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Body identified, suspect charged in case

The body of a man whose remains were found near Silver in Coke County October 2 has been positively identified as that of Alan Jimenez of San Angelo. Jimenez, 47, was reported missing in January, 1993 by his landlord who reported all his belongings, including his car, had been left behind.

Identification was made through military and dental records with the Veterans' Administration which were provided to the Bexar County Medical Examiner's office in San Antonio. The autopsy report also revealed a shotgun wound to the right abdomen as the cause of death.

A Tom Green county jail inmate, Manuel Gutierrez, has said he was present when

Jimenez was shot by Henry Lee Lohse, 24, of San Angelo. The informant also alleges he helped Lohse bury the body on family property near Silver.

Lohse remains in Tom Green county jail on \$100,000 bond following his arrest October 1. He was subsequently indicted on murder charges in connection with the death.

Graveside services for Adam Carbajal Jimenez were held Friday, October 14, in Belvedere Memorial Park in San Angelo, directed by Johnson's Funeral Home.

He was born November 13, 1945 in San Angelo. He was a taxicab driver.

Survivors include two daughters, Dawn Jimenez of

Chino, California, and Amberstar Jimenez; and his father, Jose Jimenez of Ontario, California.

Grand Jury hands down indictments

The 51st District Court Grand Jury convened October 6, 1994 and handed down the following indictments:

Michael James Custer, Involuntary manslaughter, \$10,000 Bond; Ann Bullard, Failure to report an accident, \$2,000 Bond; Betty Fife, Failure to report an accident, \$2,000 Bond; Betty Fife, Failure to report an accident, \$2,000 Bond; Shirley Coppedge, Failure to report an accident, \$2,000 Bond; William Arthur Carper, Aggravated sexual assault, \$20,000 Bond; William Arthur Carper, Indecency with a child, \$15,000 Bond; Deborah Allen, Securing a government document by deception, \$5,000 Personal Recognizance Bond; James Ronald Allen, Securing a government document by deception, \$5,000 Personal Recognizance Bond; Jay Lynn Millican, Possession of a controlled substance, \$10,000 Bond.

Local Post offices set for Pony Express ride

"Legends of the West" will hit the Butterfield Overland Trail October 22 through November 7. This is when the Bronte and Robert Lee Post Offices and post offices in 17 other cities on the historic mail route will host special events in conjunction with the United States Postal Service's October 18 release of the Overland Mail stamp and 19 other stamps honoring the American Legends of the West. The Butterfield Overland Mail caravan is coming to Bronte on November 1 and to Robert Lee on November 2.

A special pictorial cancellation will be available in each city along the route. The ceremony in Bronte kicks off at 10:00 am, at the Gazebo. Ceremonies in Robert Lee will begin at 10:30 am on the lawn

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County Judge Royce Lee serves as Master of Ceremonies at the formal dedication of the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center south of Bronte. State Senator Bill Sims and State Rep. Rob Junell were among the overflow crowd of dignitaries and invited guests present for the dedication.

Due to deadline restraints, full details of the dedication ceremonies will be included in next week's edition.

Upcoming

WCEMS to meet

West Coke County EMS will meet Tuesday, October 25, at 5:15 pm at City Hall for their regular monthly meeting. Dr. Charles Benham, medical director, will be present to go over the revised protocol with all members of the EMS. Members are urged to attend.

Tuesday Dance

The Coke County Cavaliers will provide C/W music for the Tuesday Special Dance on October 25 at 7:30 pm. The dance is held the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. Tickets are available at the door.

Upchurch to give presentation

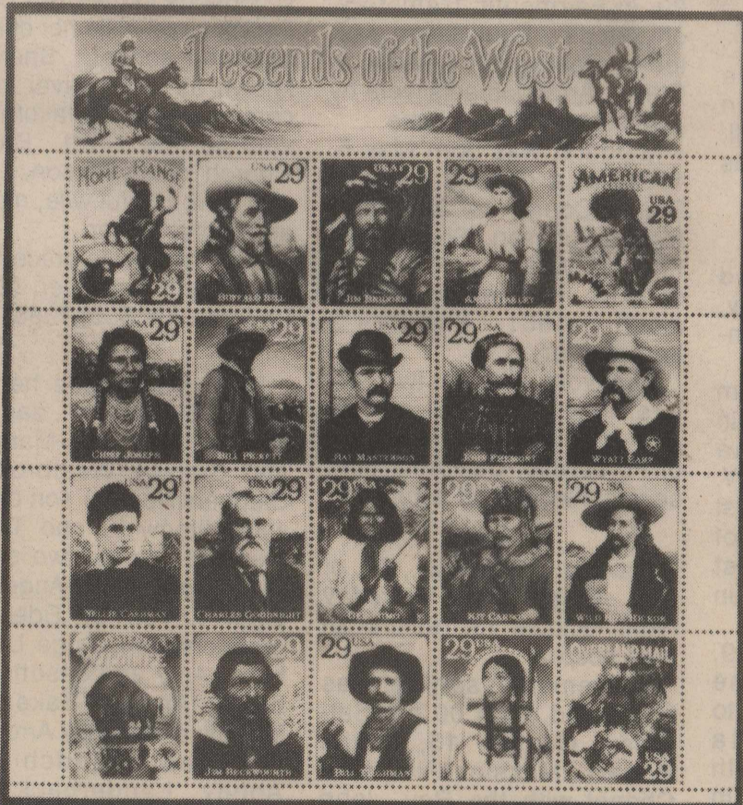
Bill and Diana Upchurch, missionaries of the United Methodist Church, will present a program with slides at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte on Wednesday, October 26.

A covered dish supper will begin at 6 pm with everyone bringing their favorite Mexican food dish.

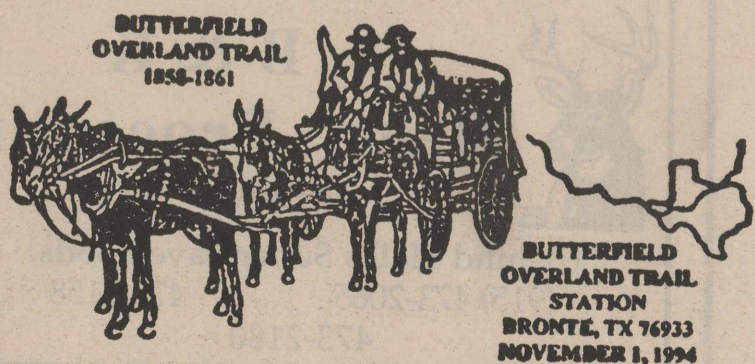
Mr. and Mrs. Upchurch will present their program after the meal. They will show slides of their mission work in Wembo-Nyoma, Zaire and will present updates on the condition and situation in Zaire. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy. A mission offering will be taken.

TX Sheep & Goat Board Election

Sheep and goat producers are reminded that the election for a director for the Sheep and Goat Commodity Board is being held. Ballots for the election can be picked up at the County Extension office in the courthouse. Ballots must be completed and mailed in the stamped envelope provided prior to October 28, 1994. We are in District 3 and the producers running are Allen Belk of Runnels County and Robin Glass of Kendall County or a write in candidate of your choice. These directors are very important as they determine how the check-off monies are spent. Please try to vote.



Legends of the West commemorative stamps will be available soon to Robert Lee and Bronte stamp collectors. Both branches of the U.S. Post Office will participate in a re-enactment of the Pony Express Butterfield-Overland Trail route.



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Obituaries

Braswell

George Arthur Braswell of Bronte died Thursday, October 13, 1994, in a San Angelo hospital.

Services were held on Friday, October 14, at 5:00 pm at Bronte Church of Christ. John Driggers, minister of the church, was the officiant. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte with Shaffer Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Braswell was born December 9, 1911 in Boswell, Oklahoma and had lived in Bronte for 62 years. He was a stock farmer and a member of the Church of Christ.

He was married to Oleta Mozelle Vosburg November 15, 1934 by the Rev. D. M. West in Bronte.

Mr. Braswell was preceded in death by his parents Ffed Braswell and Martha Phy Turner. Also, four brothers, Bill Braswell, Tom Braswell, Roy Braswell, and H. A. Turner.

Survivors include his wife, Oleta; two sons, Dennie Ray Braswell and wife, Sharon of Bronte; and Eddie Roy and wife, Carolyn of College Station; seven grandchildren Blane Braswell and wife, Kim of Vernon; Blake Braswell and wife, Valerie of Midland; Van Braswell and wife, Stacey of McCamey; Sterling Braswell of Houston and Gentry Braswell of Austin; Ginger and husband, Matt Williams of Bakersfield, California; Shay and husband, Wayne Coalson, of Bronte; two sisters, Pearl Bradshaw of Dublin and Louise Beaty of Farmington, New Mexico; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Wayne Coalson, Blane Braswell, Blake Braswell, Van Braswell, Sterling Braswell, and Gentry Braswell served as pallbearers.

Phillips

Charlie Phillips, 78, died suddenly at 1:23 pm Monday, October 17, 1994, in Shannon Medical Center.

Service was held at 3:30 pm Wednesday, October 19, in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. R. W. Blackmon of the Silver Baptist Church and Paul Shero of Southgate Church of Christ officiating. Burial followed in Fairmount Cemetery.

Charlie was born June 29, 1916, in Coke County, the youngest of nine children to Thomas and Mary Etta Phillips. He married Ruth Adair on May 17, 1941, in

Bronte. He retired in June 1981 after 32 years with Pool Company, but he was a cowboy and ranch hand for many years before and remained a "cowboy at heart" all his life.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; son and daughter-in-law, Mickey and Judy Phillips of San Angelo; son, Larry Phillips of Midland; daughter and son-in-law, Tommie and Bill Weatherby; grandchildren, Bobby and Karen Lovelace, Lisa and Clint Barrett, Sherry Weatherby, Mark and Michelle Phillips, D'Anna Phillips and Matt Phillips; sisters, Johnnie Beaver and Eula Maude McCutchen of Bronte; several nieces and nephews; and many special friends.

He was preceded in death by five sisters, and one brother.

Charlie leaves behind many friends and co-workers who will remember his fun times and words of advice. He was always a caring and considerate pillar of strength to all who knew him.

Nephews were pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Ken Rose, Lee Eubanks, Jack Brownfield, and Dr. Tom Jeter.

The family request memorials be sent to West Texas Boys Ranch.

Webb

Margaret Dorn Webb, 100, of Robert Lee and formerly of Bronte died Tuesday, October 18, 1994, in a Robert Lee nursing center.

Graveside service was held at 3 pm Thursday, October 20, in Fairmount Cemetery, officiated by Paul Shero, pastor of Southgate Church of Christ. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Margaret was born May 5, 1894, in a half-log cabin in Brisco County to John and Martha Bureson. She married Frank L. Webb in September of 1916. He preceded her in death in 1961. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sisters, lone B. Coghill of San Angelo and Juanita I. Corley of Forestville, California; and several nieces and nephews.

Allen

Hawley C. Allen, Jr., 74, of San Angelo died Thursday night, October 13, 1994, in an area hospital.

A memorial service was conducted at 11:00 am Saturday, October 15, in the Robert Massie Riverside Chapel with the Rev. John Loving, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Hawley was born February 2, 1920, in San Angelo to

Hawley and Ameila Allen, Sr. He was married to Frances Willoughby on June 3, 1960, in San Angelo. Hawley was interior designer and funeral director. He was a former vestryman of Emmanuel Episcopal Church and a volunteer at Shannon Medical Center.

Hawley was also a member of the American Society of the American Society of Interior Designers and an Air Force veteran of World War II. He lived in San Angelo for 70 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances, on December 11, 1991.

Survivors include a daughter, Melissa Lewis and husband, Buddy, of Dallas; a nephew, Bill Allen of Robert Lee; and two cousins, Malvana White and Blanche Watson, both of San Angelo; and one grandchild, Amelia Catherine Lewis of Dallas.

The family requests that memorials go the honor's favorite charity.

Arrott

Flora K. Arrott, 75, of Orient died Sunday, October 16, 1994, at her residence.

Services were at 11:30 am Tuesday in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Bryan Ross officiating. Burial followed in Miles Cemetery.

Mrs. Arrott was born August 26, 1919, in Runnels County to Stephen and Viola Holland. She married J. E. "Buck" Arrott on July 16, 1938, in San Angelo. Mrs. Arrott was a homemaker and drove a school bus in the Tom Green County area while her children attended school. She was known as a caregiver in her community and a faithful servant to the First Baptist Church of Tennyson. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother.

Mrs. Arrott was preceded in death by a daughter, Nancy LaVerne Arrott, in 1956.

Survivors include her husband, Buck; one daughter and her husband, Mary Ann and Stanley Westbrook of Stephenville; one son and his wife, Jimmy E. and Debbie Arrott of Ozona; two sisters, Mary Story of San Angelo and Opal Keyes of Eden; six grandchildren, Ange Lauderback, Amy and Jason Westbrook, Andrea Baker, and Tammy and Nancy Arrott; and two great-grandchildren, Abbey Lauderback and Holton Westbrook.

The family requests memorials be made to the West Texas Boys Ranch or the donor's favorite charity.

...Legends

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of the Courthouse.

Additional events have been planned in both cities. A Historical Marker provided by the Moody Foundation will be dedicated commemorating the Butterfield Overland Mail. It will be placed at an appropriate place between Robert Lee and Bronte on Highway 158. A pony express will run from Bronte to Robert Lee on November 1 then from Robert Lee to Bronte on November 2 beginning at 11:00 am each day. The youth group of the First Baptist Church in Bronte will sponsor the Bronte to Robert Lee trip, and the Robert Lee Stamp Club will sponsor the return trip. Bronte will present a scene written by local author and historian Joe Peacock. Cashed envelopes will be available before and after the ceremonies.

Customers unable to attend the ceremonies may obtain the Butterfield Overland Trail pictorial postmark by mail. They may purchase the new stamps at their local post office, affix the stamps to envelopes (to themselves or others), insert a card of postcard thickness, tuck in the flap, and place the envelopes in a larger envelope addressed to:

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Requests for special cancellations must be made by December 1 for Bronte and by December 2 for Robert Lee.

Farm Bureau Annual County Convention

The Annual Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau County Convention was held in the Robert Lee Recreation Center on Saturday, October 15, 1994. A barbecue supper was prepared by the Board of Directors and Office Staff and served to about 120 members. The business section of the meeting followed with the minutes of the last meeting and a membership report being read by all. An insurance report was given by the Agency Manager, Tommy Sisemore. Jeff Eubanks reported for the Nominating Committee that we have 3 members going off the board and 2 new members coming on the board. The new members are Everett Wilson and Fred C. Homeyer. A very informative speech was given by Jason Key of Robert Lee who attended the Citizenship Seminar at Angelo State University in June. This year's guest speaker was our State Representative, Rob Junell, but unfortunately he was coming from a trip to Roswell, New Mexico and arrived too late for the meeting. Our State Senator, Bill Sims, was scheduled to speak also but had cancelled earlier in the week due to a scheduling conflict. Door prizes were the last on the agenda with several winners taking home some very nice prizes.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to address the editorial that the Robert Lee fans "deliberately" disobeyed a one way street sign at Bronte.

There were not only spectators from Bronte and Robert Lee, but also surrounding cities. Did they also "deliberately" disobey the one way street sign?

I am a parent and would not "deliberately" disregard the safety of our children or yours.

I would like to thank F. Moore for informing me of the one way street sign and I ask, Have you ever "deliberately" turned on a one way the wrong way with complete disregard of the safety of those traveling? I think not.....

S. Torres

Local Rainfall

Rainfall measurements in Bronte on Tuesday morning varied from 8/10 inch to 1 inch, and last weekend the variation ranged from 4/10 to 1/2 inch. Some very small hail was reported early Tuesday morning. Winnie Pitcock of Sanco reported that 1 and 4/10 of an inch fell in her area.

COKE COUNTY SWCD FINANCIAL REPORT
 FISCAL YEAR - 1994

	STATE FUND	TRUST FUND
BALANCE SEPT. 1, 1993	\$1,807	\$6,439
REVENUE		
State Grants & Reimbursements	5,471	
Contributions		1,130
Other		4,725
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,471	\$5,855
EXPENDITURES		
Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$5,358	
General Administration	1,209	4,563
Promotion & Education	50	667
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$6,617	\$5,230
BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1994	\$ 661	\$7,064

Submitted by SWCD Board of Directors in compliance with Section 1, Chapter 410, Act of the 55th Texas Legislature, as amended.



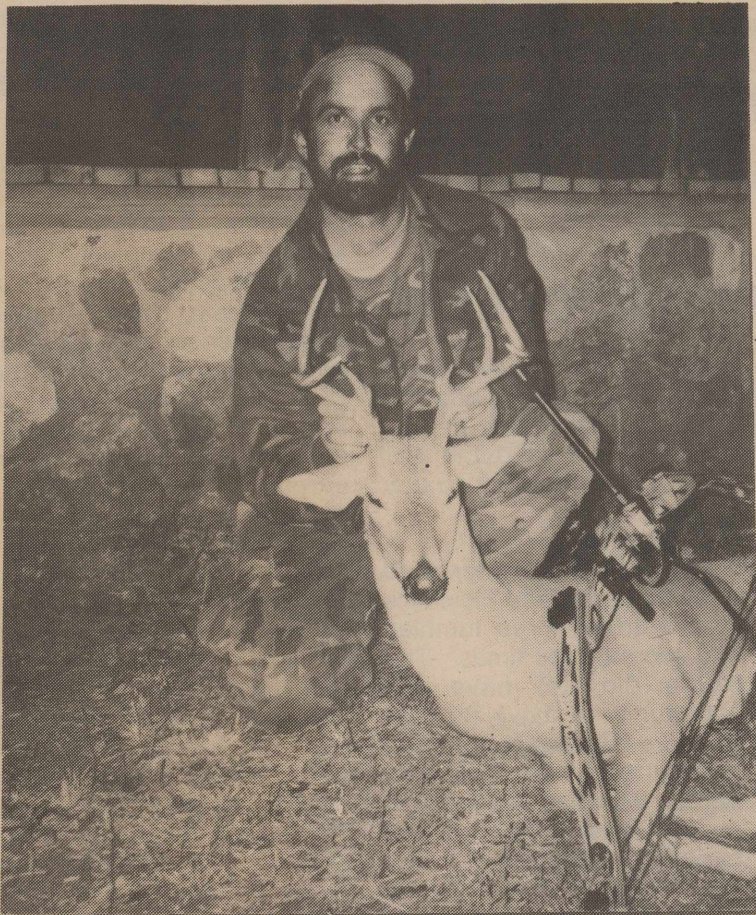
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
 Once upon a time there were two best friends, one was an Administrator, the other became her assistant after a lot of hard work and long hours. As time passed by, the assistant was witnessing some things that just weren't right that the Administrator was doing. On several occasions the Assistant questioned the Administrator, and the assistant immediately was told that if she didn't like it she could leave. Well, it hit hard and it took awhile, but the assistant finally realized that she could no longer go to the Administrator, so she and the Director of Nurses went to the President of the Board and voiced their concerns, some of which were pretty serious accusations. The President of the Board said a few things which told them that he definitely understood their concerns and would get on it right away. Three days later the Administrator calls the assistant and tells her she knows everything about her going to the President of the Board and for that little stunt she was demoted to Housekeeping Supervisor with a \$3.00 cut in pay, and if she didn't like it she could leave. Well, immediately the Administrator tells the rest of the Board members and staff that she had a nice long talk with the assistant and that due to "Budget Restraints" she had to demote the assistant, and give her a \$3.00 cut in pay and that she didn't like it so she left. WRONG!!!! It's awfully strange that one week before this happened, the Administrator printed an article in the local paper about what a good job the assistant was doing. Why would the Administrator do this if she had intentions on demoting the Assistant??? The now ex-assistant told the rest of the Board members what she went to the President of the Board about and this was all new to them, but they said that they were going to start getting more involved and take over the books. Well, to my knowledge this never happened. The ex-assistant had one board member tell her that if she would have gone to all the board members at the same time, that none of this would have happened to her. Now what is this saying????

The ex-assistant is still very concerned about what is going on and the stability of the Nursing Home. If the Nursing Home is supposed to be watching how much money they spend, then why is the Administrator handing out a \$2.00 an hour raise to an employee just so they won't walk out the door? Why pay the computer person \$10.00 or



Archery season paid off for Mickey Estep of Odessa. He downed this nice 8 point buck October 8 on the Derrick Ranch at Sanco.

\$9.00 an hour when someone will and can do it for \$7.00 an hour? Why even hire a person to run the computer when you have someone on staff that can do the job?

I know for a fact that a lot of employees would like to speak up, but they are afraid to say anything.

The rest of what I have to say is to the taxpayers of East Coke County Hospital District.

The regular Board meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 pm in the Activity/Conference Room. It would be nice for the Board to put it in the local newspaper when the Board meetings are; so everyone will know for sure when to attend.

These are your tax dollars that are being spent. You have every right to attend these meetings and listen to what is going on. If you want to speak, ask to be put on the agenda. The Nursing Home has more employees that at-

tend the staff meetings than the Board Meeting have people attend. I know there are a lot of people out there that are concerned about their tax dollars. I just can't figure out why they don't attend these board meetings. Numbers count!!! The more people that the Board sees attend these board meetings, the more they will realize your concerns. When you don't show up they think you don't care. The next regular board meeting should be Nov. 8 at 5:30 pm unless they change it. Please don't make excuses as to why you can't be there, instead make it a priority that you attend. If you care about your tax dollars..... be there. It's in your hands.

Candace Phillips

Personal

Helen Kirkland of Bronte returned home on Saturday after visiting a week in Tulia with her daughter, Gwen Brice and daughter.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Roscoe Plowboys overpower Longhorns

by Stover Taylor

The Longhorns went north Friday night to tangle with the Roscoe Plowboys. The weather was cold, wet and rainy, which spelled disaster for the smaller Longhorns. The Plowboys took the opening kickoff and held the ball for seven minutes before scoring on their first possession of the game. The Horns bottled up the Plowboys, keeping them out of the endzone for the remainder of the first half. The halftime score was Roscoe 8, Bronte 0. The second half the Horns fumbled 5 times, losing the ball 3 times giving the Plowboys 21 points.

