child wants to field-dress their first deer, more power to them, but don't insist on it. My kids assisted me by holding one of the deer's legs, and all the while they couldn't stop talking about the amazing encounter and the shot. There will be other days for fielddressing tutorials, and certainly at some point they need to master the skill, but not on their

Field-dressing gear: Keep you hunting clothes clean by packing a pair of elbow-length fielddressing gloves. For kids who are tentative about reaching inside the cavity of a deer, the gloves help immensely. And buy a Sagen Saw for dealing with the pelvic bone. It makes the entire field-dressing job much easier.

Good luck to you and your family this firearms deer season!

Deer Population Control By Johnny Kirby

In past articles in this publication, we have discussed the problem of population growth of White tail deer in many urban areas. We have seen many different attempts to control this problem. Since opening hunts in urban areas poses safety concerns, other programs like relocation is a good option.

This has been done for years in cities in Texas, especially in the Hill Country. New York City has a different idea about how to curb the prolific population growth of White tail deer. Mayor Bill de Blasio and other officials are offering a solution for New York's Staten Island. The proposal is to spend over 2 million dollars over the next years to provide vasectomies for the bucks and release them back into Staten

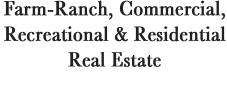


Good Hunting Fun! Noah Murray, age 6 last season, brought down this doe and spike on his grandparents' ranch between Robert Lee and San Angelo. He is the son of Bartley and Jennifer Murray of Miles. He took the doe using a 22-250, and the spike with a .223.

with a rifle or a bow.

be to introduce Mountain Lions successful folks have done.

Island. First, they are only going to control the growing deer to be able to "fix" a small portion population. I can't imagine of the bucks. Second, the deer anyone in their right mind would will need to be tranquilized for consider this for Staten Island. the procedure. Why not relocate However, a recent study released both does and bucks to more rural by the University, suggests that areas. The biggest complaints this could be an effective way to from Staten Island residents is the accomplish this. According to this deer are eating their yards and study, a Mountain Lion will kill gardens. Also, the damage to about 266 deer in its lifetime vehicles from deer impacts is a (that's pretty specific). To me this major concern. What they seem only shows how irresponsible and to be saying is that they like the dangerous this would be in an White tails but don't like their urban area. We know that eating and reproducing habits. mountain lions are opportunistic Obviously those of us that are killers and will not only prey on familiar with deer realize these deer but also on the human ideas will never work because the population and livestock as well as deer in that area have no natural your pets. But remember we ARE enemies and New York will not talking about New York! I allow anyone to harvest the deer certainly hope this option will not be seriously considered in Staten Another proposal, and the most Island or anywhere else for that ridiculous one, suggested by the matter. Just use good judgment University of Washington, would and relocate the deer like other





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