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2016-19th Annual Big-Game Hunt Tournament



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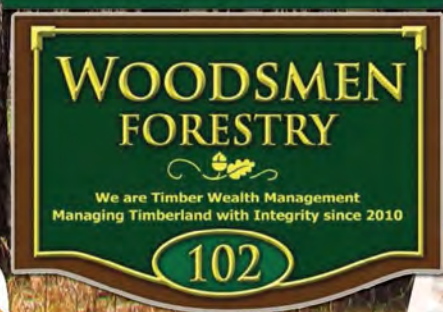


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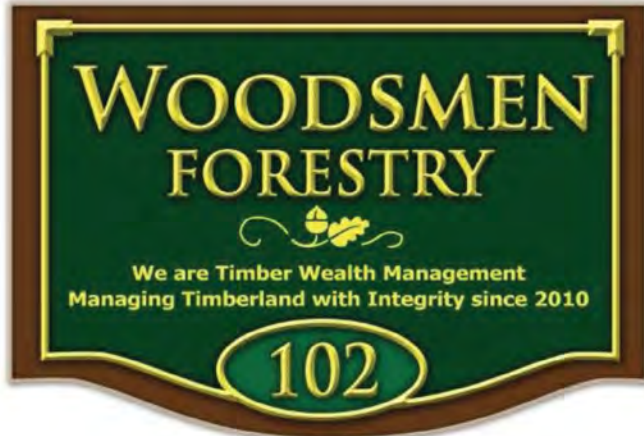
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2016 TOURNAMENT RULES

1. To participate in the 2016 Big-Game Hunt Tournament, hunters must register and pay their \$35 entry fee by 6 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2016. Late registrations will be taken only at the Anson County Chamber of Commerce office, 107-A East Wade Street, Wadesboro, up until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2016.
2. Any person receiving winnings in this Tournament of \$600 or more will receive a 1099 MISC form. It's the law.
3. Official hunting dates and times: November 25 and 26, 2016, during legal hunting hours. Weigh-ins will be held at the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department, U.S. 52-South, from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on the days of the tournament.
4. Hunters may hunt anywhere in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, Stanly or Union counties where they have legal rights to hunt. The Anson County Chamber of Commerce does not provide property on which to hunt and accepts no responsibility for providing property on which to hunt. There will be no hunting allowed on the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge.
5. No game will be taken in an illegal manner. All rules and regulations of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission apply to all hunters.
6. All legal weapons may be used including but not limited to bow and arrow, compound bow and arrow, rifles of legal caliber, and shotguns. Snaring and bludgeoning are not permitted.
7. Game must be weighed and scored on the same day it is taken. No carry-over game is allowed.
8. No injection of any substance for the purpose of adding weight is allowed.
9. No person may win more than one daily prize per tournament and one tournament grand prize per tournament.
10. Deer must be field dressed (i.e, gutted, with all internal organs removed, and head and hooves still attached). (Note: reproductive organs, mammary glands may remain.)
11. Each hunter will be required to sign a legally-binding statement swearing under oath that he/she killed the deer he/she is entering. Prize winners may be subject to additional verification at the discretion of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce.
12. All hunters under the age of 16 must have completed and passed a Hunter Education Course prior to this hunt or be under the supervision of a licensed hunter. A Hunter Education Course number is required on the entry form.
13. Any attempts to alter the weight or otherwise violate any tournament rules or North Carolina hunt regulations will mean permanent disqualification from the Big-Game Hunt Tournament. Deer will be inspected at the time of the official weigh-in.
14. Youths ages 10-15 will be allowed to compete for cash prizes in a special Youth Division (\$20 registration fee). Cash prizes will be distributed for first, second, third and fourth place. No daily prizes will be awarded in the Youth Division (unless announced by tournament officials). Deer taken by youths registered in the Youth Division will not be eligible for any daily or grand prizes in the Big-Game Hunt Tournament.
15. Youths (ages 10-15) may register (\$35 registration fee) for the Big-Game Hunt Tournament and will be eligible for daily and grand prizes, but will not be eligible to compete for Youth Division prize money.

For more information on the 2016 Big-Game Hunt Tournament, call the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at 704-694-4181.



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NOVEMBER 25 & 26, 2016

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

(This form may be duplicated)

Site #: _____
(Office Use Only)

Please check the appropriate box and fill out the entire registration form.

Big-Game Hunt Youth Division (Ages 10-15)

The Big-Game Hunt Tournament fees are \$35 per hunter; the Youth Division fee is \$20 per hunter. Now available, pay online at ansoncounty.org. By entering the Youth Division, the hunter will not be eligible for Big-Game Hunt prizes. (See official rules for more information.)

This registration form must be turned in with the fee by 6 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2016, to be eligible for prizes. Late registrations will be taken only at the Chamber of Commerce office until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2016. Make checks payable to: Anson County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 305, Wadesboro, N.C., 28170-0305. For more information, call 704.694.4181 or visit the Chamber's website at www.ansoncounty.org.

Name _____

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I, as an entrant in the 2016 Big-Game Hunt Tournament, do hereby release, discharge and hold harmless the Big-Game Hunt Tournament Committee, the Anson County Chamber of Commerce and its officers and directors, sponsors and agents, whether individual or corporate, from any claim to damages to my person or property incurred by my participation in the tournament. By signing the registration form and paying the entry fee, I acknowledge that I have read this release and am bound by the same. This release also shall be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators or assignees.

I have read and understand the Big-Game Hunt Tournament rules and will abide by the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

Printed Name _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Special Thanks

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



This is the 19th year for the Big Game Hunt Tournament. It is my sixth year with the event, but first as being the Executive Director of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. This is truly a special event and I look forward to seeing all of you again this year!

I cannot thank the ad sponsors enough for their continued support each year, as well as the new ads and sponsors this year. This tournament would not be the success it is without the continued support of each of you!

Last year we set a record number of hunters, 375 in total. From the adult category to the youth, we continue to see it grow. This would not be possible without the dedication of each of you to this event. **THANK YOU ALL!**

I want to thank the Ansonville Fire Department for the use of their facility, ALL of our wonderful volunteers and the Chamber Board of Directors for their support. Also, a very special thanks to Courtney Webb and to Jenny Prevatte of TwiliteCS for their continued dedication to the Hunt Program Book. It's because of ALL of you that the Big Game Hunt is such a special event!

Hope to see you all and your families at the Banquet on Saturday night! We have a lot of great prizes this year so come and join us for the fun, games, food and of course for the results of the tournament!

I wish all of you a very safe and successful hunting season!

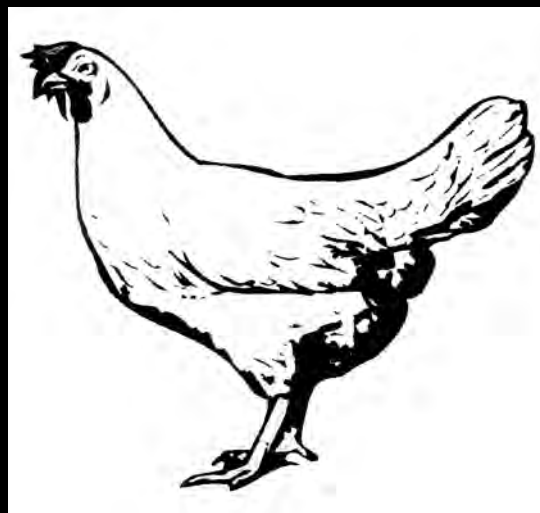
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Top Buck and Doe winners of 2015



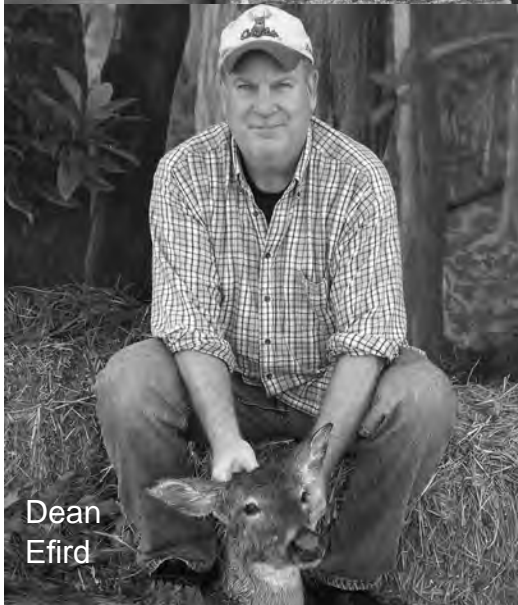
Hunter Williams

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce hosted the 18th Annual Big-Game Hunt tournament and it was once again, a great success!

