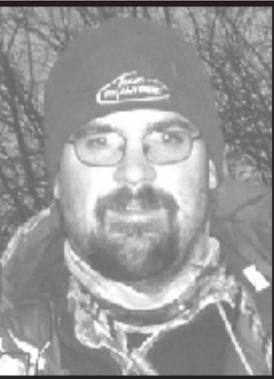


**Wanderings
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Always Prepared

A few mornings ago my wife let me know there was a coyote out in the field beside the house. She could see it from our bedroom window. It was cruising through the cows looking at all the new baby calves or menu!

I am always prepared for coyotes near the house. I've got a sweet shooting . 223 rifle just for coyotes. I keep it out of reach of my kids but handy for me to get quickly. It's always ready for coyote action.

So, after my wife let me know about the coyote, I grabbed my rifle. When I got to the bedroom and looked out the window the coyote was around 100 yards. I eased the window open and stuck the rifle out the window. I rested the cross hairs on the coyote's shoulder. He looked toward the window about the time I pulled the trigger. That was the last time he looked at anything. The baby calves were all smiling because a big male coyote was dead!

I have noticed the older I get, the more I want to be prepared for different scenarios. If it's deer season I keep my back pack prepped for most every situation that might arise. Same with turkey season, duck season, and work. I even make a list of things I need to have to be prepared for whatever situation may arise.

The bedroom window coyote got me to thinking about always being prepared. 1st Peter 5:8 in the Bible says, "Be sober; be vigilant; be-

cause your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." When it comes to the devil you'd better always be prepared to do battle with him.

The way things are going in the world it pays to be prepared. The Middle East is a mess. The US is treating our greatest ally Israel like dirt. The US is making deals with the devil (Iran). All of the stuff going on can be found in the scripture about the end times. I can't say if the end is near, but I do believe every word in the Bible!

If you don't know Jesus, well now is a good time as any to get to know him. If you do know Jesus, now is as good a time as any to be read up, prayed up, and fessed up! Always be prepared.

Good luck to all the youth turkey hunters heading out this weekend!

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



Sound Advice

Do you bird by ear? If not, try it. It's a great skill for any birder. The other morning I could identify cardinals, wrens, robins, catbirds, warblers, red-shouldered hawks and crows without even seeing them. Try the Stokes Field Guide to Bird Songs (Amazon.com), or any other. It's worth it!

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Josh and Jake with the bedroom window coyote. (Read column at left for details.)

27 apply for school superintendent

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"The screening committee does not hire the superintendent," Eaton stated.

The screening committee is scheduled to meet on April 14 and 23 to select the top five or six candidates.

On April 30, that committee will meet with the board and present their recommendations to the board. Eaton said some school boards release the names of the top candidates publicly while others do not.

"The board can take all the applications if they wish," Eaton stated. "They

can hire a superintendent (the screening committee) does not recommend."

Eaton was unable to say on Thursday how many of the candidates were local.

Local educators have been hired as superintendents in other counties. Elmer Thomas is the current superintendent of Madison County Schools, and Mike Tate is superintendent of the Powell County Schools.

Donald Aldridge, a former Estill teacher and principal, was hired as Superintendent of Eminence Schools before accepting

the superintendent's job in Garrard County. He was also a top candidate for superintendent in neighboring Clark County several years ago. Aldridge is now retired.

Tonya Isaacs, an instructional supervisor for Estill Schools, serves as assistant superintendent. A source stated that another former principal at West Irvine and resident of Estill County, BJ Martin, is also certified to become a superintendent.

It is also not known if Ann Hughes Burns is certified to be superintendent.

Burns taught in Estill County and was hired as an instructional supervisor. She was then hired as principal in Madison County. This spring, she has been serving as interim director of Model Lab School while a permanent director is being sought.

Estill's interim superintendent, Randall Christopher, retired last year but is certified to be a superintendent.

At least two local educators have confirmed they have applied for the superintendent's job.

Arrests made by IPD & ESCO

A Jackson County man was arrested March 21 for allegedly passing a cold check to an Estill County business.

Orville Wade Gilbert, 48, of Annville, Ky. was charged with theft by deception including cold checks under \$10,000.

The arrest warrant states that on July 9, 2014, Gilbert wrote a check for payment of goods or services to Baber's Towing & Repairs for \$500. The warrant adds that Gilbert knew the check would not be honored.

There are also fees of \$130 added to the check.

Theft by deception including cold checks is a Class D felony.

Gilbert was released from custody after posting a \$980 bond. He will be arraigned in Estill District Court on April 15.

Bench Warrant Served

Irvine Officer Karl Rifenbark served a bench warrant March 28 on Sandra J. Eversole, 44, of Broadway in Irvine.

The bench warrant was issued by Estill District Judge

Bo Leach, because Eversole failed to pay a fine and service fee. She was found guilty August 13, 2014 of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence and failure of owner to maintain required insurance. Charges of no tail lamps and no registration plate were merged.

The bench warrant says that Eversole owes \$1,503 in fines and a \$30 service fee. She was permitted to post a \$1,533 cash bond instead of going to jail.

DUI arrest

A woman from Ermine, Ky. was arrested March 29 by the Irvine Police Department.

Officer Karl Rifenbark said he observed Toni H. Niece, 24, nearly hit the Irvine bridge twice and then said she drove in the middle of the road.

He initiated a traffic stop on the woman's vehicle on River Drive. He said the woman had glassy, blood-shot eyes and slow/slurred speech. She failed field sobriety tests at the scene. Officer Rifenbark said she then

passed out in her vehicle.

The officer said she gave consent to search her vehicle. Rifenbark, the department's canine officer, said the dog alerted to the passenger side front door. He added that he discovered marijuana, and paraphernalia in the center console and floor board. He also stated that she had two 600 mg and one 800 mg neurontin pills on her body.

Niece was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of a legend drug, and possession of marijuana.

Arrests for shoplifting

Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris recently arrested several people for theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting at local businesses.

On March 23, Morris said he was dispatched to the Dollar General on Richmond Road where he recovered \$55.81 in merchandise from a woman's purse. Danielle Jo Riddell of Richmond was arrested.

On March 14, Morris charged Shawn Cornett, 22, of Burton Williams Road, Irvine with shoplifting from

Dollar General on Spout Springs Road. The deputy said that Cornett took six quarts of oil with a total price of \$26.10.

He also charged Cornett with shoplifting from the Irvine Food Court on March 29. This time, Morris said Cornett took four quarts of oil valued at \$18.44.

Megan Ciera Sitter of Richmond, was arrested March 23 for allegedly shoplifting at the Dollar General on Richmond Road. Morris said merchandise valued at \$19.65 was recovered from her purse.

Doris Brinegar was arrested at the Dollar General on Richmond Road on March 23 by Morris. The deputy said \$75.78 in merchandise was recovered from Brinegar's purse.

Matthew Risner, 22, of Crabtree Lane, Irvine, was arrested March 18 at Dollar General on Richmond Road. Deputy Morris recovered \$40.00 in merchandise from Risner. Then on March 25, Risner was served a parole violation warrant by the deputy.



Highway workers assisted one resident with unloading his trash at 82 Food Mart on Thursday. Residents could also dump free at the landfill on Friday.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

ROMANS 15:4

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