



Just Hunting

by Steve Brewer

Well here we are, on week two of the hunts from local people. If anyone was born to fish, and hunt, it was Christopher Geil. When Chris is not working, he is on the water, trying to reel in the big one; or in the woods, looking to kill that trophy buck. Chris, works hard and believes in himself, and the knowledge he has learned when it comes to taking a buck. But as Chris will tell you, and I will attest to, in this area, that is not an easy matter.

One of the first things I did, when we moved here, was to find me a place to hunt. I leased me some property, set me up a feeder, put me out a trail cam, and it was stolen before season came in. Try again, get me a trail cam set up, thought it was well enough hid; they got not only my trail cam but my blind. Oh well, first day of the hunt, I saw half dozen dogs on

the deer trails; end of lease.

Chris leases a piece of land, puts up his trail cams; first night, here came hunters, looked to be spot lightning; within the next week, two of his three trail cams, gone. Then, when season comes in, he is in a blind, a truck pulls up and dumps some scrap metal, right in front of him. Not to be outdone, someone takes and does donuts in the middle of his corn pile, after dark. But Chris is not the type of man to give up. Although he hunted between all the foolish things going on, any time he could during archery season, he never pulled his bow.

Came the first day of black powder, and Chris made the decision to take his gun, instead of his bow, although he is an avid bow hunter. While sitting in his tree stand, around four that first day of black powder season, he saw a lone doe come flying by, right behind was a 160 class buck, the rest is history. We say, "Tip of our hat, to you for a job well done".

What can be done about these people that let their dogs run wild, about the thieves who steal our hunting property, about the idiots who drive onto a leased farm, I don't have a clue. My Mother told me, 'you can't cure stupid.' Please stop being stupid.

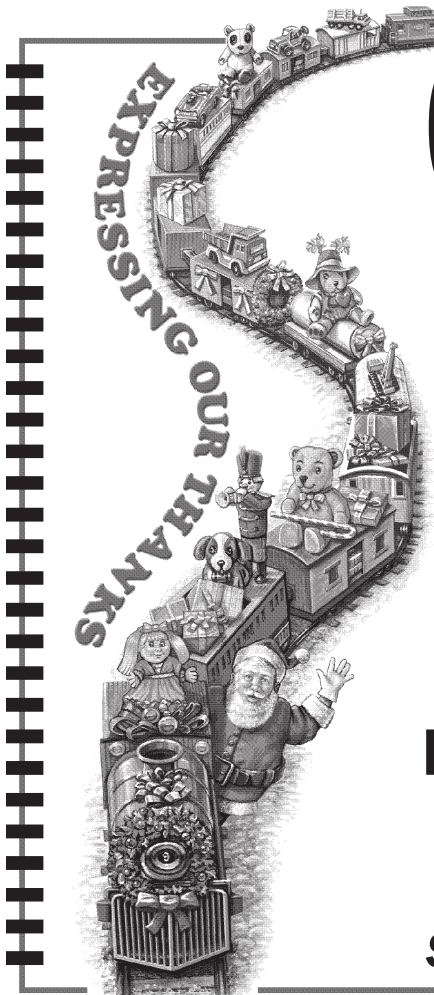
Just in case some of you people that fall into that group; in 70 plus years of hunting in Letcher County, not one of the things I just mentioned, ever happened to me. Now tell me, 'well just go back and hunt Letcher County.' Don't waste your breath, I already do.



Estill County Hunter Chris Geil



Russell Lunsford has shared a photo of Estill County Veterans from the Civil War. He believes the reunion took place around 1910 or '12. Russell knows two individuals for certain: "Hiram Lunsford (my great grandfather) and the only female in the picture, Hiram's wife, Nancy Thornton Arvin Lunsford (my great grandmother). Hiram is in a wheelchair and Nancy is standing to this left. Great grandma Nancy was a nurse and healer. She traveled to Tennessee to nurse Hiram and stayed on with the 8th and nursed other men. At the reunion they insisted she join the picture." Russell says the photo is taken in front of the old courthouse. If you can identify anyone from your family photos, let us know with an email to <news@estilltribune.com>



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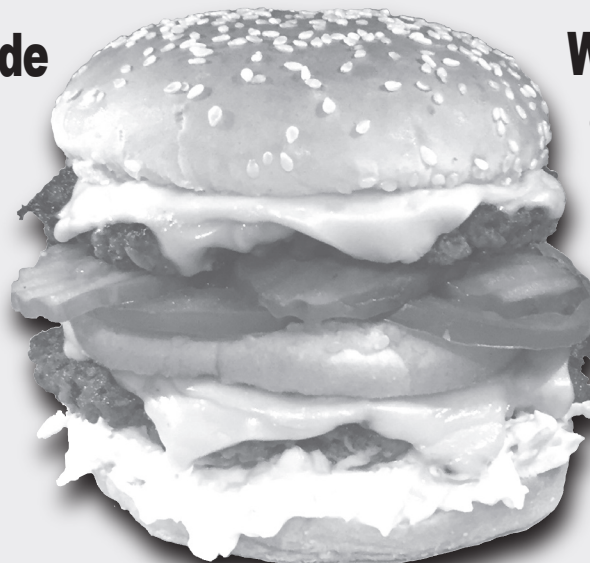
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