Hunter Williams of Marshville, and Dean Efird of Albemarle, earned top honors in the buck and doe categories, in the tournament held Thanksgiving weekend. Both of them earned prize money of \$800 each. Williams also received a free mount from Wesley Holbert Taxidermy.

Williams's 8-point, 174 pound buck was shy of the record by a little over 10 pounds set 2 years ago by Bron Hyatt, 184.7-pounds and 10 points.

Tonda Edwards of Peachland, placed second with an 11-point 164-pounder and pocketed \$475, followed by Alan Hildreth of Marshville, 10-point 161-pounds, \$350; Lanny Davis of Peachland, 9-point 161-pounds, \$175; Grayson Sarif of Albemarle, 6-point 157-pounds, \$75; and Zack Smith of Wadesboro, 6-point 142-pounds and a free 2016 tournament registration plus \$25 daily prize.



Dean Efird

Mr. Efird weighed in a 113-pound doe to earn \$800 in total prize money. Travis Curran of Polkton placed second with a 109-pounder for \$500, followed by Richard Bates of Lexington, 104-pounds, \$375; Aaron Bates of Wadesboro, 102-pounds and \$200; Jordan Caudle of Lexington, 102 pounds, \$75; and AJ Rathje of Polkton, 101 pounds, \$25 daily prize money and a free 2016 Big-Game Hunt registration.

In the youth buck category, Mallory Sikes of Wadesboro won top prize money of \$300 with a 9-point, 144-pounder. Sikes also won a free mount from Wesley Holbert Taxidermy. Hunter Williams of Wadesboro took second place in the buck category winning \$150 with a 6-point at 137-pounds followed by Luke Morton of Norwood, 8-point 134-pounds \$90; fourth place was Collin Smith of Oakboro, 9-point 132-pounds and \$65 in prize money; and Zack Sikes of Lilesville with an 8-point, 122-pounder \$50 daily prize and a free 2016 Big-Game registration.

Alan Dale McRae of Wadesboro, won the youth doe category with a 90-pounder worth \$300. The record for the youth largest doe of 115.3-pounds was set by Elizabeth Tarlton of Wadesboro in 2008.



Mallory Sikes

Jordan Sikes of Wadesboro, placed second with an 82-pounder and won \$175, followed by Jack Flake of Wadesboro, 80 pounds, \$100; Noah Carpenter of Wadesboro, 77 pounds, \$75; and Joe Don Tarlton II of Wadesboro, \$15 daily and a free 2016 registration for his 75-pounder. The 2015 weigh-in breakdown listed 43 buck's and 50 doe's grand total of 93 deer.

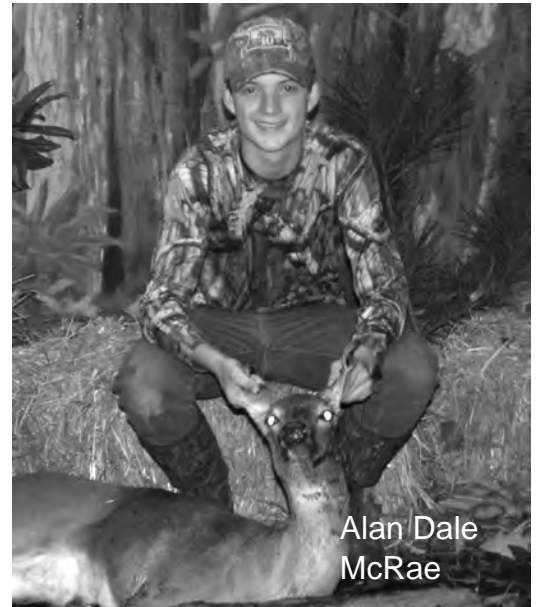
The entire bay area of the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department was available for the tournament and there was still standing room-only at the banquet held on Saturday night. Winners of the drawings include: AJ Harrington, youth gun; from the raffle, Dean Efird won the Remington Bolt Action Rifle 308 caliber. Bev Hicks won the Yeti Cooler; Tebow Dixon, \$100; Youth Crossbows donated by Whitley Power and Equipment and Reel Determined Outdoors went to Joshua Cranfill and Joe Don Tarlton II. From the card game, Harold Gardin won the Drone and Eli Randall won a Kindle Fire. There were two pick boards this year and those winners included Joe Sikes, who won a Patio Heater; Doug Richardson won a Fire Pit and Donnie Edwards won a Henry Rifle.

William Hicks won 500lbs of deer shell corn and Otoniel Miranda won 500lb of Persimmon flavored deer corn all donated by Long Creek Farms. Drew Thomas won a free deer mount from Kelly's Taxidermy. We had a special donation from one of our hunters this year which was a homemade deer crossing sign made of wood. This was donated by Clint Mabry and was won by Bobby Burr.

The kids' games were a lot of fun again this year and all the little ones received goody bags.

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce, the tournament's host, thanked all the hunters who participate each year and support this event. The tournament had a record number of hunters for the second year in a row, 376.

The Chamber could not host this event without the generous tournament sponsors. They are as follows – Four A Loader Work, Title sponsor; Uwharrie Bank, Banquet sponsor; Gold sponsors; Buckshot Deer Processing, Cobb-Vantress, Duke Energy, Jordan Lumber Company, Pee Dee Electric and Waste Connections, Silver sponsors; Locust Lumber, Lynn Thomas Grading, Tyson Foods, Valley Proteins, Inc., Wesley Holbert Taxidermy, and Windstream, Bronze sponsors; 704 Outdoors, Anson Towing & Recovery, Bates Law Firm, First Financial Bank, PNC Bank, Woodsman Forestry; Youth sponsors; Dale McRae Farms, Precision Saw Works, Whitley Power Equipment and Reel Determined Outdoors, Youth Daily sponsors; Dennis Concrete Finishing and Kiker Resource Management LLC. And for the first time there was a Volunteer Sponsor which was Hyatt Land Surveying.



The Big Game Hunt tournament is very successful because of all of the great volunteers. Thanks to Marty Cato, Courtney & Jamie Webb, Abby & Luke Young, Jake Henry and Megan and Dempsey Sellers, Walter Edwards and John Hyatt. A special thanks goes to Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Refreshment Services, Wadesboro IGA and the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department for allowing the event to be held at the fire department each year.

The 19th annual Big-Game Hunt Tournament will be held on November 25-26 of 2016. Best wishes for a great 2016 year!

