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Spring Turkey Hunt May 5 Thru May 18

Except for a few woodchuck hunters, spring has always belonged to fishermen. Unless they have been back along trout streams in May, they may never have had the pleasure of the woods in early spring. The flowers of the forest floor are beginning to blossom before the leaves of the forest cast their shade upon them. Newly arrived birds from the south are advertising by their song to all that listen, where they consider home.

Since 1966, when New York held its first spring turkey hunt, this has changed, and this spring probably 25,000 hunters will be in the woods with visions of turkey gobblers dancing in their heads. Because successful spring turkey hunters don't go moving around the woods, but stay concealed in likely areas and try to call the toms in to them, they may get better acquainted with the horror of the spring woods — blackflies — than they do with some of the beauties of the woods.

The turkey is a shining example of how interest in sports hunting has benefited, rather than endangered a species. More than 100 years ago the turkey disappeared from southern New York. The last few may have been shot off but their demise was preordained, for opening up of the forestland had eliminated their habitat. With the abandonment of land, the southern-tier hills have been reverting to forestland again.

To the south of us a remnant turkey population had survived, and with help, protection and loving tender care, began to recover. By the early 1940's they were beginning to drift across the State line into New York. Though this encouraged New York to start a game farm program to release young turkeys, probably the biggest reason for the expanding population was the live-trap and transfer program.

That first spring hunt in 1968 was confined to five counties and lasted six days. This spring's hunt includes all of seven counties, and parts of 19 more, and will run from May 5 through May 18 — two full weeks. Hunting hours are from sunrise to noon. This should be good evidence to the skeptic that sport hunting only removes surplus population and does not dig into the breeding population needed to sustain or to increase a game animal's numbers.

That this hunting should occur right during the nesting season, when wildlife is traditionally granted sanctuary, may seem all the more remarkable. Again we get back to the term "sport hunting" as compared with just shooting animals.

Sport hunting seasons are carefully designed so they will not cause any harmful reactions, not from experience gained just in New York, but from experience gained in at least 20 other states which also have spring turkey hunts.

The season is set for the peak of the incubation period. Males will already have served their biological function in the perpetuation of the species, and hens will be actively incubating their eggs. Males take no part in raising the young, in fact, they tend to form small independent flocks until the next mating season, generally staying aloof from hens and their broods.

Though it is referred to as a gobbler season, like the buck season for deer, it is not the sex that makes an individual animal legal game or not, but the most obvious secondary sexual characteristic — the beard. Just as there are occasional antlered does, there are bearded hens, and they travel at their own risk during the gunning season.

As sport hunting goes, the wary turkey is without question the greatest challenge that the New York State hunter can tackle. Its remarkable recovery is testimony to its ability to take care of itself.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Francis Cable, a surgical patient at Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, Pa., was discharged Saturday, April 26.

David Baker is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Roger Baker is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Nellie O'Dell is a patient in the Bethesda Hospital.

Clifton Cornell is a patient in the Bethesda Hospital.

William Monroe is a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Kristina Niedermaster is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

John Fish, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Thomas Bishop, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. George Slack (Pamela Schrader) of Webster, N. Y., are parents of a daughter, Kristen, born Friday, April 18, 1975 at the Genesee Hospital in Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schrader are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Slack of Whitesville, are the paternal grandparents.

NOTICE

Francis Horner, Acting Chairman of the recent Lions Ecology Program, which consisted of handling seedling trees for Conservation programs, announced today that there are still six packets of wild life cover sheets available at the Lions Club's cost of \$5 per packet. Each packet contains approximately 100 plants of multifloral rose, honeysuckle, etc., which are used to plant for erosion control and wildlife cover.

These packets can be obtained directly from Francis at 100 High St., phone 478-4983 and are ready for immediate planting.

P.T.S.O. To Hold Banquet May 15th

The Annual Teachers Recognition Banquet will be held again this year on Thursday, May 15th.

Anyone who wishes to attend and/or contribute a dish to pass, please contact Beverly Carson, 478-8719.

Special Meeting For All Andover Senior Citizens

A Representative of the Office of the Aging from Wellsville will be present at a SPECIAL MEETING of the Andover Senior Citizens Group on Monday, May 5th at 12 Noon at the Andover Grange Hall.

All Senior Citizens are urged to attend as possible funding for the group will be discussed with Mrs. Shirley Grieff, Office of the Aging and Mayor "Mike" Brace who will be in attendance.

Little League Work Bee May 4th

Fix-up, Clean-up Day will be held at the Little League Diamond Sunday, May 4th at 10 A. M. Parents, Managers, Players — anyone interested in Little League please come!

Ambulance Report For Month of April

The Ambulance Report for the month of April is broken down as follows:

Ambulance 2-B-47, 4 runs covering 374 miles using 40 man hours.

Ambulance 2-B-9, 6 runs covering 216 miles using 25 man hours.

The Mayor's Column

by "Mike" Brace

Updating the Solid Waste situation, I noticed that the Solid Waste Proposal has been referred to the Ways and Means Committee. The full meaning of this has yet to be discovered, but at least the proposal's idea still remains.

An informative meeting was held with Niagara-Mohawk Power Corporation's Supervisor Land & R/W Department, Mr. Dud Kay. The two new sites, the Niagara Mohawk sub-station and the Andover sub-station, were discussed.

