South Penn Guilty of Dumping Toxic Waste

October 12 2013 – Early Tuesday morning local authorities caught employees from South Checo Manufactures dumping illegal chemicals into the South Forest. Authorities found a South Penn truck illegally parked along the highway at 4 am. Further investigation of the truck and its possible drives led to the discovery of an illegal dumping plan. The South Penn employees admitted to dumping chemicals from the battery manufacturing plant on multiple occasions. The EPA was immediately contacted and a full investigation of the chemical dumping will take place. It is unknown the extent of the damage to the South Forest or the wildlife found there. Penn South admitted to dumping approximately 5 different toxic chemicals in order to avoid the toxic waste removal fee. Although South is Penn under investigation, clean up will begin through the financial help of the EPA. Repayment of this financial agreement will fall on South Penn Manufactures once the investigation is complete.

Wolves Plan to Escape Zoo Together

October 11 2013 – Two wolves from the Animal Land Zoo escaped the zoo enclosures late on Saturday night. Animal manager, Tina Limb, told press that the wolves escaped after trainers made their rounds to distribute meals to the animals. The gate to the wolf enclosure was found open and is presumed to be the way the wolves were able to escape. Local farmer, Joe Tracker, notified police of two wolves on his property. Zoo employees rushed to the farm and efficiently recaptured the set of wolves. Due to the quick response from the Animal Land Zoo, the wolves were only loose for approximately 3 hours. So far there have been no reports of missing cattle or attacks on pets in the surrounding area.

Mushroom Season Strikes Again

October 10 2013 – The beginning of October marks mushroom season here in Green County. Many locals celebrate this time of year by enjoying long walks in South Forest, Valley Lake Park, and Green County Park. Mushrooms can be easily identified by the diversity of bright colors. For a complete guide to Green County mushrooms, visit the Botanical Gardens website at www.wbgga.us. The Botanical Gardens will also be offering guided tours in each of the three parks. Senior Mycologist, Sherri Wu, warns citizens to look but don’t touch or eat them. These mushrooms are a part of the beautiful diversity here in Green County. Furthermore, they are highly toxic to both humans and animals.