FALL HUNTING

CWD

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progressive and always fatal disease of the nervous system. Scientists believe CWD is caused by an unknown agent capable of transforming normal brain proteins into an abnormal form.

There currently is no practical way to test live animals for CWD, nor is there a vaccine. Clinical signs include poor posture, lowered head and ears, uncoordinated movement, rough-hair coat, weight loss, increased thirst, excessive drooling, and, ultimately, death. There is currently no scientific evidence that CWD has or can spread to humans, either through contact with infected animals or by eating meat of infected animals.

As a precaution, however, humans are advised not to eat the meat of any animal testing positive for the disease.

Much more information on CWD, as well as a video showing hunters how they can process venison for transport and consumption, is available at the Game Commission's website.

Wildlife officials have suggested hunters in areas where chronic wasting disease (CWD) is known to exist follow these usual recommendations to prevent the possible spread of disease:

• Do not shoot, handle or consume any animal that appears sick; contact the state wildlife agency if you see or harvest an animal that appears sick.

• Wear rubber or latex gloves when field-dressing carcasses.

• Bone out the meat from your animal.

• Minimize the handling of brain and spinal tissues.

• Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field-dressing is completed.

• Request that your animal is processed individually, without meat from other animals being added to meat from your animal, or process your own meat if you have the tools and ability to do so.

• Have your animal processed in the endemic area of the state where it was harvested, so that high-risk body parts can be properly disposed of there. Only bring permitted materials back to Pennsylvania

• Don't consume the brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, tonsils or lymph nodes of harvested animals. (Normal field-dressing, coupled with boning out a carcass, will remove most, if not all, of these body parts. Cutting away all fatty tissue will help remove remaining lymph nodes.) Consider not consuming the meat from any animal that tests positive for the disease.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

Atkinson Mills Sportsman Club

• **3D archery shoots** will be held at 8 a.m. the second Sunday of each month through September.

• **Meetings** are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Blue Rock Sportsman Club

• **Sporting clay shoot** will be held at 9 a.m. Oct. 13 (Shooter Appreciation Day).

• **.22 silhouette shoots** will be held at 10 a.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month through October.

• **Turkey shoots** will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays from Sept. 19 through Nov. 21.

• **Club meetings** are held the fourth Sunday of each month at 1:45 p.m. To east end Blue Rock: From Milroy, follow signs to Reeds Gap State Park. Free camping available and kitchen is open during all events except trap shoots.

Decatur Sportsman Club

• **Meetings are held** at 10 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month at the club in Wagner.

• **Ham and turkey shoots** will be held at 1 p.m. Sundays through Nov.24 at the club on Wagner Road. Shells provided for 12, 16 and 20 gauge.

Duncannon Sportsmen

• **A Successful Furtaking class** will be held from 8 a.m.-4p.m. Sept 21. Prior to the class you must complete the independent study part of this training. The class will be held at New Bloomfield Sportsmen's Association, 1814 Jericho Road, New Bloomfield. There is a fee. Online registration is available at www.pgc.state.pa.us. More information: Pete Ellerman at 582-7368.

Juniata Archers

• **Indoor 20-yard archery shoots** are held at 7 p.m. Thursdays and 6 p.m. Sundays.

• **Signups for three-person teams** for a archery league are held at any of the shoots. The league shoots Sunday evenings.

Juniata Archers is located between Mifflin and Port Royal off Route 333. More information: 527-2723.

Lewistown Pistol Club

• **Bull's-eye shoots** are held every Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. Cost is $3.

Mifflin County Sportsmen's Association

• **The Pennsylvania Longrifle Militia** will hold its monthly muzzleloader shoots on these Sundays in 2013: Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15 at the club in Ferguson Valley. Membership is not required. Gate opens at 1 p.m. Cost is $5 per shooter. Traditional flintlock or percussion only. For directions: www.mifflincosportsmens.com.

• **Regular meetings** are at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month.

Richfield Sportsman's Club

• **Club meetings** are held the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. More information: 694-3969.

Shawnee Archers

• **Meetings** are held on the first Sunday of each month at 4 p.m.

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The Link to Aging and Disabilities Program is a collaborative effort among community agencies and the Commonwealth of PA Office of Long Term Living to provide services and supports to individuals over the age of 60 and persons 18 to 59 with disabilities.

Link will provide information and support in the following areas:
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