

**Wanderings
from the
Woods
& Water**
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Mojo Jake and Shake Decoy

Before I get started I've got to say a Great Big Happy Birthday to my 4 year old Diva. Brinley is number 4 of the Bicknell kids. I love you my sweet little Diva girl!

I made a new purchase a couple of weeks ago for the upcoming turkey season. I picked up the Mojo Jake and Shake remote control strutting decoy. My other strutting decoy was looking pretty rough and was needing to go into retirement. So after looking at several different strutting decoys I settled on the Jake Shake.

I went with the Jake and Shake for multiple reasons. The number one reason was how realistic the strutting and turning action looks. There are no strings to tangle up. You just put the decoy on a stake and push it on and off with remote. The remote is small enough to that it can be used easily without being busted by an old gobbler. The decoy easily breaks down and is not a problem to carry. It actually carries better than my current strutter decoy.

The cost of the decoy is not too bad compared to other strutters. The cost of just strutter decoys has gotten crazy. I was looking hard at the Avian X decoys. They look awesome but are pricey. The realistic look combined with the cost made the Jake and Shake a no brainer.

They say the proof is in the pudding. I used the decoy during youth season. The decoy helped bring in a Jake and three long beards within 15 yards. The fan movement and turning action gets other birds fired up for a fight. It's

great to use with kids because the bird is focused on decoy and not movements of kids.

The only thing I didn't like about the Jake and Shake was the tail fan clips. They are a little weak. The decoy came with two extra clips. I broke one first trip out. The fix is easy and cheap. You can pick up a stronger clip at the hardware store for a couple of dollars.

I know there is some purist out there who thinks strutter decoys are cheating. I respect your opinion, but this guy will do whatever is legal to punch my turkey tags. My wife can cook a wild turkey like no other! If it takes a strutter decoy to get a Wild Turkey dinner then the strutter is going with me. If you don't have a strutting decoy in your arsenal then get one. They can make the difference in them hanging up or getting in close!

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



Mother Earth

Here are some things you can do to celebrate Earth Day: Rake up seed hulls, pull pesky weeds, sweep around your little bird area. Plant some scarlet sage for hummingbirds or some milkweed, a host plant for monarch butterfly caterpillars. But most all, enjoy the great outdoors!

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Grand Jury returns indictments

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Danny Wayne Hardy, 37, of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (cocaine) on March 4, 2015.

Trooper T. Robinson conducted the investigation.

Timothy J. Perdue aka Timothy J. Purdue, 35, of Geneva Ave., Irvine, was indicted for receiving stolen property over \$500 and under \$10,000. The indictment said that between February 6-10, 2015, Perdue had in his possession tires that belonged to James Noland.

Perdue was also indicted for being a second degree persistent felony offender.

Deputy Randy Farthing conducted the investigation.

An indictment was re-

turned against Shannon Goosey, 37, of Turner Ave., Irvine, for receiving stolen property under \$500 and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The indictment states that on November 9, 2014, Goosey had a battery, gun case and air compressor in his possession which belonged to Kevin Hardy and Heath Waugh.

The investigating officer was Federal Law Enforcement Officer Hershel Neal of the U.S. Forest Service.

Darrell D. Estes, 36, of Dug Hill Road, Irvine, was indicted for receiving stolen property over \$500, under \$10,000 and theft by deception - include cold checks under \$500.

According to the indict-

ment, between November 7-9, 2014, Estes sold a Dewalt generator which had been reported stolen by Greg Horn. He also allegedly signed a paper saying the Dewalt generator was not stolen.

Det. Keith Parke of KSP conducted the investigation.

Charles D. Durham II and Ronda Sparks were named as co-defendants in a second degree burglary. Durham, 36, is a resident of Elmer Richardson Road, Irvine. Sparks, 29, lives on Henry White Road, Irvine.

The indictment says the couple broke into the home of JoAnn Henry on March 6, 2015 with the intention of committing a crime.

Durham was also charged with being a second degree

persistent felony offender.

Deputy Farthing conducted the burglary investigation.

Three residents were indicted in three separate incidents of cultivating marijuana (five plants or more), first offense. The offense is a Class D felony, punishable by one to five years in prison.

