

## Public safety issues associated with our deer herd

### 1) auto-deer accidents

deer removed from county roads in 2007: n=311

multiply that by about 5, there may be 1500 deer/auto accidents per year in the county

from NY Senate deer control measure proposed in 2005: 10,000 reported accidents per year (again multiply by 5) costing approximately \$2000 per claim

In Wisconsin, 16% of all car accidents were deer related in 1993.

about 100 persons die per year in auto-deer accidents (Missouri Conservation dept., 1997)

about 150 persons die per year with 1.1 billion dollars in damages (State Farm, 2005)

### 2) zoonoses

Lyme Disease- is this in Tompkins County?

Other feces transmitted parasites

Chronic Wasting Disease - huge problem in Michigan

### 3) human-deer aggressive interactions

2005 USA Today (as well as ABC news)\_

Ron Dudek of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, died of complicationsn inflicted to his face by a deer in his backyard garden

Karen Moprris of Clearlake, CA was hospitalized 12 days after head injuries resulting from a buck outside her home (her husband was hurt while coming to his wife's aid)

Jeannine Bloom had "a hole ripped in her arm" while watering a vegetable garden.

The same buck had just knocked the man on his back.

Game wardens shot five bucks on the streets at Helena, MT, after the deer threatened staffers at a day care center and a teenager delivering newspapers

Don't forget that our dogs may be at risk for injury at the "hooves" of deer