The small Longhorns struggled with the larger, stronger Plowboy offense, unable to stop the quarterback option and the sweep plays. The Longhorns ran 41 plays on offense while the Plowboys ran 67 plays. The Longhorns could only generate 117 yards total offense. Brent Taylor had 33 yards on 8 carries; Keith Treadaway had 22 yards on 3 carries; Russel Vaughn had 18 yards on 11 carries; and Kale Beck had 6 yards on 6 carries. The Horns were 3-9 for 30 yards passing, had 2 penalties for 10 yards, and punted 5 times for 35.5 yards average. The Longhorn

offense and defensive teams played well, but the strength and power of the big Plowboy linemen took its toll on the Longhorns. The Horns had six first downs while the Plowboys had 24 first downs.

1st Quarter

The Plowboys controlled the ball for seven minutes on their first possession. The Horns finally got the ball, but were unable to get a first down and had to punt. The Plowboys were not able to get a first down and punted as the quarter ended.

2nd Quarter

The Horns picked up two first downs, then the drive

stalled. The Plowboys picked up three first downs and had to punt. The second quarter both teams traded the ball several times and the quarter ended.

3rd Quarter

The Longhorns fumbled three times and the Plowboys recovered all three fumbles and scored three times. The Horns did not have the opportunity to move the ball or score because they turned the ball over each time they got it. The defense was on the field most of the night and began to wear down.

4th Quarter

The Horns began to move the ball on short gains but could not sustain a long drive. The Plowboys scored again on a sweep play and the score was 33 to 0. The Horns could not get into the endzone and it was a long, cold, wet night. The Plowboys' speed and size could not be contained and the Horns went home with their second loss of the season. It was a good try by defensive and offensive teams.

The Garden City Bearkats come to Bronte Friday night.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As a parent of a band student, I would like to commend our director, George Tomes on the decision he made at last Friday's football game. I believe he took into consideration the effects the rain would have on the instruments as well as the students. Under normal conditions the band members wear shorts and T-shirts under their uniforms. This is all most of them came wearing. They were not ready for cold and rain with coats, ponchos, blankets, and umbrellas as were the fans who were so quick to criticize. For those of you who are unaware, our band program is top-notch. These kids work very hard for very little support and praise. They will be participating in UIL contests on October 22. Your support could be a deciding factor in the quality of their performance. I tell my kids this, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything".

Sincerely,
Karla Clark

LOOK WHO'S NEW!

Jasmine C. Penner

John and Michelle Penner of San Angelo are proud to announce the birth of a new daughter, Jasmine Christine. Manny welcomes his new sister. Jasmine was born October 7, 1994. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 1/2 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her proud grandparents are Manuel and Paz Sanchez of Bronte and the late Mr. and Mrs. Earl Penner.

The best security blanket a child can have is parents who respect each other.

Counselor's Comments

by Vicky McCutchen

On September 26 & 27, a parent from Coke County and myself were trained in a program entitled Parent to Parent. Our training entitles us to utilize the program and serve as facilitators. This is a video-based training designed for parents and is based on the conviction that drugs, alcohol, and the drug culture's destruction of children can be stopped by informed, committed parents... and by them alone. The video tapes are excellent. The speaker, Bill Oliver, brings each tape to life through his own experiences. In 1978 Bill and his family were about as far away from the issue of kids and drugs as they could get... or so he thought. Like so many families, he was stunned by the realization that one of the children was involved with drugs, the drug culture, and all that went along with it. He could not believe what had happened in his home.... to his own child. Nothing had prepared him for this.

In the summer of 1978, an event took place which would alter the entire course of his life. His oldest daughter ran away for almost six months. When she returned home, Bill and his family began the long

journey back from the insanity of chemical dependency and enrolled in a drug treatment program. It was here that Bill's real education began.

In 1982, Bill Oliver became the Executive Director of one of the largest Adolescent treatment programs in the world. Bill became a featured speaker at conferences throughout America. In 1987, Bill joined with PRIDE and developed Parent to Parent.

I write about this because not any of our families are entirely immune to what happened to Bill's family. We can increase our immunity by being aware and informed. This service will be offered in Coke County and more information is available by calling me.

Boatright celebrates 89th birthday

Mrs. Virginia Boatright of Bronte was honored by members of her "88" club on her 89th birthday in the home of Mrs. Dora Galloway on Thursday, October 13th.

Games of "88" were played from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The honoree's daughter, Mrs. J. B. (Martha) Arrott brought supper for the group.

Present were Zada Denman, Juanita Parker, Johnnie Beaver, Geneva Minnick, Eula Maude McCutchen, Thresa Butner, Juanita Bradley, Pearl Mae Andrews, the hostess Dora Galloway, the honoree, Mrs. Boatright and daughter, Martha Arrott.

Bronte School News

There will be a Concho Valley College Night on Tuesday, November 1 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Physical Education Building at Angelo State University. Representatives from over 50 colleges, technical schools and the Armed Forces will attend and talk to high school students regarding their future plans. Juniors and Seniors (and sophomores) should take this excellent opportunity to obtain information and ask questions of these representatives. All students in grades 10, 11, and 12 from Bronte will be provided a list of the colleges, technical schools, and Armed Forces that will be attending.

LOOK WHO'S NEW!

Erika Renee Puentez

Pete and Becky Puentez of Bronte are pleased to announce the arrival of a new daughter, Erika Renee. She weighed 7 lb. 12 oz and was 18 inches long. Proud grandparents are Pete Puentez, Sr., of Bronte and Rosa and Wayne Worley of San Angelo. Great-grandparents are Manuel and Paz Sanchez of Bronte.



Bronte Breakfast Menu

Monday, Oct. 24
Cereal, Pineapple Tidbits, Toast, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 25
Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Grape Juice, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 26
Scrambled Eggs, Orange Juice, Biscuit, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 27
Breakfast Pizza, Apple Juice, Milk

Friday, Oct. 28
Sausage, Diced Pears, Pancakes, Milk

Bronte Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 24
Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Ranch Style Beans, Diced Peaches, Rolls, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 25
Burrito, Chili & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Scalloped Potatoes, Milk, Mixed Fruit

Wednesday, Oct. 26
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Noodle Soup, Carrot Sticks, Orange, Bread, Crackers, Milk, Peanut Butter Cookies

Thursday, Oct. 27
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Diced Peaches, Bread Sticks, Milk, Pink Panther Cake

Friday, Oct. 28
Bar-B-Que Sandwich, Pinto Beans, Coke Slaw, Bun, Chips, Milk, Ice Cream Cups

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THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE

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HEALTH NOTES

Boozing Bikers

Bicycling is healthy exercise. Most of the time. However, bicycling accidents send more than one-half million people to emergency rooms each year, and not all of them are children. Researchers Sue Baker and Guohua Li, at the Injury Prevention Center of Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, investigated the possibility that alcohol use may be involved in biking fatalities.

Of the more than seventeen hundred people over the age of fifteen killed on bicycles during a four year period, one-third tested positive for alcohol and nearly one-quarter were legally drunk. Baker says males were three times more likely than females to have been drinking and cycling, and most startling was that even among victims between fifteen and nineteen, who cannot drink legally, fourteen percent tested positive for alcohol in their blood. She says typically an intoxicated bicyclist will ride at night, putting motorists at risk of being involved in

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steers take big 46-0 win over "Kats"

by Bill Burns

The Steers rolled into Garden City last Friday night and skinned a Bearkat. The Bearkats are a weaker team than usual and since the Steers are so strong, the Steers pretty much did what they wanted to do during the game.

1st Quarter

The Bearkats received the opening kick and ran a couple of plays before the Steers forced a fumble which Bart Goodman recovered for the Steers at the Bearkat 21 yard line. The Steers went to work and Adam Morgan scored on a 1 yard run. Jonathan Torres kicked the extra point for the Steers.

Garden City received the kick but could not get a first down and punted to the Steers. The Steer offense went to work, made four first downs and Morgan scored from eight yards out.

Garden City ran three plays and again had to punt as the quarter came to an end. Robert Lee 14 - Garden City 0

2nd Quarter

With 11:09 remaining in the second quarter Adam Morgan scored his third TD of the night and Torres had his third extra point.

Charles Hayes intercepted a Garden City pass and the Steers were on the move once again. This time it was Lee McCown with a TD run

which covered 19 yards.

The Steers lost a fumble on each of their next two possessions but the half ended and Garden City still did not have a first down.

Steers 24 - Garden City 0

3rd Quarter

The Steers received the kick and drove the ball deep into Bearkat territory with three first downs, but the ball came loose and Garden City recovered.

Bart Goodman took the ball right out of a Bearkat's paws and ran 25 yards for a Steer TD.

The Bearkats made their first and only first down of the night. They then had to punt and Charles Hayes blocked it for the Steers. The Steers went right to work and McCown ran for a 13 yard TD.

Steers 39 - Garden City 0

4th Quarter

The Steers held Garden City to only 6 yards total in this quarter while Coby Howell, Eric Torres, Gilbert Torres, Jason Wyatt, and Harley Waggoner racked up 57 yards.

Coby Howell ran for a 1 yard

Dogies win battle of undefeated teams

by Chad Helwig

The Dogies did it again! They beat the Garden City Bearcubs 22-0. Will Simpson scored the first touchdown by out-running the Cubs secondary. Chad Helwig scored the two point conversion for the Dogies. The Dogies scored on their next possession with a pass from Helwig to Andrew McCabe. Simpson scored around the right end for two points. The third and final score again came on a pass from Helwig to McCabe. They failed on their final two point conversion attempt.

The Dogies have held their opponents to an average of two points per game, while scoring an average of 24 per game. The Dogies will try to remain unbeaten as they travel to Water Valley this week.

Good Luck, Dogies!

TD and the Steers had Number 6.

Steers 46 - Bearkats 0
Great Job Steers!!!

RL Fall Festival

The Student Council of Robert Lee High School will sponsor a Fall Festival this year to be held October 29, 1994. It will begin at 5:30 pm in the old gym and last until approximately 8:30 pm. The following booths will be sponsored by these classes: 12th grade, Ring Toss; 11th grade, Cake Walk; 10th grade, Basketball Throw; 9th grade, Jail; 8th grade, Fishing Booth; 7th grade, T-P-Toss; 6th grade, Needle-N-Haystack, Candyland; 5th grade, Concession; 4th grade, Putt-Putt Golf, Spin-A-Prize; 3rd grade, Marble Mania; 2nd grade, Dice Roll; 1st grade, Penny Pitch; Kindergarten, Pie Walk.

Everyone is invited to come join the fun!

RL School News

The following events are scheduled for the week of October 24-October 29 at Robert Lee ISD.

Tuesday, October 25 - District Cross Country Track Meet, Water Valley, 10:00 am

Wednesday, October 26 - Senior Picture Retakes, Robert Lee HS Gym

Thursday, October 27 - Roscoe JH vs. Robert Lee JH, 6:00 pm, Robert Lee; Roscoe JV vs. Robert Lee JV, 7:30 pm, Robert Lee

Friday, October 28 - Robert Lee Steers vs. Roscoe Plowboys, 7:30 pm, Roscoe

Saturday, October 29 - Area FFA Leadership Contest, Big Spring; Robert Lee Fall Festival, 5:30-8:30 pm, Old High School Gym

4-H Pumpkin Contest

The 4-H is sponsoring a pumpkin carving contest on Friday, October 28th. 4-H members should bring their carved or painted pumpkin to the office by 4:00 pm.

Red Canyon Gun Club

On October 2, 1994, the Red Canyon Gun Club hosted a Pistol silhouette match. The High Overall winner was Richard Johnson of Robert Lee. Second place went to James Tennison of Robert Lee and third place winner was Howard Droll of San Angelo.

Class Winners

AAA

1st - Howard Droll, San Angelo; 2nd - Jim Brisbin, Sonora.

AA

1st - James Tennison, Robert Lee; 2nd - Ken Green, Robert Lee.

A

1st - Doug Randel, Big Spring; 2nd - Cecil Hogg, Junction; 3rd - Al Leggett, Odessa.

B

1st - Linda Randel, Big Spring.

Richard Johnson earned a 10 in a row pig pin. Howard Droll also earned a 10 in row pig pin. Al Leggett earned a 5 in a row pig pin and a five in a row ram. James Tennison earned a five in row pig pin, five in a row chicken pin, and a five in a row Ram pin.

Sunday, October 16, the Red Canyon Gun Club featured a Combo Rifle and Pistol smallbore silhouette match. The high overall, total

score of both matches winner was Richard Johnson of Robert Lee with a score of 63. Other winners were: 2nd place - James Tennison, of Robert Lee, 59; 3rd place - Doug Randel, of Big Spring, 54; 4th place - Cecil Hogg, of Junction, 51; 5th place - Al Leggett, of Odessa, 47.

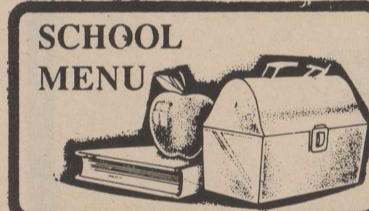
In the smallbore pistol match winners were: 1st - Richard Johnson, 28; 2nd - James Tennison, 26; 3rd - Ken Green, 21; 4th - Doug Randel, 18; 5th - Cecil Hogg, 18.

The smallbore rifle match ended with the following placings: 1st - Doug Randel, 36; 2nd - Richard Johnson, 35; 3rd (3-way tie) James Tennison, Cecil Hogg, Al Leggett, each with 33.

The next shoot will be our big all day Turkey Shoot on Saturday, October 29th at the Red Canyon Range. Course of fire 3 Rifle silhouettes at 40 yards off hand. Six to eight people in a relay. High score in a relay wins a 12 lb. turkey. There will be an entry fee per relay. Limit of three turkeys for winners.

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SCHOOL MENU

RL Breakfast Menu

Monday, Oct. 24
Breakfast Bagel, Orange Juice, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 25
French Toast, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 26
Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 27
Donut, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk

Friday, Oct. 28
Blueberry Muffin, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk

RL Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 24
Chicken Nuggets w/Barbecue Sauce, Green Bean Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Rolls, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 25
Vegetable Beef Stew, Crackers, Tossed Salad, Cowboy Cookies, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 26
Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Cole Slaw, Ice Cream Cup, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 27
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Buttered Corn, Reese Peanut Butter Bars, Milk

Friday, Oct. 28
Barbecue Beef on a Bun, Tator Tots, Pickles, Apple Crisp, Milk

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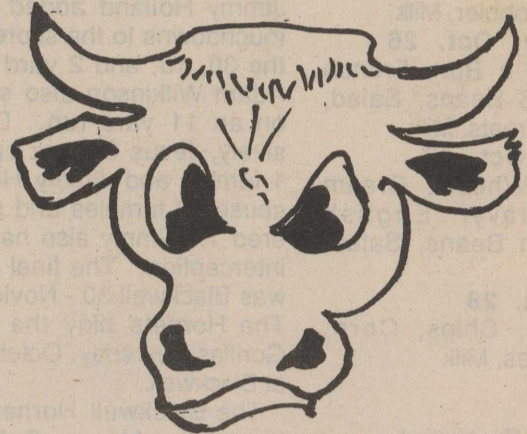
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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Sept. 2	Miles	There	8:00	42 0
Sept. 9 **	Santa Anna	Here	8:00	41 0
Sept. 16	Open			
Sept. 23	Roby	Here	8:00	19 7
Sept. 30	Cross Plains	There	8:00	28 6
Oct. 7*	Bronte	There	7:30	20 0
Oct. 14*	Garden City	There	7:30	46 0
Oct. 21*	Water Valley	Here	7:30	
Oct. 28*	Roscoe	There	7:30	
Nov. 4*	Sterling City	Here	7:30	

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Bart Goodman
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Anthony Vink
Tracy Taylor
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Jimmy Hubmann
Jimmy Vincent
Gilbert Torres
Matthew millican
Chris Torres

Rob Smith
Eric Torres
T.J. Roe
Jose Anellano
Tucker Green
Jason Wyatt
Polo Anellano
Kik Bell

Coach Bobby Bolding
Adam Morgan
Harley Wagner
Jeremy Burns
Kathy Howell
David Sevier
Fred P. Leach
Hansy Oleksiuk

Coach Sid McLown
David Millican
David Chyzer
Aaron Hood
Joe Bonzales
Denny Edgier
Jerrold Copeland
Daryl Collier
Jason Tavaroz

-- Blackwell News --

Blackwell Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 24
 Chicken Strips, Cream Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Mixed Fruit, Hot Rolls, Milk
Tuesday, Oct. 25
 Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Spinach, Okra, Cornbread, Cole Slaw, Cobbler, Milk
Wednesday, Oct. 26
 Pork Rib on a Bun, French Fries, Pork & Beans, Salad, Rice Krispy Treats, Milk
Thursday, Oct. 27
 Turkey Pin Wheels, Cream Potatoes/Gravy, English Peas, Green Beans, Salad, Jello, Milk
Friday, Oct. 28
 Sandwiches, Chips, Corn, Salad, Cookies, Milk

CC Retired Teachers Assoc.

Two new members were welcomed when the Coke County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, October 17. The noon luncheon meeting was held at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte.

New members are Garland and Rose Marie Davis of Robert Lee.

Paul Gothard, president of the unit called for and heard reports from these committee chairman: Luther Guffy, Legislative; Nina Brewer, Community Services; and Mary Lawhon, Health Care.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 21. The site will be the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Following the business meeting, members heard District XV President Mildred Weatherman of Rochelle; Texas present a program of pertinent information concerning proposed stated legislation which will affect the education system of Texas.

Attending in the Monday meeting were: Celia Bowden, Jack Brewer, Nina Brewer, Mary Frances Glenn, Kay Gothard, Paul Gothard, Luther Guffy, Marie Guffy, J. T. Henry, Sybil Henry, Mary Lawhon, Kenneth Rasco, Nancy Rasco, Fay Roe, and Gerald Sandusky, the new members, Garland Davis, Rose Marie Davis, and four guests, the Rev. Elmer Beck, Scott Turner, Terry Myers and Mildred Weatherman.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Samantha R. Arellano
 Robert and Christina of Robert Lee are pleased to announce the arrival of their second daughter. Samantha Renee Arellano was born October 13 at 4:35 pm at Shannon Medical Center's Women's and Children's Hospital in San Angelo. She weighed 5 pounds 11 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

Samantha Renee has a two-year-old sister, Chelsea.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tomas Arellano of Robert Lee, Mrs. Betty Stewart of Nixon, and Mrs. Petra Giron of Tampa, Florida. Mrs. Arcdia Moreno of Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. Don Yeagar of Canyon Lake are her great-grandparents.

Blackwell Sports Beat

by Karen Taylor

Blackwell Jr. High played Novice Tuesday, October 11 in their first district game. Jesus Chavez began the game by scoring a 57 yard touchdown on the opening kick. Jimmy Holland added three touchdowns to the score from the 30, 15, and 2 yard lines. Adam Wilkinson also scored on an 11 yard run. Defensively, Jesus Chavez caused 1 fumble and Jimmy Holland caused 2 fumbles and recovered 1. Jimmy also had one interception. The final score was Blackwell 30 - Novice 12. The Hornets play the Trent Gorillas Thursday, October 20 at Blackwell.

The Blackwell Hornets defeated the Moran Bulldogs Friday, October 7th, 43 - 40. It was an exciting offensive battle. Nathan Hayes rushed for 288 yards and scored four touchdowns. Joe Blackburn rushed for 26 yards and scored one touchdown. Joe also had 14 receiving yards. Cody Wilkinson also provided 13 yards rushing and 6 receiving yards. Jay Lenoir was 7 for 9 and threw for 117 yards. Mauricio Chavez also scored a touchdown to help the Blackwell offense.

Defensively, Nathan Hayes led the pack with 6 tackles, 4 assists and caused 1 fumble. Other defensive leaders were Joe Blackburn, 6 tackles and 1 assist; Jay Lenoir, 4 tackles, 3 assists, and 1 interception; and Cody Wilkinson, 3 tackles, and 3 assists. Shawn Roberson recovered one fumble. The Hornets begin district play at home at 7:30 on Friday 14, against Novice.

Blackwell Community News

by Trinity Tankersley

The Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department held a meeting on Tuesday, October 11, and elected the following people to serve as officers for the 1994-95 year: Buddy Dice - President; Herman Seals - Secretary; Will Lenoir, Fire Chief; Janet Roland - rescue captain; Barry Meffert - Assistant Fire Chief; and Ronnie Harris - Fire Marshal.

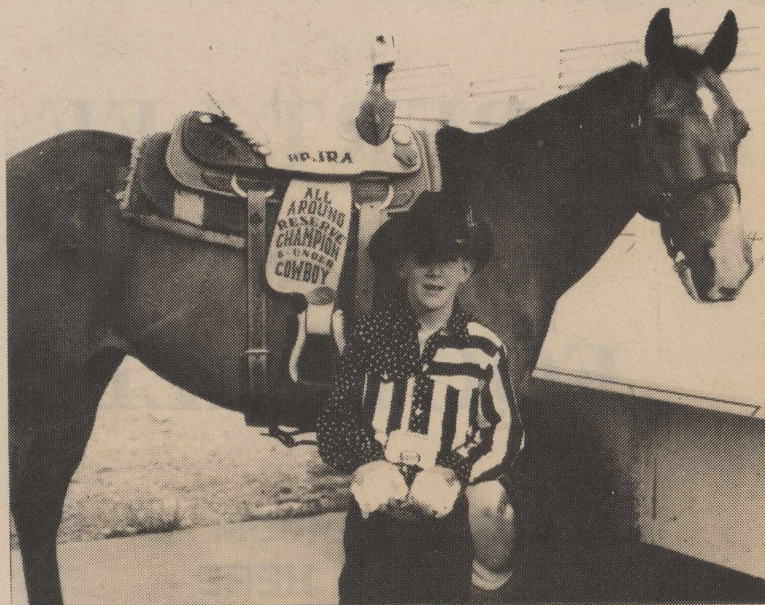
Millican garners rodeo awards

Chance Millican of Elida, New Mexico, son of Clifton and Ida Millican, continues to pile up awards in surrounding rodeos for youngsters. Only nine now, Chance has been riding with his dad since he was a toddler. Once he started competition, he's never looked back.

