

**Wanderings
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& Water
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The Lainhart Locust Bull

and a 4-inch tree blocking his vitals! Seth had very little time before light ran out and only one choice to get in kill alley. The choice was to ease down a road in full view of the bull to have a shot not blocked by the small tree. The bull was occupied rubbing the locust tree and did not notice Seth at full draw.

Heart racing and light fading, Seth touched the release and the Easton Axis arrow with the Rage Hypo-dermic broadhead was off. Dean Akers, the guy who tagged along on the hunt to film, said a little prayer as the arrow flew (Hunt coming to YouTube soon). He said, let Seth's arrow fly straight and true. Well, the prayer was heard, because the arrow created a pump station disconnect! The bull jumped about five feet in the air and broke off a locust limb. The Rage ate a hole clean through the heart of the beast! The big bull with a hole in his heart ran 60 yards with a big locust limb in his antlers before he piled up. Then the work begins, gutting this BIG CRITTER!

Congrats goes out to Seth Lainhart, on a great Kentucky bull elk! Thanks Seth, for sharing your story with me! I am a little jealous! I have been trying for an elk tag for years! Well, maybe next year! All of you people wanting to elk hunt in Kentucky, keep putting in because it might happen one day!

If anybody has a great hunting story they want to share please give me a shout!

Special Thanks to Dean Akers of the Milk Duds ATV Riders.

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

It's September 29th and the 9th day of Kentucky bull hunt. Daylight is fading fast and a hot bull is thrashing a locust tree at 52 yards. The Matthews switchback is at full draw and with the touch of the release the arrow is sent!

Rewind, a few months earlier to Seth Lainhart, an avid hunter who had put in for the coveted Kentucky elk tag in years past. The last six years prior to 2013, he hadn't put in for a tag. This year he decided to give the Kentucky elk tag lottery a try once more. This year, Seth scored a bull archery tag!

This year Kentucky Fish and Wildlife changed the elk hunting units around again. This year, there were five units to choose from once you drew a tag. Seth

got his first choice, Hazard LEA. Only 16 bull tags were given for this area. Seth made the decision to hunt on ICG Coal in the Hazard LEA Elk Hunting Unit.

Now, fast forward to hunt time! Seth had eight long days chasing elk. He had some small bulls within spitting distance, just to pass for something bigger. He had big bulls coming, just to be spooked off by elk watchers on ATV's trying to get a look at big bull.

Seth spent eight nights in a tent while chasing Kentucky bulls. Most nights, he was wakened by bulls screaming nearby. The bugles of big bulls added more fire to his drive to kill one of these bugling beasts!

The evening of the 29th, with daylight fading fast, a hot bull was across a big field. The stalk was on to close the distance on a big Kentucky bull thrashing a locust. Staying low and using the cover and terrain, Seth closed the distance within 65 yards. He eased up and drew his bow back, but with daylight fading, he could not see the bull through his peep sight. He needed to get a little closer to get a good shot.

He finally closed the distance to 52 yards. He rose up from the cover with bow at full draw with the bull thrashing the locust



Seth Lainhart shows off the big bull elk he bagged in September during the annual Kentucky Elk Tag Lottery Hunt.

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Cindy Brook

In the Moment
What's happening in your bird garden right now? As I write this, a mama cardinal is feeding her female baby on my tray feeder. They look so peaceful together. Watching birds is a great way to stay in the moment. That way, you won't miss a thing!

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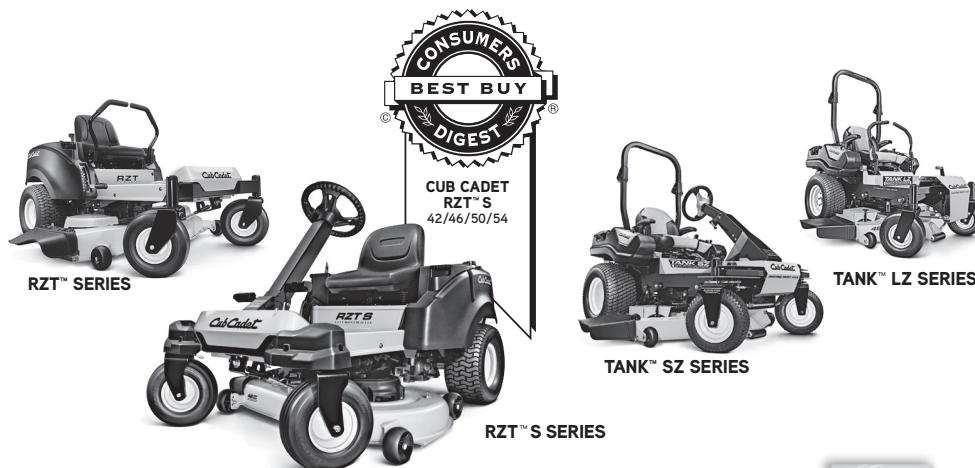
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