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Private landowners, special hunt program make collegiate mentor deer hunts possible

This fall, first-time deer hunters from the University of Kentucky, Murray State University and Eastern Kentucky University gained access to private lands in their respective areas of the state for quality hunting experiences.

In October, UK students hunted private lands in Franklin and Henry counties through the Special Deer Hunt Program and as a follow-up to their completion of the full [Field to Fork](#) workshop in preceding weeks.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed the Special Deer Hunt Program last year as a way to develop new hunters who in turn may help bring others into the sport. The program allows for one- or two-day hunts sponsored and overseen by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources on private land. Participants in these special hunts can use a modern gun during archery deer season.

Four novice deer hunters harvested their first deer.

Members of the Murray State University student chapter of The Wildlife Society paired up with novice deer hunters the first weekend in November. With crossbows in hand, they settled into



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One of the best days of my life! Went deer hunting for the first time and shot my first deer. 9 point buck with a lot of meat on him. Had a blast and couldn't have done it without my mentor, Nathan, and the awesome Murray's TWS members and KDFWR crew helping out.



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their hunting spots on the Paddy's Bluff property in Crittenden County. During a weekend that was full of deer activity, one novice hunter harvested her first deer.

Representatives from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and a local [National Wild Turkey Federation](#) (NWTF) chapter worked with the student group, teaching them the proper method to process a deer.

The same weekend, members from the ECU's student chapter of The Wildlife Society mentored by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff traversed the ridge tops and fields of private farms in Lewis, Carter, Greenup and Morgan counties. One new hunter had success and was eager to take his cooler of venison home to share with his wife.

In total, 20 novice deer hunters from three different universities were provided unique opportunities for their first-time hunting experiences.

“These opportunities would not have



been possible without private landowners who are passionate about involving new people in hunting, strong partnerships with non-government organizations like the NWTF and the dedicated mentors who put in early mornings and long days to share their knowledge in the field,” said Becky Wallen, Field to Fork and Hunter's Legacy program coordinator with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “Kentucky Fish



and Wildlife is very proud of the Murray State University and Eastern Kentucky University student chapters of The Wildlife Society for continuing to host mentored deer hunts for their peers. This fall marks the sixth consecutive year that the chapters have worked with department staff to host mentored deer hunts.”

Clark named Deputy Commissioner

Brian Clark is the new Deputy Commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Clark has served with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife since 1995 and has more than 30 years of professional experience in fish and wildlife conservation. He has worked in a variety of jobs in his career, ranging from technician to research associate to field biologist to administrator.

He replaces Karen Waldrop, who recently accepted a position as chief conservation officer for Ducks Unlimited.

Brian was raised on a farm in rural North Carolina, where he developed a passion for the outdoors at a young age. He started with the department's Wildlife Division as an entry-level biologist and served in several other positions before becoming a regional wildlife coordinator.

In 2010, he was promoted to assistant director of the Public Affairs (now Marketing) Division, where he worked

extensively on survey research and other public involvement efforts, helped build the department's social media platforms, and worked to establish its digital and email marketing programs.

Before his current role, Brian served as Chief of Staff, in which he helped to oversee agency operations and performed special assignments.

Brian serves on or chairs several regional and national committees and workgroups that are aimed at improving the effectiveness of state fish and wildlife agencies, and partnering organizations who share mutual goals, such as increasing participation in outdoor activities.

He earned a Bachelor's degree in forestry and wildlife from Virginia Tech, a Master's degree in wildlife and fisheries sciences from the University of Tennessee, and a graduate certification in human dimensions (social sciences) from Colorado State University.



Brian loves the department's staff and constituents, is passionate about what Kentucky Fish and Wildlife does as an agency, and works diligently to help advance its mission. He is a lifelong hunter, angler, boater and wildlife watcher. Brian enjoys going afield with friends and family, and mentoring new participants in the outdoors.

Information and Education Division welcomes Jenkins

Gabe Jenkins has a new role with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources – acting director of the Information and Education Division.