Some of his most recent awards include:

High Plains Junior Rodeo Association - 8 & Under - All Around Reserve Champion (saddle); Champion Goat Tying (buckle); Finals Average for Goat Tying (buckle); Reserve Champion Breakaway (buckle); 3rd place for year Calf Riding (garment bag); **9 & Under** - 2nd place Dummy Steer Roping at the Abilene Heritage Classic (jacket); **Little Wrangler Rodeo Association - 9 & Under** - 1st place Goat Tying (buckle); 1st place Calf Touch (buckle); **Roosevelt County Fair - 9 & Under** - 1st place Dummy Calf Roping in age division (buckle); 1st place in all age groups (trophy).

Chance is the grandson of Lorene Millican of Silver and the late F. C. "Son" Millican and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Griffith of Trent.



Chance Millican, 9, son of Clifton and Ida Millican of Elida, New Mexico, just keeps adding to his list of wins and awards.

Blackwell School News

by Connie Sawyer

The monthly School Board meeting was held October 13, 1994. The subjects discussed were: monthly bills, Mr. Vining's resignation, administrative re-organization, teacherages, 1993/94 audit report, principal meeting in November, and nurse's convention.

Exit level TAAS tests were held October 18-20.

Flu shots were given at the school October 20.

The sophomores will take the PACT (PLAN) test Tuesday, October 25 at 8:55 am.

The District FFA Contest will be held on Tuesday, October 25.

On October 11, Ralph Hendricks visited the Elementary classes to present a program on Fire Safety. After the program, students were given booklets about fire safety and the chance to look inside the fire truck.

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'64 Study Club holds meeting

The '64 Study Club of Robert Lee met October 11, 1994, in the Court Room of the Coke County Courthouse for a special meeting. A total of 50 people attended, including club members and visitors, among whom were parents, teachers, Coke County officers, and several high school students.

Club program chairman Winnie Pitcock asked Sheriff Marshal Millican to introduce the speakers for the evening. They were Ed Jennings, Assistant Chief Regional Juvenile Officer; Ed Sanchez, Intensive Supervision Patrol (gang officer); and Assistant District Attorney, Dana Nolen, all of San Angelo.

Mr. Jennings explained his duties with Tom Green County and gave statistics of juvenile crimes in surrounding counties. He disclosed that juvenile crime in Coke County has dropped within the last year, and that Robert Lee has had an especially good record. However, he urged that parents, teachers, and officers continue to be vigilant in observing activities of youth and to report ANY unusual things going on that may be objectional.

Ed Sanchez is on duty 24 hours of every day working directly with gang members in San Angelo. He has a dozen or more young people on whom he must keep close supervision every day. He has been able to help juveniles to turn from the dangerous path of gangs and crime, many of whom are now helping others.

Sanchez distributed typed materials concerning his very interesting talk in which he involved the audience in an intriguing manner. He explained warning signs of gang involvement so that teachers, parents, and others might recognize changes going on in a youth's life. He discussed types of gang members, and why and how young people join gangs.

After a lively question and answer session during which the visiting officers answered queries, the group discussed what can be done to stop the trend of crimes.

The general consensus of opinion was that the best place to start is in the home. Parents must take responsibility for teaching acceptable

conduct. Parents cannot expect the school, church, or any other group to give children moral and ethical training if it is not practiced at home. Parents need training in this field, especially if they were not given such examples by their parents when they grew up.

It was agreed that children run away from home or rebel against parents if they are denied love, attention, and respect at home. Many run away because parents work and other caretakers, if there are any, abuse the children in some way.

Gangs are highly dangerous, and once a child becomes a member he is always a member. The best way to protect children from joining one is to be thoroughly informed about how they operate, and to provide children in the home with such love and care that they will not need to join.

Those wanting copies of information distributed at the meeting may call Winnie Pitcock, 915-453-2869. Ask especially for a "A Parent's Guide for Preventing Gangs".

SS rep. to visit Coke County

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his October visit to Robert Lee and Bronte. He will be in the Conference Room of the County Courthouse on Thursday, October 27th, between 11:00 am and 11:30 am and in the Bronte city hall the same day between 1:30 and 2:00 pm.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

LOOK WHO'S NEW!

Daylon Cole Wilkes

Jeff and Leticia Wilkes of San Antonio are proud to announce the arrival of a new son. Daylon Cole was born October 18, 1994, at 11:20 am at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. He weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. He was welcomed by his 2 1/2 year old brother, Clint.

Proud grandparents are Doug and Debbie Wilkes of Silver and Alfonso and Lydia Calderon of Mesquite. Ruth Wilkes of Robert Lee is his great-grandmother.



COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Shaping up our herds for winter

With the recent rains we have received, we will be able to grow some forage for winter grazing, but we still will be below normal for total amount of available forage and the quality of that forage will be below normal protein levels, as much of our grass we have grown in the last few weeks will not be cured out properly.

This is a good time to think about shaping up your cow herd to better utilize the available forage with the most productive animals we can. Even though the cow market looks like it could be down for awhile, those open cows, slow breeders, and cull cows

will bring about as much now as they will later. Our cattle are probably as heavy and in good flesh now as they will be when winter sets in. These cows will generally cost you one dollar a day to keep, whether the market is good or bad and whether the pastures are good or bad. If a cow is open or slow to breed, this delays the amount of time it takes to receive income from their calves but the cost of production goes on. If a cow is going to cost about \$365 a year, she better sell you a calf every 12 months with current prices to pay her way.

Even though the cow market is down and is likely to stay that way for awhile, it affords

us a couple of good options.

First, now is the time to cull these low producing cows or older, poor quality cows and replace them with young good quality cows for close to the same money. Herds can be upgraded on a depressed market cheaper and when the market does come back you should be raising heavier, better quality calves. Second,

with our available forage down, it would be a good time to cull back on our herds and let the pastures respond and heal so that when the market gets better, we can produce more pounds of beef per acre and save supplemental feed.

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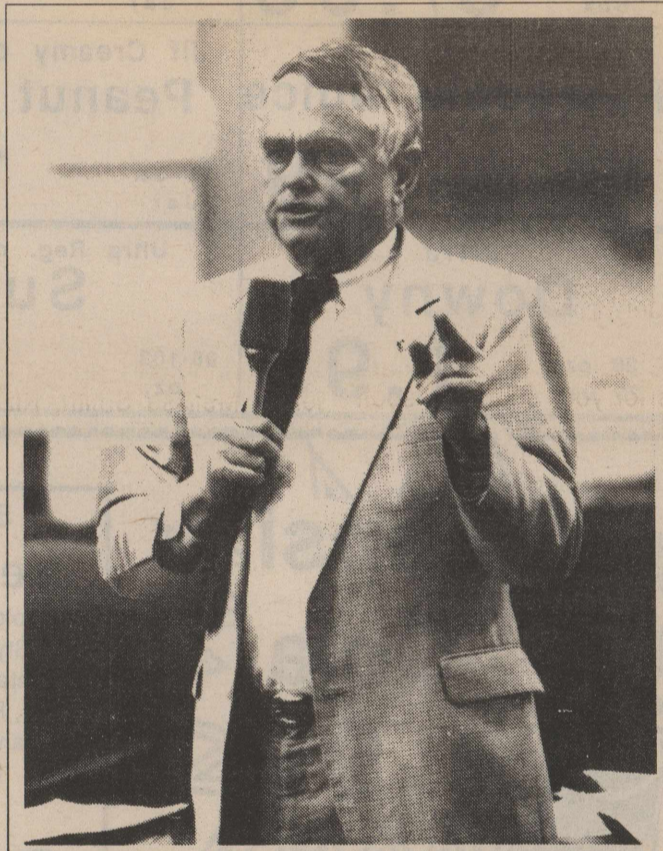
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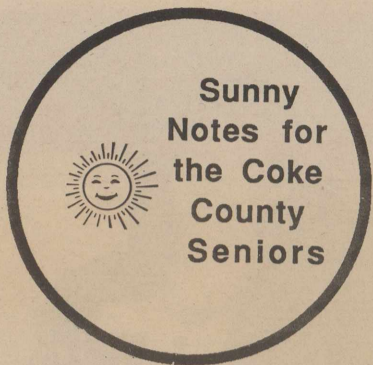
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Bring a Dish

Time again for our monthly Potluck Luncheon and "88" Day, Thursday, October 27th. Doors open at 9:00 am. Glenna Frederick, Better Business Bureau from San Angelo will be our guest speaker on "Elder Fraud". Come join us. Program at 11:00 and lunch at 11:30.

Flu Shots

We will not be having the Flu Shots at the Bronte Senior Center this year. We have talked with Shamrock Clinic in Robert Lee and you can get your shot there much cheaper than we can offer it at the Center. Also, Medicare pays for your shot. As soon as the Clinic gets the serum, we will be taking the Rural Public Transportation Van to Robert Lee for those who would like to get their shot. Call and let the Center know if you would like to ride the van.

55 Alive

A 55 Alive meeting will be

held November 14 & 15, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

Meals for the Week

- Monday, Oct. 24**
Spanish Meatballs, Green Beans, Cornbread, Potato Salad, Vanilla Pudding
- Wednesday, Oct. 26**
Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Pinto Beans, Okra Gumbo, Sliced Onion, Pickle, Fruit Jello
- Friday, Oct. 28**
Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli & Cheese, Hot Roll, Applesauce

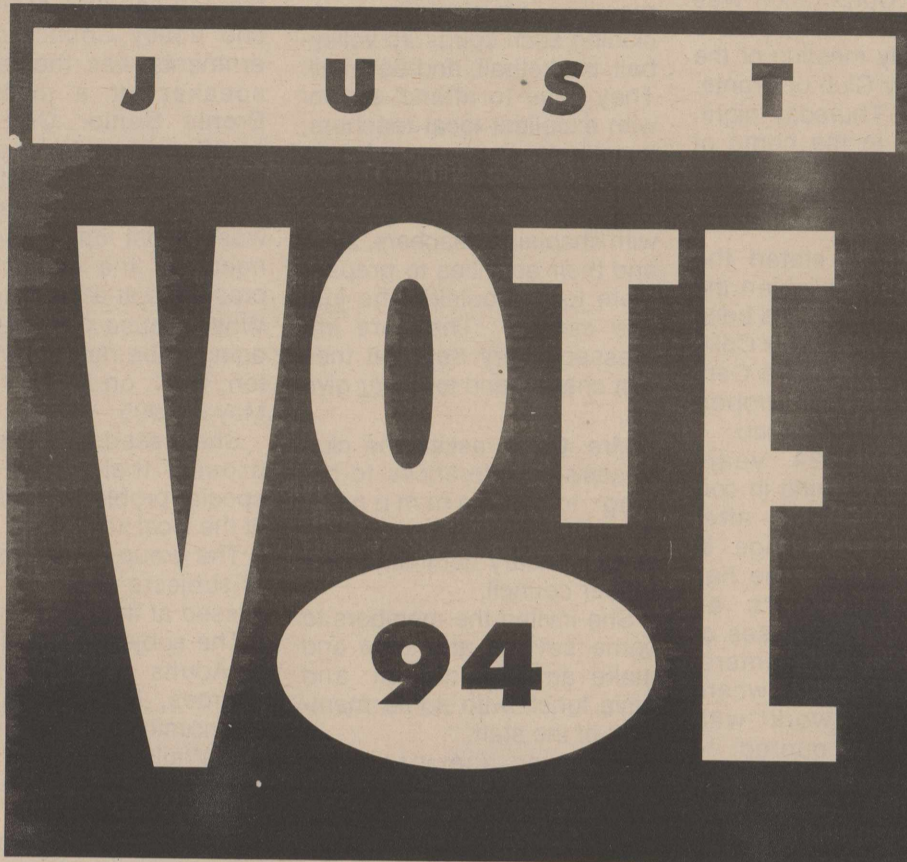
These programs are funded in part by the Area Agency on Aging, Concho Valley Council of Governments, through grants from the Texas Department on Aging.

Steers Cross Country team tries for District

The Steers girls and boys cross-country teams have competed at San Angelo, Big Spring, and Abilene. On Thursday, October 25, they will compete at Water Valley for district and a chance to move on to regional.

The girls team consists of Heather Millican (won first at Big Spring and fourth at Abilene), Melissa Smith, Kizzie Howell, Jennifer Scott, and Lynlee Owen.

The boys team consists of Wayne Hayes, Fred Wojtek, Kelly Prine, Polo Arellano, Gilbert Torres, David Sevier, Jason Key, and Rhodney Rhodes.



REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic subsidiaries of the

FIRST NATIONAL BANK of BRONTE
Name of Bank City
in the state of TEXAS at the close of business on SEPT. 30, 1994
published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161.
Charter Number 03115 Comptroller of the Currency ELEVENTH District

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

		Thousands of dollars
ASSETS	Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
	Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	509
	Interest-bearing balances	150
	Held-to-maturity securities	4,877
	Available-for-sale securities	5,278
	Federal funds sold	0
	Securities purchased under agreements to resell	0
	Loans and lease financing receivables:	
	Loans and leases, net of unearned income	8,100
	LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	113
	LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0
	Loans and leases, net of unearned income; allowance, and reserve	7,987
	Assets held in trading accounts	0
	Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	466
	Other real estate owned	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0	
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0	
Intangible assets	0	
Other assets	299	
Total assets	19,566	

NOTE: National banks that are participating in the agricultural loan loss amortization program pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) should add the following two items after the item for "Total assets" above:

Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	0
Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	19,566

		Thousands of dollars
LIABILITIES	Deposits:	
	In domestic offices	17,338
	Noninterest-bearing	2,122
	Interest-bearing	15,216
	Federal funds purchased	0
	Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
	Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0
	Trading liabilities	0
	Other borrowed money:	
	With original maturity of one year or less	0
	With original maturity of more than one year	0
	Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	0
	Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0
	Subordinated notes and debentures	0
	Other liabilities	28
Total liabilities	17,366	
Limited-life preferred stock and related surplus	0	

		Thousands of dollars
EQUITY CAPITAL	Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
	Common stock	50
	Surplus	150
	Undivided profits and capital reserves	2,175
	Net unrealized holding gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities	-175
	Total equity capital	2,200
	Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	19,566

NOTE: National banks that are participating in the agricultural loan loss amortization program pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) should delete the item for "Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital" above and replace it with the following three items:

Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	0
Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	2,200
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	19,566

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

[Signatures of Directors]
Directors

JOLENE HENDERSON
Name
ASST. CASHIER
Title

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[Signature of Jolene Henderson]
Signature
10-18-94 - Asst. Cashier
Date

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FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF OUR EAST COKE COUNTY CUSTOMERS: AGENT ROY BLAIR WILL BE AT HALL'S SUPER SAVE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 FROM 10 AM - 4 PM.

Sorosis Study Club

Mrs. Jackie Crawford, an executive with Wackenhut Corrections Corporation was one of the featured speakers at the monthly meeting of the Sorosis Study Club of Bronte. They met on Thursday night, October 13, in the home of Mary Glenn. The title of the club program was "Public Affairs".

Mrs. Crawford stated the program was to enlighten the members present and to bring into focus the reason for Coke County Juvenile Justice Center and to secure support collectively from the group.

She has had 24 years experience of working in correctional institutions after graduating from college in Carley, Nebraska. She has served several years as warden and other phases of work in correction centers, and chose Wackenhut where she wants to work with women. She quoted "I believe in my career and my success working with females in the center because we must realize that they will assist in holding our future".

She introduced Mrs. Erika Olson who told the group of her job as administrator of the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center.

Mrs. Olson was born in Fair Home, Alabama and attended a girls school against her wishes but her parents enrolled her.

She had ambitions to go to work with Human Services, later she wanted to be a psychologist. While attending Sam Houston State University in Texas, she attended workshops at Rush State Hospital for adults.

A friend recommended to her to work with youth. She worked with Texas Youth Commission. That helped prepare her for the work she enjoys currently with Wackenhut.

She knows that and tries to instill in the girls that they need to learn and behave and interact with one another and also with adults. They must also learn to be in control and they can be changed and to never give up.

She told of her first knowledge of Coke County and Bronte. When she asked "Where did all these people in that building come from and what are they in Austin for?"

Most of the girls had never

been to West Texas and they are getting involved with many activities available at the center including arts and crafts, forming choirs at their church meetings, physical fitness including such sports as volleyball, basketball, and baseball. They have to attend school with excellent local teachers, in school rooms, and a library is available to all.

Everything is being done with chaplains, teachers, staff, and their activities to prepare them to live outside the justice center. They are impressed every day that they can change and to never give up.

Mrs. Olson asked the club to assist in references to belong to a community organization to be a member of an advisory committee volunteer council.

She invited the members to come several at a time and make an appointment and have lunch with some members of the staff.

Following the program president Mary Frances Mackey presided for a business meeting with reports from club secretary Diane Luckett and treasurer Mary Glenn. The Federation counselor report was presented by Frances Kemp.

Discussion was made about the upcoming trip to a performance of "Hello Dolly" at the Abilene Civic Center by ACU Theatre on Sunday, October 30.

Also about preparation for a Rummage Sale on November 5.

The next meeting will be on Nov. 10 in the home of Pat Oglesby. Plans for Christmas activities will be made.

Members present were Jean Fancher, Peggy Hembree, Pat Lee, Margaret Martin, Mildred Thomason, Mary Frances Glenn, Mary Glenn, Frances Kemp, Dianne Luckett, Pat Oglesby. Guests included Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Olson, and Virginia Boecking of Abilene.

Ford featured speaker

Betty Ford, director of the Area Agency of Aging for the thirteen counties of the Concho Valley Council of Governments was the featured speaker at a meeting of Bronte Senior Citizens at 11:00 am on Monday, October 17 at the local center.

The purpose of the meeting was to get opinions about needs of the elderly to be presented at a meeting of the White House Conference on aging to be held in Washington, D. C. on May 1 through May 5, 1995.

She asked the seniors to present their views about special problems and needs of the local seniors.

The group chose from a list of subjects that will be discussed at the conference.

The subjects included Older Adults as Valuable Resources, Long-Term Care, Economic Security, Health and Wellness, Elder Rights, and Interdependence of Generations.

Those present chose the following subjects and problems: Prescription Drugs and Costs, Costs of Eye Care, and In-Home Services, and what can be done to solve the



Betty Ford

problems.

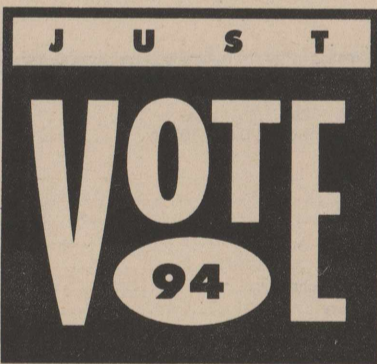
After the program, lunch was served to those present, and guests, Mrs. Ford and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox of San Angelo.

Personal

Jeffrey Carper, 10 year old son of Danny and Debbie Carper, returned home Wednesday after a three week stay in Shannon Women's and Children's Center.

Jeffrey suffered a severely broken leg during a freak accident on the playground at Robert Lee Elementary School. He was put into traction and is now in a partial body cast.

According to family members he could possibly return to school after the Christmas holidays. For those who would like to send cards, his address is P. O. Box 582, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.



TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY EFFECTIVE 10/31/94, SHAMROCK CLINIC WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE OF OPERATION:

Monday - 8-12 12:30-6:00
 Tuesday - 8-12 12:30-5:00
 Wednesday-8-12 12:30-6:00
 Thursday - 8-12 Closed
 Friday - 8-12 12:30-5:00

LEGAL TITLE OF BANK		Robert Lee State Bank P.O. Box 549 Robert Lee, Texas 76945-0549		STATE BANK NO 1684-05
CITY		COUNTY	STATE	FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT NO
Robert Lee	Coke	Texas	76945-0549	11 13 21827
CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE				September 30, 1994

ASSETS		Dollar Amounts in Thousands			
		Bill	Mil	Thou	
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		1	737	1 a
	b. Interest-bearing balances			97	1 b
2. Securities:	a. Held-to-maturity securities		7	380	2 a
	b. Available-for-sale securities		8	211	2 b
3. Federal funds sold & securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs:	a. Federal funds sold		1	025	3 a
	b. Securities purchased under agreements to resell				3 b
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:	a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income	12	851		4 a
	b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses		122		4 b
	c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve				4 c
	d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)		12	729	4 d
5. Assets held in trading accounts					5
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)				486	6
7. Other real estate owned				25	7
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies					8
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding					9
10. Intangible assets					10
11. Other assets					11
12. a. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)				484	11 a
	b. Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)			32	12 a
	c. Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 12 a and 12 b)			32	12 c
LIABILITIES					
13. Deposits:	a. In domestic offices:			28	13 a
	(1) Noninterest-bearing	3	927		13 a (1)
	(2) Interest-bearing	24	759		13 a (2)
	b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs:				13 b
	(1) Noninterest-bearing				13 b (1)
	(2) Interest-bearing				13 b (2)
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs:	a. Federal funds purchased				14 a
	b. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase				14 b
15. a. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury					15 a
	b. Trading liabilities				15 b
16. Other borrowed money:	a. With original maturity of one year or less			60	16 a
	b. With original maturity of more than one year				16 b
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases					17
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding					18
19. Subordinated notes and debentures					19
20. Other liabilities				159	20
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)				28	21
22. Limited-life preferred stock and related surplus					22
EQUITY CAPITAL					
23. Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus (No. of shares outstanding)		00			23
24. Common stock (No. of shares):	a. Authorized	20,000			24
	b. Outstanding	20,000			24
25. Surplus				800	25
26. a. Undivided profits and capital reserves				2	26 a
	b. Net unrealized holding gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities			(147)	26 b
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments					27
28. a. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)				3	28 a
	b. Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)				28 b
	c. Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 28 a & 28 b)			3	28 c
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 21, 22, and 28 c)				32	29
MEMORANDA: Amounts outstanding as of Report of Condition date:					
1. a. Standby letters of credit, Total					1 a
	b. Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1.a. conveyed to others through participations				1 b

NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer(s) and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer(s) signing the report. We, the undersigned officer(s), do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: *Cathy McGinley* DATE SIGNED: October 12, 1994

NAME(S) AND TITLE(S) OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: Cathy McGinley, Vice President and Cashier AREA CODE/PHONE NO: 915-453-2545

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *Wayne McCabe* SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *Debbie J. Smith* SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *Debbie J. Smith*

(MAKE MARK FOR NOTARY'S SEAL) State of Texas Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 12th day of October, 1994. My commission expires 08mm. Exp. 04-09-97

DEBBIE J. SMITH, Notary Public, County of Coke, State of Texas, Commission Expires 04-09-97



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10b-3tc

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08-tnc

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12B-tnc

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12-1tc

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12-1tp

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12B-1tp

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11-tnc

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05-tnc

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
Friday and Saturday. Large selection of sweaters (men's, women's & children's), 2 sets of children's warmups, tires (15s & 16s), lots of shoes & knick-knacks. Julia Gloria
12-1tc

GARAGE SALE
10-22-94. 530 Overland Trail, Robert Lee. 9:00 til 3:00 pm.
12-1tp

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, October 22, 8 am - 2 pm, 1109 W. 11th, Robert Lee. Adult & children clothing and misc.
12-1tc

MISC

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12-2tp

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49-tnc

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12B-2tc

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12B-2tp

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12-2tc

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The Wilkes Family
12-1tc

THE GEORGE BRASWELL FAMILY
wishes to express their appreciation for all the prayers, flowers, food, cards, and visits that made George's illness and death much easier and will always be remembered.
Oleta Braswell and Family
12B-1tc

THE COKE-STERLING FARM BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS
and office staff would like to thank John Stephens for helping prepare the barbecue and everyone who attended this year.
12a-1tc

Personal

Visitors in the home of J. B. and Martha Arrott on Monday were Bruce and Debbie Williamson of Kirkland, Washington, the former Dena Hester and daughter, Rondie of Los Angeles, California, Virginia Boatright and Deanna Reed and Nicole of Bronte.

Parental support important

The first milestone of the new school year has arrived -- the report card. If grades need a little work, parental support can make a difference.

"Providing structure and expressing interest may be the keys to improving a child's grades," said Dr. Lou Ann Mock, a child psychologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Rather than punish a child after the first report card, parents might want to take a more positive attitude of 'how can we work together to fix this problem?'"

The first step is to talk with the teacher, and then begin to implement some change at home.

One essential at home is adequate study space with good lighting and few distractions.

"A desk in a room is fine if it isn't covered with clothes and belongings," Mock said. "Many times the dining room or kitchen table works well and makes parental supervision a little easier."

Mock also encourages parents to set a specific time in the evening for studies. "Allow some time for outside play or for an after-school snack, but make television off limits until after homework time," she said.

It might be necessary to sit with a young child just starting a homework routine, but parents should pull back as soon as possible so the child can learn to work independently.

"Let your child know you have other responsibilities to take care of, but check in occasionally," Mock said. "This provides structure, but keeps you from hovering over your child."

If grades are suffering because a child claims to have no homework, Mock suggests implementing a daily assignment sheet initialed by the teacher. This system allows parents to monitor assignments and reward their child for completing assigned work.

"A minimal reward for remembering assignments four nights out of five puts the focus on the positive, not the negative," Mock said.

There are also times when a child will need help with new concepts. In families where homework has been a previous source of conflict, Mock suggests using a tag-team approach with parents taking turns working with the child. Another option, she says, is to hire a high school student or someone else as a tutor.

And if grades do not improve?

"Meet with the teacher again, and make sure you are not expecting more than the child can deliver," she said. "Helping a child learn to put forth his or her best effort may be more important than a grade on a report card."

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American Heart Association

Sims recognizes "Landowner's Rights Week"

State Senator Bill Sims (D-Paint Rock), Chairman of the Texas Senate Natural Resources Committee, today issued a statement reminding Texans that the third week in October has been declared "Landowner's Rights Week". During the 73rd Legislative session, Senator Sims was the Senate sponsor of House Concurrent Resolution 15 which recognized the significance of privately held property to the history and success of the state.

Sims stated, "The dream of owning a piece of land is what drew people to Texas in the days of the Republic, and since then Texans have been the keeper of 95% of the real property in Texas. This is a tradition that all of us should recognize, be proud of, and fight to maintain".

Contrary to most western states, Texas maintained ownership of its land when it joined the United States and gave the land to pioneer families who settled here. Most land remains privately held.

"The land of this state remains productive and beautiful today only because the landowners of this state have done an excellent job as its caretaker for the past 150 years; private property is an important part of our history and I will do everything I can to see that this tradition is maintained for generations of future Texans", said Sims.

Senator Sims has proposed legislation for next session which will serve to reduce the amount of private land "taken" by government entities.

If you don't get everything you want, think of the things you don't get that you don't want.

Political Calendar

The Observer/Enterprise

has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County.

Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

17TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
Charles Stenholm

COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK
Ettie Hubbard

COKE COUNTY JUDGE
Royce Lee
Jackie Walker (write-in)

COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
Billy Joe Luckett
COKE COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PREC. 2, 4, & 5
Bruce Sonnenberg
Jack Moore (write-in)

Personal

With the first touch of early fall in the air and a bit of color change in the foliage, sisters, Helen Murtishaw and Pat Oglesby both of Bronte, accepted the invitation of Helen's daughter, Ginger Eubanks of Natchitoches, Louisiana, for a visit to include the 40th Fall Pilgrimage of Historic Homes of Natchitoches.

Arriving on a Thursday afternoon the ladies attended to some early Christmas shopping Friday while Ginger attended classes. Early Saturday, despite light showers, the three women, armed with umbrellas and wearing Reeboks, began the Town Tour of five historic homes. The earliest built home on tour was the Chamard-Donahoe House in 1788. Others were built in 1820, 1827, 1900, and 1903. Hostesses dressed in period costumes, greeted the many "guests" speaking with French accents or southern drawl. They told gossip of everyday events which was very entertaining. A creole style lunch consisting of Crayfish Etouffee was enjoyed in a picturesque restaurant.

The highlight of the Pilgrimage was the evening Candlelight Tour of four exquisitely preserved or restored homes located in the downtown National Landmark District.

Each host welcomed the guests with the ease of special friends and spoke with pride of carrying forth the traditions set so long ago. All the homes were within a block of each other, so guests were strolling the brick-laid streets. The featured home for the evening, Duplex-Taylor House, was the home of the bride used in the movie "Steel Magnolias", starring Julia Roberts, Dolly Parton, and Shirley McClain.

Sid Eubanks had joined the ladies for the candlelight tour. At the end of the evening refreshments of Louisiana meat

pies, cheeses, and wine were served on the patio of the Taylor House. Needless to say the festivities were enjoyed by all.

The Coke County ladies returned home Monday after a stop-over in Cisco to visit their uncle and aunt, W. F. and Odesa Collins.

Bronte Volunteer Fire Department

The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department is the recipient of three new two-way radios made possible through a grant from Exxon Company U. S. A. These radios will be used in fighting range fires in remote localities, and they will also enable the Bronte Fire Fighters to communicate with each other when they are away on the trucks.

These grants are available to Exxon Annuitants who are actively involved in community organizations, provided these organizations meet certain criteria set forth by Exxon.

Previously, the Bronte Fire Department received much needed fire hose funded also by an Exxon grant.

The fire department is indebted to Exxon Annuitant Richard Hembree for requesting these grants.

Personal

Bobbie Varnadore of Blackwell has returned from a week visit with family. She spent five days in Conyers, Georgia visiting her stepson, Lee Varnadore, and his wife, Sheila, and son, Gage, where a lot of sightseeing was done. She also visited in Athens, Georgia with grandsons Clay and Clint Varnadore and their mother, Betty Hughes Varnadore. Enroute she spent two days in Ardmore, Oklahoma with her son, Tem Barrett, and his wife, Cindi and son, Justin, and visited a grandson, Charles Ingram, of Wichita Falls on the way home.

Prevention best gun safety

Firearms are commonplace in most farm and ranch households, but familiarity does not stop accidents from occurring.

"Most firearm accidents happen while people are cleaning or hunting with guns," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "Prevention is the best weapon against firearm casualties."

Families should make sure that the home has a safe and secure storage place for guns that is beyond the reach of children and careless adults. Store firearms and ammunition separately, and keep both locked up.

Hunting is a natural sport

Home for girls seeking assistance

The Concho Valley Home for Girls could use some help from folks in surrounding areas. The girls have special needs right now, and you can help! Some of the items needed are cookbooks, Tupperware, glasses, towel sets, pots, pans, cookie sheets, cooking utensils, casserole dishes, blankets, sets of dishes, small appliances (toasters, mixers, blenders), duffel bags, walkmans, cassettes, daily planners, calendars, make-up, perfume, jewelry, jewelry cases, and any other reward items.

Anything you can provide, including donations, will be welcomed. If you prefer, Carolyn Allen, the area representative for the CVHG, will see that your items reach the girls.

Nutritious Trick or Treating

Parents can scare up an array of nutritious treats worth 'goblin' this Halloween, says a nutritionist at the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center.

Dr. Corinne Montandon, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, offers the following ideas:

*Small boxes or packets of nuts or raisins or dried fruit/granola mix.

*Single-serve sized cartons of 100% juice.

*String cheese or other small low-fat cheese packages.

*Packages of low-fat crackers with either peanut butter or cheese filling.

*Sticks of sugarless gum.

*Small containers of puddings that require no refrigeration.

*Single-serve boxes of dry cereal.

*Packaged fruit rolls.

*Single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later.

*Commercially baked and individually wrapped muffins.

for many rural families. Perry said that hunting accidents can be prevented by following these basic safety rules.

*Control the direction of your firearm muzzle. Carry your firearm safely. Keep the safety on and your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

*Identify your target and know what is beyond it.

*Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and you have only the proper size ammunition for the firearm you are carrying.

*Unload firearms when not in use. Leave the action open. Firearms should be carried empty in cases to and from shooting areas.

*Never point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot. Avoid all horseplay with firearms.

*Never climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch or log with a loaded firearm. Never pull a firearm toward you by the muzzle.

*Never shoot a bullet at a flat or hard surface or water. During target practice, be sure your backstop is adequate.

*Avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or while shooting.

"The best advice for gun safety is to treat every firearm with the same respect due a loaded firearm," Perry said.

Personal

Celia and J. J. Bowden recently returned from an extended trip to Arizona and Utah where they visited daughter La Donna Taylor, her husband, Dr. Robert Taylor, and their children, Katy, Jared and David in Mesa. They also visited with daughter Janet Gordon, her husband, Larry and their children Ruth, Chris, Wendy, Grace and Anna in Queenscreek, Arizona. Magna and Provo, Utah were the next stops on their jaunt. They attended their Missionary Reunion meeting with other missionaries with whom they served in South Africa. After returning home, Celia and J. J. visited with daughter, Cynthia Gillis, her husband, Daniel, and their children, Benjamin and Andrea in Dallas.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Faylin Danae Bell

Jimmy Douglas and Laura Bell of Robert Lee were delighted with the arrival of their first child, a daughter, Faylin Danae, September 30. She was born at Shannon's Women's and Children's Clinic at 9:33 pm weighing 7 pounds 6 1/2 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches long.

Her grandparents are Jimmy and Beverly Bell of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Don Young of San Angelo. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James B. Long of San Angelo and Laura Jones of Bronte.

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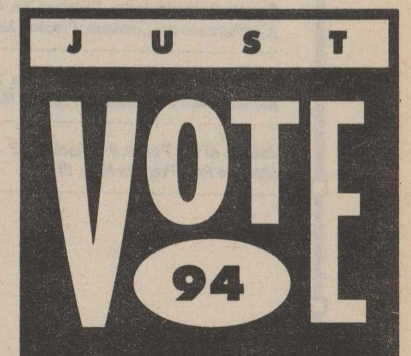
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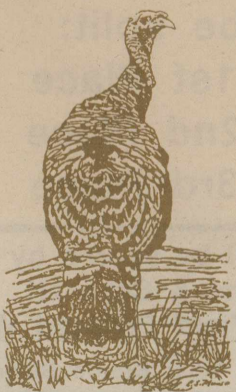
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November 5 marks season opening day

On Saturday, November 5, the pressure and attention will be off politicians, football, families, and anything else that seems in the forefront today. That's opening day of the 1994-95 general hunting season. For Coke County that specifically means deer and turkey.

The two "big" ones will run Nov. 5 through Jan. 1.

Archery season will end on Oct. 31 to give way for the gun season five days later. If you weren't lucky enough to fill any of your tags, grab your gun. Four deer are allowed with a limit of two bucks.

New for Coke County this season will be the antlerless only Muzzleloader special season Jan. 7-15, 1995. No antlerless permit is required but a special \$10.00 Muzzleloader stamp is required. It must be attached to your Texas hunting license and signed across the face of the stamp. Included in the special season are turkey and javelina.

Four turkey may be taken during the season, either sex during the general season Nov. 5 - Jan. 1, and gobblers only during the Spring Season, April 8 - May 14. Remember the \$5.00 turkey stamp!

Every hunter who buys a license should get the free hunting guides available where license and sporting goods are sold, and then read it from cover to cover.

Information from the Parks and Wildlife Department in Austin notes that a deer herd's health corresponds directly with the area's rainfall. Probably only average-sized deer with average antler quality will be taken this season. Generally, the fawn crop was below average in the region. If weather conditions do not improve in the next few weeks, hunters may want to get their deer early while body



Dalton and Kendra Graves, son and daughter of Roger and Janet Graves of Bronte flank Dalton's fine buck. The buck, taken on January 2, 1994 sported 10 points with a 17 inch spread.

Wasted game charges filed

Jerry Peiser, San Angelo game warden, recently completed an odd case of a white-tailed deer left to spoil in a cold storage plant in Water Valley. Peiser was called about the deer in January - the deer had been at the plant since Dec. 12. The operator had been unable to locate the owner of the deer and wanted to know if he could throw it away.

The deer tag belonged to an Irving woman, who told Peiser she thought her husband had brought all the deer home, but they would come get the deer anyway. A couple of hours later the woman's husband called and advised they hadn't put any deer in storage in Water Valley. The man told Peiser they had only been to Water Valley, located northwest of San Angelo, during Thanksgiving.

The man said his wife lost her purse at the store in Water Valley and someone must have taken her license, killed a deer and put it in storage. (Probably just a coincidence that the person who used the license used the same ranch name that the man and his wife had hunted. NOT!)

Peiser realized the man was lying and wasn't going to admit to anything. "In my 28 years as a game warden I have never encountered a violator who could come up with as many

wild stories and swear to them as this guy could," Peiser said. After a lengthy investigation, game wardens were able to file charges on the man.

The stories continued. The violator told the judge the reason he failed to appear on the court date was that his brother had been killed in Scotland and he went over to retrieve the body and bring it back to the U. S. Unfortunately, someone lost the body before he could get there, so the man stayed in Scotland another month to look for the body.

Peiser said other stories included mailing the fine money to the wrong court, faxing a copy of a money order that never showed up, among others.

It was determined the man killed at least five bucks and three does. He was charged with waste of game in Tom Green County, exceeding the bag limit on deer and hunting under the license of another in Coke County. He paid a total of \$1,500.00 in fines.

(Editor's Note: The above account of game violations appeared in the Texas Parks & Wildlife News. Coke County Game Warden Sparks Burdett assisted with the investigation and \$900 in fines were collected by Judge Joan Davis.

Red Canyon Gun Club to sponsor Turkey Shoot

Red Canyon Gun Club will sponsor its annual Turkey Shoot Saturday, October 29, at the local range just east of Robert Lee. Shooting will begin at 9:30 am and finish at 4:30. Rifles in use will be .22 rimfire, no magnums, offhand. Any sights will allowed; 7 1/2 lb. weight maximum. Eight shooters will compete in each relay. A special relay for 70 year olds and older will be featured.

The public is welcome to attend. You do not have to be a club member to shoot.

Timely Tips

You can avoid breakoffs if you check your leader tippet for tooth nicks and abrasions everytime you catch a fish. The mouths of all fish are abrasive, and even the tiniest nick in your tippet will dramatically reduce its strength. Test your tippet by running it between your lips, which are more sensitive than your finger tips.



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Gardendale fisherman sets new record

The Permian Bass Club expected good fishing on February 26, 1994 at Lake Spence for their tournament. What they didn't expect was that one of their members would set a new lake record.

David Miller of Gardendale, fishing with his father, Gene Miller, was barely away from the Paint Creek Marina headquarters when he began plugging in the mouth of Salt Creek. He snagged the big bass at 8:00 am. As his dad reached down to grab the huge bass, David realizing what he had, yelled, "No Dad! Use the net." The rest is history. The big 'un weighed 14 pounds 2 ounces, was 28 1/2 inches long, and 19 3/4 inches in girth, which beat the current black bass record by almost two pounds. The catch was made with a white Nichols Spinner bait.

Spence, a sleeper lake since the water has been low, may see more fishing pressure now. It has been known more for its striped bass population than for black bass, but a number of good blacks were caught. Three fishermen weighed in bass over 8 pounds and several in the four and five plus range were brought in.

Permian Bass Club is strictly a catch and release group and strive to not overfish area lakes, said Karla Miller. She said 108 adults, plus 8 youth, fished the tourney. The Club did not fish Spence in 1993

but put the lake back on their spring schedule.

Miller garnered about \$300 for his catch which included Big Bass (and how) and the most pounds for two fish, 16.27 pounds total. He opted to donate his big bass to the

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Lunker Program. She was taken live to the state's tanks for proper care, tests, and study. Miller received a replica mount for his wall and a certificate for his donation.

Quail harvest may be down

The statewide quail season runs from October 29 - February 26 and the official news is not good. The daily bag limit is 15, 45 in possession. Legal shooting hours for all non-migratory game birds are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. The bag limit is the maximum number that may be killed during the legal shooting hours in one day. The possession limit is the maximum number that may be one person's possession at any time, after the first day. On the first day of any open season the possession limit is the same as the daily bag limit.

Hot dry conditions throughout the state during the past year have contributed to what may be a poor quail season this winter. Roadside surveys conducted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department indicate median counts are down in all ecological regions except the Gulf Prairies, where it remained the same.

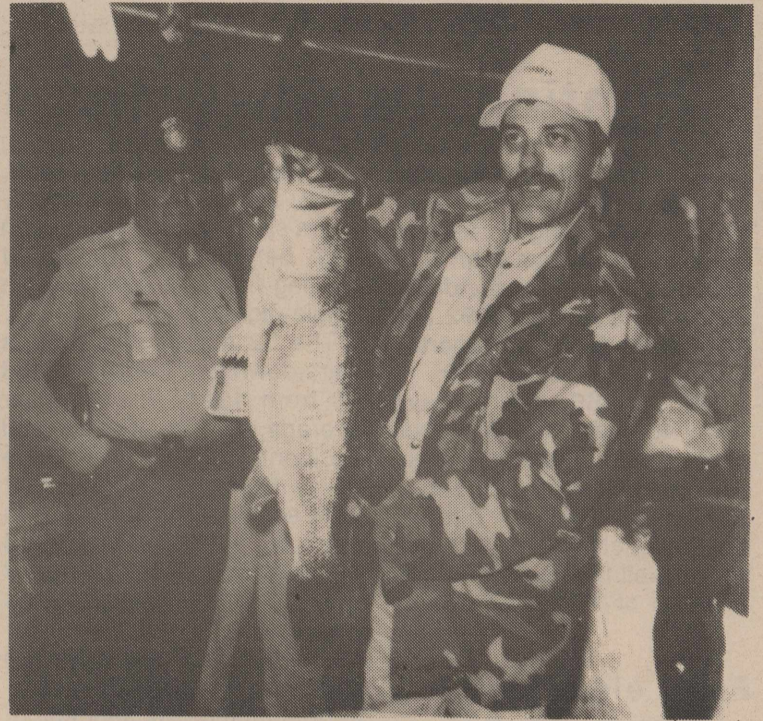
"I think everywhere it will be poorer than it was last year, although mixed with the poor

counts are some pretty good counts, mixed even within the same counties sometimes," said Don Wilson, TPWD upland game program leader. "That's reflecting the spotty nature and the spotty distribution of rainfall. Overall, it was a very dry year."

Extended dry periods during last winter and spring are to blame for this year's poor quail crop, Wilson said. "Winter and spring (November through April) are the two most powerful combinations of rain. Winter rain is extremely important because it puts moisture into the soil and the retention of that moisture is very good. When it rains in the spring on moist soil, the vegetative response is much better.

As poor as the outlook may be, this year's crop is not as bad as 1984, considered a terrible year. It's also nowhere close to the best quail years on record, 1987, 1966, and 1958.

"Overall we didn't have a real good quail hatch, but we didn't have a total failure," he said.



David Miller of Gardendale set a new lake record at Lake E.V. Spence when he snagged this huge black bass. The lunker was certified by P&W Game Warden Gary Mitchell (in background) at Paint Creek Marina. The record-setter weighed 14 pounds 2 ounces.

You're ready, what about your dog?

You're ready -- but what about your bird dog or coon hound? If your dog has not been out much before the fall seasons open, his foot pads can become sore and tender. You can prevent trouble by treating them with a commercial pad conditioning cream, which toughens the skin. Some veteran hunters swear by homemade conditioners for dog's feet, one of which calls for a paste of pine tar and tannic acid.

