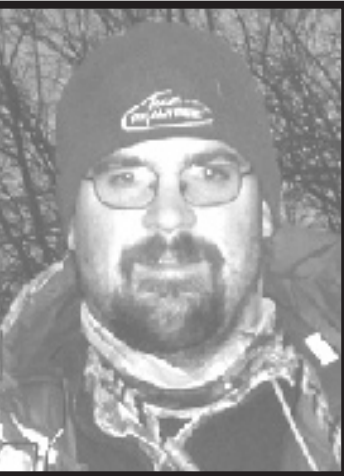


**Wanderings
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Woods
& Water**
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Jake's Jake & Josh's Flew The Coop

It twas the night before youth turkey season and two creatures were stirring about. It was Jake and Josh. They were struggling to go to sleep because of the nervous excitement. Jake kept saying, "Dad, I can't sleep because all I can think about is turkeys." Needless to say the boys were fired up for turkey season.

I got the boys up around 5:30 a.m. They jumped up and got ready in record time. We got all of our gear and headed out the door, but not before Mom give us our safety talk. I guess it's a mom thing!

The boys were clinging tight in the dark. Josh asked if I thought a coyote would eat us. I reassured him all was ok. Our walk took about 10 minutes. We got the blind and decoys set up. We were ready. All we need now is turkeys in the decoys.

As the sun was trying to show itself the gobblers started. The boys were constantly asking, "Dad, did you hear that gobble?" We had one bird hit the ground about 400 yards away. I called a little and used the new Shake and Jake decoy. He came on a line right towards us. It was a Jake and he was on his way.

As he got closer, he gobbled a few times. He walked beside the blind just shy of shooting distance. The boys were motionless when he walked by. The Jake turned around, made another pass just outside of shooting range. Then finally he turned and was so close to the blind we couldn't move. He walked by and I told Jake to get his gun up. Josh was sitting in my lap as the turkey walked by. Josh shouted KILL IT JAKE about that time Jake pulled the trigger on his .410 and Jake had a Jake down.

Jake started hooping and hollering and he said, "I just got my first turkey with no help." He was wound up and dad was a nervous wreck! We jumped out of the blind to get Jake's turkey when I looked to our left and saw one strutting. I said let's get back in the blind and see if we can get Josh a turkey. We got sitting

down with Jake's Jake lying dead where he shot it.

Josh got settled in and was ready for him a turkey. He was sitting in my lap waiting for his turn. Now it was killing Jake to be in the blind and his turkey outside of the blind. We had turkeys gobbling at us. Jake said, "I don't think they are coming," and "Let's go get my turkey." Josh replied, "Jake you need to have patience."

It wasn't long before we had three gobblers headed our way. They were putting on a show, strutting and gobbling. They made it into range and looked a little nervous. I helped Josh get the gun up. He shot and gobbler down! The other two gobblers jumped on the Josh's downed gobbler. They were whipping up on him. Josh's gobbler looked good and dead. We were getting ready to get out of blind when he popped his head up and flew across the flooded creek. We ran to the creek and could see him on the other side. He was hurting.

I went home, got my waders and had hopes of finding Josh's gobbler. I waded the creek and looked in every place a turkey might hide with no luck. I hated going back across the creek to tell Josh. When I told him I couldn't find it and the crocodile tears started, my heart was broken. He was trying his best to not show his hurt.

I got him to the house and he shed a few more tears. Josh took a nap and when he woke up he said, "Dad, my turkey flew the coop, didn't he?" He said he wanted to go after another turkey. We didn't have any luck in the evening, but you can bet Josh and I will be after them during regular season!

Spending that kind of time with my boys was priceless. I thank God for the day we had. Even though Josh's gobbler flew the coop it was a character building moment for my little man. And for Jake it just added fuel to the fire to his hunting desire.

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



Josh and Jake with Jake's Jake

Local Police Activity

Sgt. Mike Gross arrested Amanda Cox, 34, of Kirkland Ave., Irvine on March 31. He charged her with operating her vehicle on Kirkland Avenue while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol and driving on a DUI suspended license, first offense.

The officer says an ATL (Attempt to Locate) was issued for Cox's vehicle, a Dodge Neon. He also stated that she supposedly had been snorting xanax while there were two children in the back seat.

According to the citation, Cox failed field sobriety tests.

Gross said he was told by KSP that Cox's license was suspended, and she had been charged with DUI in 2011.

Bench Warrants Served

A bench warrant was served on Christina Brooks of Mountain Crest, Irvine on April 1 by Sgt. Mike Gross.

The warrant was issued by Estill District Judge Bo Leach, because he said Brooks had failed to appear in court for a pretrial conference on a charge of unlawful transaction with a minor, third degree. No bail was set for Brooks.

A bench warrant was served April 2 by the Irvine Police Department on Mark N. Worrell, 36, of Reges Road, Irvine. Judge Leach

signed the warrant because Worrell had failed to pay a fine and court costs of \$693.00.

