

Deer

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have examined many carcasses from archery season at area deer processors and found they had started last winter very well-nourished, which helped during the bad weather later on."

Checking the weight and condition of carcasses at processors and going into the woods to look for winter-killed deer are the main ways the Game Commission estimates winter kill, Weaver said.

Meat processors have found a good three inches of fat on the back of many of the animals brought in by hunters for butchering, he said.

In addition to visiting processing plants, each Game Commission officer must check both sides of a 1-1/2 mile stretch of a designated area stream and examine all deer carcasses for signs of malnutrition, injury or predator attack.

According to Penn State University, this year's huge crop of carbohydrate-rich acorns has enabled deer and other forest animals to develop a good layer of fat to see them through the coming winter.

The pesky gypsy moths and elmspanworms didn't make much of a dent in the area's oak trees which supply the acorns.

"The past two years, the deer have had plenty of wild berries in the summer and acorns in the fall," Weaver said. "They're eating the young shoots of branches, which the bugs also haven't touched."

By the close of buck season at sunset December 10, the Game Commission expects hunters to tag about 155,000 buck, with an additional harvest of at least 225,000 antlerless deer after the two-day season December 12-14.

Over 70,000 deer taken last season

The 1.5 million whitetail deer living in Pennsylvania's woods will face nearly a million hunters at sunrise November 28, the opening day of buck season.

Officials say the area's large deer population means another good harvest this year.

In the Northeast, last season's total harvest (archery, buck, doe and flintlock muzzleloader) was 70,443, including 28,623 bucks, according to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, which has provided these whitetail deer facts:

- Deer live in the forested areas of all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. Their varied diet includes acorns, berries, green leaves, grasses, new shoots on woody plants and garden produce - apples, pears, corn and veggies.

- The average adult deer weighs between 140 and 180 lbs, depending on the season and the deer's age and sex.

- Adult whitetails are light reddish brown, changing to dark grayish brown during the fall. Albino deer are rare, with partial albinos (called piebald, calicos or appaloosas) occurring more frequently.

- Deer are good swimmers and can sprint at 40 mph. They can jump obstacles up to nine feet high or 25 feet wide.

- Although whitetails are color-blind and have a difficult time seeing stationary objects, they can see movement very easily. A keen sense of smell compensates for their poor vision.

- Usually silent, a deer can make a wide range of noises when suspicious or alarmed - bleats, grunts, snorts and whines.

- A legal buck must have at least two points to one antler or a three-inch spike (antler without points.) antlerless deer may only be harvested with the proper permit during archery and doe seasons.

- During firearms seasons, there is no limit to the number of bullets allowed in a rifle or shotgun. While hunters may use only flintlock muzzleloaders during the special muzzleloader season, they may use modern rifles, flintlock muzzleloaders or percussion-type (cap and ball) muzzleloaders during buck and doe seasons.

by Grace R. Dove

Road kill deer can now be taken

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Want a deer but don't have a hunting license?

All you need is a car. Or someone else's.

The Game Commission has recently reversed its position on people taking road-killed deer home for food, once punishable by a hefty fine.

"As long as you're a Pennsylvania resident, tell us you took it and give us the antlers if it has any, you don't need a hunting license to take a road-killed deer," said Game Commission supervisor Lee Harshburger. "It doesn't have to be from your accident and you don't have to put it on your

hunting license."

Approximately 45,000 deer are killed each year on Pennsylvania roads, Harshburger said.

"The only reason we want the antlers back is to prevent people from purposely running down a trophy buck with their cars just for its rack," he said.

The Game Commission sells antlers and heads with racks for mounting at \$10 per point.

To protect themselves from food poisoning, people harvesting road-killed deer should make sure that the meat doesn't smell bad and isn't discolored, Harshburger said.

The carcass, which decomposes very quickly in warm weather, shouldn't be bloated or stiff.



ON STAGE - The Anzalone Brothers and Company opened for the Kingston Trio in March, 1993 at the F.M. Kirby Center. From

left, Rev. Don Lyon, Carl Kohl, Atty. Jim Anzalone, Dr. Anthony Anzalone. Hidden behind is Perry Orfanella on bass.

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Attorney Anzalone was watching the recent Penn State/Ohio State football game and almost fell off his couch when ABC featured 18 seconds of the group doing one of Dr. Butch's num-

bers, "Ah Ho, We're Penn State Proud," which sounds better than its title reads.

The group's cassette of the same name has Joe Paterno's blessing,

and a portion of the proceeds from its sale supports the Stan Hamilton Scholarship fund. Paterno began that in 1988 to benefit students who otherwise might be financially unable to attend.

Well, the message of this story seems to be that the Anzalone Brothers and Company are well on their way, and judging from all the good they do we wish them Godspeed.

New Christmas lights will brighten Dallas Borough

By JACK HILSHER
Post Correspondent

Outdoor Christmas lights never fail to raise spirits and bring a sort of "Peace on Earth" feeling to a town's holiday atmosphere. Dallas Borough is no exception, and according to manager Milton Lutsey's announcement at the November 15 council meeting, the traditional borough "switch throwing" deadline will be met.

"Most towns light up on December 2," said Lutsey. "It has been our tradition to do it on Thanksgiving Eve, and in spite of some minor glitches we expect to repeat this year. The required electrical inspections have been made. Everything is in place and properly hooked up...Charles Shurites was in charge, with Danny Parsons assisting. Jason Moran also helped part-time. They all did a fine job, even in daylight everything looks great."

After last season's study by property chairman Jay Pope showed that borough ornaments had become so shabby and worn

they could not be repaired so council approved an expenditure of \$4,000 to purchase new ones. Pope says, "Eight new strands are being used, each holding 150 bulbs, in addition to two large bells and a huge center wreath complete with big red bow."

Lutsey also reported, "Coincidentally with lighting these decorations, the large tree next to the post office will have been decorated courtesy of the Lions Club and will be lit up at the same time. All we have to do is share in the electric costs and we greatly appreciate their generosity."

It has been reported that Jim Davis, member of the Zoning Hearing Board, has sent in his resignation due to personal reasons.

President Don Cooper accepted this with regret, and tendered the sincere thanks of council for Mr. Davis's service to the community.

Motion was made and carried to purchase a 1994 police cruiser at a cost of \$15,447. A letter of thanks was sent to Dr. Nahas complimenting him on the appearance of his new building

across from borough headquarters.

The 1995 budget, which holds the real estate tax rate at 20 mills, was formally adopted. Other rates also remained the same.

Building permits were issued as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harvey for a new home at 4 Woodlawn Avenue, value \$81,500; Donald Holdredge of 64 Norton Avenue to reconstruct a garage due to winter storm damage, value \$10,000; and Melanie Lumia of 475 W. Center Hill Road to add a rear deck, value \$10,000.

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PIONEER AMERICAN BANK ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF THREE NEW OFFICES IN LUZERNE COUNTY

Pioneer American Bank, one of the oldest independent banks in Northeastern Pennsylvania, is putting down additional roots in Luzerne County.

Locally grown for 130 years, we now have new locations in Mountaintop, Kingston and Dallas to complement our Wilkes-Barre office to better serve your needs.

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Grand opening celebration begins December 3rd. Watch for complete details soon.

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(coming soon)

