



deer population steady in area

season, which is Dec. 3 to Dec. 14.

There are permits available this year for antler whitetail only, and antlerless whitetail only, he said.

The archery permit and muzzleloader permits are available, as the seasons are open now he said, and the hunter can take either variety of deer or either sex. These permits are limited to the equipment (archery or muzzleloader) allowed during the season.

Archery season opened on Sept. 22 and runs through the end of December. The muzzleloader season ended on Oct. 5.

Fox said the department encourages hunters to have any deer they take checked for chronic wasting disease because it helps the state keep track of what is happening in the deer herd.

He said deer, elk and moose are the only animals known to have the disease — a brain infection similar to “mad cow” disease — but he said they do not recommend eating an infected animal.

“We have found only four deer in all of the state with the disease,” Fox said. “We found one in Cheyenne County in 2005, and three last year in Decatur County that all came from the same drainage.

“We tested another 30 animals and did not find any others with the disease.”

Fox said the department will be doing its annual deer survey this month and in November. He said it will be a spot survey and the state will know more about the numbers of deer around the state after that is done.

Record deer taken in Kansas

Nine of the top 20 record mule deer taken with normal firearms in Kansas have been shot in northwest Kansas. The latest to make the list was last year when Curtis Carman of Colby shot a mule deer in Decatur County that came in at No. 20 on the list compiled by the Kansas Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Others from northwest Kansas in the top 20 include:

- Rank, Name, Town, Score, Year, County.
4. Ray Clasen, Wichita, 189 5/8, 1995, Norton.
 7. Kevin Isaac, Goodland, 188 3/8, 1994, Sherman.
 9. Robert Zimbelman, St. Francis, 188 0/8, 1994, Cheyenne.
 10. Edward Karnes, Studley, 187 4/8, 1965, Sheridan.
 11. Navene Rains, Sharon Spgs, 187 0/8, 1996, Wallace.
 12. Tony J. Haffner, Hoxie, 185 6/8, 1994, Sheridan.
 16. Randy Ashley, Wichita, 184 4/8, 2001, Wallace.
 18. Fred Gilbert, Colby, 184 2/8, 1966, Rawlins.
 20. Curtis Carman, Colby, 183 5/8, 2007, Decatur.



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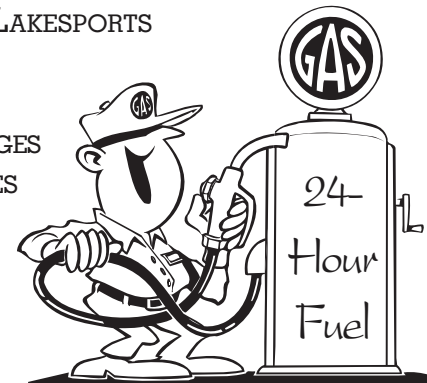
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