



### Misfit Toys

FAYETTE/WESTMORELAND—A recent illegal dumping case involved a large box of children's toys. While investigating I discovered that the person associated with the toys had been cited in 2005 by LMO Leiendecker for dumping toys on game lands. Apparently, after the person cleaned up the toys in 2005 they were put into a storage unit. Oddly enough, the storage unit went up for auction in 2013 and the lucky winner decided to discard that same box of toys on Hunter Access Program property. He is not so lucky now and the box of toys was finally put to rest.

—WCO JASON D. FARABAUGH,  
SCOTSDALE



### Just a Larger Problem

BEAVER — As somewhat of a history buff, I often wonder how towns and counties got their names back in the day. Most of ours have origins from the Native American tribes that once roamed our woods, such as Erie and Delaware counties. It didn't take me long to figure out where the name for Beaver County came from, as nuisance calls about the industrious critters are at an all-time high this year. I wonder if my fellow officers in Elk County have the same problem?

—WCO MICHAEL YECK, BEAVER

### That's a New One

ARMSTRONG — Longtime safety zone cooperater and storyteller Ron Droske told me about his passion for getting a deer with a muzzleloading handgun, and the problems he has had with missing deer. I was ready for the patented excuses that I've heard over the years when Ron stumped me. The reason he has missed deer with his muzzleloading handgun is, "The deer see the blackpowder smoke and duck the bullet."

—WCO ROD BURNS, KITTANNING

### *Not a Complete and "Otter" Failure*

YORK — A trapper in my district accidentally caught a river otter while trapping for beavers near Pinchot State Park. While it is unfortunate this occurred, the trap and trapper were completely legal. I picked up the otter while on my way to a program for the senior high York County Envirothon. There the students got a rare chance to get up close and personal with a river otter. The York County Conservation District obtained a salvage permit and plans to mount the animal to use for educational purposes.

— WCO KYLE JURY, LEWISBERRY