

The Engineered Red Tailed Hawk

By Van Yandell

John 1: 1-3 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Watching a predator bird on the hunt is a sight to behold. Working in my yard, noticed was a large bird circling, hunting and watching. At first I thought it was an eagle but with binoculars, saw it was a red-tailed hawk.

It was a very windy day for late April here in Western Kentucky. As I watched him circle and appearing to be weightless, the design of his wings reminded of the grand design of all things by our Creator (John 1: 3).

Hawks utilize broad rounded wings to soar effortlessly while seeking their prey. Appearing to gain altitude, they use thermal drafts to rise higher. His broad tail is maneuvered to steer and gain altitude.

His flight appears to be effortless. Never seen was a flapping of his wings. He seemed to float against the clear blue sky further demonstrating his grand design.

We witness every day of our lives the works of our Creator. God was

and is the greatest architect, designer and engineer. The functioning, the movements and the coordination of His work is beyond amazing to even the most skilled builder.

The hawk's eyesight is one that had to be work of the Creator. The red-tailed hawk's exceptional vision is about eight times sharper than that of a human with 20/20 vision.

They can spot their prey on the ground from up to a mile away. Their eyes make up about twenty percent of their head weight and have a three-hundred degree field of view.

They can literally see all around except for that sixty degree angle directly behind them. The observed constant turning of their heads while in flight is witness of that.

A hawk can see ultra-violet light. To consider the natural abilities of the red-tailed hawk is to give one a new perspective of the abilities, omnipotence and the omniscience of our Creator God.

Hawks have a high density retina and two centers of focus allowing sighting in two directions. One is for peripheral and one is for distance. Their eyes have a third eyelid membrane that protects their eyes during

high-speed dives.

The red-tailed hawk's speed while hunting ranges from twenty to forty miles per hour, depending on wind direction. His dive however on prey can accelerate up to 120 miles per hour.

A question we must ask is: Could all these characteristics of the hawk (wings/body structure and eyes) evolved by accident? Some would say "yes" but we also realize ignorance is rampant in our world today.

We earthlings take so much for granted. The functioning of our own cardiovascular systems, our central nervous systems and the constant regenerating of every one of our thirty-trillion body cells.

Each cell has over one-hundred trillion atoms. Those atoms are of up to eighty-three elements. Only about twelve of those are essential for life.

Those atoms in our bodies have existed for millions (perhaps billions) of years. They have simply been re-arranged, probably millions of times and happen to be in our bodies at this moment in time.

God is the greatest and first re-cycler and reciprocator. Science and the Bible tell us matter and energy are constant, only reformed into other substances.

The first physics law of thermodynamics agrees with the Holy Bible in this concept.

The concept of the generating of oxygen and carbon dioxide was learned by us in elementary science. Humans and other animals breathe in oxygen to sustain those thirty trillion cells in our bodies.

We then exhale carbon dioxide which in turn is utilized by green plants to photosynthesize oxygen. Reciprocation is the process. Balance of nature is the principle.

Ecclesiastes 1: 7 gives us an example of God's recycling ability. "All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again." Our water amount on planet earth is constant (the same amount from creation).

Science agrees and the Bible reinforces this principle. The water you were baptized with may have been the same water Jesus was baptized with. That's not likely but worth the consideration.

Oxygen, hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen, calcium, and phosphorus make up about ninety-nine percent of the human body mass and are absolutely essential for life.

Genesis 2: 1 "Thus

the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them." Many believe (including this writer) that all the matter, elements and atoms at that point had been created that would ever be created.

Many do not give God credit (or honor and glory) for His work in the design and construction of this earth, all living matter and the vastness of the universe.

When we consider the movement of the moons around the planets, the planets around their suns/stars and those solar systems around the galaxies, smallness for us and vastness of God take a new perspective.

That one great God, the God of the Bible, has designed for us such a world for which we should have infinite amazement. His works are beyond our understanding.

The flight and vision of the red-tailed hawk are two of the millions of examples of His great work. But His greatest work for all mankind was His sacrifice so that we imperfect people could have eternal life with Him.

The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (Romans 4: 25), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

One more thing, did I mention Who designed and engineered the red-tailed hawk?

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PUBLIC NOTICE

An ordinance amending the Webster County budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, to include unanticipated receipts from State Fund in the amount of \$122,674, Road Fund in the amount of \$11,902.58, General Fund in the amount of \$66,491.91, and LGEA Fund in the amount of \$25,353.17 and increasing expenditures totals to \$226,421.66 was adopted by the Webster County Fiscal Court on May 11, 2026. A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

Pursuant to KRS 117.383(8), to validate the accuracy and fidelity of the vote tabulation, the Webster County Board of Elections will conduct a hand-to-eye audit of the votes cast in one randomly selected race from ballots tabulated by one randomly selected scanner on May 21st, 2026.

The Secretary of State will randomly select the race and scanner to be the subject of the audit on May 20th and notify the county that same day.

This audit will take place at 10am at the Webster County Courthouse vault, located at 25 US Hwy 41A S Dixon, KY on Thursday May 21st, 2026. The public may observe the audit.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BID SPECIFICATIONS

CITY OF CLAY PARK LIGHTING UPGRADE

Project is to be bid as a hands off for City of Clay project. Replacement of 44 existing sport lighter fixtures surrounding the ball fields at the city park. Replace 1 flood light facing the tennis court area with a new 1000-watt equivalent led flood light.