"I am very humbled and honored to be named the acting division director," he said. "I&E is a great division with a very diverse workforce that has a phenomenal group of people. The work we do to inform and educate our constituents on fish and wildlife conservation is top notch!"

Jenkins has served as the Deer and Elk Program Coordinator in the Wildlife Division for the past five years and spent seven years before that as a biologist in the deer and elk program.

"During his time with the department, he has worked with many of our different divisions to help with the promo-



tion of our deer and elk herds," Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Rich Storm said. "Gabe is well prepared for his

new role, as he has worked with the Information and Education Division on many different aspects that include "Kentucky Afield" magazine and TV, Hunter Education, Hunter Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation and our social media promotions. He has a wide educational background with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management from Eastern Kentucky University and a master's degree in Fisheries from Eastern Kentucky University. I am happy for Gabe to showcase his leadership for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife."

Jenkins lives in Lawrenceburg with his wife, Brook, and two children, Hope and Grady.



Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies chooses Spears for Kentucky's Conservation Officer of the Year Award

In October, Conservation Officer Robbie Spears was recognized with the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' (SEAFWA) Conservation Officer of the Year Award for Kentucky.

An officer from each state is honored each year for outstanding accomplishments in conservation law enforcement and public relations. Award recipients were recognized at a luncheon Oct. 28 as part of the SEAFWA annual conference in South Carolina.

Spears covers Pike County and is among Kentucky's leaders in cases made and community service events. A member of numerous sportsman's clubs, he is actively involved with area schools and churches to introduce and educate young people about hunting, fishing and boating.

Spears has been instrumental in organizing newly formed archery programs, and co-founded an annual fishing event in his hometown. An average of 800 kids participate in the event each year. Each participant receives a free fishing pole,



Kentucky Conservation Officer Robbie Spears with Law Enforcement Division Director Col. Eric Gibson (left) and Assistant Director Maj. Shane Carrier (right).

lunch and a brief seminar on safety, regulations and techniques.

After Pikeville Police Officer Scotty Hamilton died in the line of duty last year, Spears coordinated a district-wide effort to support the Pikeville Police Depart-

ment through that difficult time. The detail set up by Spears answered all calls and performed all patrols for that department for several days, allowing members of the department time to grieve and attend services.



Winger to lead "Kentucky Afield" TV

Chase Winger is the new Administrative Branch Manager for the Broadcast Branch of the Information and Education Division. In this role, Winger will oversee and manage the day-to-day operations of "Kentucky Afield" Television and Podcast. Winger grew up hunting, fishing, catching snakes and exploring the outdoors just a short drive down the road in Shelby County. He would turkey hunt in the spring, creek fish through the summer, archery hunt all fall, then spend the

cold winter months calling coyotes. Chase attended Eastern Kentucky University, where he majored in Criminal Justice and Business Management. Shortly after graduating, he joined Kentucky Fish and Wildlife as a videographer and producer for "Kentucky Afield" TV. Winger has enjoyed his time in the field documenting hunts, fishing trips and department efforts that aligned well with his own personal interest and hobbies. He will continue to co-host the Kentucky Afield Podcast.

Get to know the Procurement staff

Jason Monarch joined Kentucky Fish and Wildlife in December 2018 as a Purchasing Agent II. He has worked for the Commonwealth for over 18 years and has served in many roles, including manager, supervisor, policy analyst and program coordinator. His primary responsibilities with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife are agency uniforms, maintaining departmental master agreements and processing delivery and purchase orders for various goods and services. Monarch orders items such as vehicles, boats, equipment and supplies. He also will be assisting the property officer with the department's bi-annual auctions, surplus and various other inventory issues. Monarch lives in Frankfort with his family, Meagan and Huston. He enjoys spending free time hunting, fishing, hiking and working in the garden.

Alison Simpson came to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife in February from the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services. She processes purchase requisitions, manages lease requests and payments, and also assists with capital construction purchasing needs. Simpson lives in Frankfort with her husband, Tim, and two children, Sam and Anna, who are about to graduate high school. In her spare time, Alison is a published author, runner and avid reader.

