and sound of Mr. Beagle in the fields chasing the rabbit.

As a youth growing up, I would have given every penny that my dad had, to have a field like that to hunt in. But as I have written about before in this paper, the things missing in these fields here is the hunters and beagles.

I am a lifelong rabbit hunter, and one thing I know is good rabbit hunting grounds, and if I was grading the fields between my home and Winchester, they would get a A+.

You see, back home I can never remember

a neighbor, farmer, or anyone telling you that you could not hunt on their property. Now, there are people here I have been told will call the police if you are on their property. Man, has things changed.

I have not done a survey to find out if the landowner denies the hunter, or if it is that rabbit hunting has come to a halt. Either way the foxes, raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, and traffic are getting fat, while one of the cleanest, best eating wild animals are not on someone's table being ate by some one that knows how to eat.

All my writing, all my talking about the hunters not hunting those fields, will not help one bit. It takes action on both the hunter, and landowner for change.

Another sad day is here, another rabbit season closing without those big, beautiful fields being hunted. The world is changing, but not for the best in my opinion.

Samaritan's Purse Celebrates 12.2 Million Shoebox Gifts in "Operation Christmas Child"

KENTUCKY, Jan. 22, 2026 - Samaritan's Purse is celebrating a successful season after collecting 12.2 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts in 2025, sharing the love of Jesus with children in need around the world through efforts of local churches including Salem Baptist Church in Irvine.

The milestone reflects the generosity of millions of shoebox packers helping to fill shoebox gifts with toys, school supplies and personal care items. Across the U.S., the project collected 10.9 million shoebox gifts in 2025. Combined with those collected from partnering countries, the ministry is now sending over 12.2 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide, including those whose lives were turned upside down by Hurricane Melissa, a category 5 storm that recently struck Jamaica.

"Each shoebox gift is an opportunity to remind boys and girls around the world that God loves them," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "We are so thankful for the generosity of every person who packed a shoebox. These gifts are bringing joy and the hope of the Gospel to children in need."

For many children, a shoebox gift is the first gift they have ever received. Each one is a tangible expression of God's love, offering hope to children facing war, poverty, disease and disaster.