Grand Prize Winners in Each Category for 2015

Grand Prize Winners – Buck

174.0 lb. - Hunter Williams, Marshville	\$800
164.0 lb. – Tonda Edwards, Peachland	\$475
161.0 lb. – Alan Hildreth, Marshville	\$350
161.0 lb. – Lanny Davis, Peachland	\$175
157.0 lb. – Grayson Sarif, Albemarle	\$ 75
142.0 lb. – Zack Smith, Wadesboro	\$ 25
& free 2016 reg	

Grand Prize Winners – Doe

113.0 lb. – Dean Efird, Albemarle	\$800
109.0 lb. – Travis Curran, Polkton	\$500
104.0 lb. – Richard Bates, Lexington	\$375
102.0 lb. – Aaron Bates, Wadesboro	\$200
102.0 lb. – Jordan Caudle, Lexington	\$ 75
101.0 lb. – AJ Rathje, Polkton	\$ 25
& free 2016 reg	

Grand Prize Youth Winners – Buck

144.0 lb. – Mallory Sikes, Wadesboro	\$300
137.0 lb. – Hunter Williams, Wadesboro	\$150
134.0 lb. – Luke Morton, Norwood	\$ 90
132.0 lb. – Collin Smith, Oakboro	\$ 65
122.0 lb. – Zack Sikes, Lilesville	\$ 50
& free 2016 reg	

Grand Prize Youth Winners – Doe

90.0 lb. – Alan Dale McRae, Wadesboro	\$300
82.0 lb. – Jordan Sikes, Wadesboro	\$175
80.0 lb. – Jack Flake, Wadesboro	\$100
77.0 lb. – Noah Carpenter, Wadesboro	\$ 75
75.0 lb. – Joe Don Tarlton II, Wadesboro	\$ 15
& free 2016 reg	

Top Winners in Each Category for 2015

Buck Category

Doe Category



**First Place
Hunter Williams**



**Second Place
Tonda Edwards**



**First Place
Dean Efird**



**Second Place
Travis Curran**



**Third Place
Alan Hildreth**



**Fourth Place
Lanny Davis**



**Third Place
Richard Bates**



**Fourth Place
Aaron Bates**



**Fifth Place
Grayson Sarif**



**Sixth Place
Zack Smith**



**Fifth Place
Jordan Caudle**



**Sixth Place
AJ Rathje**

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Top Youth Winners in Each Category for 2015

Youth Buck Category



**First Place
Mallory Sikes**

Youth Doe Category



**First Place
Alan Dale McRae**



**Second Place
Hunter Williams**



**Third Place
Luke Morton**



**Second Place
Jordan Sikes**



**Third Place
Jack Flake**



**Fourth Place
Collin Smith**



**Fifth Place
Zack Sikes**



**Fourth Place
Noah Carpenter**



**Fifth Place
Joe Don Tarlton, II**



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Prize Winners



2015 - Larry Dixon,
\$100



2015 - Donnie Edwards,
Henry Rifle



2015 - Harold Gardin,
Drone



2015 - Drew Thomas,
Free Mount



2015 - Eli Randall,
Kindle Fire



2015 - Joe Don Tarlton II,
Youth Crossbow



2015 - Bobby Burr, Home-
made Deer Crossing Sign



2015 - AJ Harrington,
Youth Gun



2015 - Joshua Cranfill,
Youth Crossbow



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Prize Winners Continued

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Joe Sikes won the patio heater.

William Hicks won 500 lbs of deer shell corn.

Otoniel Miranda won 500lbs of persimmon flavored deer corn.

Bev Hicks won the Yeti Cooler.



2015 - Doug Richardson,
Fire Pit



2015 - Dean Efird,
Remington Bolt Action 308

The Record Book - Youth

Starting in 2008, YOUTH category split

LARGEST YOUTH BUCK (Ages 10-15 // Overall)

2015 – Mallory Sikes, Wadesboro, 144.0 pounds
 2014 – Garrett Sikes, Lilesville, 160.0 pounds
 2013 – Thomas Maness, Oakboro, 150.1 pounds
 2012 – Wesley Barefoot, Raleigh, 147.5 pounds
 2011 – Jon Edwards, Polkton, 154.5 pounds
2010 – Hunter Hicks, Norwood, 169.3 pounds
 2009 – Michael Preslar, Polkton, 110.4 pounds
 2008 – Kevin Bye/Hill, Lilesville, 106.1 pound doe

LARGEST YOUTH Doe (Ages 10-15 // Overall)

2015 – Alan Dale McRae, Wadesboro, 90.0 pounds
 2014 – Payton Coble, Mt. Gilead, 103.0 pounds
 2013 – Zack Sikes, Lilesville, 89.1 pounds
 2012 – Sarah Little, Marshville, 98.2 pounds
 2011 – Hunter Williams, Marshville, 106.8 pounds
 2010 – Mason Coble, Mount Gilead, 98.4 pounds
 2009 – Lucas Stegall, Polkton, 93.5 pounds
2008 – Elizabeth Tarlton, Wadesboro, 115.3 pounds

YOUTH (Ages 10-15 // Overall)

1998 - 2007

2007 – Dustin Lassiter, Wadesboro, 147.7 pound buck
 2006 – Justin Jenkins, Lilesville, 121.3 pound buck
 2005 – Drew Cole, Peachland, 116.7 pound buck
 2004 – Wesley Rigden, Mooresville, 96.3 pound doe
 2003 – Cody Haigler, Monroe, 134.0 pound buck
 2002 – Darren Poplin, Wadesboro, 99.2 pound doe
 2001 – Jamie Crider, Wadesboro, 110.8 pound buck
 2000 – Brett Sikes, Polkton, 158.1 pound buck
 1999 – Kent Scarborough, Polkton, 104.0 pound buck
 1998 – Logan Scarborough, Polkton, 129.0 pound buck

THE NUMBERS

Since 1998, the Chamber had recorded a total of 4,174 registrations (an average of 232 per year); and hunters have harvested 1,463 deer (an average of 81 per year).

Year	Registrations	Deer Harvested
2015	376	93
2014	350	107
2013	317	96
2012	323	116
2011	324	106
2010	312	117
2009	283	113
2008	286	81
2007	266	83
2006	286	113
2005	236	101
2004	240	92
2003	260	92
2002	175	54
2001	182	76
2000	148	68
1999	101	43
1998	56	19

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The Record Book - Adult

LARGEST BUCK

(Day One)

2015 – Hunter Williams, Marshville, 174.0 pounds
2014 – Colby Zimmerman, Trinity, 139.0 pounds
2013 – Shawn Mayhew, Indian Trail, 162.6 pounds
2012 – Bron Hyatt, Peachland, 184.7 pounds
2011 – Cory Moore, Monroe, 166.3 pounds
2010 – John Hill, Preachland, 139.6 pounds
2009 – Lanny Davis, Peachland, 154.1 pounds
2008 – Stewart Lowder, Albemarle, 148.8 pounds
2007 – Clint Mabry, Marshville, 161.2 pounds
2006 – David Kelly, Morven, 158.1 pounds
2005 – Bryan Tucker, Morven, 149.5 pounds
2004 – Brian Gathings, Wadesboro, 143.9 pounds
2003 – Scott Freeman, Wadesboro, 135.3 pounds
2002 – Billy Sikes, Lilesville, 115.0 pounds
2001 – Michael Williams, Wadesboro, 142.1 pounds
2000 – Jeff Brinkley, Lexington, 152.9 pounds
1999 – Albert Carpenter, Norwood, 98.0 pounds
1998 – Wade Chandler, New London, 133.0 pounds

(Day Two)

2015 – Jeffrey Brinkley, Lexington, 141.0 pounds
2014 – Brian Bishop, Georgia, 153.0 pounds
2013 – Tim Boone, Wadesboro, 159.0 pounds
2012 – Lee Efird, Kannapolis, 166.4 pounds
2011 – David Kelly, Morven, 160.9 pounds
2010 – Chuck Newton, Ellerby, 162.6 pounds
2009 – Lee Efird, Kannapolis, 171.1 pounds
2008 – Jamie Poplin, Wadesboro, 143.3 pounds
2007 – Derrick Coble, Mr. Gilead, 166.2 pounds
2006 – Jimmy Richardson, Norwood, 146.5 pounds
2005 – Clint Nance, Wingate, 137.0 pounds
2004 – David Sikes, Polkton, 147.4 pounds
2003 – Bryan Little, Marshville, 163.7 pounds
2002 – Junior Gilliam, Wingate, 141.8 pounds
2001 – George Wilson, Wadesboro, 168.6 pounds
2000 – David Caudle, Lexington, 131.8 pounds
1999 – Mark Sherfinski, Southport, 133.5 pounds
1998 – Phillip Threadgill, Polkton, 137.0 pounds