Another alternative for sore feet or thick sticker burrs or briars are vinyl or leather boots for your dog.

If Rover is not work conditioned yet, don't work him too long or hard at first if the days are still hot. Also, till the weather cools, he needs watering during the hunt.

One last precaution is about rattlesnakes. They begin to move more in the fall as they make their way toward dens. Keep eyes and ears open for your dog's (and your own) welfare.

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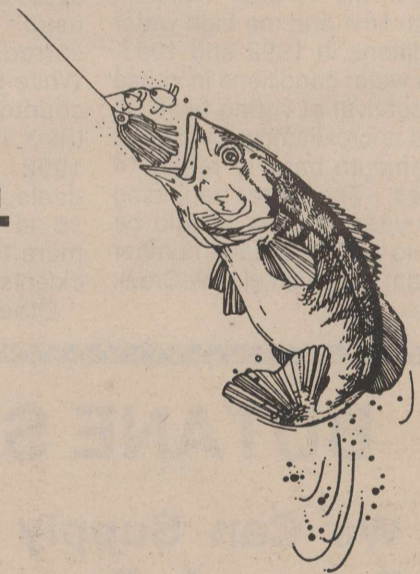


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Hunting fatalities tie all-time low

Six people died in hunting related accidents in Texas during 1993, tying an all-time low set the previous year. The 58 total reported accidents were four less than 1992 and the lowest since 53 reported hunting accidents in 1990.

Since 1966, there have been 482 fatal hunting accidents in Texas and 1,644 reported non-fatal accidents. Texas has had six hunting deaths each of the last two years, well below the 28 year average of 17.21. Three of

the past four years (1993, 1992, and 1990) are the only years since records have been kept beginning in 1966 that hunting fatalities numbered in single digits.

The 52 non-fatal accidents were down four from 1992 and 16 from 1991. The 28 year average is 58.71. The 58 total accidents is the lowest since 53 in 1990. The only other year accident totals were less than 60 was 1979 with 53 accidents. The 28-year average is 75.9 total accidents per year.

"Hunting is a relatively safe sport when compared to accident statistics in swimming, hiking, fishing, and certainly in hang gliding, rock climbing, and "bungy jumping", said Steve Hall, education director with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "However, even one accident represents a tragedy which easily could have been avoided through increased knowledge, ability or attitude regarding common sense practices and preventive measures. It is the attitude category which indicates a high incident rate among adult males."

One-third of accident victims (19) were shot by hunters in the 10-19 age group. Seventeen percent (10) were shot by someone 30-39 years old. The 10-19 age group increased from 14 in 1992 and the 30-39 group decreased from 16 to 10. The 20-29 age group continues to decrease, dropping from 12 accidents in 1992 to nine last year. All shooters and victims were males.

Rifles were used in 32 accidents, shotguns in 14, handguns in 11 and a bow in one, according to TPWD figures. As usual, many accidents occurred while hunting deer. White-tailed deer hunters accounted for 12 accidents - they had 17 accidents in 1992. Dove hunting accidents, after decreasing from 18 in 1991 to six in 1992, more than doubled to 13 accidents last year.

Other accidents occurred

while hunting squirrel (seven), miscellaneous (seven), quail (six), rabbits (five), ducks/geese (four), turkeys (two) and pheasants/coyotes (two).

Two of the fatalities came while hunting coyotes, one involving a rancher dismounting a tractor in Brazos County and the other involved a Uvalde County man who pulled a loaded rifle out of his truck by the barrel and bumped the trigger. The other fatalities were a 19 year old shooting snakes in Willacy County, a 19 year old hunting waterfowl in Wharton County, a 10 year old hunting squirrels in Titus County and a white-tailed deer hunter in Liberty County.

Skill and aptitude, such as careless handling of a firearm (17), accounted for 20 accidents, as did hunter judgment, which includes victim covered by the shooter (13). Safety and law violations made up 17 of the accidents. Alcohol played a major role in only one accident.

"We're proud of the fact that hunting accidents are decreasing," Hall said. This demonstrates that the hunter education program is a seed to responsible behavior afield. Hunting accidents, in large part, could be avoided if adults took a more active role in hunter education."



Kevin Maxson of Denton, Texas, nephew of O/E publisher Hal Spain, took this fat young buck, his first deer, while on a visit to Robert Lee during the 1993 hunting season.

Fall electrofishing sample at Oak Creek completed

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Inland Fisheries biologists conducted their annual electrofishing sample on Oak Creek Lake. The TPWD biologists collected 156 largemouth bass per hour. This was an increase from 57 per hour in 1993 and 51 per hour in 1992. Of the largemouth bass collected, 4.7 per hour were 14 inches (legal sized) or bigger. Four bass per hour collected in 1993 and 4.7 bass per hour collected in 1992 were 14 inches or larger. This means the number of legal sized fish in the lake has remained fairly constant.

What has changed is the number of largemouth bass less than 14 inches long (sub-legal sized). In 1994, 151 sub-legal sized bass per hour were collected. In 1993, there were 53 sub-legal sized bass per hour collected and 46 sub-legal sized bass per hour in 1992. The increase in the number of sub-legal sized bass is attributed to the combined effects of the 14 inch minimum length limit and the high water conditions in 1992 and 1993. High water conditions increase the survival of young bass. It takes approximately 3 years for largemouth bass to reach 14 inches. Therefore, beginning next year, anglers should be able to catch a greater number of legal sized fish at Oak Creek Lake.

Timely Tips

For day or evening trips to heavily hunted or fished areas, take along your own campfire. Too often, good, burnable wood is unavailable in the best campsites. Rather than spend valuable hunting and fishing time searching for campfire makings, pre-split

your own kindling at home, pack a half a dozen hunks of dense, dry firewood in a cardboard box, and put the works in the trunk or back of your rig. If you find firewood at your destination, leave the wood box right where it is for your next outing. Don't forget the matches.

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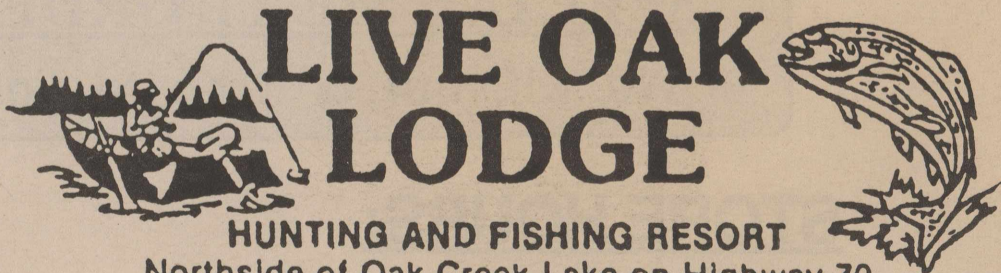
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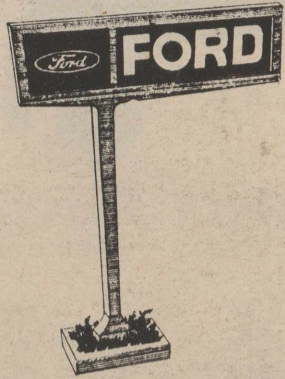


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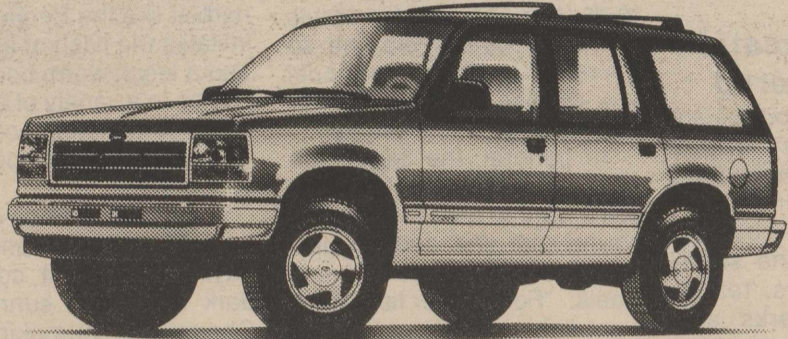
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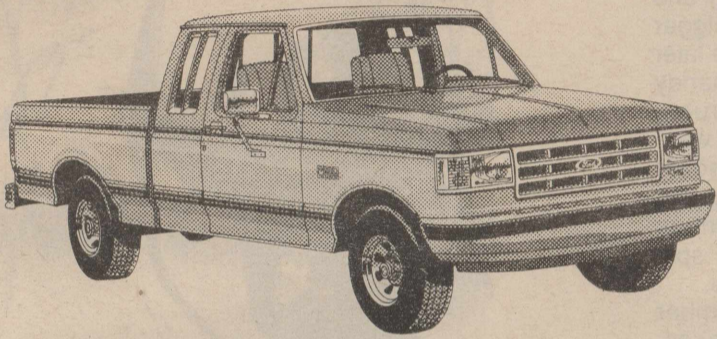


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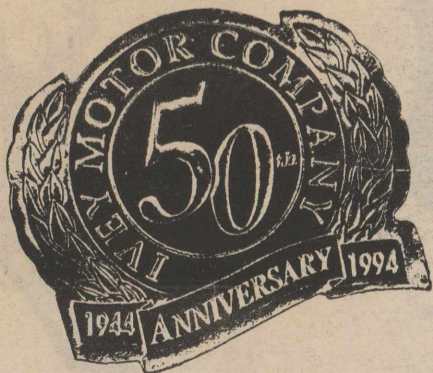
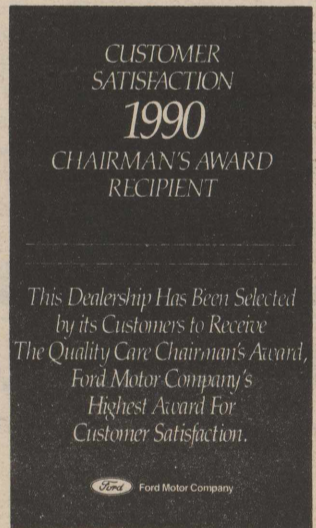
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Fishing is as easy as pushing a button

Getting started in fishing is as easy as pushing a button - the casting button of a spincast reel, that is. Choosing from the massive array of fishing gear is not as difficult as it might appear to a beginner, if you can keep a few basic things in mind.

Most anglers start out with a

Hunter's Education course offered

It's only a few short weeks before opening day of fall hunting season, but hunters still have time to attend one of many education courses scheduled across the state. Volunteer instructors, teachers and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department employees conduct the department's mandatory hunter education course.

Every Texas hunter born on or after September 2, 1971, must meet requirements for hunter education training. If you were born on or after September 2, 1971, and you are:

*17 years old and older - you must successfully complete a hunter education course.

*12-16 years old - you must successfully complete a hunter education course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 or older.

*under 12 years old - you must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 or older. Participants must be at least 12 years old to take the course.

The program is reciprocal with all other states and Canadian provinces. The minimum 10 hour course, which must be scheduled over a minimum of two days, focuses primarily on hunting safety, responsibility, ethics, game laws and a number of other topics.

The course costs \$5. Certification is not required to purchase a license, but the person must carry certification while hunting.

spincast, also called a "closed-face", reel. And for good reason. Spincast reels are easy to use and perform well.

A Johnson Tangle Free reel is an excellent choice for beginners. It has a unique drag system that eliminates line twist and tangles that can result when you're first learning to cast. Like many spincast reels, the Tangle-Free series are pre-spooled with line so it's ready to fish. The model you choose depends largely on what you plan to fish for.

"In general, the bigger the fish, the heavier the gear you'll want to use, with 8 or 12 pound test line and on up," said Steve Vogts of Johnson Reels. "For smaller fish, you'll want lighter gear, and lighter line, 4 to 6 pound test."

The Tangle-Free 8 is a good medium choice for beginners because it's light enough for fishing smaller fish, like crappies, yet strong enough for bass and walleye.

The next step is to match the right rod to your reel. You can purchase a pre-packaged combo that has been matched for you, or choose a rod that "balances" with the size of your reel.

Smaller reels balance best with light-action rods; medium-sized reels with medium-action rods; and large reels with medium-heavy/heavy-action rods.

The rod's action refers to its weight and stiffness and is stamped on the rod near the handle. Light-action rods are best fished with 2 to 6 pound test line; medium-action rods with 6 to 12 pound test; and heavy-action rods with 12 to 20 pound test. Use a light-action rod if you plan to fish exclusively for panfish, and a medium action if you'll mix in some walleye or bass angling.

Rods also come in different lengths, ranging from four feet to ten feet. Shorter rods give you better control while longer rods allow you to cast farther. An ideal starter rod is 5 1/2 to 6 feet long, which is short enough to give you

plenty of control, yet long enough to provide a fair amount of casting distance.

Rods and reels are a little less intimidating, than all the other fishing tackle. There is a tremendous amount of lures on the market. How do you know which lures are necessary? For an all-around good lure, it's hard to beat a spinnerbait like the Beetle Spin. It imitates the flash of a minnow, and a leech/worm body, and it comes in a variety of sizes and colors to match the conditions and feeding habits of the fish you're after.

In general, choose dark colors for clear water and cloudy days, and bright colors for dark water and sunny days. Chartreuse, pumpkin, pearl, bright neons, black and purple are good colors to have on hand. Small lures generally work better in early spring when fish are spawning and not as hungry, while bigger lures are more productive later in the season. Keep handy an assortment of grubs, worms, curly tails, and wax-worm plastic bodies, some spinnerbaits, and small jigging spoons, like the Johnson Sprite, a few bobbers, split shots and #4 or #6 hooks.

To locate fish, remember that they like hiding places. Look for rock piles, points, weedbeds, stumps, docks, brush piles, and even bridge abutments. Fish congregate in these spots because they provide cover from predators and a place from which they can ambush bait fish.

Don't be intimidated by all the gear you see and fishing "know how" you hear. All you need is a good rod and reel that's easy to cast, a common bait, a shoreline to fish from, and some hungry fish, and you're on your way to great fun.



A Chart flying lure was too much for this 7 pound 14 ounce bass to resist. Tim Kilpatrick hooked the fish on Oak Creek Lake in April.



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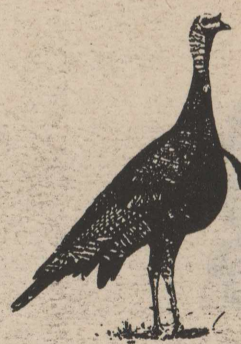
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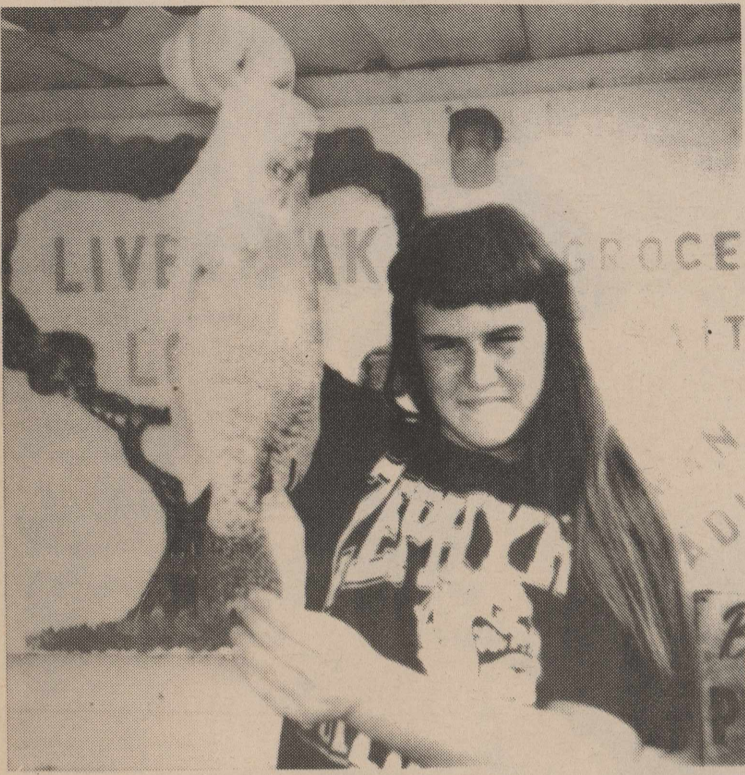
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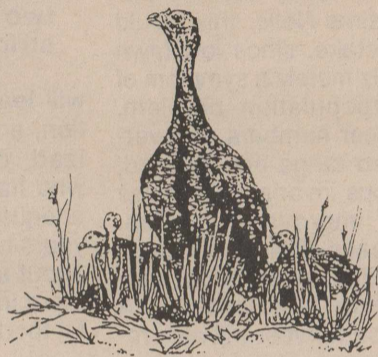
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Life jacket safety detailed

Hundreds of people will drown this year, many from boating accidents on the public lakes, rivers, and bays in Texas. Most of the accidents are preventable, too.

U. S. Coast Guard statistics show that more than 80% of boating fatalities involve people not wearing life jackets. Many of these fatalities were children.

The American Pediatrics Society lists drowning as the number one cause of child death, according to officials with the National Safe Boating Council. Children under 7 years old cannot don a life jacket by themselves. Those between 7 and 12 cannot arrange tasks without formal training. A good way to save a child's life while boating is to put them in a properly fitted and adjusted life jacket before hitting the water.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department received reports on 353 water related deaths from Sept. 1, 1992, through August 31, 1993. The number one known cause of death listed was "fell into water" with 97. Swimming and fishing were the top two activities for fatalities with 103 and 38 respectively. Of all the fatalities, 208 occurred in lakes, rivers, the Gulf of Mexico or the bays.

The age group with the most deaths was up to 5 years old and 31 to 35 years, each with 48. The 26 - 30-year-old group had 38 fatalities, followed by 36 to 40-year-olds with 31, and 11-15 and 16-20 age groups, each with 28.

Excuses vary as to why people do not wear life jackets, but they are all poor. The main reason for wearing a life jacket is the protection of life. Correct fit and proper adjustment to the person wearing it are imperative if the safety margin it offers is to be obtained, the National Safe Boating Council officials say.

Know how to correctly wear a life jacket. Try putting one on while in the water and practice swimming while wearing it. However, a life jacket is only an aid to buoyancy; it's no substitute for good swimming ability.

There are also several tips for children:

*Life jackets come in child weight ranges of under 30 pounds, 30-50 pounds, 50-90

pounds and more than 90 pounds. Choose the right weight range for your child.

*Chest size might be specified, so measure your child under the arms.

*Fasten the life jacket snugly and lift at the shoulders. If it gives more than 3 inches it's too big.

*Crotch straps keep the life jacket in place. Use them.

*Consider collared life jackets for children who fear water.

*Let your child test the life jacket in shallow water. It's important for him to get used to wearing it.

*Choose high-visibility colors.

*Life jackets are not baby sitters. Never leave your child alone.

Effective May 1, 1995, Type 4 personal flotation devices - the cushion type - will not be acceptable in boats under 16 feet long. TPWD officials encourage anyone who may need a PFD now, to go ahead and purchase a Type 1, 2 or 3 PFD.

For more information on boater education, call the TPWD toll-free number at 1-800-792-1112, then dial "2" for boats and "3" for boater education. The public also may call (512) 389-4999 for boater education, (512) 389-4800 for general information or (512) 389-4828 for boater registration.

Some Bowhunting aids illegal

Since bowhunting has caught fire, many products for the archer have hit the market, some good, some bad. One such group would no doubt be a boon to the bowhunter - if they were just legal. Lumped together, they basically involve artificial light that illuminates sights. They include the new Lighted Dot for aiming, laser sights, and lighted sights or scopes. The same law that applies to headlights or hunting lamps translates to these new products. It is unlawful in Texas to hunt game birds or animals with any artificial light.

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Doe harvest key to healthy population

Soil Conservation Service

Even though deer numbers are down over much of central and west Texas, biologists warn that populations are still too high, and a heavy harvest is needed to help balance deer numbers with the food supply.

According to Steve Nelle, Wildlife Biologist with the Soil Conservation Service in San Angelo, a heavy doe harvest is the only way to bring deer numbers down to the carrying capacity of the range. Most ranchers who are serious about deer management routinely harvest two to three times the number of does as bucks.

Some ranchers have the idea that in a year of below normal rainfall, and below average fawn survival such as this year, that they should limit hunters to fewer does. However, claims Nelle, this would be a mistake, since low fawn survival is merely a symptom of an overpopulation problem. When deer numbers on overpopulated range are reduced, fawn crops invariably increase due to improved nutrition. This means that fewer does are needed to produce adequate fawn replacement. A heavy doe harvest will also result in more bucks due to better sex ratios, and bigger bucks due to increased nutrition.

Getting large numbers of does harvested can be difficult. Does tend to get very wild and wary once they discover they are the targets. However, hunting from baited blinds and not from vehicles seems to allow a higher harvest.

Season lease ranches often have the greatest difficulty with a large doe harvest, due to lower numbers of hunters. In this case, invited guest hunting for does only is usually required to legally harvest adequate doe numbers. Many ranchers also provide day or weekend leases to help harvest does. Several ranches have actually made as much money from doe hunting as they do from buck hunting.

Many biologists and observers predict that unless significant moisture is received soon, the already limited deer food supply in many areas will get even more scarce. This



Jim and Carol Kurth of Big Spring hooked two 13 pound stripers and one 10 pound striper March 4 on Lake E.V. Spence.

will lead to poor body condition, and possibly some localized die-offs. Landowners who have diligently harvested adequate doe numbers in past years have much less to worry about since deer numbers are more in balance with the natural food supply.

In most counties, hunters may legally harvest up to four does, and doe permits are not required. Nelle suggests that doe harvest begin early in the season so that does can more easily be distinguished from fawns, and to reduce competition for food.

RL Hunter BBQ set Nov. 5

West Coke County Community Development will sponsor its sixth annual Hunters Appreciation BBQ on Saturday evening, November 5th. It will again take place in the Rec Hall in the county park at Robert Lee. The supper of plenty of meat with all the trimmings, including dessert, will begin at 6 pm and serve until 9.