Arrested were Kenneth Henry, 76, of Chestnut Stand Road, Irvine; Donald S. Hardy, 36, of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine; and Brandon Jenkins, 26, of Rice Station Road, Irvine.

KSP investigators included Det. Edwin Botkin and Cannabis Suppression; KSP Det. Edwin Botkin; and KSP Det. K. Bradley.

"Bells Across The Land"

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Harriet Beecher Stowe visited in Washington, where she saw a guy being sold as a slave auction. This possibly inspired her to pen the book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Lee had surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant, who was born at Point Pleasant, Ohio, just across the Ohio River from Mason County, Kentucky. Father Al said that Grant went to school in Washington.

The treaty between Lee and Grant was signed 150 years ago at the Wilmer McLean house in Appomattox.

The first battle of the Civil War, the Battle of Bull Run, was fought on McLean's property about 100 miles north of Appomattox.

McLean, a retired major in the Virginia militia, was too old to fight in the Civil War. He moved to Appomattox to escape the war.

It has been said the war started in McLean's backyard and ended in his parlor.

President Abraham Lincoln had already declared the war was over a few days before Lee's surrender. He asked that Confederate soldiers be treated humanely. The Confederate soldiers were allowed to keep their guns and horses, which were need to plow the ground for spring crops.

Father Al maintains a website, www.earthlinkhealing.info, which has daily meditations. He has also authored nu-

merous books, including one published by the Marquette University Press and several published by the University of Kentucky Press.



St. Elizabeth in Ravenna is the only church in the county with a bell tower. The bell is used to ring to make special announcements. It was used Thursday for "Bells Across The Land," marking 150 years since the end of the Civil War.

Bryant is now Mayor Pro-Tem

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He said the garage would be 24 feet wide and would be located directly behind his home. Jones said that he would use the alley to access the garage.

After searching through the building and zoning handbook, Rodney Davis said the only thing he could find pertaining to the matter said that there had to be a minimum of seven feet from the building to the property line. He said rather than hold the meeting up any longer, he would research the matter and have the mayor or city clerk contact him at a later date.

Robert Sanders of Spout Springs Road introduced himself to the council. He said that he has an extensive background in construc-

tion and would be taking Jack Rivel's position. Currently he is working under Dwayne Curry who is the certified building inspector for the city of Irvine but Sanders said he would receive his certification within the year. He told the council that members of the planning and zoning committee were urged to take a class that he would be teaching and become certified as well.

Billy Williams of IMU said that grant money would be available within two weeks and that the city of Irvine qualified to receive money to help repair damage that was done during recent floods at the water treatment facility. The money from the National Resource Conserva-

tion Service would possibly fund the repairs to the bank that had slipped during the snowstorm and flood back in February.

Mayor Noland urged council members to attend a tour of the new facility at the Bluegrass Army Depot on May 28th. He had recently visited the facility himself which covers 15 acres of land and said that it was very interesting.

City Clerk Robin Powell said that she had received a letter from the state that said the Irvine bridge was not eligible for a new coat of paint at this time. The bridge will be inspected in October but according to the state the bridge is structurally sound.

An executive order from Mayor Noland was read by Rodney Davis to give Rob-

in Powell power to perform administrative and executive duties within the city in the absence of the mayor. According to Powell, she had to be removed as the mayor pro-tem because KRS laws state that the city clerk can't preside over meetings and sign ordinances.

An ordinance that was adopted in the 90's stated that the mayor pro-tem was to be a member of the council who received the most votes. Tobo Bryant was nominated by Billy Arthur during the 'around the table' discussion and was voted in as the mayor pro-tem until his term on the council is completed. Bryant will oversee council meetings and will sign ordinances in the absence of Mayor Noland.

Irvine Police Beat

Michael Geiger, 18, a homeless man of Irvine, was arrested April 9 by Officer John Sturniolo at Shell Mart on charges of alcohol intoxication and disorderly conduct. The officer said Geiger was staggering in the parking lot of Shell Mart. Sturniolo said that Geiger registered .299 on a P.B.T. He added that Geiger became loud and was using profanity. He had slurred speech and was unsteady on his feet.