(Tournament)

2015 – Hunter Williams, Marshville, 174.0 pounds
2014 – Brian Bishop, Georgia, 153.0 pounds
2013 – Shawn Mayhew, Indian Trail, 162.6 pounds
2012 – Bron Hyatt, Peachland, 184.7 pounds
2011 – Cory Moore, Monroe, 166.3 pounds
2010 – Chuck Newton, Ellerby, 162.6 pounds
2009 – Lee Efird, Kannapolis, 171.1 pounds
2008 – Stewart Lowder, Albemarle, 148.4 pounds
2007 – Derrick Coble, Mr. Gilead, 166.2 pounds
2006 – David Kelly, Morven, 158.1 pounds
2005 – Bryan Tucker, Morven, 149.5 pounds
2004 – David Sikes, Polkton, 147.4 pounds
2003 – Bryan Little, Marshville, 163.7 pounds
2002 – Junior Gilliam, Wingate, 141.8 pounds
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LARGEST DOE

(Day One)

2015 – Travis Curran, Polkton, 109.0 pounds
2014 – Raymond Perrero Jr., Indian Trail, 119.0 pounds
2013 – Zack Smith, Wadesboro, 100.1 pounds
2012 – Jake Edwards, Peachland, 114.0 pounds
2011 – Chris Thomas, Polkton, 117.0 pounds
2010 – David Kelly, Morven, 111.1 pounds
2009 – John Bishop, Kannapolis, 105.0 pounds
2008 – Darren Poplin, Wadesboro, 111.4 pounds
2007 – Scott Graden, Norwood, 99.8 pounds
2006 – Gary Strawn, Polkton, 110.7 pounds
2005 – Bobby Davis, Marshville, 102.6 pounds
2004 – Dane Edwards, Peachland, 93.1 pounds
2003 – Patricia Cabrera, Peachland, 99.0 pounds
2002 – Zeb Blake, Norwood, 96.0 pounds
2001 – Joe Sikes Jr., Wadesboro, 108.1 pounds
2000 – Keith Snipes, Mooresville, 100.9 pounds
1999 – Gary Williamson, Lexington, 82.5 pounds
1998 – Marty Cato, Marshville, 86.0 pounds

(Day Two)

2015 – Dean Efird, Albemarle, 113.0 pounds
2014 – Hunter Williams, Marshville, 105.0 pounds
2013 – Bud Ratliff, Wadesboro, 107.8 pounds
2012 – Jason Dunlap, Wadesboro, 116.7 pounds
2011 – Myron Baucom, Peachland, 113.1 pounds
2010 – Mark Cabrera, Peachland, 116.4 pounds
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2002 – Justin Brown, Concord, 92.2 pounds
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2015 was a successful year for deer hunting at Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge. The total harvest of 145 was slightly above average. There were several large bucks taken, but body weights were slightly below average. The Muzzleloader Hunt had one of its largest harvests on record, with 41 deer taken on the mid-October hunt. Buck ratios from the November hunts indicate that there was a good deal of rut activity in the first two weeks of November.

Pee Dee NWR quota gun hunt applications are available the first week of May, and the application period runs through the end of July. If drawn, hunters pay a \$12.50 permit fee. Pee Dee NWR archery hunts require only the necessary NC state hunting licenses and a signed copy of our free refuge general hunting permit. The free permit is also good for small game hunting throughout the season. For more information, you can pick up a copy of our general hunting permit and regulations during business hours. You can contact the Refuge Office at 704-694-4424, or visit us online: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/pee_dee/



2016-2017 Deer Harvest Summary

2016-2017 Hunting Seasons for Pee Dee National Wildlife are as follows:

Mourning Dove: NC opening day, Labor Day, Wednesdays and Saturdays in September only. (Anson County only)

Deer Archery: Sept 10 - 30, 2016 (Anson & Richmond Counties) Dec 5 - 31, 2016 (Anson & Richmond Counties)

Deer Firearms: Youth (age 10-15) either sex: Oct 1, 2016
Disabled Hunt either sex: Oct 7-8, 2016
Muzzleloader either sex: Oct 13-15, 2016
Modern Gun #1 either sex: Oct 20-22, 2016
Modern Gun #2 either sex: Oct 27-29, 2016
Modern Gun #3 either sex: Nov 3-5, 2016
Modern Gun #4 either sex: Nov 10-12, 2016

Quail: Nov 19 & 30, 2016; Dec 10, 21, and 31, 2016; Jan 11 & 21, 2017. Limit 2 per hunter (Anson County only)

Rabbit: Jan 28–Feb 11, 2017 (Anson County only)

Squirrel: Nov 14– Dec 3, 2016 (Anson County only, no fox squirrels)

Raccoon/Opossum: Oct 17 – Nov 19, 2016. During Firearms Deer Hunting weeks, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday only; starting one hour after sunset. (Anson County only)

Youth Turkey: State youth turkey day - April 1, 2017. (Anson County only) Drawn quota permit required.

Turkey: April 10-15 & 17-22, 2017. (Anson County only) Drawn quota permit required

Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge 2015 Deer Hunt Data

HUNT	DAYS	BUCKS	DOES	TOTALS
Archery 1	Sept. 12- Oct. 2	1	5	6
Youth Gun	Oct. 3	0	5	5
Disabled Gun	Oct. 9-10	0	2	2
Muzzleloader	Oct. 15-17	24	17	41
Gun#1	Oct. 22-24	12	16	28
Gun#2	Oct. 29-31	8	2	10
Gun#3	Nov. 5-7	20	8	28
Gun#4	Nov. 12-14	15	3	18
Archery 2	Dec. 7-Jan. 1	3	4	7
TOTALS		83	62	145

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<u>Buck</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Doe</u>
\$700	First	\$700
\$400	Second	\$400
\$300	Third	\$300
\$150	Fourth	\$150
\$ 50	Fifth	\$ 50

The sixth place buck and doe winners will be awarded a free 2017 tournament registration.

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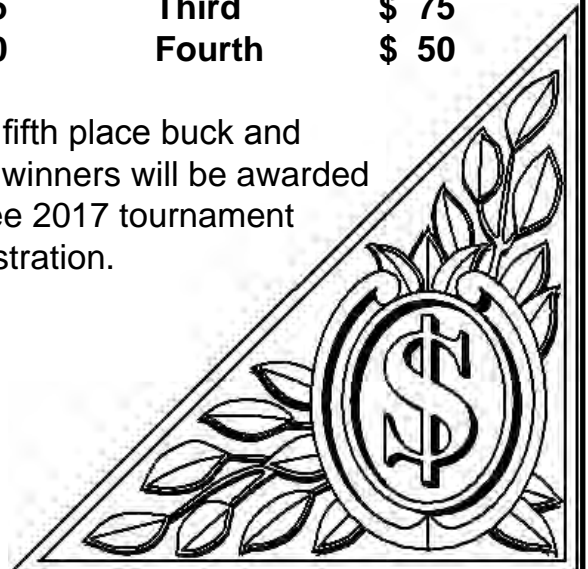
<u>Buck</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Doe</u>
\$100	First	\$100
\$ 75	Second	\$ 75
\$ 50	Third	\$ 50
\$ 25 each	4th-10th	\$ 25 each

