

A Weed Eater and a Memory of a Long Ago Grouse Hunt

**Wanderings
from the
Woods
& Water**

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was the first time that I had ever hunted there.

We had been out of the truck about 10 minutes when we jumped three grouse! That's when Billy Dawn said, let's split up and go after the grouse. He told me as I was walking off, once I hit the road it would take me to the truck! I said I will see you at the truck in a LITTLE WHILE!

After walking for about 3 hours and never coming across a road, I was getting a little worried! I would yell and shoot with no return answer! I did eventually come across a road that led to another road that split that led to another road that split; on and on for several more hours! I had been walking for around 5 or 6 hours when I come to the conclusion I was lost big time! My old setter even knew we were good and lost! It was spitting a little snow and just a few hours before dark! I am not going to lie, PANIC had set in! I had a few moments of terror running through my mind! I was scared!

I finally sat down on the edge of an old logging road to collect my thoughts! I said a prayer! I asked the Lord to help me get out of this mess! I had come to the conclusion that I might be spending the night in the woods! I started walking to find a good spot to spend the night when I heard someone cutting wood!

I was on a run to the sound of a chainsaw! I popped out of the woods onto an old strip mine! There he was, a guy cutting wood! I am not sure what he thought when he looked up to see a guy with a gun and a dog running towards him at full speed!

I asked him how to get back to Spencer Ridge, and he said, you see that logging

road! That's about all he got out when I said I would cut the rest of the wood and pay for gas if he would get me back to the truck! He laughed and said he had been lost before. He said, jump in and I will get you back to your truck! He took me half way and dropped me off at his friend's house who took me to my truck! It seemed like it was 20 miles on the road to my truck!

I was real happy to see Billy Dawn! I will never forget what he said when he saw me! "I thought I was going to have to get a helicopter and come find you!!!!"

After the memory of the grouse hunt played out in my head, The Good Lord gave me a thought! There is nothing too big or too small to pray about! Pray without ceasing, The Good Lord will always be there for you in your darkest hour or when you just need a little help!

So, with that thought in my mind, I took the time to pray! I said, Lord, can you help me find the air filter cover; and then I said, Lord, can you help me get this weed eater head off? The power of prayer! I found the cover where I had been weed eating a couple of weeks before! Yep!!! The weed eater head came off with ease!

I am a firm believer that the Lord is always speaking to you! Sometimes it takes a hurting hand from a kung fu chop to a weed eater and a 20-year-old memory to open your ears!

I finally got to do some weed eating! Every time my hand would throb, I would smile and say, "Thank you, Jesus, for opening my ears!"

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



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The Richmond Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that the acreage reporting deadline for the 2013 crop year was July 15, 2013, and acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. Crops reported after July 15th will be considered late filed; however, the late file fee will be waived for the 2013 crop year for crops reported July 15 through September 15. Producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage can prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits. Producers are also reminded that August 2nd is the deadline to sign up for DCP.

To report prevented or failed acreage, producers must complete Form CCC-576, Notice of Loss for applicable crops. Reporting prevented or failed acreage to FSA will ensure compliance with current farm programs, and possible eligibility for future disaster programs. Once a CCC-576 has been submitted, it cannot be withdrawn or revised.

Reporting forage crops and pastures is also required. For 2014, perennial forage, fall wheat, and other fall seeded small grains will have a December 15, 2013 reporting date. All crops on the farm, including forage crops and pasture are used to determine overall eligibility for some FSA programs, so accurately reporting these crops is important.

If a producer misses the reporting deadline for prevented planting, they may still report prevented planting acreage as long as the disaster condition may be verified by a field visit and a late filing fee is paid

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the local FSA office for Estill and Madison counties at 1024 Ival James Boulevard, Suite A-2, Richmond, Kentucky. The telephone number is 859-624-1980, Extension 2 or Toll Free 888-758-6909.

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Stickeler's Puzzle



A word and its anagram are used to complete the sentences below. Here's an example:

The building was of **R E C E N T** construction, but the cement had been of poor quality and the **C E N T E R** was crumbling.

The young linebacker prospect was fast, tough and _____. He also had the most important quality for playing the position — a nasty attitude. The second he had his uniform on, he became _____.

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