

Fawning Season is Here

Fawning season has officially arrived, which means Iowans will see lots of deer on the move. From now until late June, DNR field staff across the state will receive many phone calls and emails regarding "abandoned deer."

But in reality, most of the wildlife reported to DNR field staff are not really abandoned at all. And while the people who attempt to "rescue" these babies have the best of intentions, they are doing more harm than good.

Fawning season traditionally begins during the last week of May and peaks in the first couple of weeks in June before gradually tapering off.

Does are secretive about the birthing process and will venture out from normal use areas looking for a secluded spot to deliver this year's crop of fawns in peace. "These spots can be anything from an open hayfield to a field terrace to the flowerbed in your backyard," says Jim Coffey, forest wildlife research biologist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "This seclusion process is a driving force in protection for the lanky, wavering fawn. Fawns will be left alone while the doe returns only to nurse. This is normal deer behavior," he said.

"The doe searches out an isolated location where she feels safe and, on occasion, those places may leave us scratching our heads wondering what the doe was thinking. But she chose that location because it made sense to her," Coffey said. "The worst thing someone can do at this stage is to 'rescue' the fawn. The mother is likely nearby and watching you. Leave it be, or if you did handle the fawn, return it to where you found it and walk away."

The Iowa DNR will not be rehabilitating or comingling fawns with other deer to avoid the potential of spreading chronic wasting disease – or other disease - to new areas. This emphasizes the point of leaving 'abandoned' fawns be.

The spindly legged newborn fawn is designed with a few survival tools built in – its spots are cryptic camouflage that emulates the sunlight spots projected onto leaf litter of the forest floor and its lack of movement the first two weeks helps to reduce scent patterns. This combination is the fawn's best chance at survival until it

is capable of following the doe.

Fawning season also coincides with an increase in deer vehicle collisions.

"There is a lot of movement this time of year that relates to the social structure of deer. The doe is on the move looking for the safe isolated place to have the fawns. Additional movement comes from last year's fawns that are now isolated teenagers starting to venture out to find new space. These yearlings have to make their own decisions for the first time, encounter other adult deer and build new social structures," Coffey said. "This movement behavior can occur during all times of the day. Once it settles

out, the active movement time will return to dawn and dusk.

"The key to remember is that for the next month deer may not be acting like we think deer should act, stay alert while driving at any time of the day."

Drivers are reminded to drive defensively, avoid distractions, slow down, and provide safe distance between vehicles.

Don't veer for deer! If a driver does hit a deer, drivers can get a salvage tag for the meat by calling either the local conservation officer or local law enforcement agency. The salvage tag is free and is required to legally possess the meat. Salvaging requires that the entire deer be removed from the roadway.

News from the Taylor County Courthouse

RECORDER'S OFFICE

May 15

City of Conway to L & M Ranch, Conway, special quit claim deed.

In the matter of the Estate of Paul W. Jones, deceased, to Margery Jones, 11-67-34, court officer deed.

May 16

In the matter of the Estate of Edward L. Garner, III, to Garner Farms, Inc., 18-69-32, 4-70-32, court officer deed.

May 19

Judy McClintock a/k/a Judy L. McClintock to Jason Guernsey and Traci Guernsey, Bedford, warranty deed.

Melissa Douglas to Melissa Douglas, trustee of the Melissa Douglas Revocable Trust, Lenox, quit claim deed.

Brandon Sleep and Danielle Sleep to Jeffrey Scott Beason and Debbie Louise Beason, Bedford, 27-68-34, warranty deed.

May 20

Lenox Development Corporation to William Brown and Christine Brown, Lenox, warranty deed.

May 21

Alan K. Jones and Laura L. Jones to Alan K. Jones and Laura L. Jones, trustees of the Alan and Laura Jones Family Trust, Bedford, 1-67-34, 2-67-34, quit claim deed.

Robert C. Wetzel to Robert C. Wetzel, trustee of the Robert C. Wetzel Family Trust, 9-70-34, 4-70-34, quit claim deed.

