



FIELD NOTES

Will Be Missed

ALLEGHENY—Paul Bodner, a canine-unit officer with the Monroeville Police Department and PGC HTE instructor, recently passed away. I was proud to participate in the funeral, and when we lined up outside the church before the service, approximately 30 police dogs and their handlers lined up at the entrance to the church. It took my breath away and, yes, I cried.

—WCO BETH A. FIFE, SOUTH PARK



Far and Wide

BUCKS—With many states now requiring an advanced bowhunting course, our classes fill up fast and hunters are willing to travel to take one. The farthest anyone had traveled to take a class here was from Pittsburgh, until recently, when a gentleman took a train from Groton, Massachusetts, to attend the Branch Valley bow-ed class, and then took the train back that same evening.

—WCO JOHN M. PAPSON,
TRUMBAURERSVILLE

Ouch!

FAYETTE/WESTMORELAND—Turkey trapping never fails to provide good Field Notes material. A recent trapping adventure had us set up along a roadway with a steep embankment between us and the rocket net. Upon shooting the net, we began bailing out of the vehicle and running to the trapped turkeys. I couldn't help but laugh when I saw the steep embankment get the best of WCO Matt Lucas. The sound of the impact will not easily be forgotten.

—WCO JASON D. FARABAUGH,
SCOTTSDALE

Crabapples—Get It?

ELK—Jerry Johnson from Duncannon told me that a small bear had been coming into his yard in the evening to eat apples. Jerry mentioned having two apple trees, a yellow delicious and a crabapple, but that the bear ate only the yellow delicious apples and never touched the crabapples. When he asked me if I knew why, I told him that maybe the bear was allergic to shellfish.

—WCO DOTY A. McDOWELL,
ST. MARYS

Good Find

At the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area, habitat work to benefit waterfowl certainly benefits other game and non-game species as well. I was duck banding with biologist Jack Gilbert when we confirmed that red-headed woodpeckers successfully nested here.

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