

WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T GET CLOSE TO GOBBLERS IN THE SPRING?

By Lynette Whorley

The moment I pulled into my driveway from work, my husband yelled, "Hey, I am going to take a little feed to the cows, 'want to ride?' and as my usual re-



sponse is, Yes, wait, let me get my camera. So my youngest son and I climbed up into the truck and off we all went. I usually take my video camera however, this time I just grabbed the digital camera. We drove to the "Old Home Place" where my Father-in-law grew up and began to put out a few round rolls of hay.

We noticed that all the cows were huddled up and all of a sudden they scattered like someone took a match and lit a brush pile full of fuel. We headed down the bank and notice these two mature gobblers fighting. I was amazed that we were able to get within 20 feet of them and they kept on fighting. At one point, one of the gobblers was wedged between two old trees that were down. The freed bird began to pounce on the other bird and you could hear his wing feathers flapping on the other bird.

My husband and I were amazed we

were the chosen witnesses of the fight. This is so rare that we were at the very location this was happening. I got on my cell phone and called my Dad to let him see the fight through me. I talked it over with him like a NASCAR Commentator giving him the "play by play."

My four year old was amazed as if one of his story books had come to life and my husband jumped out and tried to get closer for a shot...with the camera of course! We were able to take 15 or so pictures before they took the fight deeper in the woods.

I was so pumped up by this time; I could not stop talking about how I wished I had my video camera. Then I stopped and thanked the good Lord for the opportunity of a lifetime. I fuss all the time that when I video I do not actually enjoy the subject as much as if I could just stop and take a picture or

two and take it in. So I definitely was the winner in this case, I enjoyed the fight and watching my son's reaction and just relishing in the amazement of the event. So, if you can, don't give up if you like the outdoors and taking pictures, it could happen to you just like it happened to me!

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