

Special Delivery

PHILADELPHIA/DELAWARE—Deputy Dan Nearey was working his regular job as a postal worker when he tried to deliver a package to a home. He found the Upper Darby Animal Control there trying to catch and relocate a turkey hanging around on the front porch of the home. He offered his assistance, but the bird slipped away. I wonder if he was going to stuff it in his mail bag and make a special delivery to the nearest woodlot?

—WCO JERROLD W. CZECH JR,
PHILADELPHIA



NICK ROSATO

Fish Finder

LUZERNE—Looking out at Mountain Lake in Bear Creek last spring I noticed a brown head pop up in the water. A closer look with binoculars revealed an otter with a fish in its mouth. After eating the fish, it disappeared and reappeared in minutes with another fish. As an avid angler, I was amazed how much more efficient of a fisherman the otter is than I am with all of my modern gear.

—WCO PHILIP WHITE, BLAKESLEE

Tables are Turned

ARMSTRONG—Longtime turkey hunter and NWTF supporter Tom Grafton told me about setting up on a longbeard during the spring and having it coming toward his sweet-sounding calls. Everything was going according to plan, until a red fox being chased by a barking dog ran through Tom's area and the gobbler shut up. Tom waited until everything calmed down and started his hen music again when the dog returned from the direction it had gone; this time, though, the fox was on the dog's trail and barking loudly.

—WCO ROD BURNS, KITTANNING

Mary had a Little ...

Last January the Food and Cover Corps crew from Armstrong County was on SGL 137 in Distant and found a lamb that had escaped from a live nativity scene in New Bethlehem. We notified the owners and they came and rescued their lost little lamb.

—GAME LANDS MAINTENANCE
SUPERVISOR CHARLIE FIELDS, EVANS CITY

Costly Mistake

WAYNE—Two successful investigations stemming from bear and deer poaching incidents in 2012 have recently been processed through the court system. As a result of the investigations using wildlife forensics data, license records and ballistics testing, fines and costs exceeding \$15,000 were assessed. In addition to the fines and costs, the six individuals involved face loss of hunting and trapping privileges for 23 years.

—WCO FRANK DOOLEY, TYLER HILL