Michelle McElmurray is the newest hire of the Procurement Branch. She joined the branch this past October. As a Purchasing Agent I, she handles personal service contracts, agency bids and processes delivery and purchase orders for various goods and services. McElmurray holds an Economics degree from the University of Kentucky. She has been working for the Commonwealth for 10 years. Before coming to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, she worked for four years for Military Affairs in purchasing and budget. Before that, she



Clockwise from top left: Jason Monarch, Alison Simpson, Michelle McElmurray and Tim Wiard.

worked in education for five years. Michelle and her husband reside in Franklin County and have four boys ranging from 12 to 18 years old. She enjoys watching her boys play sports, snow skiing, running and shopping.

Tim Wiard (CPPB) has had two stints working at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and has worked for the Commonwealth for 14 years. He oversees all the aspects of Procurement and Property for the department, updates management and advises on special project requests. Wiard was born and raised in Frankfort and lives here with his wife, Tracy. All four grown children's families, including one grandson and a granddaughter due in January, also live in Frankfort. In his spare time, Wiard enjoys fishing, hunting, traveling and spending time with family.

"Our main goal as a branch is to guide and support the agency with all requests, and be as helpful as possible," he said. "We understand it can be a bit confusing to say the least. Please contact with any questions that might come up, and stay tuned as we hope to have our Fixed Asset person on staff soon."



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov. 28-29: Thanksgiving*
- Dec. 6: Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission, quarterly meeting, Frankfort
- Dec. 10: Inauguration Day*
- Dec. 24-25: Christmas*
- Dec. 31, 2019 – Jan 1, 2020: New Year's*

* State government offices closed



Left: Former "Kentucky Afield" TV hosts Tim Farmer entertains the audience with stories about artist Rick Hill. Right: Joining Rick Hill (brown jacket) for the ceremony were his daughter, Sarah; wife, Gina; and son, Clinton. *Dave Baker photos*

Ceremony celebrates Kentucky Fish and Wildlife artist Rick Hill

A special recognition ceremony honoring Rick Hill was held Nov. 19 at the state Capitol rotunda as part of a special month-long exhibition featuring 42 original paintings by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' staff artist who paints the covers for Kentucky Afield magazine.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife worked

closely with the Kentucky Arts Council to help make the "Kentucky Afield Illustrated" exhibition possible.

Kentucky Afield TV host Chad Miles emceed the ceremony, which featured remarks from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Rich Storm, Kentucky Arts Council Executive Director Chris Cathers, former Kentucky Afield TV host Tim

Farmer and Hill.

Kentucky Tourism Arts and Heritage Cabinet Secretary Don Parkinson and Deputy Secretary Regina Stivers attended the ceremony, as did a number of current and former Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff.

Hill was joined at the ceremony by his wife, Gina, and two children, Sarah and Clinton.

Son's first deer harvest creates special memory

Josh Pennington, manager of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Peter W. Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery, shared the following account of his son's first deer.

"I just wanted to share that my 5-year-old son Easton got his first deer on Nov. 16, 2019. He has practiced with the crossbow and a .243 rifle off a field pod and was shooting well, so we decided to give it a try. We had been hunting several times, almost always seeing deer, but unable to get a shot. On Election Day (Nov. 5), we took the opportunity to go hunting and he was able to get a shot with the crossbow at a nice buck. He hit it but after



an extensive tracking job, we lost the blood trail and were unable to recover it. Easton took it a lot better than I probably did.

We continued to hunt during rifle season and saw several deer but could not get a shot. Then Saturday morning it all came together a doe came out by herself and presented a shot. I cocked the hammer and let him take aim. He dropped the doe in her tracks. His first response was, "We can find that one." Then, as we got out of the blind, he said, "Daddy, that gun didn't even kick." Just to see the smile on his face and to experience that together was one of the greatest hunts I think I will ever have. It just reminds me why we put the hard work into supporting our fish and wildlife resources. It is for those little moments when we can make memories of a lifetime."