YOUTH DIVISION

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<u>Buck</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Doe</u>
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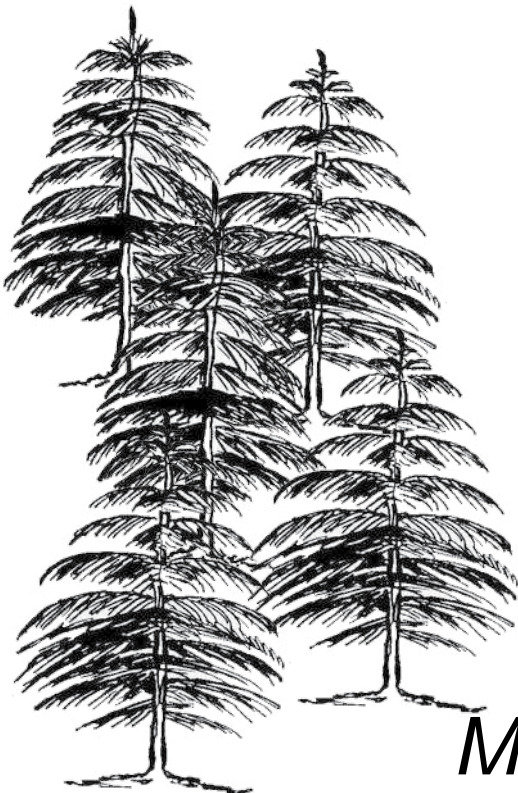


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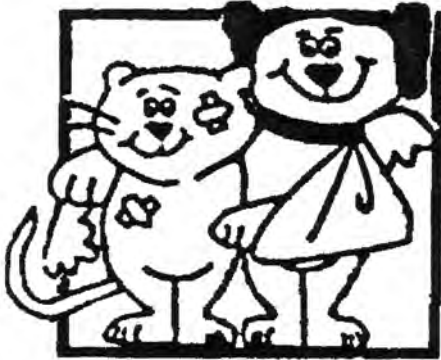


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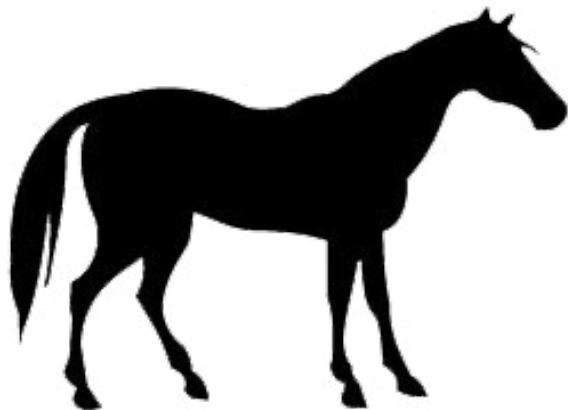
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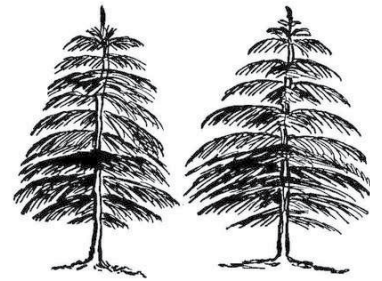
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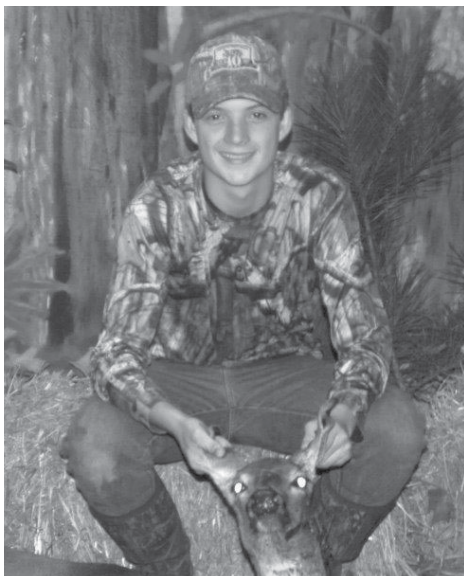
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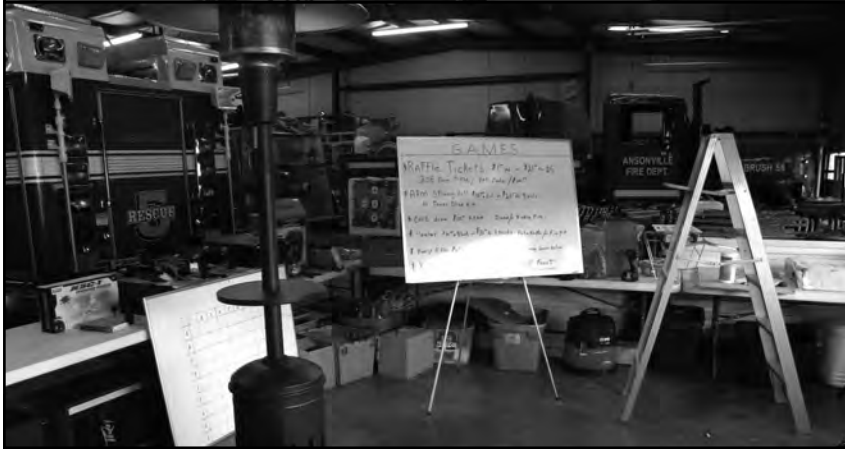


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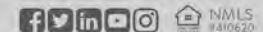
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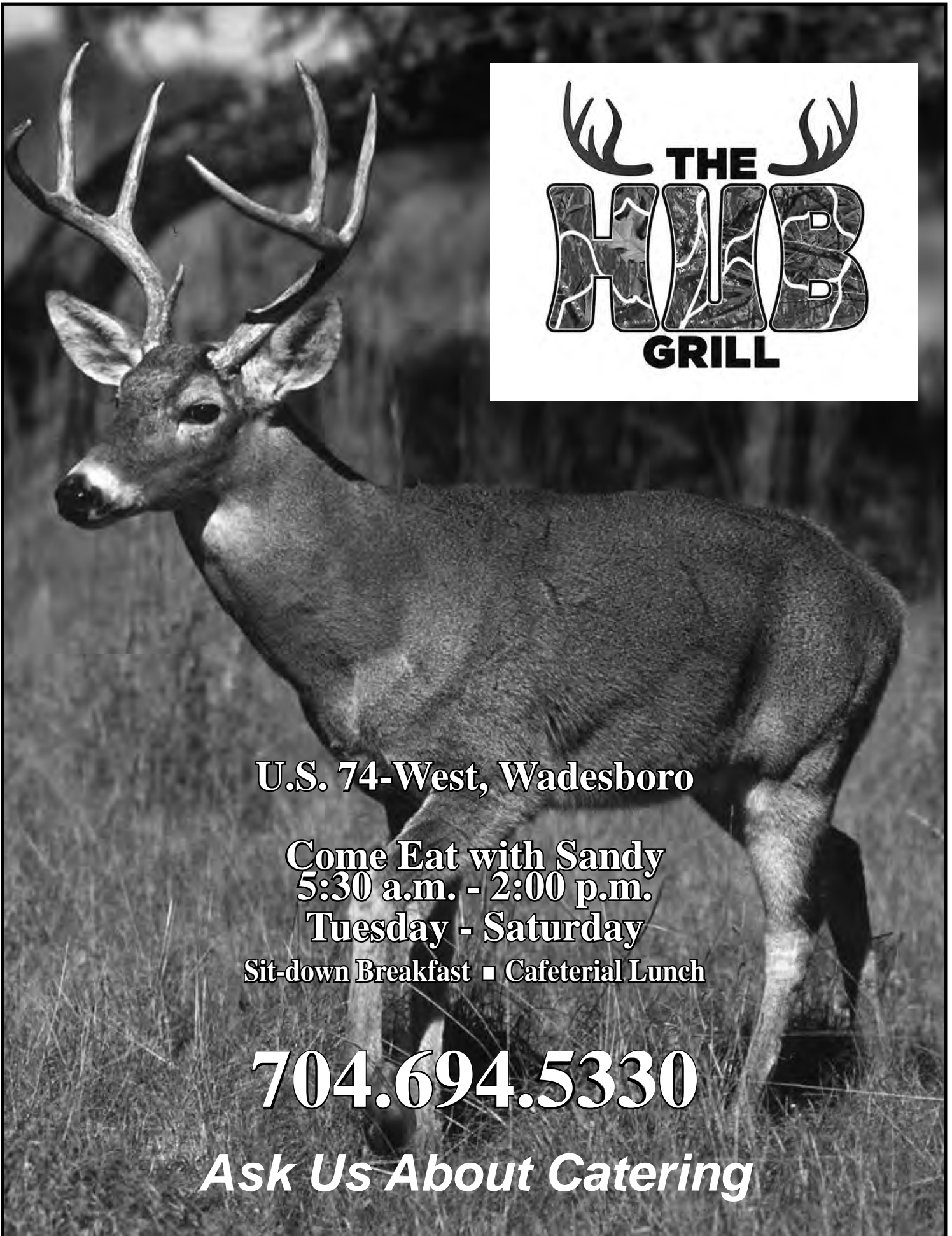
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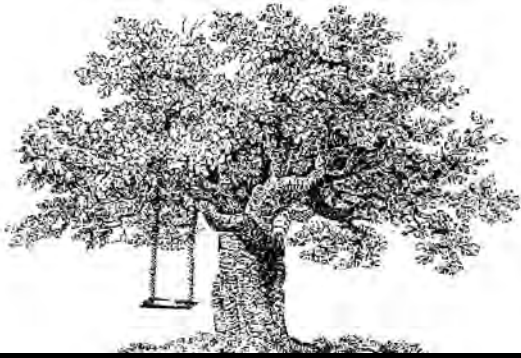