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Taylor County Dispatch Logs

Wednesday, May 14
7:21 a.m. caller for deputy
12:52 p.m. page Lenox ambulance
3:33 p.m. car vs farm equipment accident reported
3:34 p.m. accident reported again
3:39 p.m. accident reported again
4:08 p.m. caller for deputy
5:22 p.m. controlled burn
6:00 p.m. caller about suspicious vehicle
7:29 p.m. controlled burn
8:17 p.m. caller asking about a drug screening
8:25 p.m. bail bondsmen asking for a picture of subject
8:27 p.m. caller will be repossessing a vehicle
8:36 p.m. caller asking about a possible threat
9:22 p.m. caller about subject coming to sheriff's office
Thursday, May 15
6:55 a.m. wrong number
12:01 p.m. page Bedford ambulance
4:06 p.m. caller for deputy
7:42 p.m. caller about welfare checks
8:50 p.m. caller wanting deputy to get a statement and fax over
9:21 p.m. report of speeding vehicle
9:50 p.m. report of alarm going off
10:09 p.m. report of alarm going off
Friday, May 16
6:50 a.m. Ringgold County for more information on case
7:19 a.m. smart watch 911 call for possible accident
7:51 a.m. page Lenox ambulance
9:38 a.m. caller about a vehicle parked in front of residence for 2 weeks
4:15 p.m. caller asking for reminder to go out over test page
4:43 p.m. caller looking for subject
4:55 p.m. page Blockton ambulance
4:59 p.m. caller about page
5:55 p.m. theft reported
6:13 p.m. caller asking about subject
7:58 p.m. deputy will be out serving a warrant
8:21 p.m. deputy with location
8:40 p.m. deputy with location
9:54 p.m. report of someone dumpster diving at Dollar General
Saturday, May 17
8:26 a.m. caller for welfare check
8:49 a.m. page Bedford ambulance
9:17 a.m. caller about main meter
9:20 a.m. deputy will be

following ambulance to hospital
12:20 p.m. page Bedford ambulance
12:24 p.m. Bedford ambulance about page
2:22 p.m. caller for deputy
3:34 p.m. controlled burn
4:09 p.m. caller asking to make a report of verbal abuse
4:42 p.m. page Bedford ambulance
5:09 p.m. caller for welfare check
5:25 p.m. caller asking if for a tow truck
7:35 p.m. Ringgold County bringing transit to county line
9:18 p.m. accidental dial
Sunday, May 18
10:15 a.m. no one on the line
10:17 a.m. caller stating accident dial
1:02 p.m. caller about a possible theft
1:23 p.m. deputy is at school
5:51 p.m. caller about children gone for three hours
6:06 p.m. deputy for information
6:24 p.m. caller to report harassment
7:05 p.m. caller for deputy
Monday, May 19
7:03 a.m. caller having trouble with email
12:16 p.m. caller about reckless driver
12:19 p.m. page Lenox fire
12:22 p.m. caller to cancel

Lenox fire
12:22 p.m. fire alarm company about false alarm
12:50 p.m. fire alarm
12:54 p.m. fire alarm company about false alarm
3:40 p.m. tree trimming truck stuck on level B road
7:42 p.m. caller for deputy
9:16 p.m. caller about possible suicidal subject
9:29 p.m. caller says he is ok
Tuesday, May 20
12:45 a.m. alarm call
12:51 a.m. caller about alarm and wants dispatch to proceed
3:00 a.m. caller reporting domestic
3:24 a.m. deputy confirming Adams County assistance
3:27 a.m. Adams County confirming
6:10 a.m. cattle out
7:32 a.m. caller reporting distracted driver
7:36 a.m. caller for deputy about getting things from building
2:14 p.m. page New Market ambulance
5:08 p.m. page Lenox ambulance
7:09 p.m. Lenox ambulance for times and run number
7:17 p.m. caller asking for nearest humane society
8:28 p.m. page Bedford ambulance
8:46 p.m. deputy is going to scene
9:12 p.m. caller about concerning clouds

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