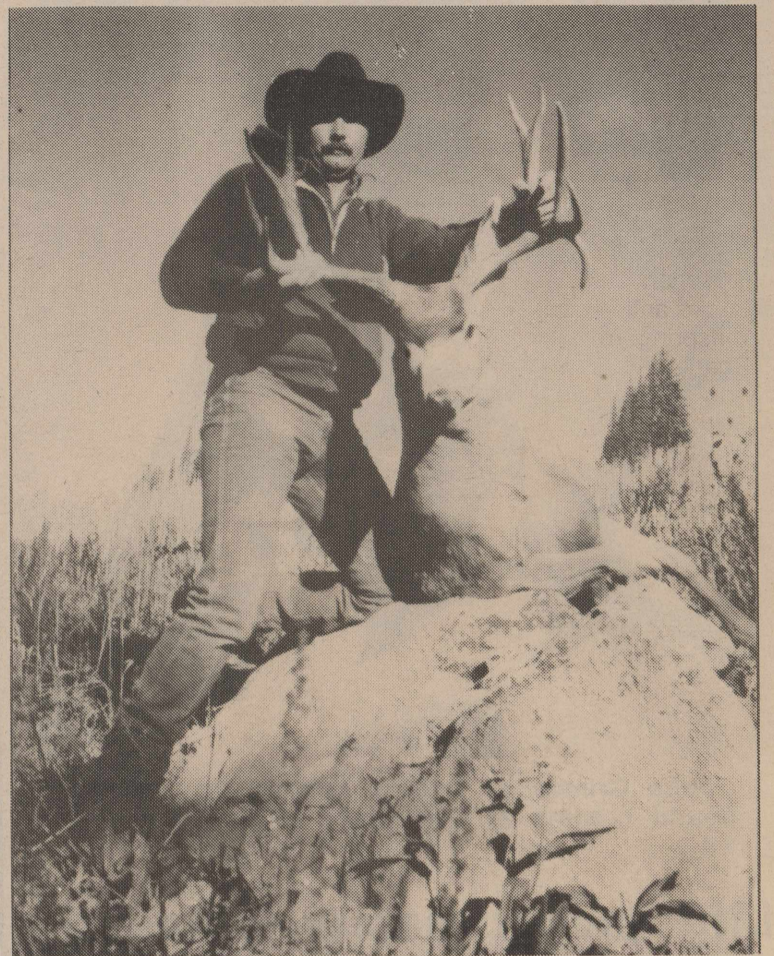
The event is at no cost to hunters but tickets are necessary. They are available either from the party from whom they lease or from participating individuals or businesses who have supported the BBQ by donations.

The big feed spills over into the park and livestock barn to accommodate the huge crowd. The hunters are appreciative of the event and say so; everyone has a good time, with lots of visiting and swapping

stories.

Deer, turkey, and quail hunting has become increasingly important to Coke County during a sagging economy. The Hunters' Appreciation BBQ is a way of welcoming them back to the area. It has grown to gigantic proportions in just four years. The group fed nearly 1,000 people last year. It is a family affair; many wives and children join the hunters.

Volunteers and WCCCD members do the work - preparations, cooking, serving, cleaning up, whatever is required to make the event succeed. More are always needed. If you can help in any way or you need to donate and acquire tickets for your hunters, please call Bob Wrinkle, 453-2414 at Ace Hardware in Robert Lee. Be a part of this community undertaking.

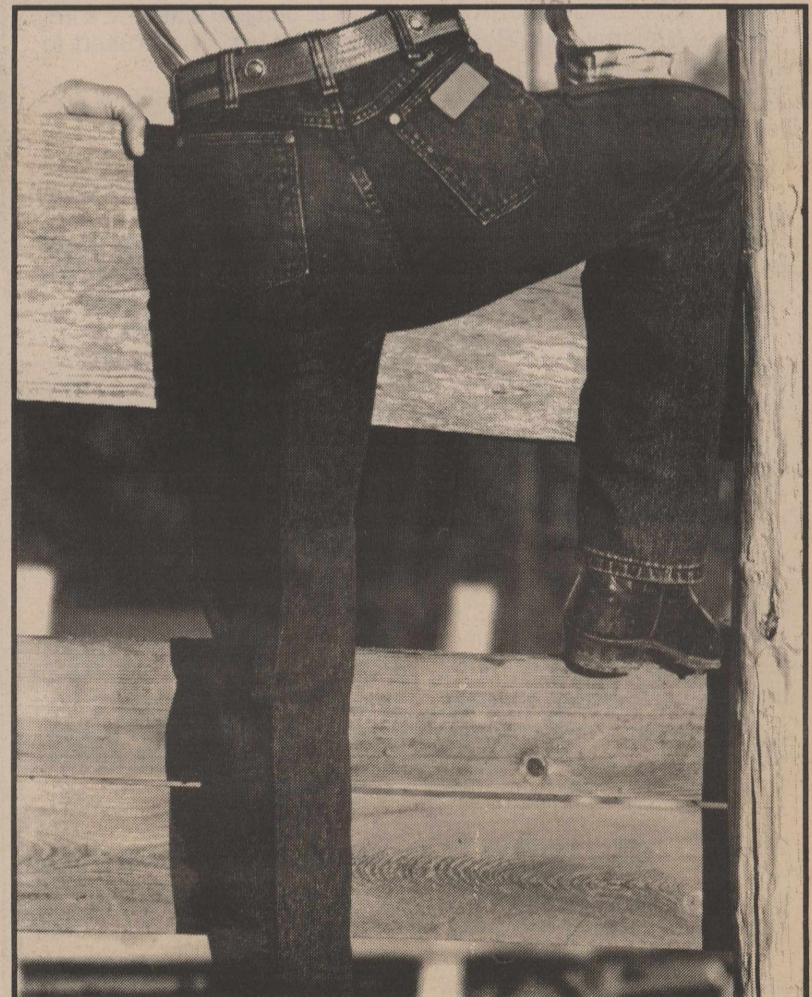


Robert Lee's Randy Bessent recently brought this heavy-horned mule deer home from his annual hunting trip to Wyoming. This muley sported a 26" inch rack, with a drop tine off the left beam.

Backstrap Steak

Remove all white membranes and muscle cover from one backstrap (tenderloin of deer). Slice at slight angle into small, round pieces. (Do not soak in anything, it's unnecessary). Salt and pepper liberally, dip alternately in flour

and water twice. Fry over medium heat in 1/2 inch of oil in a heavy skillet. For gravy drain part of oil when finished, salt and pepper oil, add 3 or 4 tbs. flour. Scrape browned bits down and brown flour slightly; add milk to a depth of 2 inches and stir till thickened. Serve with hot biscuits.



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Spike bucks may not be inferior types

Soil Conservation Service

Research recently completed at the Kerr Wildlife Management Area concludes that spike antlered bucks and their offspring are not as inferior as many people believe according to Steve Nelle, Biologist with the Soil Conservation Service in San Angelo.

Bucks that were spikes as yearlings and the sons of spikes that were raised on typical nutritionally deficient Edwards Plateau rangeland

developed antlers at ages 2.5, 3.5, and 4.5 that were not significantly different than the antlers of the forked-antler line of bucks. The spike-antlered line at age 4.5 had on the average, one less point, one inch less spread, and one-half inch less basal circumference compared to the forked-antler line. Interestingly, some of the individuals from the spike-antlered line of bucks actually developed better antlers than some of the individuals from the forked-antler line. One of the five bucks from the spike-antlered line was clearly inferior and stayed inferior to maturity, ending up with only 7 points at age 4.5. The other four bucks with 8 to 10 points each had only slightly smaller antlers than the forked-antler line.

This research, says Nelle, simply verifies what many have known for a long time: that antler development is more closely tied to nutrition than

genetics and that the role of genetics is masked with inadequate nutrition.

Ranchers and hunters may wish to reconsider the notion that all spikes are genetically inferior and should be culled from the herd. This research shows that most yearling spikes will go ahead and produce decent antlers later in life.

On February 1, Cherokee County game warden Don Currie received some "advice" from a patient at a mental institution. Acting on a lead from a citizen, Currie was interviewing a suspected illegal deer hunter, who's an employee of the institution. During the interview a patient shouted, "Recite John 3:16 to him and then SHOOT HIM!"

Advice was not taken.



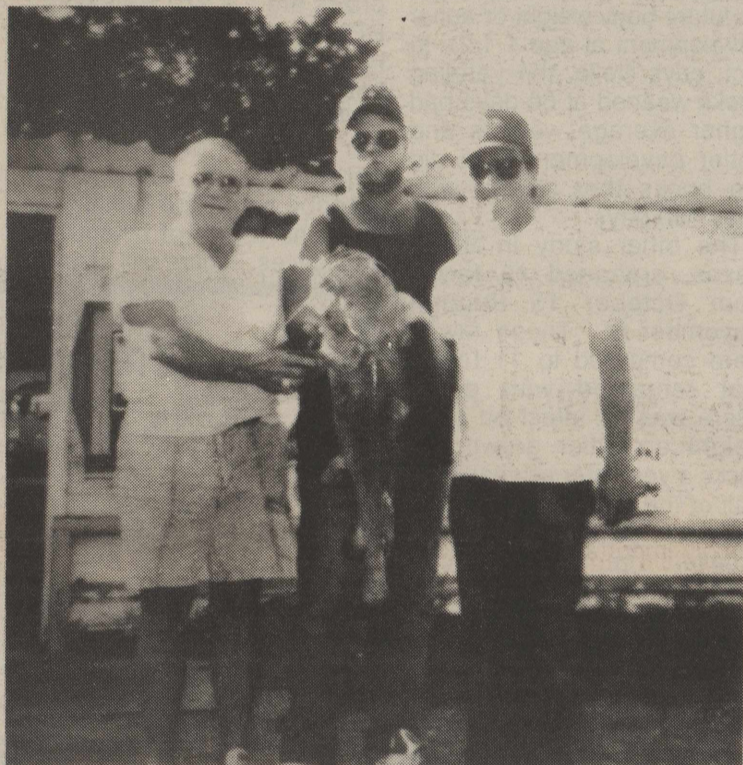
Terry and Josh Brown display a nice stringer of stripers caught on Lake E.V. Spence in July.

Rabies warning

Most outdoorsmen are aware of this year's rabies outbreak across the state. Although the epidemic seems to have abated, isolated cases are still turning up. Humans and domestic pets have been attacked in cities in their own yards. Hunters and fishermen both need to be on the lookout for animals exhibiting uncharacteristic behavior.

Fox and raccoons seem to have been the leading carriers during this recent rabies epidemic. If an animal comes near you and is unafraid, get away from it or arm yourself. If it appears injured or limbs or back broken down or seems ill, keep your distance.

Several victims of animal attacks in Coke County took preventive vaccinations after being exposed.



This 22 pound yellowcat was caught in September by Brian McCasland and friends, Wayne and Butch Thompson. They snagged the monster at Oak Creek Lake.

Texas Top 25 Largemouth bass

Texas Parks and Wildlife released the following list of the top 25 largemouth bass as reported through February 4, 1994.

1. Barry St. Clair, 18.18 pounds, 25.50 inches, Lake Fork, Jan. 24, 1992
2. Mark Stevenson, 17.67 pounds, 27.50 inches, Lake Fork, Nov. 26, 1986
3. Stan Moss, 17.64 pounds, Lake Fork, April 1, 1989
4. Jerry New, 17.63 pounds, 26.25 inches, Lake Fork, August 28, 1990
5. Larry Barnes, 17.29 pounds, Lake Fork, February 14, 1988
6. Troy Coates, 17.08 pounds, 25.50 inches, Lake Fork, February 26, 1991
7. Earl Crawford, 16.91 pounds, 27.63 inches, Pinkston, February 16, 1986
8. Bryan Turner, 16.86 pounds, 25.50 inches, Lake Fork, February 8, 1993
9. Herchel Brickey, 16.77 pounds, Mill Creek, March 1, 1990
10. Steve Trepkus, 16.75 pounds, 25.50 inches, March 8, 1990
11. Guy Whitherspoon, 16.59 pounds, 26 inches, Lake Fork, May 15, 1987
12. Bill Reed, 16.54 pounds, 25 inches, Lake Fork, February 27, 1991
13. Troy Johnson, 16.17 pounds, 26 inches, Gibbons Creek, January 15, 1988
14. Tom Hallum, 16.06 pounds, 27.50 inches, Lake Fork, March 9, 1988
15. Gaspar Cardinale, 16.04 pounds, 25.75 inches, Lake Fork, February 29, 1992
16. Scott Tongate, 16.02 pounds, 16.75 inches, Possum Kingdom, October 13, 1989
17. Bobby Shaver, 16.01 pounds, 25.50 inches, Caddo Lake, April 13, 1992
18. John Stanley, 16 pounds, 27.50 inches, Lake Fork, July 3, 1989
19. Wendell Atkinson, 15.95 pounds, 25.50 inches, Lake Fork, March 21, 1991
20. Jim Taylor, 15.88 pounds, 25.50 inches, Lake Fork, February 17, 1990
21. Rex Thompson, 15.65 pounds, 27.50 inches, Lake Fork, May 28, 1991
22. Jim Gore, 15.61 pounds, 26.13 inches, Lake Fork, May 8, 1991
23. Walt Doshier, 15.60 pounds, 24.75 inches, Lake Fork, April 3, 1993
24. Jay Hiler, 15.58 pounds, 27 inches, Amistad, March 11, 1989
25. Dennis Canada, 15.53 pounds, 27 inches, Lake Fork, April 19, 1987

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Do provide plenty of fresh water. Dogs are just as likely to get dehydrated in the winter as in the summer.

Don't think that if your dog eats snow, his thirst is being quenched. Snow is not a satisfactory substitute for water.

Do provide adequate shelter and keep your dog warm, dry and away from any drafts. Tiled and uncarpeted areas can become extremely cold, so make sure to place blankets and pads on floors around your house.

Don't leave your dog outside in the cold for extremely long periods of time. Windchill makes days colder than actual temperature readings. Be attentive to your dog's body temperature and limit time outdoors.

Do be extra careful when playing or walking your dog near frozen lakes, rivers or ponds. Your dog could slip or jump in and get seriously injured.

Don't forget to towel dry or blow dry your dog if he gets wet from rain or snow. It is important to dry and clean his paws, too. This helps avoid tiny cuts and cracked pads.

Do make sure to take your dog to a veterinarian if you see any suspicious symptoms.

Don't use over-the-counter medications on your dog without consulting your veterinarian.

Do feed your dog additional calories if he/she spends a lot of time outdoors or is a working animal. It takes more energy in the winter to keep body temperature regulated, so additional calories are necessary.

Don't leave your dog alone in a car during winter - it gets too cold and carbon monoxide from an engine left running is dangerous.

Do keep your dog away from antifreeze which often collects on driveways and roadways. Although it smells and tastes good to your dog, it is



Former Game Warden R.L. Flanagan of Robert Lee snagged this 15 pound 10 ounce striper with a topwater lure on Lake Spence April 14.

highly poisonous and can be lethal.

Don't forget to groom your dog regularly. A dog needs a well-groomed coat to keep him properly insulated.

Do buy a sweater or coat for short or coarse hair dogs. Long hair dogs should have their paw hair clipped to ease snow removal and the cleaning of their feet.

Don't leave your dog unattended around rock salt which is used to melt ice on sidewalks. It can irritate dog footpads so be sure to rinse your dog's feet and dry them after a walk.

Fawns not stunted by early weaning

Soil Conservation Service

Many landowners and hunters alike have been reluctant to endorse a heavy doe harvest early in the deer season for fear that orphan fawns would be stressed and stunted.

However, according to Steve Nelle, Wildlife Biologist with the Soil Conservation Service in San Angelo, studies have proven otherwise. Two separate studies agree that fawns orphaned at a young age fare just as well as fawns that stay with their mothers.

A study as the Kerr Wildlife Management Area concluded that weaning at 60 or 90 days

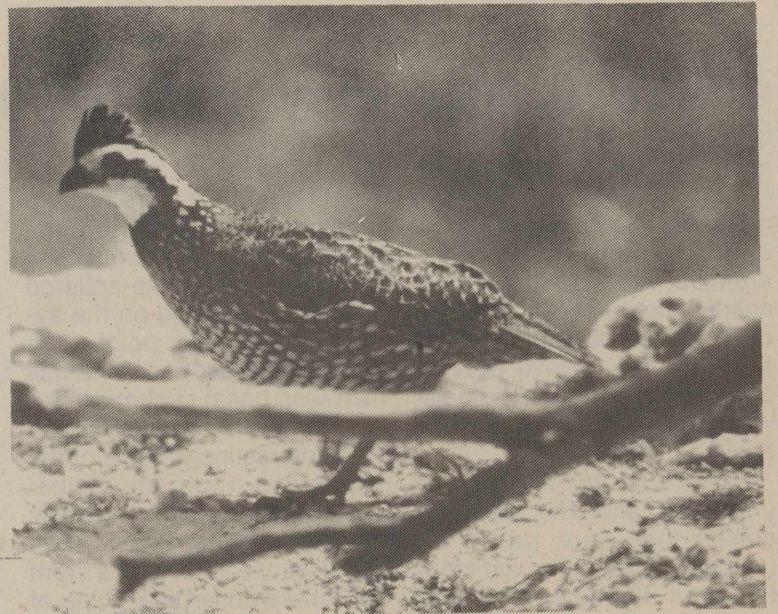
of age had no adverse effect on future body weight or antler development at age 1 1/2. In fact, says Nelle, the yearling bucks weaned at 60 days had higher average weights and antler development than did the bucks that stayed with does 180 days.

The other study in South Texas, orphaned 13 fawns from October 15 through November 8. These fawns were compared to 11 fawns that remained with does. There was no effect on body weight or antler growth on bucks a year later as yearlings. Half of the orphaned does actually bred as fawns, indicating excellent nutrition and body development.

The practical application of this research is that ranchers can encourage hunters to harvest does heavily early in the hunting season. Hunters can be sure that harvesting does with fawns will not endanger the survival or health of the orphaned fawn. Harvesting does early in the season will help the rancher accomplish an adequate doe harvest and also save more of the limited food supply for later in the winter.



Moss only grows on the North side of trees in open, dry country, not in the forest or on lowlands.



The statewide quail season opens October 29 and will continue through February 26. The initial forecast is poor across Texas.

Ballinger Big Buck Contest

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the "Big Buck Contest", now in its 11th year. A total of 21 prizes will be given in 6 categories. Some of the major prizes are... a 270 Remington BDL for the Big Buck category... a 270 Remington ADL for both the Spike and Doe categories... a 12 gauge Remington Express for the Turkey category... a 270 BDL w/scope for 3 Doe weight total... and a pair of binoculars and knives. There will also be

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Black bears captured in Val Verde area

A black bear sow and her two cubs were captured in late September on a ranch in western Val Verde County after a week long cooperative effort by local ranchers, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the USDA Animal Damage Control.

The black bears, listed as an endangered species in Texas, were killing livestock in Val Verde County. The bears probably came across the Rio Grande from Mexico. Two other confirmed sightings of different bears with cubs were reported during the same week within a 50-mile radius, said Sylvestre Sorola, TPWD biologist from Del Rio.

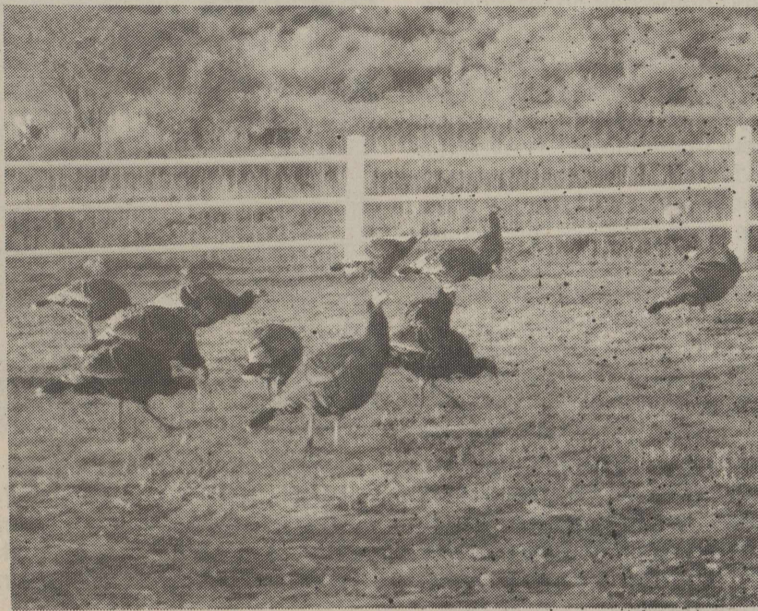
The rancher who discovered dead livestock called ADC specialist Randy Schaefer of Langtry to investigate the problem. A mountain lion initially was suspected, but on September 27, Schaefer came upon the bears on a freshly killed goat. Other dead livestock was found later in the day in the surrounding area.

The next day, Schaefer and Sorola spotted the bears at a fresh kill in the bottom of a small canyon.

"The black bear is an opportunist, omnivorous animal. It will eat the center of sotol and yucca plants, persimmon fruits, prickly pear tunas, ground squirrels and, occasionally, small domestic livestock," Sorola said. "Conditions are very dry in the area and none of these vegetable foods are currently available. This sow apparently turned to killing domestic sheep and goats because it was easy and she had two cubs to feed."

The sow was captured in a foot snare overnight, but the cubs eluded capture for three days. On October 4, the cubs were located near a fresh goat kill, cornered in a canyon and captured several hours later. Sorola said the cubs were in excellent shape and had fared well without their mother. The bears had killed at least 14 goats and one ewe.

The bears - the sow was ra-



A flock of turkeys, with a number of young ones in tow, graze leisurely across the yard of the Cumbie Ivey, Jr., ranch house recently.

dio-collared and the cubs were ear-tagged - were released at Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area, he said. Their behavior will be monitored following their relocation.

