

Inside Wildlife Management

Inside Wildlife Management is a monthly column designed to give you insight into wildlife management techniques and problems occurring in Western New York State.

HUNTER ETHICS
by Ron Newell
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You may have heard the saying "there are a lot of hunters out there, but few sportsmen".

What is at the root of this statement? Does it start when a hunter or group of hunters forget to get permission before hunting on private property? Does it start when a group of hunters are seen displaying poor or unsafe gun handling? Does it start...I could go on, but I am sure we have all seen this type of action during our pursuit of the sport of hunting.

Hunters do not have to be satisfied with a poor public image, unsafe hunters or the management of wildlife made more difficult because of the lack of hunter ethics.

The "sport" of hunting evolved after the necessity of hunting to feed and cloth oneself and family lessened because of agricultural and industrial development. The unwritten rules which governed the taking of wild game to ensure a continued supply for future yield was well ingrained into family life. This hunter ethic was passed down from generation to generation, from grandfather to father to son, a rich heritage indeed.

Today wildlife management is a complex endeavor. Wildlife biologists and technicians are constantly using hunting and hunters as tools with which to accomplish the task of sound wildlife management.

New York's deer management program is a prime example of how the sportsman can be an ethical hunter and aid in the management of wildlife populations. Each successful hunter who takes a White-tailed deer is required to completely fill out a deer carcass tag and attach it to his deer. An ethical deer hunter knows what town and county he is hunting in. He also knows which Deer Management

Unit he took his deer in. An ethical hunter thinks of all of these things prior to taking a deer, and completely fills out necessary carcass and report tags. One more step is then required of the ethical hunter; he must send in an accurate report card so the data can be used in the management system of the White-tailed deer in New York.

Over ninety percent of land in New York is privately owned. Hunters play a large part in determining whether this land is available for hunting. The ethical hunter promotes good sportsman/landowner relations by asking permission to hunt well in advance of the season. If permission is gained, he respects any restrictions or limitations set forth by the owner. If permission is not granted, the ethical hunter also respects the owner's wishes in a sportsman-like manner. Only with good landowner/sportsmen relations can hunters expect to have a future place to hunt.

Proper hunter behavior not only helps insure the continuity of hunting but also the ability to manage wildlife. The high degree of private ownership of land (where wildlife exists and must be managed) can complicate a species management plan if the tool of hunting (population control) is curtailed by landowners posting their property.

Indeed, hunters have many responsibilities. This responsibility starts with yourself and then extends to landowners, other hunters or outdoor recreationalists, the wildlife, and also the habitat and environment. Hunters can have a lifetime of enjoyment in the field. By being an ethical hunter, you will help insure that future generations will have the opportunity to enjoy hunting as you have. Generally, there is no audience to approve or disapprove of an individual's action while afield, so it is up to each person to be of the highest moral character and be the Ethical Hunter--a SPORTSMAN!

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Blood Drive Reminder

What's quick and easy and saves lives? Donating blood. Mendon will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, Oct. 22 at the Presbyterian Church, 27 N. Main St., Honeoye Falls from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Eligible donors are at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health. For more information, call the Red Cross, 461-9800, ext. 240.

Fortnightly, Literary Clubs Meet

Members of the Fortnightly Club will meet Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. at the home of Jann Armantrout. Edith Lank will speak on the "Power of Persuasion" by Jane Austen.

The Monday Literary Club will meet at the home of Dorothy Schmidt in Pittsford, on Monday, Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. The speaker will be Becky Herdle, an authority on the history of quilting. Helen Duffy, Grace Cook, and Agnes Herlity will assist the hostess.

Listen Veteran

by Edward C. Balthasar, State Veteran Counselor

Many veterans and widows of veterans are now receiving an Eligibility Verification Report or EVR. These must be completed, signed and returned by the date indicated on the form. If not it could cause undue delay in benefits or even termination. We are urging these people to bring these forms to my office and I will complete, retain a copy for further reference, and process with the Veterans Administration. For this and other assistance contact the local Veterans' Office

THE BEST LOCAL NEWS CAN BE FOUND IN THE LIMA RECORDER AND THE HONEOYE FALLS TIMES

Livonia Edges HF-L



Tim Bland scored a goal at the 30 minute mark to give Livonia a 2-1 victory over HFL. Livonia's Dan Trezise gave Livonia a 1-0 lead in the first period. Paul Jarret tied the game minutes later with his goal. Tim Sallade had the assist. Photo by Jack Haley

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