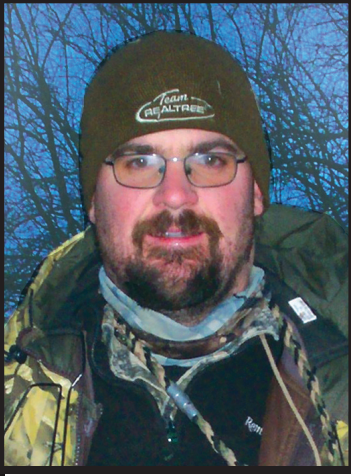


# Happy New Year! May God Bless You in 2014!

**Wanderings  
from the  
Woods  
& Water**  
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make the long walks go by fast. There is a lot of work/exercise that goes into setting traps. I am finding trapping is a great form of exercise! If you ever thought about trapping I highly recommend giving it a try. It's the most frustrating, fun, exercise-filled thing you will

ever do. While having fun and making a few dollars selling furs, you will also be helping with predator control. Just be sure to get your trapping licenses and read all the regulations before you start. Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!

I seem to be drawn to things that frustrate me like moths to the flame. The past few weeks trapping has become the most frustrating and most fun thing I have done. Just about the time I think I've got it all figured out I realize I have no idea what I am doing. Trapping is fun, frustrating and exercise-filled!

Last trapping season was when it all got started. I trapped a bunch of opossums and a few coons. It was just enough to get me hooked. This trapping season I am trapped on trapping. I enjoy the challenge of trapping.

My brother in law, Mike Tipton, and I trap together. We started the season off catching several coons real quick. We figured we'd got the coon catching mastered. So over Christmas we went started trapping a new spot. The new spot is loaded with coons and beaver. The 2nd night out we caught a 50-pound beaver. This was a

real boost in our trapping confidence. We knew we were going to catch a ton of coons and a few more beaver. Guess what? We have not caught another critter since the beaver! We have had a couple of misses and that's it. The frustration of trapping!

Checking traps is like Christmas every day. You never know what you are going to have in your traps. The kids love checking traps with me. Checking traps has become a big part of our day. It's been fun just walking the trap line with the kids. A lot of good quality time can be had walking a trap line with your kids. It's fun to watch the kids looking for and identifying animal tracks. The fun of trapping!

It's hard to say how many miles I have put in this year walking the trap line. The trap line can help knock off those holiday pounds. The not knowing what you are going to find in your traps



Kelby Browning after a good day of trapping.



Tony Ricketts with the bobcat he trapped.



Nine-year-old Lauren Farmer, daughter of Bill and Kristina Farmer, bags her first deer, a button buck, during the late muzzleloader season.



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