Coke County Lakes

Coke County is fortunate to be the home of two good fishing lakes - Oak Creek Lake and E. V. Spence. Although both now are suffering from low water levels, the nucleus of game fish are there. Oak Creek is better known for black bass and catfish while Spence is well-known for striper fishing.

Regulations for both lakes fall under the general laws set forth for the state in the new 1994-95 Texas Fishing Guide, published by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Only two regulation exceptions have been posted for the lakes - one on each reservoir.

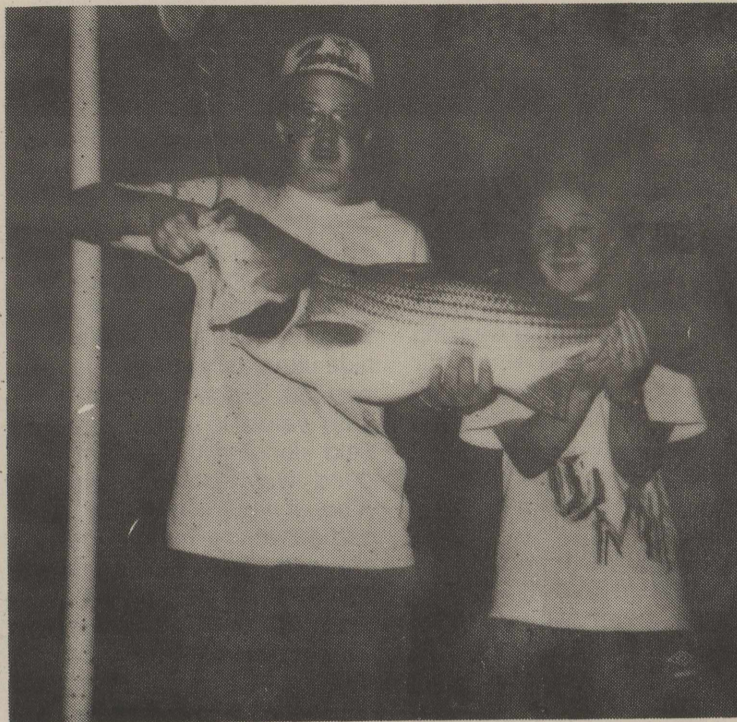
Oak Creek anglers this year may only take small-mouth black bass 18 inches and over, limit of three. A small, stable population of the smallmouth bass is present at the lake at this time. Purpose

of the limit is to encourage spawning and a larger population of heavier fish.

Spence, for the second year, will adhere to the 18 inch minimum for blue catfish with a 5-a-day take. Channel cats remain at the statewide 9 inches, while the flathead catfish went to 24 inch minimum last year.

Timely Tips

Sportsmen should remember when they go into the field that Operation Game Thief offers cash rewards to anyone whose information leads to the conviction of game and fish law violaters. The 24-hour toll-free number is 1-800-792-GAME and callers may remain anonymous.



Eleven year old Lyndsey Rybolt of Odessa needed a little help to show off this monster. The striper weighed in at 15 3/4 pounds and was snagged on Lake Spence.

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When and when not to skin wild game

by Dan Cherry

There are times when we all wish our game care could be as simple as dragging a freshly killed deer or elk to the meat processor to be skinned and butchered, but for many of us, skinning our game is as much a part of hunting as squeezing the trigger. And even for those who don't like to do their own skinning, there will be times when you won't have a choice. The key is knowing when to skin game and when not to.

Once you have your game on the ground, you'll find that the hide serves two main purposes: it keeps the meat clean, and it keeps flies and other insects, as well as scavengers, out. If you take your game within dragging distance of your vehicle, you'll want to leave the skin on until the dragging is done. And if the weather is chilly enough for the carcass to cool with the hide on, you'll want to keep that extra cover on the meat as you let it age.

Horse packers have been known to pack elk out by halving the carcass between the third and fourth ribs, splitting each half lengthways along the spine, and then slinging each half over a saddle with the skin still intact. The quarters are skinned out along the backbone only enough to let them hang down evenly on either side of the saddle. Most of the meat stays covered by skin, and if the weather is cool enough for the hide to be left on, bugs usually are not a problem. If they are, a tarp can be lashed over the quarters.

Similarly, deer can be packed out whole over a riding saddle with the skin left on to protect the meat. Simply cut a "buttonhole" between the third and fourth ribs and run the saddle horn through it to keep the carcass centered on the saddle. Sever the legs at the knee joints, then lash the head and hocks to the saddle horn. This not only keeps the saddle from overbalancing, but also

prevents the antlers from gouging the horse as it walks.

There are times, however, when leaving the skin on a carcass just isn't practical. When hunting a remote area far from a road or camp, you'll want to carry out as little extra weight as possible, and an elk hide can easily weigh 30 to 40 pounds. Since the hide is of little value to most hunters, field skinning the animal is a good way to save weight. Also, if you're packing your game back to hunting camp, any extra waste such as an unwanted hide must be disposed of in a way that won't attract bears or other scavengers to your camp. For that reason, it's best to leave the hides in the field.

But the most common determination of whether game must be skinned out quickly after the kill is the weather. During early-fall hunts, even though the nights may become cool, days are often warm enough for the meat to spoil when the hide traps in the body heat. If the game must be left in the woods for any length of time, skin it out and hang it, or at least get it propped up on deadfall trees where air can circulate around it.

Special precautions must be taken against bugs and scavengers when game is skinned in the field. Always carry lightweight game bags in your daypack and use them to cover the meat as soon as it is skinned. Many outfitters sprinkle any exposed meat with a heavy dose of black pepper, finding this to be an effective way to keep flies off meat during early-season hunts. Also, a carcass can be covered with a heavy matt of pine or fir boughs to keep birds from getting at the meat.

There may be times when you get your game late in the day and need to head back toward camp rather quickly. If you're short on time but are concerned about spoilage, peel back the thickest parts of the skin. Animals such as elk and moose have heavy skin

and mane hair on their necks, and you need to get the hide off the meat. Be sure to remove the trachea and esophagus, too, as they will quickly sour in the throat. The thinner hide and hair on the back two-thirds of the carcass will allow the meat to chill as long as the heaviest parts of the carcass are opened up so cool air can circulate around them.

If you leave the hide on in cold weather, remember that thin skin will freeze as quickly as thick skin will cause spoilage. Peel back the thin hide around the knees and hocks so you won't find it frozen solid to the meat when you return to skin your game the next day.

The best time to skin your game depends on a continually changing combination of field conditions. Whether you hire the task done, do it yourself at home, or do it where your game falls in the field, there's always a time to skin and a time not to.

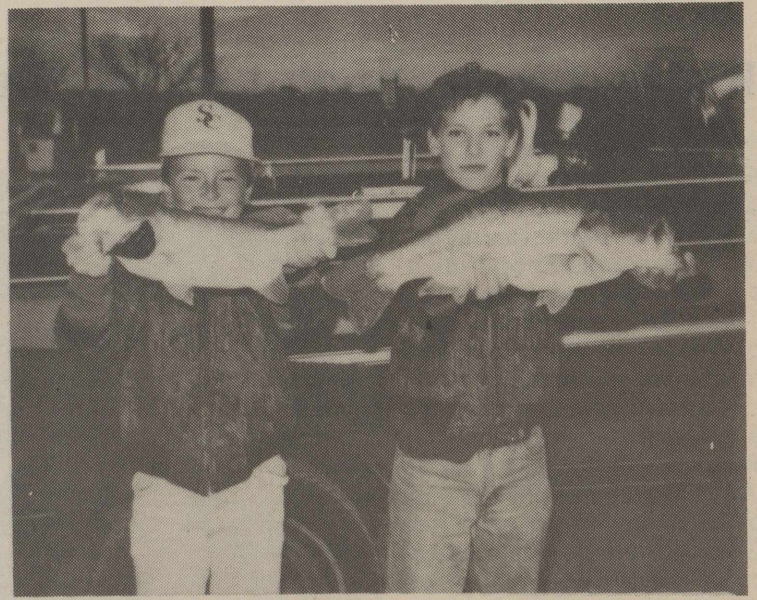
Pit Smoked Turkey

1 wild turkey, skinned or picked;
8 thick strips bacon or ham skin

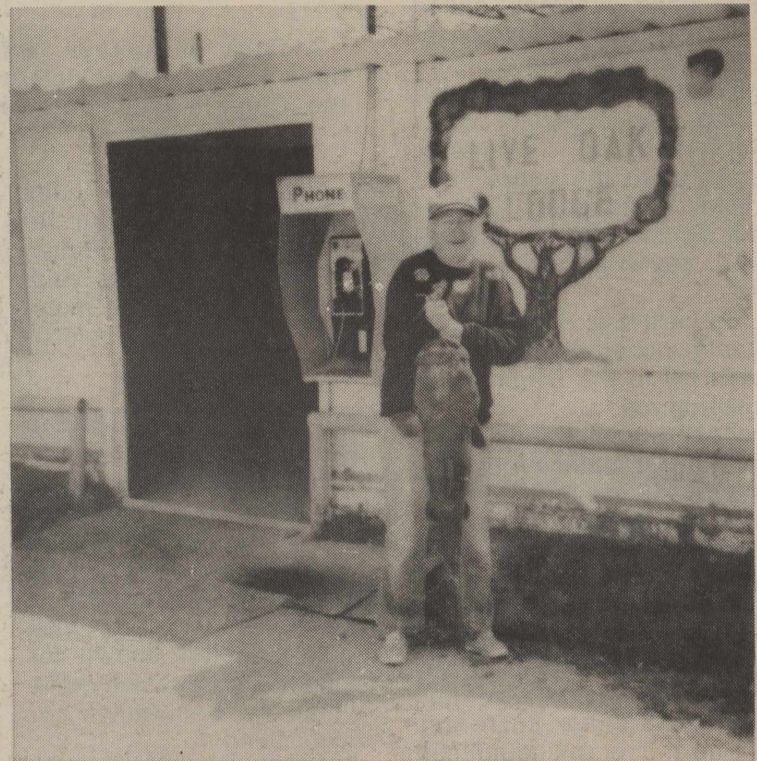
Use as large a pit as is available; build small mesquite fire and allow to burn down. Salt and pepper bird inside and out, cover with bacon or rind and put as far from fire as you can. Cook about 5 hours, turning once and moving bacon back to top again. (May need another stick of wood, too). About 45 minutes before cooking is finished, remove bacon and allow to brown. You may baste with lemon juice, salt, pepper, and oil or your favorite sauce. Wonderful!

Timely Tips

Is your hunting done only with a camera? Try a hunting vest carrying all photography equipment. Arms are free as you wear everything you need in its many pockets.



Eric Blair and Thomas Maricle of Sterling City used pumpkin seed and power worms to land these beauties. According to the folks at Paint Creek Marina on Lake Spence the fish weighed in at 2 1/2 pounds and 5 pounds.



Wanda Stanley shows off this 16 pound yellowcat she pulled in at Oak Creek Lake in March.

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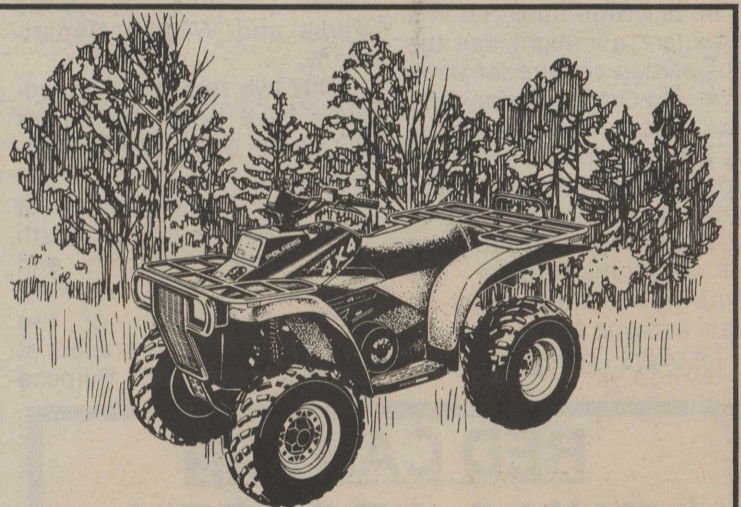
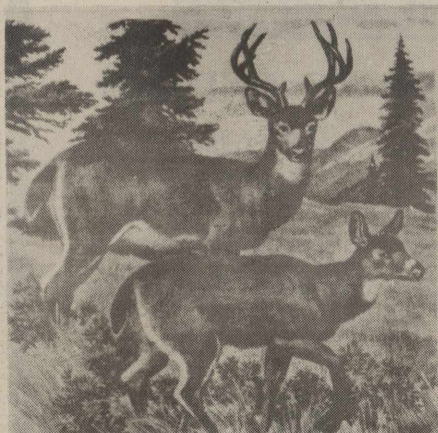
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Principles of shotgun shooting listed

Shooting a shotgun at flying targets is significantly different from shooting a rifle. The rifle must be aimed, its sights carefully aligned on the target; the shotgun isn't really aimed in that sense. Instead it's pointed, and it becomes an extension of the eye and hand. Shotgunning is often called an art, while rifle marksmanship is much more of a science. And yet consistently hitting flying targets with a shotgun is really not that hard to learn to do.

The shotgun gives you a tremendous advantage from the outset by throwing a great many pellets in a circular pattern. Although it's desirable, it isn't necessary for the bird or target to be exactly centered in that pattern to achieve a solid hit. The choke, or degree of constriction in a shotgun barrel's muzzle, determines the percentage of shot delivered within a 30-inch circle at 40 yards. A full choke will deliver the highest percentage; a cylinder bore (no constriction at all) delivers the lowest. The percentages aren't important to this discussion, but the point is that with a shotgun the idea is to get that target within that 30-inch circle.

This is achieved by combining a proper stance with the principles of swing lead, and follow-through. But first you have to position the shotgun on your shoulder and get your head down on the stock. The shotgun should fit you; when you bring it up the butt should settle into the meaty part of your shoulder, not out on your arm or in toward your collarbone. Your cheek should make firm contact with the comb of the stock, and you should be looking down the barrel. Most top-notch shotgunners shoot with both eyes open; your ability to judge the distance of your target and establish a proper lead is greatly enhanced by keeping both eyes open. But above all, keep your head on the stock; a common shooting error is to raise the head off the stock as

you fire.

Now let's look at your stance. Both feet should be planted firmly. Generally, if you're right-handed your left foot should face the target and your right foot should be at a 45-degree angle, spaced just slightly wider than your hips. For lefties, this should be reversed. This stance will allow you to swing both to the right and to the left without the shotgun being bound up by your body. On a clay-target range, your feet will be planted firmly. But in the field, a bird is likely to flush just when you're completely off balance. Take the extra half second to plant both feet firmly as you bring the gun up; you'll be amazed what this will do for your shooting.

The shotgun swing is absolutely critical. Remember that you don't aim a shotgun; you point it. And since the target is moving, the gun barrel must move to remain pointing at it. Whether the target is moving right, left, straight away, or toward you, you must swing the shotgun smoothly with the target.

As you're swinging, you establish a lead. Since the target is moving, the pattern must be pointed in front of it so that it will arrive where the target is going to be, not where it is when you pull the trigger. The amount of lead is determined by the angle and speed of the target, and to a smaller degree by how fast you swing the gun barrel and how fast your shot charge is traveling. It does little good to quote exact leads required for various targets; experience is the best way to gain that experience.

Most shotgunners begin with the clay targets propelled from a hand-held thrower, and that's a good and inexpensive way to get started. Later you can graduate to more formal games such as trap, skeet, and hunter's clays - and of course there's nothing to match experience with flying game birds.

Generally speaking, you pick up the target with your

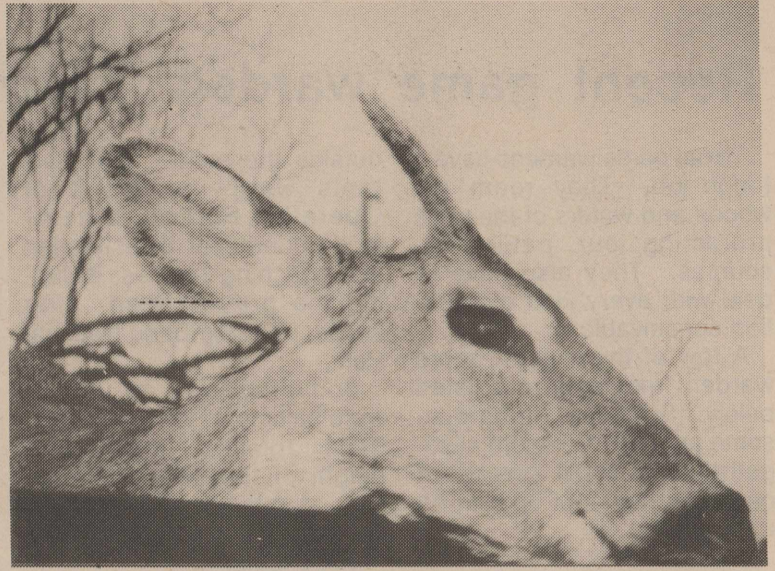
eyes, and you start to move your gun barrel in the direction of the target (or bird). You swing with the target, swing through it, and establish your lead. You keep the gun barrel moving and press the trigger with the barrel moving at the same speed. Pulling the trigger of a shotgun is not the same controlled squeeze used with a rifle; the trigger is actually pulled (but not jerked) somewhat abruptly when the lead looks right.

The last principle, but not the least, is the follow-through. It is absolutely critical that the gun barrel continue to move while the shot is fired. "Stopping the swing" is one of the most critical errors in shotgunning. If you stop or slow down your swing as you fire, your shot charge will pass behind the target. You can prevent this by following through - continuing your swing after you fire the shot.

These simple principles will help you break targets and hit flying birds, but you will need to get out and shoot your shotgun in order to understand exactly how to bring them into play. You can't hit birds on paper - you also can't consistently hit them in the field without following these rules.

Timely Tips

The legs of camp chairs, tables, and cots can damage the floor of a tent, letting ground moisture and dirt come through. You can prevent this by putting "coasters" under them: plastic coffee can covers, small empty tin cans, or rubber crutch tips.

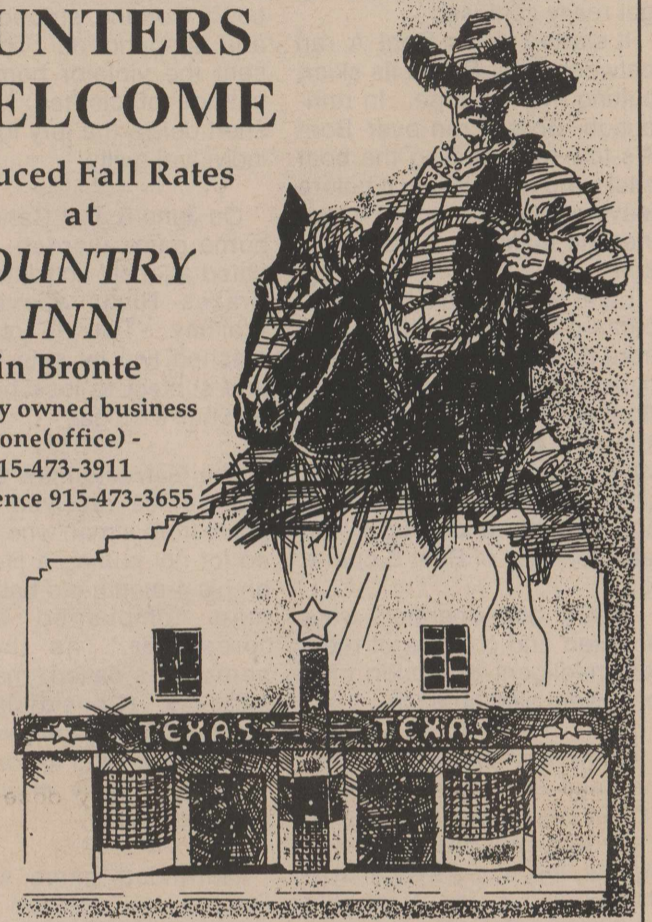


Kerry Hall of Bronte brought this rarity down - a spike doe - taken in the county December 30, 1993.

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Recent game warden "moments" listed

Texas game wardens have a tough job. They roam the woods and waters of the state protecting our natural resources. They also have to deal with every kind of situation conceivable.

A few of the recent game warden "moments" are listed below. Some are humorous, some are not. Mix them all together and you'll see what game wardens put up with on a daily basis.

On May 28, at Lake Meredith, the hot sun and a day at the lake led to short tempers for water lovers in two boats (I'll call the boats A and B or you'll get really confused.)

It started when Boat A ran between Boat B and its skier, cutting the tow rope. In retribution, Boat B ran over Boat A's tow rope, pulling the boat backward and sinking it before leaving. As one could imagine, the dialogue is not printable.

Later at the dock, the occupants met again with the wife from Boat A (the sunken boat) punching the male operator of Boat B. Boat B operator then knocked Boat A wife into the lake. Boat A husband didn't like it, went to his wife's rescue and soon he ended up in the lake courtesy of Boat B operator.

Finally, both operators were arrested and charges of reckless/negligent operation of a boat were filed on each.

Game wardens Vance Wallace and Brian Huckaby, both of Fort Worth, along with U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service agents, inspected a local taxidermy shop in Fort Worth that was advertising mounted wildlife for sale. More than \$40,000 of wildlife items were for sale, including some endangered species. Multiple state and federal charges were filed against the owner.

On July 21, law enforcement officers began serving warrants in Lajitas, Del Rio, San Antonio, Alpine, Lubbock, Pleasanton, and four cities

outside the state. The warrants were the result of Operation Rockcut, a year-long undercover investigation into poaching reptiles, including the gray-banded king snake, from Big Bend National Park.

Some species of snake were being sold for as much as \$400 apiece. During the height of the poaching season, as many as 200 snakes per night were being taken from the park.

Ed Russell, game warden in Wichita Falls, attended court on a bait dealer license case. The violator showed up in court wearing striped shorts and suspenders. The judge sent the violator home for a change of clothes. After a short delay, the jury found the individual guilty.

