

'I will always stand for wildlife being allowed to be wild'

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Every year (usually right before hunting season) I get asked if I or my family hunt. Or, the opposite ... if I am against (or hate) hunters.

The answer to both questions is: I don't.

I don't hunt and I don't hate hunters. I don't HATE anyone.

I choose not to hunt ... not because I think I'm better than anyone else. I simply don't believe I need to take the life of a wild animal to feed myself. We no longer live in a time when hunting is the only way to survive. We have grocery stores, farm stands, gardens, fruits, vegetables, grains, beans/legumes and countless other sources of nourishment available to us.

For me, knowing I have those choices means I choose not to hunt.

I also don't look at deer ... or any wild animal ... and see

a "resource" or something that needs to be "managed."

When I see a deer, I see a mother protecting her fawn. I see an animal that has survived harsh winters, traffic, habitat loss and countless other challenges placed before it for decades.

I see a life that belongs to the forests, fields, wetlands, ecosystems, and the intricate web of life that have shaped and sustained it for generations upon generations.

If someone chooses to ethically take a deer to feed themselves or their family, does everything possible to ensure a quick, humane death and uses all of the meat with gratitude and respect, I can understand that ... even if it isn't a choice I would make myself.

But I cannot understand taking a life for entertainment. I don't believe an animal's life should end so its head can hang on a wall or so a photograph can become proof of someone's accomplishment.

To me, every wild animal's life has value and is worth so much more than a moment of pride or a story to tell.

Our responsibility should NOT be to dominate nature, but to respect it. Where humans have disrupted ecosystems through habitat loss, pollution, development, overhunting, or other impacts, we have a responsibility to repair the damage we have caused and protect the natural systems that support all life.

Wildlife has been managing itself for far longer than humans have walked this earth. Nature has its own balance. Predators, prey, food availability, habitat, weather, and disease all play roles in maintaining healthy populations. Wildlife does not need humans to decide its worth or control every aspect of its existence.

Every day, as wildlife rehabilitators, we fight to save animals that have been hit by cars, attacked by dogs, caught in fences, orphaned,

poisoned, injured or displaced because of human activity. We hold frightened fawns. We comfort animals that are suffering. We celebrate every life that makes it back to the wild, and we grieve every one that doesn't.

That is why we do what we do here.

I will always stand for wildlife being allowed to be wild. I will always stand for protecting habitats, preserving ecosystems, conserving biodiversity, and finding ways for people and wildlife to live alongside one another with respect.

I truly believe we can coexist with wildlife. We don't have to conquer nature to belong in it. When we respect nature instead of trying to dominate it, both wildlife and our communities are stronger.

The greatest legacy we can leave ISN'T how much wildlife we take from the landscape ... it's how much of it we protect (and put back) for those who come after us.



Jamie Rowe

Fawns at Grit and Grace Wildlife Rehabilitation head to the barn for their breakfast bottles.

Saturdays at the dump

BY NANCY KENNEDY
GRACE NOTES

When we moved to Florida from California in 1991, we did so with only the things we could fit into two vehicles.

That meant getting rid of 15 years' worth of possessions to start over, which was both sad and exciting.

I especially hated parting with the coffee table my husband had accidentally autographed.

He tends to write hard and one day he was signing checks. After that, at a certain angle you could see a half-dozen "Barry Kennedy" indentations in the table top.

However, since we were moving into my late in-laws' fully furnished house in Florida, we didn't need to bring any of our things, like a personally autographed coffee table.

When we got to Florida, I took a mental inventory and was — how can I say this kindly? Let's just say, I and my mother-in-law, a lovely Italian lady from New York and of another long, long-ago generation, had different tastes in décor.

And she liked lots of it. The day we moved in,

my husband made a pronouncement: "Don't change anything."

I tried not to — but I just had to.

So, I devised a plan to take things off the walls and tabletops a little at a time and stow them in boxes in the garage.

Eventually, Barry caught on, even though he pretended he didn't notice.

He didn't like the clutter either.

However, boxing up his mother's stuff was one thing. Throwing it out was another.

After a few months of tripping over boxes, it was time to toss it — all of it.

I hid my giddiness — we were going to the dump.

Back then, the county landfill was basically a giant hole in the ground.

Every Saturday we would load up the truck and fling Elvis plates and plastic canvas needle-point butterflies into the open pit and watch seagulls scatter.

My girls still recall with fondness those Saturdays at the dump with their dad.

I like stuff, but at this stage in my life I like getting rid of it even better.

Clutter makes me extremely agitated inside.

And not just knick-knacks and doodads around the house, but the clutter of regrets and guilt and all the other stuff that comes with being human.

When we moved to Florida, I moved 3,000 miles away from my family and friends.

I missed them. I didn't know how to make new friends.

It was hot and humid — and we had snakes in our yard.

