

# Deer Processing Workshop Planned

HONESDALE (Wayne Co.) — With the start of archery season right around the corner, followed by other hunting seasons, many area hunters are turning their thoughts to deer hunting. While the hunt is greatly anticipated, the care and handling of game after the hunt can be a daunting task. The first and most important steps to having good tasting venison is the proper field dressing of your deer and safe handling of the meat after harvest.

To help hunters prepare for the upcoming seasons, Penn State Cooperative Extension in

Wayne County and the Pennsylvania Game Commission are sponsoring a workshop on the care and processing of deer after harvest. The workshop will be Thursday, Sept. 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, Route 191, one mile north of Honesdale.


The workshop will feature a field dressing demonstration by Wildlife Conservation Officer with the PA Game Commission Frank Dooley. Rudy Reers, a local deer processor, will then lead a demonstration on processing a deer from field to freezer.

Dr. Bushan Jayaro, Penn State Extension veterinarian, will conclude the workshop with a discussion of diseases affecting whitetail deer, including chronic wasting disease, which is a new threat to Pennsylvania deer.

The free workshop is open to anyone with an interest in deer hunting or processing. For more information about this event, contact Dave Messersmith at the Penn State Cooperative Extension office at (570) 253-5970, ext. 239.

## Ida's Notebook

by  
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Tomorrow is the official start of fall. It has been a frustrating summer for me. I've had no garden to keep me busy as the animals ate all of it. And, my husband has not been well enough to do his regular work.

He had an operation scheduled but it was cancelled just

hours before we were to leave home. Now it is rescheduled and we are hoping for some good results. Our youngest daughter, who lives in Maine, had driven here with her little boy to be a support person. It was a disappointing time.

Recently, I attended a grandson's soccer game. Probably, no one else at the game had the same thoughts as I did but it

seemed like so much wasted energy. The little boys ran from one end of the large field to the other and really wore themselves out. They were dripping with perspiration. Just think how much work all of that energy could have accomplished.

When I went along to a large store devoted entirely to toys, I had an eye-opener. So many toys I've never seen in my lifetime. There were all kinds of dolls, all kinds of stuffed animals, all kinds of books, all kinds of puzzles and mechanical toys too.

I was surprised to see wooden puzzles. My children had cardboard pieces in their puzzles. But, when I was small my grandmother bought a box with three "dissected animals" for me. The horse, sheep and duck were on heavy wooden pieces and I still have them in the original box. Now eight decades later they are being produced again. I also have the handmade Peter Rabbit that a great aunt made. My sisters and I had very few toys and the ones we had were simple handmade ones but we survived.

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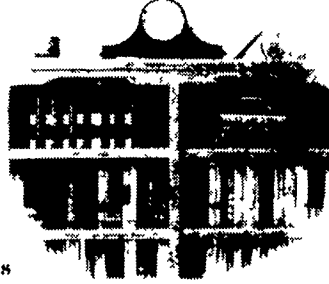
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