Blue Grass Army Depot designates 110 acres as young forest habitat

In a cooperative effort, the Blue Grass Army Depot and Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources recently designated two areas totaling 110 acres on the Depot as young forest management units to help a variety of wildlife species that are closely associated with that habitat type.

In one 50-acre block of young trees, a 20-year rotation was initiated by cutting a repeated pattern of 100-foot wide parallel strips separated by 300-feet of uncut area.

Implementing that rotation pattern requires a quarter of the total management unit acreage to be cut every five years. Now, five years after the first series of parallel strip cuts, a second round of strips a total length of $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile has been accomplished using the Bluegrass Wildlife Region's skid steer and mulcher-chopper attachment.

The design of this work is modeled after habitat work done for American Woodcock in the northeastern U.S. One major difference: there are no alder trees on the Depot.

Management to control the undesirable plants re-sprouting in the first set of strips cleared five years ago has produced a 5- to 7-foot tall thicket composed mostly of rough-leaved dogwood. This native tree



Photo provided by Tom Edwards

is a highly preferred species for this purpose due to the alder-like thickets it forms.

Those first-cut strips will be allowed to grow and provide dense, shrubby, young forest habitat approximately 20-feet tall for 15 more years. Those strips will be cleared again at the end of the 20-year rotation.

The second management unit is 60 acres of former cattle pasture now being allowed to grow into young forest. This

tract is low lying and portions are prone to being wet. Being difficult to mow and not producing decent quality grass forage for cows, the area has begun to sprout to woody plants. Though too early in the succession process for it to serve as young forest habitat, this area should meet that need within a few years. The entire unit will be examined as it matures and attempts will be made to remove exotic invasive plants to favor the native dogwoods.

Private Lands Program relevancy takes shape

According to a recent study published in a special issue of the Wildlife Society Bulletin, Kentucky's [Private Lands Program](#) ranks in the top 10 nationwide for agency commitment toward private lands biologists in the state. This is welcome news, as 93 percent of Kentucky land is privately owned.

As the percentage of sportspeople

continues to decline each year, new outlooks on the state's natural resources are starting to emerge. With license and permit sales accounting for the majority of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's funding, relevancy toward the state's broader citizenry becomes paramount.

The responsibility of managing the resident wildlife resources is bestowed

upon each state. The statutory obligation of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is to manage all fish and wildlife and their habitats within the state for the citizenry. The vast majority of these animals and their habitats are on private lands. Therefore, the need to foster habitat improvements, monitor-

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Bullock Pen Lake ramp gets makeover

Bullock Pen Lake in Grant County now has a paved parking area to go along with a newly re-aligned launching ramp to make it easier for boaters to utilize the 148-acre lake.

The new amenities are the result of a Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources project.

Federal grant money was used to purchase the existing site and create a new one with no fee. There had been a fee to park before the renovation.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Lakes



Photos provided by Greg Logan

and Streams Branch started the project in July 2018. Work on the redesigned ramp and parking area started two months later. The area was reopened for use this past April after completion of the gravel park-

ing lot.

In June, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff also installed a new aluminum courtesy dock at the site. The road and parking area were paved with asphalt in September.

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ing and education becomes vital on these private lands. Private land also provides the vast majority of hunting experiences. A recent Kentucky Fish and Wildlife survey revealed approximately 85 percent of Kentucky sportspeople hunt on private lands.

Programs like [Kentucky Wild](#) help to engage a section of the public that may not be historically interested in hunting or fishing. New funding resources at the national level are also being taken seriously. The recently introduced Recovering America's Wildlife Act is federal legislation aimed at increased funding for fish and wildlife most at risk of becoming endangered.

Many of the emerging issues Kentucky Fish and Wildlife faces as stewards of the Commonwealth's natural resources have one thing in common: private land. Kentucky has a history of commitment to



private lands conservation delivery. Moving forward, it must engage new outlooks on the state's natural resources and focus for the most, “bang for our buck.”