Our oldest daughter was having difficulty with the move, and I couldn't do anything about it.

I remember one Saturday at the dump with Barry and the girls, just tossing junk into the pit.

I loved the feeling of hurling amber-colored

ashtrays and fake flowers and watching them hit the pile of other castaway things.

"I'm casting all my cares upon You," I told God.

Then I gulped.

"Because You care for me." (1 Peter 5:7)

I began naming the things that I threw — "homesick for my sister" and "my daughter hates it here."

I tossed and tossed, underhand, overhand. Willy-nilly.

The boxes emptied as the pit filled.

When we finished, the truck bed was empty.

No more junk. No more clutter.

I clapped the dust off my hands and wiped the sweat from my face.

And I walked away feeling immeasurably lighter.

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

10 YEARS AGO — AUG. 4, 2016

- Birth announced this week: Brooke Elyse Burgan was born to Daniel and Amanda Burgan of Dry Ridge on April 26.

- After nearly four decades, Marlene McComas is retiring and closing Marlene's Flowers.

- Candidates are waiting til the last minute to file. As of the end of business Aug. 2, no candidates had filed for the open seats on Williamstown, Dry Ridge and Crittendon City Councils and the Corinth City Commission. The deadline is Aug. 9.

Teen.

- Lake Williamstown expansion took another step forward, and in a few years Grant and Pendleton residents should be able to enjoy a body of water four times as big. A new dam site has been chosen downstream from the current dam below the conflux of the south fork of where Grassy Creek and Greasy Creek come together. Three legislative bodies are involved in the decision: the Grant County fiscal court, the Pendleton County fiscal court and the Williamstown City Council.

25 YEARS AGO — AUG. 9, 2001

- Births announced this week: Kara Nicole Strong was born to Gary and Laysha Strong on June 26; Tyler Michail Wynn was born to Eric Wynn and Kelly Penn on June 28.

- The Miss Teen and Junior Miss Teen pageants at the Grant County Fair struggled through extreme heat inside the cattle barn then had to contend with a power outage lasting over an hour. Finally, car headlights were turned on so the judges could assess seven girls at a time. The barn remained dark until 11 p.m. when a generator was from the midway was installed, allowing enough light to finish the pageant. Kristen Tapper was crowned Miss Teen; Brittany Ammer was chosen Miss Junior

50 YEARS AGO — AUG. 5, 1975

- Births announced this week: Scott Allen Merrill was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Merrill on July 24; Heather Marie Updike was born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Updike on July 21.

- Girl Scouts held day camp in Webb Memorial Park with 30 girls age six through 14 in attendance. Older girls got to tent camp overnight on Tuesday. Cadettes learned the popular art of macramé.

- Forty pets were entered in the pet show at the Grant County Fair. The award for outstanding pet in costume award and overall most outstanding entry in the show went to a fancily dressed Chihuahua puppy shown by Jenny Linton.



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IT IS BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIME!
Let us handle dinner!





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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 25-CI-00314

WINTRUST MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF
BARRINGTON BANK & TRUST CO., N.A.

VS.

GARY W. COLLINS, ET AL.

Plaintiff

AMENDED NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Defendants

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on June 10, 2026, I will sell at public auction at the **Judicial Center Lobby**, 224 South Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on **Friday, August 21, 2026**, at the hour of **1:30 p.m.**, prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: 242 Slick Ridge Road, Williamstown, KY 41097

Parcel ID Number: 075-00-00-018.00

There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale.

Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$183,081.71 adjudges due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.00000% plus other costs and fees and attorney fees for a total amount of \$221,242.93.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 7% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

- All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2026;
- Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County.

/s/ Edward M. Bourne
MASTER COMMISSIONER
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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CASE NO.: 25-CI-00297

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC

VS.

LARRY PAUL DUCHAM, ET AL

PLAINTIFF

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DEFENDANTS

"Electronically Filed"

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Being the same property conveyed to LARRY PAUL DUCHAM, AN UNMARRIED INDIVIDUAL, from MORGAN SKAGGS, A MARRIED INDIVIDUAL, by Deed dated 07/25/2023, recorded 07/31/2023, Deed Book D439, Page 26, Grant County Clerk's Records, and being known as 233 Vallandingham Rd, Dry Ridge, KY 41035.

Property Address: 233 Vallandingham Rd, Dry Ridge, KY 41035

Parcel Number: 023-00-00-029.09

There is a 1999 Holly Park 28x56 mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home located on the property and included in the sale.

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The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$226,458.70, together with accrued interest thereon from January 1, 2025 to December 1, 2025 in the amount of \$15,285.96, and interest thereafter at the rate of 6.75000 (\$41.88) per day until the entire amount has been paid in full; and together with reasonable attorney's fees and court costs in the amount of \$3,510.00;

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 6.750% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

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