Separate sealed bids for lights for the City Park light replacement for the City of Clay, KY will be received by the Municipal Office at 9100 St Rt 132 W, P. O. Box 425, Clay, KY until **4:00 p.m. CDT, Tuesday, June 9th, 2026**. They will be publicly opened and read aloud during the regularly scheduled Council meeting. Each bidder shall be responsible for their delivery by the above noted time.

The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to negotiate with the apparent qualified best bidder or bidders to such extent as may be necessary.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Webster County Fiscal Court is soliciting bids for the construction of a new Farmers Market Pavilion at 19 Stegal St, Dixon, KY 42409.

The project includes the construction of an approximately 50' x 120' x 14' pavilion with a 10' x 20' enclosed storage closet in one corner. The structure will include treated posts set on 10' centers, trusses on 5' centers, metal roofing, metal siding and trim, vinyl soffit, aluminum fascia, liner panel ceiling, exterior lighting, ceiling fans with associated lighting, and all related work necessary for completion of the project.

All bids shall be received no later than 9:00 AM local time, May 26, 2026. Bids shall be in a sealed envelope clearly marked: "Farmers Market Pavilion Project" in the bottom left corner of the envelope and delivered to:

Judge Executive Steve Henry
Webster County Fiscal Court
PO Box 155
25 US Hwy 41A W
Dixon, KY 42409

Questions regarding the project please contact:
Deputy Judge Executive Ryan Hammack
270-619-1154
ryan.hammack@websterco.org

The entire project amount must be bonded. The OWNER reserves the right to waive any information or reject any or all bids. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of equal employment opportunity. Minority bidders are encouraged to bid.

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Tips To Avoid Falling Into Debt

Avoiding debt is a key to long-term financial stability. However, data from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York indicates households throughout the United States began 2024 with a record high of \$17.3 trillion of debt. Debt also is a problem in Canada, where a recent survey from NerdWallet found that 55 percent of Canadians had credit card debt, which marked a 12 percent increase from the previous year. Perhaps even more telling is that 51 percent of survey respondents indicated they expect it will take them six months or more to pay off their credit card debt.

Debt may seem unavoidable in a time marked by high inflation, when the cost of everything from groceries to entertainment has increased significantly. Thankfully, various strategies can help individuals avoid falling into debt.

- Prioritize an emergency fund. Unforeseen expenses, whether it's major auto repairs or unexpected medical bills, can quickly land consumers in financial hot water. In fact, a recent survey from the Kaiser Family Foundation found that more than half of all adults in the United States report going into debt in the previous five years due to medical or dental bills. Roughly one in five respondents indicate they don't ever anticipate paying off such debts. One way to avoid such a fate is to prioritize building an emergency fund that can be accessed whenever sizable, unforeseen expenses threaten to derail your finances. Resist any temptation to tap into an emergency fund during non-emergencies, and continue to grow the fund with routine contributions each month.

- Utilize automatic transfers via your bank.

Banks enable account holders to set up automatic transfers, which make it easier than ever to save money and thus avoid debt. Consumers can examine their finances and determine how much from each paycheck they can automatically transfer into a savings or retirement account. Once that number is determined, set up the transfers so you are not tempted to spend the money come payday.

- Build and maintain a good credit rating. A strong credit rating is advantageous for many reasons, not the least of which is the cost savings associated with such a reputation. When borrowing money for big-ticket items like homes and vehicles, individuals with high credit scores generally receive better lending terms, including lower interest rates. Over time, the money saved by earning a lower interest rate on a mort-

gage can equal tens of thousands of dollars, and those cost savings can help consumers avoid utilizing credit cards to pay for unforeseen expenses like home repairs or medical bills.

- Become a disciplined consumer. Online shopping has made it easier than ever to spend beyond one's means. A new wardrobe and expensive concert tickets are only a few mouse clicks away, and that accessibility can tempt consumers to spend beyond their means and accrue a substantial amount of debt. By resolving to remain a disciplined, savings-first consumer, individuals can avoid the pitfalls of debt.

Debt can have both short- and long-term consequences. A few simple strategies can decrease the chances individuals join the debt-riddled masses even during a time when cost of living is especially high.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant To Application Number 917-5027, Renewal 7

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Sebree Mining, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street Suite 350 Lexington, KY 40513, has applied for renewal of a permit for a underground coal mining and reclamation affecting 129.4 acres.

(2) The operation is located 2.0 miles south of Sebree in Webster County. The operation is approximately 1.4 miles west from KY Route 494's junction with U.S. 41 and located 0.4 miles east of Bailey Ditch. The operation is located on the Sebree AND Beach Grove U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps.

(3) The operation will include a slurry reprocessing and refuse disposal coal processing facility. The surface area is owned by ARP Sebree South LLC C/O John Harris.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Madisonville Regional Office, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant To Application Number 917-0039, Renewal 3

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Sebree Mining, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street Suite 350 Lexington, KY 40513, has applied for renewal of a permit affecting 3.85 acres.

(2) The operation is located 0.5 miles northwest of Onton in Webster County. The operation is approximately 0.4 miles north from KY Route 370's junction with KY Route 147 and located 1.5 miles southeast of Deer Creek. The operation is located on the Beech Grove U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

(3) The operation will include underground support area. The surface area is owned by ARP Sebree South LLC C/O John Harris.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Madisonville Regional Office, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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