It has been brought to my attention that a serious parking situation has developed in regards to people attending church on Sunday. Please adhere to the Parking Rules and Regulations concerning a proper distance from fire hydrants, parking facing the traffic, and do not block an individual's driveway.

Mrs. Shirley Grieff from the Allegany County Office of Aging met with Margaret Karnes, Earl Atwell, and myself. An exchange of ideas took place with Mrs. Grieff commenting on the part that the County Office could play and the role of the State Government. It was determined that this meeting had "just scratched the surface" and a future meeting is tentatively planned on with the Golden Age Club on May 5 at the Grange Hall.

ATTENTION LIONS!

The May Board of Directors Meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. on Monday, May 5 at the Methodist Church Hall.

The regular Dinner Meeting will be held at 7:00 P. M., on Thursday, May 8 at the American Legion Hall. Neva Wittle will cater.

Walter Redmond will present a very interesting program entitled "A Journey Through Space".

All those unable to attend are reminded to contact either Sec. Claude Mitchell or Harold Rice, Attendance Chairman so that credit may be given.

Legion Birthday Dinner Planned For May 10th

The American Legion Birthday Supper will be held Saturday, May 10th at 6:30 P. M. at the Legion Hall. All Legion members and wives and all Auxiliary members and husbands are invited.

If you plan to attend call your reservations to Hazel Burgett — Phone 478-3274 or Bessie Mulcownery — Phone 478-5464 by May 3rd.

W.M.P.F. & Dorcas Girls To Hold Banquet

The Women's Missionary Prayer Fellowship and the Dorcas Girls of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Andover will have a spring banquet on Friday, May 9 at 6:00 p. m. at the church. A smorgasbord dinner will be served.

Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Lona Wieburg from the Horseheads Alliance Church. Mrs. Wieburg is an accomplished chalk artist and will present an original chalk talk. The special feature of the evening, and one which the Dorcas Girls have been anxiously awaiting will be when the Dorcas Girls meet their secret pals. The secret pals are women of the W.M.P.F. who have taken a girl to pray for her to live for Christ.

Golden Age Club News

On Monday, May 5, the Andover Golden Age Club will meet at the Grange Hall for a tureen dinner.

Committee Workers are: Lovina Atwell, Emma Baker, Edna Burdick and Gladys Livergood. The Committee will furnish dessert.

AMERICAN LEGION ANNIVERSARY — 1975



Fifty-six years ago, a small group of war-weary servicemen representing the various outfits of the American Expeditionary Force met in Paris, France, and brought forth a magnificent idea. These delegates — still in the uniform of their country and thousands of miles from home — brought to that assembly in Paris the raw materials with which to build a civilian organization of war veterans dedicated to God and Country.

They recognized the need for a fraternity of service which should have as its purpose the preservation and perpetuation of the lofty principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

And their "big idea" became The American Legion.

In the succeeding 56 years, three generations of war veterans have been united under the banner of The American Legion. While they are proud of having met the highest obligation of citizenship — service in the uniform of their Country in time of war — American Legionnaires also realize that the responsibilities of citizenship do not end when the military uniform has been exchanged for civilian apparel.

As a fraternity of service which has as one of its basic purposes 'to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation,' The American Legion has become a pacesetter to the nation in the expression of patriotic thought and deed. Of great concern to the Legion today is the possibility that leaders of the godless communist doctrine shall mistake demonstrations and expressions by a handful of dissidents as an indication of weakness on the part of our nation.

A staunch advocate of our nation's policy to defend the cause of freedom against the threat of forces seeking world domination. The American Legion has stepped to the forefront in the upsurge of patriotic expression which has swept the country in recent months. In so doing, the Legion has helped not only to reawaken a spirit of national responsibility but also to affirm in the eyes of a doubtful world the depth of our nation's purpose.

On this 56 Anniversary of The American Legion, we salute the "big idea" of this gigantic fraternity of service. May the millions of Legionnaires throughout the nation continue to succeed in their endeavors dedicated to God and Country — and, ultimately, a better world.

Here in Andover the Lynch-Burgett Post No. 397 is celebrating this remembrance with an American Legion Birthday Supper on May 10th so why don't you help the local Legionnaires observe the occasion by flying the American Flag on that day?

Wellsville Rebekahs To Hold Mother & Daughter Dinner May 9th

The Wellsville Rebekahs Mother & Daughter Dinner will be held in the Shongo Community Hall on Friday, May 9th at 6:30 p. m.

Bring a tureen and your own table service. Meat, rolls and drinks will be furnished.

Cora B. Wheaton

UPW To Hold Meeting Thursday May 8th

The United Presbyterian Women will hold their May Monthly dinner-meeting, Thursday, May 8 in the Church Dining Room.

The committee in charge is: Lena Leonard, Edna Monroe, Lilian Clark, Hilda Vars and Evelyn Bronson.

All women are welcome.

Masonic Notice

At the regular stated Communication of Andover Lodge No. 559 F. & A. M., to be held at the Masonic Temple on Monday, May 5th, the Third Degree will be conferred on four Candidates with the First Section to commence at 5:30 p. m., dinner at 6:30, and the Second Section to start at 8:00 p. m.

All Master Masons are urged to attend.

Wm. Pratt, Master

Legion Auxiliary Notice

The Lynch-Burgett Post No. 397 American Legion Auxiliary will hold their May meeting at the Legion Home, Monday, May 5th at 8 p. m.

Please note the change in date