Phillip Stevens, 20, of Leighton Road, Irvine, was also arrested at the same time on charges of alcohol intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia, and disorderly conduct. Sturniolo said Stevens said he had drunk three beers, six shots of alcohol, and smoked marijuana. The officer stated the man blew .115 on the P>B. T. Stevens allegedly used profane language and raised his voice. Sturniolo said the man had a marijuana pipe in his pocket.

Hank Campbell, 28, of

High Street, Irvine, was arrested April 6 by Sgt. Michael Gross for assault fourth degree (child abuse). Gross said he received a call about two men fighting over a man hitting his kid.

When Gross arrived at the scene, witnesses told him that Campbell had hit the child in the back of the neck. He had allegedly grabbed the child by the arms and slammed him down in the chair. He then took the boy into the bathroom where they could hear the child being disciplined.

Campbell reportedly told the officer that he had struck his child in the back of the head. He had also grabbed him to get him to sit down and quit running. And he also said he had spanked the child.

The sergeant said he and DCBS worker noticed marks on the child's arm. The child stated that his dad had hit him on the back of his head with an open hand and made him sit down.

The Garden Bug

Veggie friends

Cucumbers like the shade of sunflowers and corn. Onions grow well near beets.

Carrots aid the growth of peas. Lettuces like strawberries, carrots, radishes, and beets.

Parsley aids the growth of tomatoes.

April 7 Estill Circuit Court Docket

Logan Reed, sentenced per plea following diversion revocation.

Michael Crim, 5/5 status hearing.

Joseph R. Hurst, probation revoked on two cases. Sentencing 5/5.

Christopher Bryan Bishop, bench warrant issued on two cases.

Alfred Trent, sentenced to seven years plus restitution. Diversion revoked and probation denied.

David Todd Flynn, revocation hearing on 5/5.

Amanda Vanderpool, three counts of TBUT all others \$500 or more and burglary third degree, sentenced per plea, probation denied.

Christopher D. Lainhart, 2 counts of burglary 3rd, receiving stolen property under \$10,000, and persistent felony offender, third degree, arraignment on plea

per Commonwealth offer, sentencing 4/24.

Eric Brooks, burglary third degree and possession of burglary tools, sentenced per plea, 5 years diverted for five years, plus 12 months concurrently.

Mike Murphy, sentencing on two cases 4/24.

Jeffrey Scott Estes, defendant not transported. Status hearing/plea on 5/5.

Kristin Neal, 2 counts of TICS first degree and persistent felony offender, sentenced per plea, probated to drug court.

Jonathan Floyd Harrison, TICS second and persistent felony offender, preliminary pre-trial on 5/7. Status hearing on 6/2 and set trial date.

Phillip G. Jones, TICS controlled substance within 1,000 feet of school and TICS 2nd degree, sentenced per plea, probation denied.

ating motor vehicle under influence, operating on suspended/revoked operators licenses, promoting contraband, 1st degree, possession of controlled substance, third and controlled substance, prescription not in proper container, sentenced per plea, diversion.

Scott Edward Plowman, possession of controlled substance, third; promoting contraband, first; and persistent felony offender, first degree, status hearing on 5/5 and set trial.

Joshua Turpin, three counts of unlawful imprisonment, assault fourth degree, domestic, third or greater offense within 5 years; assault fourth degree, minor injury; and terroristic threatening, third degree, sentencing on 6/2.

Alicia Dawn Riddell, theft by unlawful taking or disp. auto, two counts of

burglary second, criminal mischief third, and public intoxication of controlled substance, sentenced per plea, probation denied.

Brian Keith Brewer, burglary third, criminal mischief, first, and criminal trespassing, 3rd, preliminary pre-trial on 5/7, status hearing 6/2.

Amanda J. Brewer, sentencing 6/2, burglary third, criminal mischief first and criminal trespassing third, Bond lowered to \$10,000 unsecured with MCR.

John R. Dunaway, criminal possession of forged instrument second, promoting contraband, first, 1st degree possession of cocaine, and persistent felony offender, second, warrant active.

Steven Henry, receiving stolen property under \$10,000, status hearing on 4/24 and set trial.