## Thank you, June

June Taylor is a dear friend who shares my passion of believing the impossible. June came to work about 6 years ago and we became friends right off the bat. She had a special glow about her every time you would see her. She loves the Lord, loves her husband and loves every minute of life. June started writing down her thoughts and wanted to write a book one day. June has a story for every occasion. She can make you laugh and cry or just show you how things happen for a reason right when you need to understand events in your own life. I knew she would go far. She understood my love for the outdoors and my reasons for wanting to video hunts and show others how blessed I am by living on a farm and having friends and family that allow me to enjoy the outdoors.

One day June told me that she would be my biggest fan and I could be hers. It was around September of 2003 when June came to me and said she had found the funds to publish her book and one day I would have some good news for her. Well, that set a fire under me to go through all of my tapes I filmed over the past few years and try to piece together enough for a video. I figured if I waited on the money, I would never complete it. I worked with a guy who was in the video business, and I would take my lunch hours here and there and show him a piece I wanted to use and he would "dump" the footage in his computer. I found myself doing that for 2 or 3 weeks until I thought it would be enough for a mini-tape. Then I started going over to his office for 30 minutes here and there after work to try to place the tape in some kind of order and do the voice layover. I gained a great deal of respect for the folks in the production business. I also had a new goal to try to have something in hand that I could carry with me to the Shot Show (2004). I wanted to be able to give a few to those folks who had sent me some field products to use. It is often so easy to receive something, but harder to return thanks. I wanted to give copies to a few of the people that I had given my word to. Well, with the holidays approaching, I knew that I would have to finish the video up in a hurry. It finally came together and it was simple, but hopefully showed what was in my heart. It was at that very moment that I felt a huge burden lifted off my chest. I decided to have 25 copies made and that would be all I could do at that point.

June came to me in the spring of 2004. She said, "Guess what! I am doing a book signing and the newspaper will be there." In fact, the newspaper was so impressed with June's ability to write that she was hired as an occasional writer for the paper. June was told that her first story was to be about someone in Bedford County. Something interesting! She immediately thought of me because she knew I lived in Bedford. So June wrote an article about my love for hunting and that is why I want to thank June Taylor for giving me the "spotlight" once in my life that I will never forget. Only she and I can really understand how the good Lord took us from stranger to co-workers to friends to supporting each other to follow our dreams.

Thank you, June, for everything you have done for me.





Sunrise over the beautiful Atlantic Ocean at Virginia Beach, Virginia

## About the Author

June and her husband Donald live in Forest, Virginia, and escape to the beach as often as time and money allow. When not working, they enjoy the beaches and the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

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