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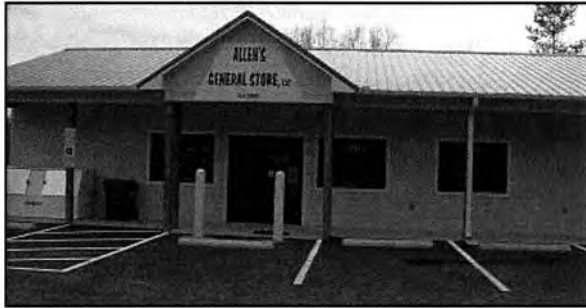


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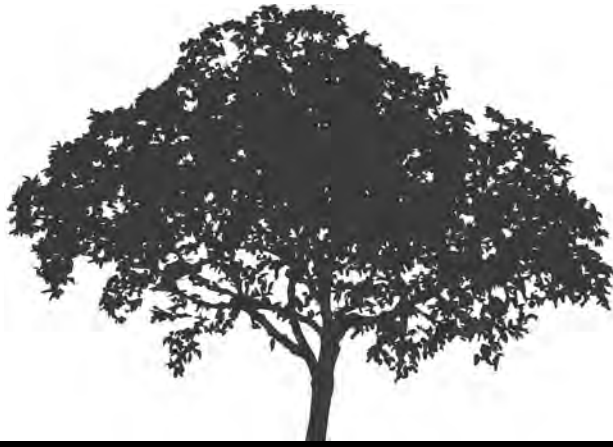
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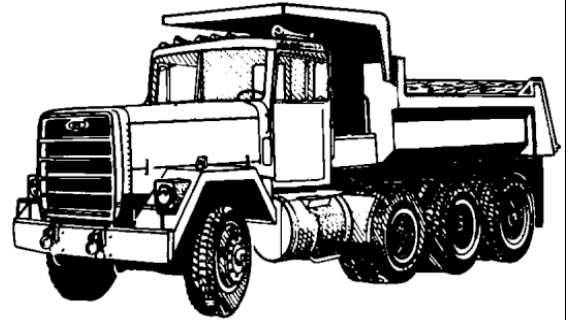
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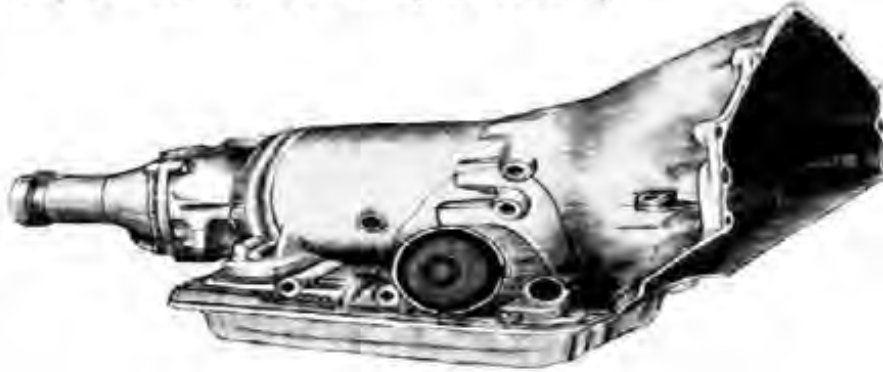
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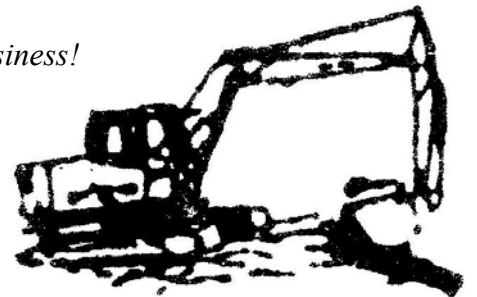
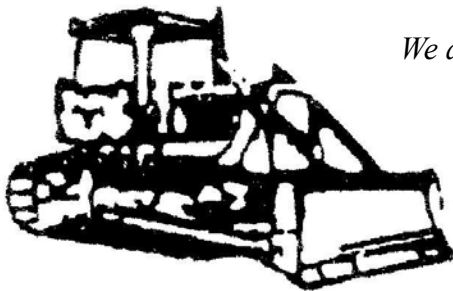
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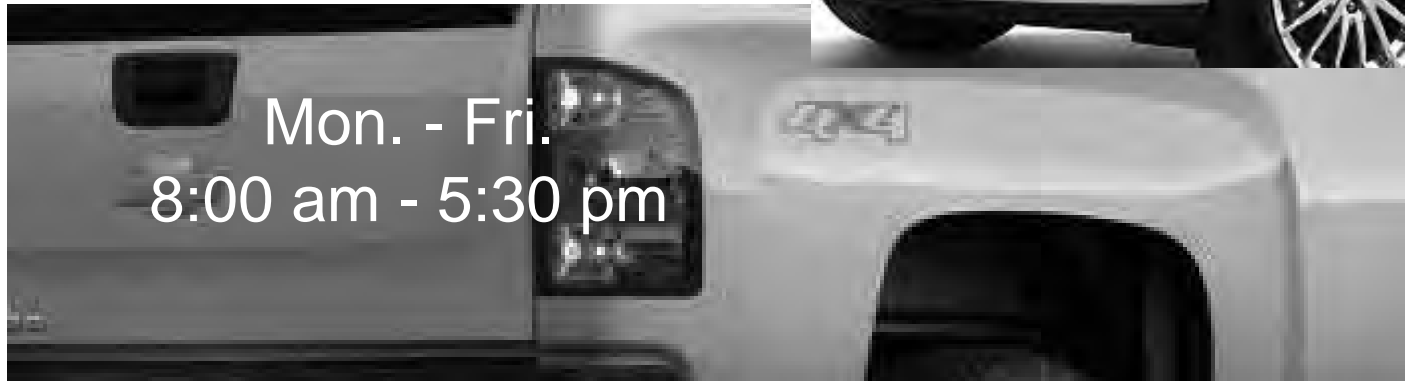
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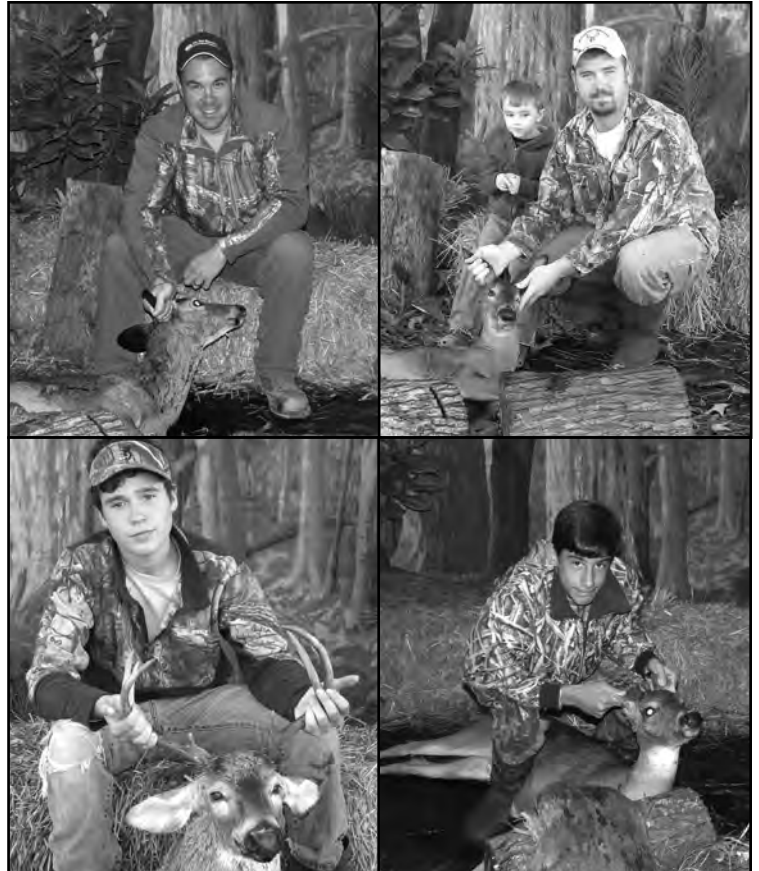
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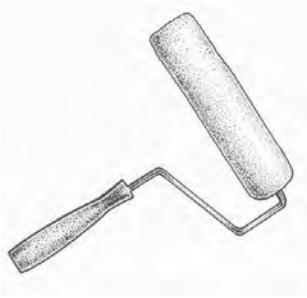