A private lands relevancy presentation during the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission's Wildlife Committee meeting Nov. 14 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park was a first step in creating a focused approach to these emerging

issues. A video replay of the meeting is available on the “[Commission and Committee Meeting Archive](#)” page on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' website at fw.ky.gov. Within the coming months, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife professionals will be tasked with coming up with solutions on how to best move forward

with private land conservation relevancy and delivery today and in the Kentucky of tomorrow.

Landowners interested in performing habitat work on their property, or who would like technical guidance or information about cost, can contact the department at 1-800-858-1549 or find their county contact online. Click on the “[Contact Us](#)” tab on the homepage.

Quota hunters help manage deer population, feed hungry

Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry recently received more than a dozen deer harvested by drawn quota hunters at Clay Wildlife Management Area in Nicholas, Fleming and Bath counties.

The organization now has a mobile freezer trailer to assist with collecting deer to alleviate hunger and malnutrition in Kentucky.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources staff in the Northeast Wildlife Region reached out to Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry in the hopes of using the trailers to assist Kentucky communities and provide incentive for the harvest of deer to assist with wildlife management.

Quota deer hunts have evolved to serve differing functions over time. Several



Deer harvested during a quota hunt at Clay Wildlife Management Area and donated to Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry were transported to a processor in a new freezer trailer.

of the quota hunts are held the first weekend of November, allowing selected hunters a head start with their favorite rifle.

Often, wildlife management areas (WMAs) have an overabundance of deer. In many instances, quota hunts serve as a means for biologists trying to manage deer populations on specified areas.

Clay WMA is no exception; staff has conducted several surveys to monitor deer

populations. Surveys show deer populations pushing more than 60 deer per square mile. Opinions can differ on what that exact number should be but that is a high number. The department works to ensure a quality hunt and healthy herd.

Clay WMA has explored and implemented strategies over the years to promote the harvest of female deer. Currently hunters that harvest a female deer during the quota deer hunt receive a preference point per female deer to use towards any quota deer hunt the following year. This along with the mobile freezer trailer helped Clay WMA achieve its second best quota hunt to date.

Over two days, 195 hunters harvested 89 deer. Of those, 14 deer were donated to Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry. These deer will provide a healthy and nutritious meal for many through the generosity of hunters.

Staff from the Northeast Wildlife Region would like to continue this service in the future to provide opportunity for hunters, provide meals to those in our communities who could use some assistance and to help with a better deer herd on and around Clay WMA.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife debuts new crime fighting app

Need to report suspected illegal activity related to fish, wildlife or boating to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources? Now, there's an app for that.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has partnered with tip411 to offer the public a way to submit anonymous tips using the new KFWLaw smartphone app or by text message and the web. Similar technology has helped reduce crime in communities nationwide.

"Through these new channels, the public can report crimes or suspicious activity anonymously and in real-time directly to Kentucky's conservation officers," said Col. Eric Gibson, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Law Enforcement Divi-

sion director. "It's crime fighting the 21st Century way."

The free KFWLaw app can be downloaded from the [iTunes App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Links to the stores also are posted on the department's website at fw.ky.gov/enforcement.

Anonymous tips also can be submitted from non-smartphones with texting capability. Text the keyword "KFWLAW" along with your message or tip to 847411 (tip411).

Whether using the app or texting tips via a non-smartphone, the technology removes all identifying information before officers see the tips. There is no way to identify the sender.

These new features supplement the department's longtime tip line, 1-800-25-ALERT. In an emergency, or when there is an urgent need for law enforcement, calling 9-1-1 remains the best course of action.

Kentucky's conservation officers are sworn law enforcement officers with statewide jurisdiction but a primary mission focus on hunting, fishing and boating enforcement. In their everyday role, conservation officers ensure compliance with hunting and fishing laws and ensure that the state's waterways are a safe place for all to enjoy by utilizing a two-pronged approach consisting of education and enforcement.



