

Go for the Big One getting out in the wilderness

Both deer and small game hunting have been a popular past time in Ashley forever. Many hunters consider it a sport just like football or basketball. And just like other sports, it takes some planning and preparation, especially for that first day. The two most important things are cleaning the gun and getting lots of shells.

Many hunters hunt with a dog. Larry Litwiller prefers hunting with a dog or two. "Hunting with dogs is a big advantage because they can smell where the rabbit has been and bring

them to the hunter. Without a dog, finding rabbits would be harder," commented Larry.

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Hunters often feel differently about whether they prefer hunting alone or with someone else. Mike

Wolfe enjoys hunting with someone else. He said, "I don't get bored!" However, Gary Putnam likes hunting alone because "... it's easier and quieter."

Hunting definitely is a part of Ashley. As Kevin Gavenda plainly put it: "Hunting is a challenge. First you have to find game, then you have to have the skill to hit it!"

Jo Anna Thompson

RUN, RABBIT, RUN! Josh Harnick proudly shows off the five rabbits he got while hunting. Small game hunting is one of the sports the younger boys enjoy.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE. Jason Keck gets a ten point buck the opening day of deer hunting. Jason said, "I felt excited because it was my first day!"

Why is taking boys hunting important?

"I like to show them things they may never see again. The kill can be part of hunting but is not the most important or even necessary thing."

Mr. Steve Larsen

GETTING READY FOR THE HUNT. David Polash cleans his gun for the next hunting season. Keeping a gun clean is a very important part of hunting and saves on the cost of having to repair the gun.



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