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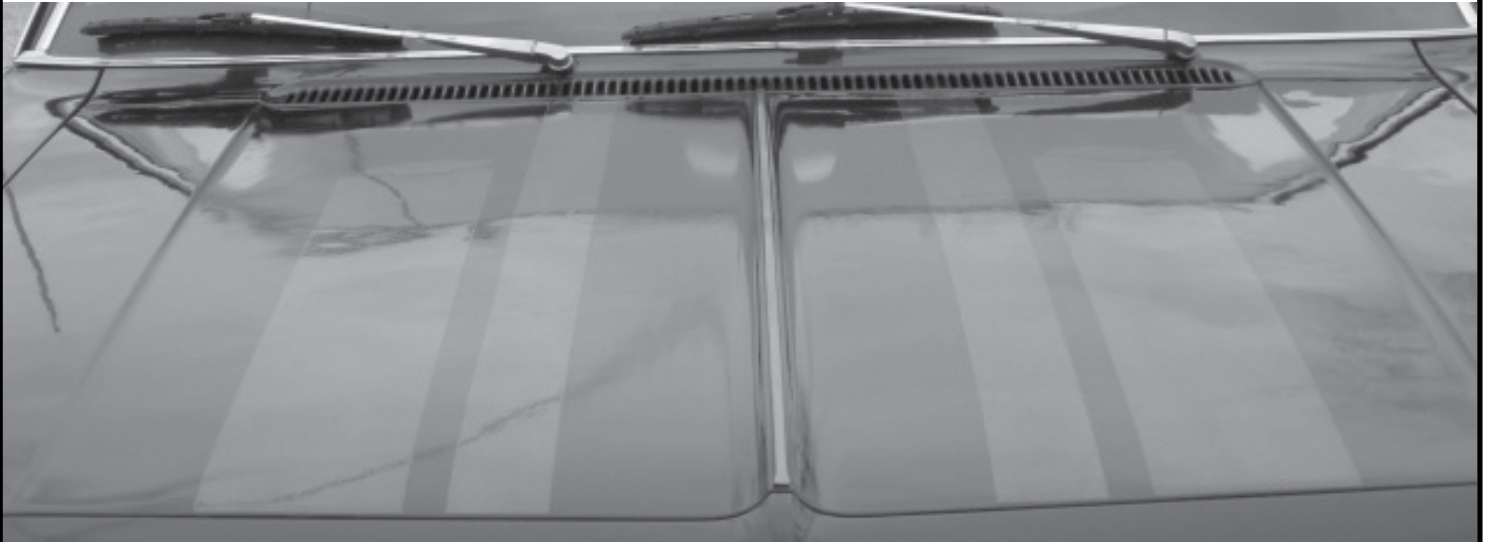
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- To reduce the risk of exposure to disease, wear disposable gloves while handling deer.
- Use clean water, premoistened wipes, or alcohol swabs to clean the knife frequently or between cuts to avoid dragging bacteria into the meat.
- Place the deer on its back, elevate its front legs, and spread its hind legs. Support carcass in this position with rocks or sticks.
- Cut around the anus to loosen the bung so it will come out when the entrails are removed. Tying off the bung with rope, cord, or rubber bands will prevent feces from contacting the carcass during removal.
- Using a clean knife, cut along the midline from the breastbone to the genitals. Make the cut by lifting the skin and muscle together.
- Avoid cutting the paunch and intestines since bacteria associated with foodborne illness may be found in these organs.
- If the organs smell offensive or exhibit greenish discharge, black blood, or blood clots in the muscle, do not consume meat from this carcass. Discard the carcass properly.
- Cut the diaphragm free from the rib cage.
- Cut the windpipe and gullet at the base of the throat.
- Pull out the lungs, heart, and entrails. Place variety meats in a plastic storage bag and store on ice or refrigerate as soon as possible.



Proper Care and Handling of Venison from Field to Table

To reduce the risk of foodborne illness, hunters need to handle, process, and prepare deer properly, being careful to prevent contamination from the field to the table. This publication contains guidelines and helpful hints to help you ensure that the food you're providing is safe.

The following tips and information was prepared by Catherine N. Cutter, associate professor and food safety specialist at Penn State's Department of Food Science.

<http://extension.psu.edu/food/safety/educators/fact-sheets-brochures-books/game-meats/proper-care-and-handling-of-venison-from-field-to-table>

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- A sharp knife
- A small hatchet
- A whetstone or steel for sharpening
- Several feet of rope or nylon cord
- Six-inch rubber bands
- Clean cloths or paper towels
- Sealable storage bags
- A large cooler full of ice or snow
- Disposable gloves for dressing
- Clean drinking water

Hints for Field Dressing

- Dress the carcass as soon as possible.
- Remove all visible dirt, feces, hair, and bloodshot areas.
- Wipe out the cavity with individual paper towels. Prop the cavity open with a clean stick or hang the carcass to aid in air circulation.
- If you wash the cavity with water, dry the area quickly to prevent spoilage.
- To prevent bacterial growth, quickly cool the carcass to 35–40°F.
- After cleaning the cavity, you can place ice or snow sealed in plastic storage bags and pack them in the cavity. Secure the bags in place by tying the cavity shut with rope or cord.
- Keep the carcass out of direct sunlight and allow for adequate air circulation.
- It is recommended that the hide be left on the carcass during transport to protect the meat from contamination and to prevent it from drying out.