Worrell was found guilty on April 16, 2014 of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence. Charges of failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance and no registration plates were dismissed.

Worrell could post a cash bond of \$693.00.

A bench warrant was served March 31 by Police Chief Brad Smith on Donna Doty, 42, of Richmond Road, Irvine. Judge Leach issued the warrant saying Doty has failed to comply with Westcare reporting program. Doty has been charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense and possession of a controlled substance, second degree, drug unspecified. Doty was not permitted to give bail.

Two bench warrants were served March 30 on Joshua Ledford, 34, of Cantrill Street, Irvine by Capt. Adrian McKinney.

The bench warrants signed by Judge Leach says that Ledford was found guilty on Dec. 18, 2013 of failure to wear seat belts, operating on a suspended operator license, and failure of owner to maintain required insurance.

One of the warrants states that Ledford failed to pay \$248 in fines and/or court costs. He was allowed to make bail of \$278 cash on that charge.

The second warrant states that Ledford failed to appear for a status hearing on those same three charges. On this warrant, he cannot give bail.

A bench warrant was also served March 30 on Jessica R. Ledford, 35, of the same address as Joshua Ledford. Judge Leach says that she failed to pay a fine of \$263.00 and a service fee of \$30.00.

This warrant states that he was found guilty Sept. 10 and 13, 2014, of operating on a suspended or revoked operators license and failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance. Charges of inadequate silencer (muffler) and improper equipment were merged Sept. 10, 2014 with the other charges.

The warrant stated that Jessica Ledford could post a bond of \$293 cash (\$263 fine plus \$30 service fee).

Shoplifter Arrested

Another alleged shoplifter has been arrested at Dollar General on Richmond Road. Deputy Russell Morris charged Paula Voils with theft by unlawful taking - shoplifting. The report states that she admitting tak-

ing two pair of sunglasses valued at \$17.34.

Warrant Served

Nearly a year after a man allegedly ran from an Estill County Sheriff's deputy, he has been served an arrest warrant on drug related charges.

The warrant was obtained by KSP Trooper Jason Carpenter for Bobby G.Saylor, 24, who is now an inmate at LaGrange.

The warrant states that Saylor was involved in a drug complaint with two males. It says that Saylor ran from the scene as Deputy Doc Morris was gathering information at the scene.

The warrant adds there were three small baggies containing a crystal-like substance and a 9 mm Ruger located in the console of the vehicle. Numerous pipes and needles were also found.

The other two men were arrested. The warrant says neither of them claimed possession of the drugs, weapon or paraphernalia.

Saylor was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, and buy or possession of drug paraphernalia.

An arraignment on the charge is set for April 15 in Estill District Court.

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



Deputies investigate several wrecks

An Irvine couple reportedly received minor injuries during a rear-end collision last Tuesday, March 31.

Deputy Russell Morris investigated the rear-end collision on Richmond Road about two miles west of Irvine.

According to the report, Johnathan Marshall of Richmond Road, Irvine was traveling east in a 2007 Chevy HHR which was moderately damaged in the rear.

The deputy reported that Kathi N. Richardson of Irvine was pulling to the right and her vehicle did not stop in time. Her vehicle, a 2012 Toyota Camry, received moderate damages to the front.

Morris said that Marshall and his passenger, Brittany Marshall, were

transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital for treatment of their injuries.

A non-injury collision was reported on McKee Road, about 10 miles from Irvine, on April 3. It was investigated by Deputy Randy Farthing who said the two vehicles were traveling in opposite directions.

He said Lloyd Isaacs of McKee told him that he fell asleep. Farthing said Isaacs' vehicle crossed the center line and entered the opposite lane of travel. Gary Tillery of Tyner steered to the right to avoid the collision.

Farthing said that Isaacs' Ford pickup struck Tillery's Toyota Camry before leaving the road and striking an embankment.

The Ford pickup received moderate to severe damages to the left side. The Camry also received damages to the left side. The car's hood was severely damaged.

Another non-injury wreck had occurred on McKee Road a day earlier, about four miles east of Irvine. This one also involved two vehicles but was a rear ender.

Donnie Smith of Barnes Mountain Road, Irvine told Deputy Russell Morris that he was traveling down McKee Road when a car stopped in front of him. The car had stopped because a tree was lying across the road and blocking it.

George Ross of McKee told Deputy Morris that he could not stop in time and his Fork truck struck

Ross' Dodge Ram.

Ross' vehicle had moderate damages to the front, and Smith's Dodge Ram received minor to moderate damages to its rear.



April Showers

If you live in an area where it rains a lot this time of year, be sure to keep your feeders as clean and dry as possible. Wet seed causes bacteria growth that can make birds sick. If possible, bring your feeders in at night to help keep them dry.

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