

## There's Politics in the Outdoors Too!

As we come to the week of early voting, I remember some of the lobbying trips I've made to Washington, D.C. for the outdoors. I enjoyed meeting individuals such as the late Tony Dean from South Dakota who made the outdoors a priority in his life and still does posthumously to help greenhorns understand political issues. Leilani Munter an open wheeled formula one race car driver that has been a double for actress Katherine Zeta Jones and races with biofuel. David Crockett, the great, great grandson of yes you know the one who died remembering the Alamo. These are just a few of the people that I've had the pleasure of knowing who have fought for your rights to enjoy the outdoors and not just hunting and fishing.

I can remember going to the lower ninth ward in New Orleans, Louisiana and wondering how in the world our government could spend so much money on levees that make a bowl for people to live under sea level. On the other hand, how we can buy three dollar bags of cypress mulch and destroy the cypress forest that would have slowed down the tidal surge and allowed people to escape the wrath of hurricane Katrina quicker.

I know there are more pertinent issues like jobs, foreign wars, and infrastructure of this country. Keep in mind that you can make a difference by the way you vote from local races all the way to the president of the United States. It has been a pleasure to bring you the outdoor news from the perspective of Mr. Outdoors. I thought the article last time from a talented local individual Ralph Meeker was an excellent insight from another point of view. Together we have tried to be informative and offer stories that everyone can relate to.

Greenwood has been good to me and my family and I look forward to many more years here in the river valley enjoying what God has created for all of us to enjoy. This year will be one of many decisions for the first family of the outdoors. We are looking forward to the many challenges that lay ahead and I'm sure the outdoors will play a big part of our adventure. I would like to thank Dr. Evan Rowe of Greenwood for helping me enjoy the outdoors even more. His office is right here on the square and with his adjustments on my spinal column, I have been able to sleep better and enjoy my outdoor adventures more. AirCare by Price, Brownfield Pharmacy, and Farmers Cooperatives have been very important in bringing outdoor news and ITO on the Road to Arkansas and Oklahoma on Big Country 107.3.

JRO (Jim Reynolds Outdoors) has been selling awnings and portable buildings, booking hunting trips for Tin Top Ranch and striper fishing trips on Lake Ouachita to name a few of the things that we do. The customer appreciation remote that we did at Brownfield Pharmacy last week went well. There were over one hundred hot dogs given away, someone brought Mr. Outdoors some deer meat, I met Kim from O'Reilly's and appreciate her comments about Into The Outdoors on Big Country 107.3 every Saturday at five and nine in the morning, as well as, on

Sunday at seven in the morning. Our website will be getting a facelift very soon. [www.jimreynoldsoutdoors.com](http://www.jimreynoldsoutdoors.com) should be finalized in November if all goes well.

Finally, let's not forget the impact that how we vote will determine the outcome for our children, grandchildren, and future children. Let's not take our responsibility lightly because our future depends on it.