

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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Daydreams Preferred Over Nighttime Dreams

By Becky Greenwell
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We all have dreams whether they be dreams for the future, night dreams or daydreams.

These dreams can take us to another world, change our perspective on ideas, and give us hope and plans for a future.

Our hopes and dreams help us plan our future, gives us things to work toward, and unites a newly married couple in how they want to share their futures together.

Children's dreams are a lot like imagination. They dream of being a princess or a superhero. They play out their dreams in everyday play.

There is daydreaming that takes us to another place. Sitting in a boring meeting our minds wander to anywhere, but the present. We can wander to the fishing bank or the golf course or the sandy beaches of our favorite vacation spot.

A child's mind will quickly drift out of the classroom and to the playground on a warm spring day with thoughts of summertime adventures.

Daydreams are pleasant distractions filled with adventures, plans

for the future, and things we all want to experience.

The nighttime dreams are the ones that can get scary, confusing, and difficult to understand.

I don't try to figure out my night dreams.

There are times when I wake up and can't remember a thing I dreamed. Later in the day I may get a flash of something, and I wonder if it really happened or had I dreamt it. Some dreams seem so real I wonder if I'm getting a little crazy.

Have you ever had those dreams that bring your biggest fears to life? I have been attacked by ugly, creepy, crawly spiders that are crawling on me and when I wake up with a start, I see spiders, I feel spiders, and I must turn on the lights to make sure they really aren't in my bed or crawling down the walls.

Then I am afraid to go back to sleep in case they are still lurking in the corners of my mind.

I have always been a little apprehensive about driving over the Shawneetown Bridge connecting Kentucky to Illinois. That bridge is so high, so narrow, and so intimidating; I hold my breath while riding

over it. When driving over it, I'm gripping the steering wheel hoping I don't meet another vehicle. I most definitely don't look left or right over the sides of that bridge when riding or driving.

In my nightmares I am crawling over the bridge. I never know why I am or how I got there, but I'm gripping that roadway doing an army crawl to get to the other side. I've never made it to the other side before I woke up. If I did maybe I would conquer my fear and never have to crawl over that bridge again.

Sometimes I feel like my dreams are telling me the future. I've been awakened in a cold sweat because I heard one of my children crying out for me. I don't know whether they are lost or have been in an accident. I know they need me and I can't calm down until I speak to them and they convince me it was all a dream.

Not too long ago I woke up from a dream, and I refused to go back to sleep. My dream was just crazy. I went to sleep thinking about all the things I needed to do for spring cleaning, decluttering, organizing, and cleaning out

stuff.

In my dreams I was doing all that. Who wants to clean up in a dream? I want to do something fun in my dreams. No, I was pulling out furniture and washing down walls, vacuuming, and throwing away stuff.

Then it happened. I pulled out one box in the corner and out came the spiders. There were two big spiders and dozens of teeny tiny baby spiders coming toward me. I was wearing socks and was not stepping on them. I was grabbing dust rags and trying to kill them, and they kept coming at me.

As they were coming at me, I could hear drums playing to their march. I woke up to the thunder rolling and the rain pelting down.

Nope, I was awake and I refused to go back to sleep. If I was going to clean I would do it in real time and the first spider I saw would be squashed dead with a heavy-shoed foot.

May all your daydreams come true, and your night dreams be calming.

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Named To Dean's List

Pryor Lamb from Sturgis has been named to the Lindsey Wilson University Dean's List for the 2026 spring semester.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale and who are in good academic standing for the semester.

Lamb, who is completing his junior year, is a member of the university's football team and is majoring in Business Administration. He is the son of Chad Lamb of Sturgis.

-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STURGIS, UNION COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04-22-02, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE PENALTIES TO BE IMPOSED FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY NUISANCE CODE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

This Ordinance amends Section 12, Ordinance Fine Schedule, of the current Codes Enforcement Board Ordinance No. 2025-04-22-02 by revising the penalties to be imposed by the Codes Enforcement Board for violations of the City Nuisance Code; adds line items to the Fine Schedule for "Junk Vehicles," "Operating Junk Yard within City Limits," "Obstructing Street/Alley/Sidewalk," "Illegal Burning," and "Open Sewage/Waste/Other Pollutant" and sets forth the amount of penalties to be imposed for these violations.

In addition, the amendment clarifies that all costs and expenses incurred by the City of Sturgis in abatement and clean-up will be charged to the violator in addition to the fines imposed for violation, and imposes an administrative fee of \$150.00 for each violation.

First Reading: April 8, 2026
Second Reading: May 13, 2026

VOTE OF COUNCIL

Allan Collins	Aye
Charles Garnett	Aye
Theresa Greer	Aye
Hunter Davis	Aye
John Deibler	Nay
Dennis Odom	Aye

Signed:
MAYOR BILLY R. ADAMS
City of Sturgis, KY

ATTEST:
SANDRA GERMANE, CITY CLERK

Publication Date: May 20, 2026

ENACTED THIS 20th DAY OF MAY, 2026.

The full text of this Ordinance is available upon request at City Hall, 106 West 6th Street, Sturgis, Kentucky, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY UNION CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-0011

PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC
vs.
DIONNA R. BRAZIER

PLAINTIFF
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Union Circuit Court on the 23rd DAY OF MARCH, 2026, I will on **THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as may be possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Morganfield, Union County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Union County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 128 Chapel Hill Road, Morganfield, Union County, KY 42437
PVA No. / Map No.: H1-02-10

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 29th day of April, 2026.

Stephen M. Arnett, Master Commissioner
5/20c

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY UNION CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00001

FIFTH THIRD BANK, N.A.
vs.

PLAINTIFF

KENNETH OVERFIELD; BRANDI OVERFIELD;
FIFTH THIRD BANK, N.A. (Southern Indiana)

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Property Address: 4167 Hilltop Road, Uniontown, Union County, Kentucky 42461
PVA No. / Map No.: U2-36-06

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 4.59% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 30th day of April, 2026.

STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner
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