

**Wanderings
from the
Woods
& Water
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Deer Anxiety

The rut is starting to fire up! The Bucks are on their feet looking for the ladies. Gun season is just a few days away. My opinion, right now is the best time to be in the woods. You never know what monster might show up!

I went to the freezer the other day and realized there are just a few packs of deer left. That has really upped my deer anxiety level. I must have deer in the freezer. My reoccurring nightmare is that it's the end of

deer season and the freezer is void of venison.

My big buck anxiety level is very high. I love hunting big bucks! When the rut starts kicking, for some reason, I get butterflies in my stomach. I continually scheme on how to kill the big boy! It happens every year, buck fever!

This is the time of year my eyes drift off the road looking for Big Bucks out in the fields. When I see a big buck it just sends the anxiety level higher. Big

bucks get my heart to racing.

If I ever lose the deer anxiety, that's when I will quit deer hunting! Deer hunting is more than killing. Deer hunting is about sharing stories with your hunting buddies. Deer hunting is when you finally shoot the big buck and drive around with the tailgate down for all to see.

I catch myself sometimes getting such a case of buck fever, I forget to take the time to enjoy God's creation. So, this season, when you're in the woods, take a few minutes to look at the stars before sunrise. Soak in the sunrise. Enjoy the leaves falling from the trees. Then, thank God for allowing you to be in the woods!

Gun season is here!! If you are going to the woods to chase after deer, be careful. If you've got a real bad case of buck fever, just make sure of your target. Be sure to wear that safety harness if you are going to be in a tree stand. This gun season, be safe and be sure of your shot.

Good luck to all that chase the Big Buck Deer! Good Luck to all those wanting to fill a freezer! If you have success, please send me pictures of the harvest!

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



Sam Stacy, the 9-year-old grandson of E. B. and Norma Stacy, killed his first deer on youth weekend.

**Forest Service
waives recreation fees for
Veteran's Day**

In honor of Veterans Day, the Daniel Boone National Forest will waive fees at several recreation areas. The fee waivers apply to all forest visitors at designated locations.

"As a way to celebrate Veterans Day and remind everyone of this significant occasion, we are waiving fees at our most popular recreation areas," said Forest Supervisor Frank Beum.

"Our nation's veterans, as well as those who are currently serving in active military duty, have made many sacrifices to protect our country. We want to honor them and show our respect for their service."

On Friday, November 8 through Monday, November 11 camping fees are waived at the following national forest locations:

- Red River Gorge
- Koomer Ridge
- White Sulphur Horse Camp
- Clear Creek Campground

In the Red River Gorge area, backcountry campers staying overnight in the gorge will not be required to have a fee permit.

Recreation fees are waived Saturday, November 9 through Monday, November 11 at the following day-use sites:

- White Sulphur OHV Trail
- Clear Creek
- Bath
- Laurel River Lake boat ramps
- Cave Run Lake boat ramps

For more information, call 859-745-3100 or visit the national forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r8/boone.

Parents, sons and friends of Sgt. Kenton Bray have organized a Food Drive called "Operation: Stone Soup" for the Estill County Food Bank in Ravenna. Organizers are asking those who can to donate at least one non-perishable food item between now and December 20, 2013 at Price Less Foods, Calvary Baptist, The Right Place, Save-A-Lot, Carhartt Inc., or at a donation box that will be set up later. Remember Kenton's Smile! Together, we can make a difference! See "Remembering Kenton's Smile" on FaceBook.

Crawford Graduates Basic Training

Army National Guard Pvt. Tory W. Crawford has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Crawford, a 2009 graduate of Franklin County High School, is the son of Debra Crawford of Frankfort, and Tandy Crawford of Irvine.

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Stickeler's Puzzle



Which two numbers have a product of 1024, and, when the larger number is divided by the smaller number, it results in a quotient of 4?

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Get Ready for Winter
Are you ready for winter? Some high-fat foods to have on hand are:

- Peanuts, peanuts, peanuts. Unsalted, in or out of the shell.
 - Suet cakes or nuggets (any flavor), seed blocks.
 - Black oil sunflower seed, sunflower heart chips, safflower seed.
- Don't forget roosting boxes and heated birdbaths too.

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