



By MARK REESE Estill Tribune Columnist

Reflections

The upland season, in particular the ruffed grouse season, ends this week. It has been an interesting one but a season that I have traveled the hills and mountains less than any since I moved back to Estill County. Possibly the reason may be that the hands of time are beginning to catch up to me. Perhaps it is because there are no ruffed grouse to hunt in my mountain haunts. It could be that my focus was on exploring new habitat areas. The ice storms played a big role as well in keeping me off the roads and slick hillsides.

In retrospect, though, the main reason was new dog Sal. He was a field trial washout due to a tail that did not conform to standards. Sal was broke to birds but had never had one shot over his point. So much of my season was devoted into helping Sal become a hunter instead of a field trailer. For this purpose, we spent more

time in the quail fields teaching him the ways of the hunt and how to conduct his runs in conjunction with other dogs. Although quail numbers are also challenged it was better to take him in this direction rather than chasing grouse that do not exist.

It was rewarding to help another dog learn the ropes. Although not a pup some guidance was needed. We did trek the mountains in search of grouse and this was a learning experience for him as well. It's an adjustment from open fields to the density of the forest. The last bit of time has been spent on trying to locate woodcock in these mountains in their journey back north.

This task has been an effort but finally paid off this past weekend. We didn't find woodcock in my traditional habitat spots but started to locate some returning birds high in an abandoned strip mine area.

Although it does require upheaval the rebound and return to nature of these areas produces a beauty and habitat all its own. In many respects these areas serve as a rehabilitation of habitat for many wildlife species. It opens views for the surrounding mountain sides. Many memories of old grouse encounters are centered around these old strip areas. The panorama they provide also leaves pictures in my mind.

me know that spring is lurking around the corner. Around old homes places daffodils are emerging and I spotted my first two yellow blooms on the barren earth. An added bonus was hearing the croak of early frog emergence. With the cold and ice-covered winter we have experienced; I was beginning to wonder if this would happen this year. Normally it is a larger appearance of these two spring signs that is a joy to the eyes as the dogs and I traipse the hills from mid-February till the season closes.

Trips to Minnesota, North Dakota, and a couple of excursions to western Kentucky were the highlights of the upland season for Rayna, Andy and now Sal. An annual trip to Pennsylvania had to be shelved this year due to greater amounts of snow than we can imagine.

So, as I ready myself for the late spring, summer, and early autumn fishing trips it also gives me pause to reflect on my upland experience, and yes, the Good Lord willing, to gaze forward to the next blaze of autumn and the forays it will bring. No matter the years that creep up on me I will always look forward to the season ahead. Hope for a good one is always in my head but it is my heart that rules and that heartbeat tells me that whatever may come in the fields or waters that is where the heart shall reside.

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Public Notice of Master Commissioner Sale

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
ESTILL CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00113

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF
VS.
DAVID CAMFIELD, 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: 611 Cedar Grove Rd., Irvine, KY 40336
PVA Parcel No: 057-30-00-100.01

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 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 seven and seventy-five hundredths percent (7.75%) 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.

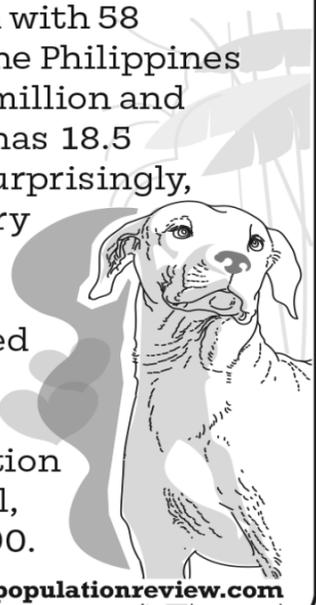
This the 24th day of February, 2026.

/s/ Patrick E. O'Neill
PATRICK E. O'NEILL
MASTER COMMISSIONER
ESTILL CIRCUIT COURT

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Fun Fact

The country with the **highest number of dogs** is the United States with 90 million, followed by Brazil with 60 million and China with 58 million. The Philippines own 20.5 million and Thailand has 18.5 million. Surprisingly, the country that has the most dogs owned per every 100,000 in population is Portugal, with 28,890.



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"Growth requires movement. And often, the only way forward is through an exit door."
— Alicia Keys