Joe Omielan photo

Pollinator stakeholders hold fall meeting

A meeting of 43 stakeholders of the Kentucky Monarch Conservation Plan and Kentucky Pollinator Protection Plan was held Oct. 8. Roundstone Native Seed Company played host to the meeting at its headquarters in Upton.

Stakeholders learned about the harvesting and processing of the native forb and grass seeds used in pollinator planting projects. The group heard from John Seymour and Robert Hoffman about planting and growing strategies for pollinator plants, and learned about the farm's history as they toured the facilities. Attendees also had the chance to participate in seed harvesting, including the seeds of rattlesnake master, the sole host plant of the prairie obligate rattlesnake-master borer moth (*Papaipema eryngii*).

During the afternoon sessions, attendees gathered indoors for presentations on Green Forests Work and ongoing Native Bee and Wasp Surveys through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

Updates on projects associated with the Kentucky Monarch Conservation Plan were provided, and stakeholders new to the project were brought up to speed on the current objectives of the two pollinator plans.

The group plans to meet again in April to continue working toward increased habitat and awareness of pollinator conservation issues in Kentucky.



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Michaela Rogers photos

*Joe Lacefield photos*

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff help with annual Woodford Warriors deer hunt

The eighth annual Woodford Warriors Deer hunt included 18 participants who hunted the second weekend of modern firearms deer season.

The hunt is a collaboration between Kentucky Utilities, Kentucky Wounded Heroes, Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. It is made possible in part by local landowners who volunteer areas for hunting on their property.

This year, participants hunted on 3,000 acres of private land in Woodford and Anderson counties. Together, they harvested 22 deer. Nine of the deer were antlered and six were 3 ½ years old or older. One hunter, who had never hunted deer before, harvested a buck and a doe.

Deer not taken home by the hunters were donated to Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry.





Halloween Walk with the Animals draws large crowd to Salato Wildlife Education Center

The Salato Wildlife Education Center welcomed almost 1,300 visitors for the 22nd annual Halloween Walk with the Animals event on Oct. 26.

Cold temperatures and steady rain resulted in the need to implement a rain plan and move candy stations indoors. Despite the less than ideal conditions, staff and volunteers welcomed visitors to trick-or-treat stations, the popular “Creatures of the Night” exhibit, fishing booth and face painting.

“Thank you to everyone who made this year’s event possible, especially Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation staff, Rachel Crume and Sharon Sparrow,” said Jules Foster, manager of the Salato



Photos provided by Jules Foster

Wildlife Education Center. “Almost 60 Kentucky Fish and Wildlife volunteers, community volunteers and public servants assisted with everything from handing out candy to presenting informal educational programs with reptiles. A special ‘thank you’ also goes to Conservation Officers Paul Sorrell and Chris Riggsby, who assisted us with parking.”

Every year, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation sponsors Halloween Walk with the Animals. Proceeds from the event benefit the Salato Wildlife Education Center.



Give the gift of the outdoors this holiday season

Be the hero of your household this holiday season when you give a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife gift certificate or the 2020 Kentucky Afield Outdoor Calendar. Gift certificates can be redeemed for licenses or permits, [Kentucky Afield magazine subscriptions](#), summer camp, [Kentucky Wild memberships](#) and more.

Forget the tie with bounding deer embroidered on it. Your hunting buddies want their own calendar to keep up with the seasons. It’s also a terrific and thoughtful gift for all the nieces, nephews and

grandkids on your list. At \$7.50 each, calendars are an affordable way to spread the holiday cheer.

Gift certificates are a great incentive to encourage a husband or wife to join you in the field. Or to encourage your old high school buddy to come back to Kentucky for a fishing trip. Have friends who let you



hunt or fish on their farm? A gift certificate is an ideal way to show your thanks.

So say goodbye to the ugly tie this year. Avoid the crowds and go online to fw.ky.gov and get your [gift certificate](#), or buy your own copy of the Kentucky Afield Outdoor [Calendar](#). Be a household hero this year.