Transporting and Processing Game

- Keep the carcass cool during transport. Keep it out of sunlight. Do not tie the deer across the hood or roof of a car. Do not put a deer in the trunk while it's still warm. Allow for adequate air circulation.
- Transport the eviscerated carcass to the processing facility as soon as possible. Processing should be done only by businesses with fully refrigerated facilities.
- If you are processing your own game, hold the carcass at 40°F or less. Freezing the carcass before rigor may toughen the meat.
- If aging the carcass, do so at 40°F or less for two to three days, at most.
- If you are using the meat for sausage, aging is not necessary.
- During processing, frequently clean your knife between cuts to avoid contaminating the meat.
- Wash your knife, hands, and cutting boards often with warm, soapy water.

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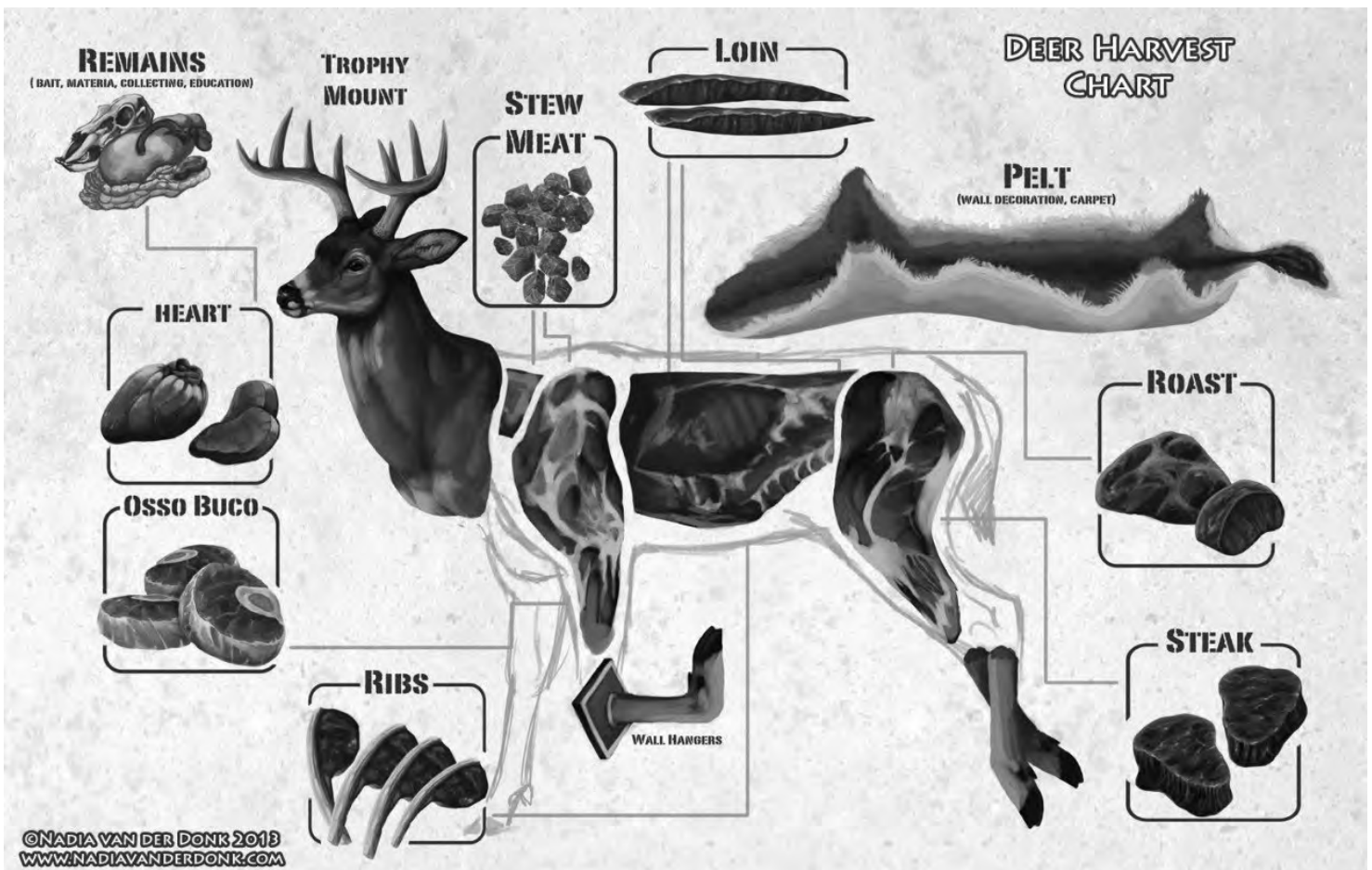
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Kitchen Processing

- Store any unfrozen meat in the refrigerator, and use it within 2–3 days.
- Keep raw meat separated and on trays with a lip to prevent cross-contamination in the refrigerator.
- If marinating, do so in the refrigerator.
- Thaw all frozen meats in the refrigerator or microwave and use immediately.
- Heat all game meats, including jerky, to 160°F before drying to reduce the risk of foodborne illness. Use a calibrated meat thermometer to ensure proper cooking.
- Jerky should be dried sufficiently after processing and can be stored for 1–2 months under refrigeration (< 40°F).
- Do not can meat unless you have a calibrated or recently tested pressure canner. Proper pressure and time are critical to ensure safe canned meat.
- Thoroughly clean and sanitize all equipment, including the tabletop meat grinder.

Freezing Tips

- Cut and package the meat into meal-size portions (about one pound).
- Use heavily waxed paper, freezer wrap, heavy-duty aluminum foil, vacuum bags, or plastic freezer storage bags for meat storage.
- Wrap meat tightly, and remove all air from the bag before sealing.
- Using a permanent marker, label packages with contents and dates.
- Space packages in freezer to allow proper air circulation for cooling and freezing.
- Once packages are solidly frozen (within 24 hours), you can restack them within the freezer.
- Properly wrapped game meat will store in the freezer for 9–12 months. According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, it is legal to have venison in home freezers year-round.
- To avoid quality deterioration, do not refreeze thawed products.





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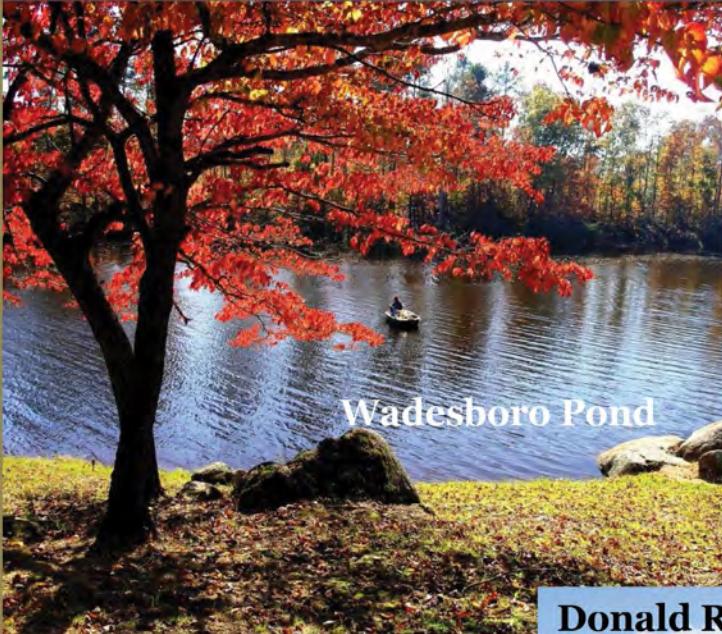
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