On June 5, Pat Canan, Cleburne game warden, investigated a jet ski accident on the Brazos River above Lake Whitney. Two 20-year-olds crashed two jet skis causing one subject to lose his teeth and half a tongue.

The Galveston law enforcement office received a complaint from a man who was cited for not putting a life jacket on his 4-month-old-baby. The man complained the life "preserver," as they are sometimes called, made the baby cry. (Considering how many hours game wardens spend searching for drowning victims, a baby crying is a beautiful noise.)

Clarendon game warden Gary Hunt stopped an attempted suicide in late May at Greenbelt Lake. An intoxicated woman became depressed and decided to end it all by swimming out into the lake until she couldn't swim anymore. Her husband went swimming after her to try to stop her. Hunt and a lake deputy overtook them in a boat and were able to haul them both aboard.

On Memorial Day weekend, game warden Jerry Hearn of Roby found two young men with a mess of catfish grabbed from the Brazos River. One of the men summed up the situation by saying, "This is Memorial Day weekend and you're supposed to be working at Lake Colorado City every weekend."

Game Wardens Tommy Johnson of Riverside and Eddie Hines of Conroe were patrolling Lake Conroe late one night in May when they sighted two men in a boat fishing. The men passed all the checks except they were in possession of five undersized catfish. The men said they were going to release the fish when they got back to the dock. They said they were afraid they would catch the fish again if they released it while they were still fishing.

Albert Flores, San Patricio County game warden, recently received a call about an alligator in Taft. It seems a 7-foot alligator had crawled into the town's Dairy Mart and the people wanted it out. When Flores arrived, he found the "gator drenched with mace that had been applied by the local police department. The gator was successfully relocated to a safer environment.

Fred Churchill and Gary Turner, both Williamson County game wardens, received a call in reference to trespassing on a local ranch. Upon arrival seven subjects were spray painting the walls of a large cave. The subjects ran but were captured.



Robert Nix of the Cedar Cove community was pleased with his 25 1/4 pound catch. The catfish was caught on a trotline at Lake Spence in February.

Charges of trespass, criminal mischief and evading detention were filed on each person. Game wardens were assisted by deputies from Williamson and Travis Counties.

Cass County game warden Larry Rowe received a call about a man in his late 40's falling out of a boat and drowning in a private lake. After the body was recovered, the man's life jackets were found in the front seat of his pickup.

On May 20, several game wardens conducted a law enforcement-type cleanup at Lake Buchanan. Nine game wardens dragged the lake, collecting 18,000 feet of trotline and two fish traps.

Fried Turkey Breast

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2/3 cup milk
2 cups fine, dried bread crumbs

1/4 cup cooking oil
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Snakes are objects of fear, fascination

More and more people are going to state parks and other parks for camping, fishing, hiking and other outdoor activities. This also brings them into contact with wildlife, and most of Texas' state parks are blessed with an amazing diversity of wildlife.

Among the most fascinating are snakes, the objects of fear and awe since ancient times, said Ted Hollingsworth, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department resource specialist from La Porte. Snakes also are among the most misunderstood animals.

Snakes are reptiles, meaning they are cold-blooded, have skin covered with scales and lay eggs (some snakes retain the eggs until they hatch, thereby giving birth to live young - unlike mammals, the young are not connected to the mother in any way). Snakes have no legs and no ears.

Hollingsworth said snakes are a natural and integral component of the ecosystem. "They are predators and are invaluable for their role in maintaining the 'balance' of nature by helping keep populations of their prey in check. Texas is home to 113 snake species and subspecies. Their prey consists of everything from earthworms to rabbits. Snakes are especially important in the control of rodents."

The 15 poisonous snakes in Texas make up less than 15% of the total species in the state. They are lumped into four categories: coral snakes, copperheads, cottonmouths (water moccasins) and rattlesnakes. Like other wildlife, poisonous snakes are protected within parks. A little care, he said, can ensure that these animals pose no threat to park visitors.

The coral snake is shy and seductive. Its brilliant colors (red, yellow, and black) make it easy to recognize, though it is rarely seen in Texas. It has a small mouth and typically is non-aggressive. The snake's poison is a neuro toxin. It causes failure of the nervous system and, if left untreated, bites can result in the lungs

failing to breathe or the heart failing to beat. However, coral snake bites are extremely rare.

The other three categories of snakes are pit-vipers (so called because they have a pit near each nostril which is highly sensitive to heat and aids the snake in locating warm-blooded prey). Their toxins are predominantly hemotoxins, meaning they break down blood, muscle, and other tissues which they may contact. The body's immune system reacts violently to the toxin and broken down tissues, with accompanying pain, but Texas snakes rarely cause human death.

Banded in tones of gray and/or brown, copperheads are colored to blend in with the leaf-covered forest floors where they are normally found. It is not uncommon to stare right at a copperhead without seeing it.

Fortunately, Hollingsworth said, the copperhead is the least dangerous poisonous snake. Because they can be so well camouflaged, most bites occur when a snake is accidentally picked up or sat or laid on.

"People are bitten every year playing in the outdoors when logs, boards, or old tin and other items are moved," he said. "Always use care when picking up or flipping such items where copperheads occur."

The water moccasin rarely strays far from water and is found in all of East Texas and along the coast in marshes, swamps, ponds, lakes, ditches, and canals. They are stubby, muscular snakes and can grow to nearly six feet. Hollingsworth said despite a persistent "old wives tale," water moccasins can and will bite under water. These snakes can be very defensive and sometimes aggressive. Swimmers, bathers, and bank fishermen should always keep an eye open for these snakes.

Ten species of rattlesnakes are found in Texas - this includes two species of massasauga, which have rattles but are of a different genus. In state parks rattlesnake sightings are un-

common. Sightings in state parks should be reported to the park official.

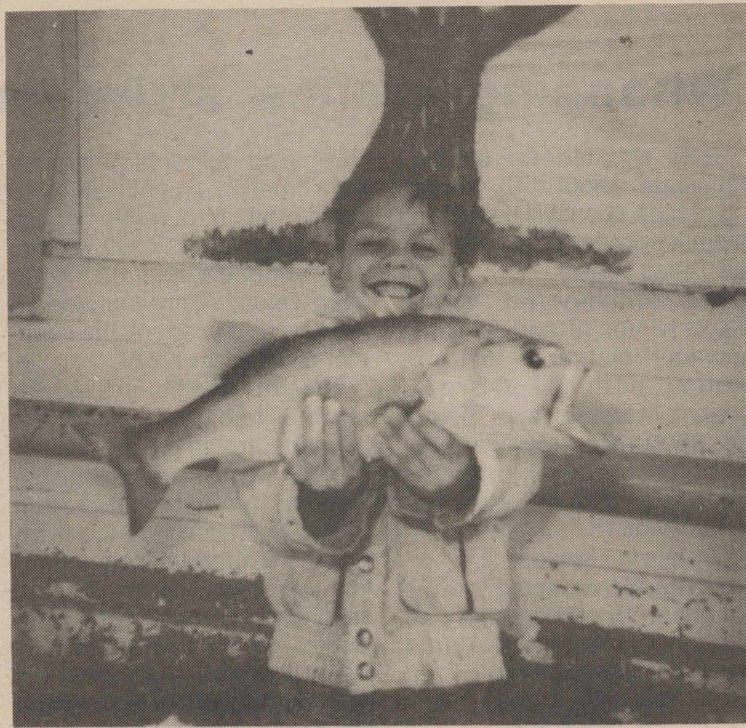
"Prevention of snake bites rarely requires more than a little common sense," Hollingsworth said. "Remember that poisonous snakes live on or near the ground and most bites occur when a snake is stepped on or otherwise trapped. Most bites occur in and around the ankle. About 99% of all bites occur below the knee, except for cases where a snake is accidentally picked up or fallen upon."

The fangs of poisonous snakes, though long and sharp, are relatively fragile and easily deflected or broken, he said. They rarely penetrate canvas tennis shoes and almost never penetrate leather shoes or boots. In fact, the bite of poisonous snakes is sometimes stopped by jeans or other long pants. Watching where you step and wearing boots in tall grass can prevent most snake bites.

If a person is bitten by a poisonous snake, there are a few rules to remember.

The first rule is to stay calm and not panic. Hollingsworth said there are instances every year of people dying from a heart attack after being bitten by harmless snakes. The second rule is to immediately seek medical attention. Put ice on the bite to slow the spread of venom - or put the whole limb into a bucket full of ice water.

"That is all you should do,"



Five year old Jimmy Hogue of Sweetwater nabbed this 2 pound 12 ounce black bass on Oak Creek Lake.

he said. "Do not cut into the bite to suck out the poison. You will only do additional tissue damage, which will complicate healing."

"Snakes are not something to be feared, rather something to be respected as a fascinating component of the outdoors. The well-rounded naturalist will delight in trying to identify each snake encountered the way many park visitors strive to identify each bird they see."

Deer Jerky

2 to 3 lbs. deer meat
2 tsp. soy sauce

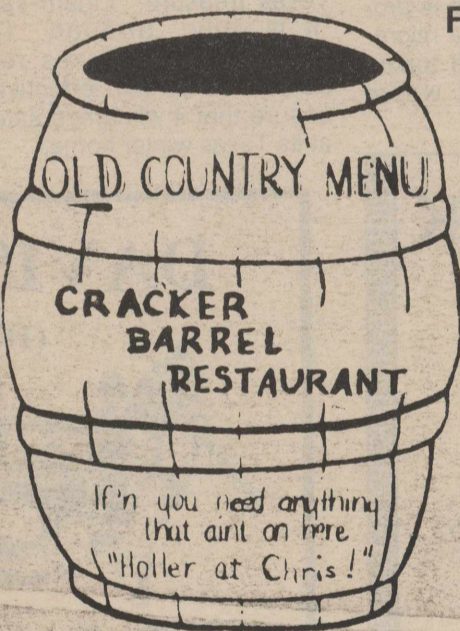
2 tsp. liquid smoke
2 tsp. worcestershire sauce
2 tsp. black pepper
1/8 c. salt
1/8 c. brown sugar
Juice of 1 lemon
1/8 tsp. garlic powder
2 cups water.

Slice meat as thin as possible, with the grain, (helps if it's very cold) in long strips. Marinate 2 days (longer won't hurt) in a glass jar or wide mouth crock. Turn oven to 150 degrees, drain meat well and spread over oven racks with a drip pan below. Cook for 8-12 hours until dry and tough. Store in jars or plastic bags.

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Whooping cranes arrive soon in state

State and federal officials anticipate about 148 whooping cranes soon will be arriving at their wintering grounds on the Texas coast.

The endangered birds, which winter at and near the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge north of Corpus Christi, recently have begun the 2,500-mile southward migration from their nesting grounds at Wood Buffalo National Park in the Northwest Territories of Canada.

Among the expected arrivals are about 15 chicks, said Lee Ann Linam, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's en-

dangered species program coordinator. Last fall, 143 birds made it to Texas, including 16 chicks. Last spring, 133 whoopers migrated north from Texas. Three whoopers unexpectedly spent the summer on Aransas NWR.

Texas biologists are reporting that habitat conditions in the state are again poor on the Texas wintering grounds. Aransas NWR biologist Tom Stehn expressed concern for arriving whoopers because of low food supplies and high salinity conditions in the bay. Winter mortalities often are higher following a dry summer, so biologists will be monitoring the crane population closely

this year.

Whooping cranes begin their journey to Texas in late September or early October each year. The journey, which takes several weeks, takes them through Alberta and Saskatchewan and the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Cranes remain overnight in wetland areas along rivers, lakes or ponds and may feed briefly in grain fields and wetlands.

Anyone spotting a whooping crane in Texas is asked to report the time, place and other details to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's endangered species program at 1-800-792-1112 or (512) 448-4311 or to other wildlife officials.

Adult whooping cranes are white with black wingtips and a red forehead. In flight, the bird's long neck is held straight forward and long black legs extend beyond the tail. The adult's wingspan may be more than 7 feet, and they may be as tall as five feet when standing. Juveniles have white and rusty brown body feathers and black wingtips.

Shooting or harassing whooping cranes is prohibited by the Endangered Species Act. In addition, disturbance of the bird during feeding or roosting can lead to injury to the bird. Sandhill crane and goose hunters should be aware that whooping cranes may be present in areas open to hunting. Accurate species identification and avoidance of areas with whooping cranes is important.

The department has materials to help identify whooping cranes and several other species similar in appearance.

"Despite its recent population increases, the whooping crane, whose only natural population winters in Texas, still is a highly endangered Texas treasure," Linam said. "It is only through the cooperation of Texas residents that we can effectively ensure that it will arrive safely at its Texas winter home."

License requirement reminder

A Hunting Lease License is required of anyone who leases hunting rights or charges a fee for hunting on property they own or property they control. The manager of a hunting lease must maintain a record book provided by the Department with each hunter's name, address, license number, dates hunted, and number and species of game animals hunted and killed. Hunters are responsible for providing the required information to the manager. **License fee:** \$25 for 1 through 499 acres; \$50 for 500 through 999 acres; or \$75 for 1,000 acres or more.

Coke County Game Warden Sparks Burdett reminds landowners or managers of hunting leases that each season's record books are to be turned in to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department by August 31. He emphasized that the Department is not concerned with monies gained from leasing. The purpose of the lease license report is to gain information on wildlife harvests in various areas. Licenses are available at regional offices or from Austin.

For information on hunting lease licensing or any hunting question, you may call Burdett, 915-453-2887.

Local dove hunting poor

Mourning dove season ended in the Central Zone, which includes Coke County, on Sunday, October 16, two weeks earlier than the last several years. Though areas of the state recorded as much as a 39% increase in bird harvest this year, shooting was generally poor locally. Numbers were probably kept low, by shortage of crops and weeds due to the extended drought.

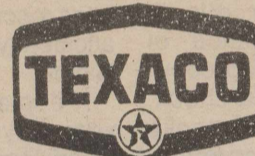
If you are lucky enough to be invited to hunt doves to the north of I-20, shooting will continue through October 30. Mourning doves may be hunted through November 6 in the South Zone (south of I-10), but consult 1994-95 hunting brochures for white-winged regulations and also be sure to purchase the \$7 white-winged dove stamp. More white-wings are sighted each year near Abilene and in several West Texas towns.

The short winter season for mourning doves in Coke County is set for December 26-January 8. A word of caution - shooting the grays around your deer feeders may be tempting but it's considered a baited area and is prohibited since doves are migratory birds. Quail and turkey hunting are allowed where deer are fed.



The new year proved lucky for Lynn Denton and Rick Watkins. They pulled in 10 striper weighing in at a total of 30 pounds January 30. The guys took the fish at Lake Spence.

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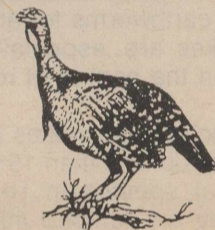
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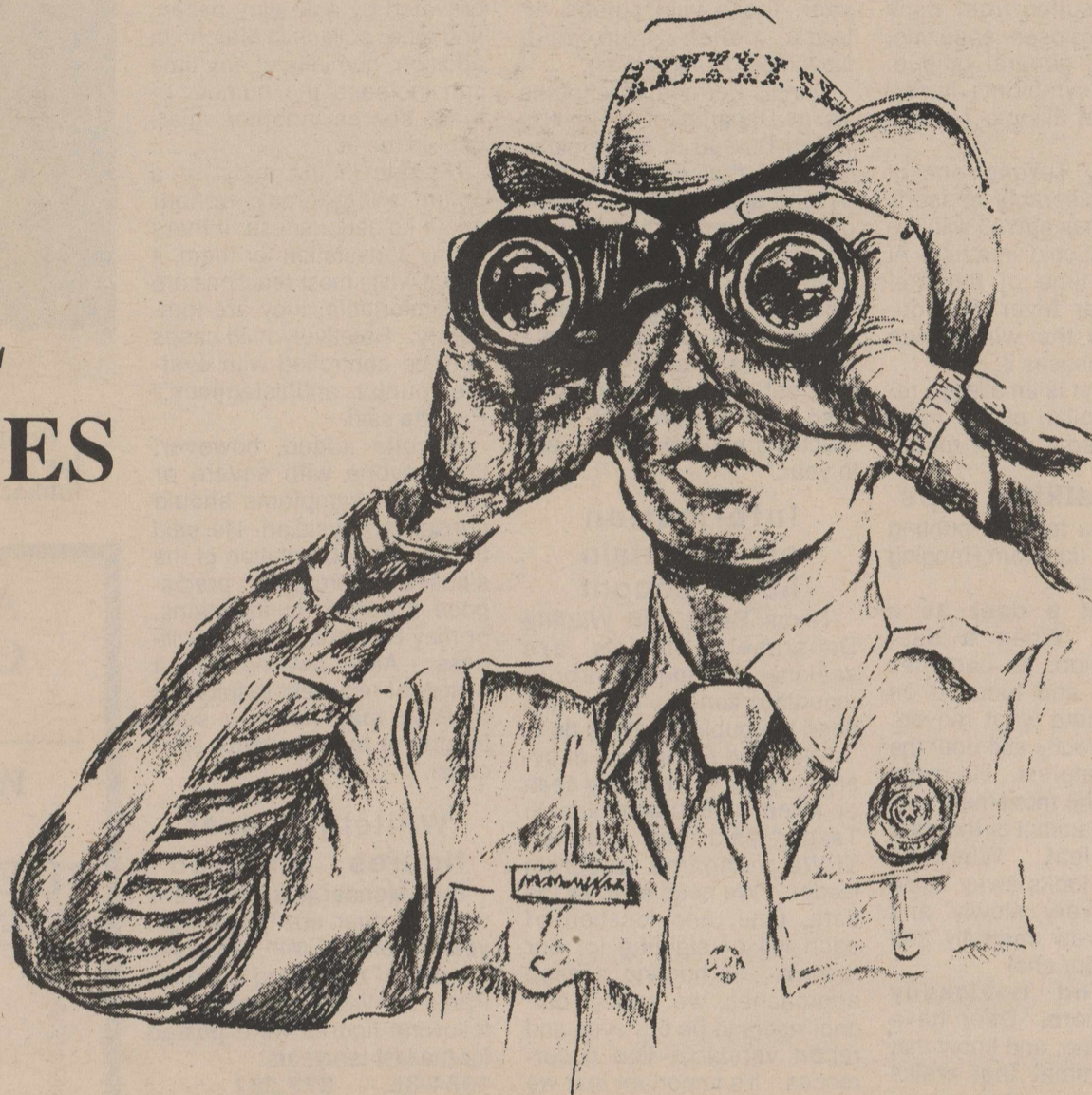
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"Cedar fever" arrives with first frost

According to allergy specialists, Texas is not unique in its number of natural irritants for allergy sufferers. However, the fact that people in other states suffer from itchy eyes, runny noses, sneezing, headaches, general fatigue, and other symptoms hardly improves an allergic Texan's outlook.

For many Texans, one of the most miserable seasons of the year has arrived with the first onset of cold weather. At about the time of the first frost, "cedar fever" will descend with the wind-blown pollen that causes it.

Cedar fever is an allergic reaction to pollen of the male mountain cedar. The moun-

tain cedar, which is actually two species of juniper, is indigenous statewide, but is especially concentrated in Central Texas. In a typical year, these wild shrubs release pollen from mid-November to mid-March.

Dennis Perrotta, chief of the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Bureau of Epidemiology, said that cedar fever is second only to ragweed allergy in the number of Texans it affects. "The severity of cedar allergy may be greater in individuals than is ragweed allergy," he said. "Even people able to resist other allergies may suffer from cedar fever. Also, the severity of their reactions may vary from year to year."

For people with numerous allergies, cedar fever may compound earlier reactions to ragweed and fall elm pollen in November, and be further aggravated by oak, elm, pecan, and other pollens in March. In addition, humidity at any time can increase the number of mold spores--another allergen--in the air.

"People in the midst of a pollen allergy may wonder about its seriousness. If there is any consolation for them, it is that while most reactions are uncomfortable, they are temporary. Relatively mild cases may be controlled with over-the-counter antihistamines," Perrotta said.

Perrotta added, however, that anyone with severe or persistent symptoms should consult a physician. He said that prolonged irritation of the sinuses or throat can predispose a person to infections, or may be signs of another illness. Also, anyone with a history of recurrent respiratory disease may need to seek treatment by an allergy specialist.

Fall stalking tips

Here are a few fall hunting and stalking tips from Ranging Rangefinders:

***Think of a deer as a stop sign.** When a deer senses motion, he becomes highly alert and focused on trying to locate what moved. Remain perfectly still until the deer loses interest. He might decide that the movement was only a small animal or the wind blowing a leaf. When he relaxes and looks away, raise your bow very slowly and smoothly, draw carefully and don't rush your shot.

***Slow and unsteadily gets you there.** Deer have superb hearing, and know that the only animal that walks through the woods in a straight line at a steady pace is the human being. To get within range, break up your pace by stopping at irregular intervals and moving in different directions on occasion.

***It might be farther than you think.** It is difficult to judge the distance you want to travel in a wooded area. Use your rangefinder to determine the distance part of the way to where you want to end up. Continue to do this until you've covered the total distance and you'll come out about where your game is ready to shoot.

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Information on mountain lions sought

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are seeking information about mountain lions in Texas and need the public's help to do it.

"We need assistance of everyone who has recently seen or killed a mountain lion in Texas," said Matt Wagner, TPWD nongame program leader. "We need to know the date, time, and location of each kill or sighting for our records. As hunting season approaches, we expect outdoor users to be our eyes and report verifiable lion occurrences. It's important that we get reliable firsthand information."

The department has been keeping sighting and mortality data on mountain lions since 1983. Wagner said the information is useful in estimating mountain lion distribution and trends in their status over time. Officials received reports of 235 sightings and 182 mortalities during 1993 across the most of the state.

Research underway at Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area and in South Texas will enable the department to gain more specific information on lion ecology in the respective regions. Twelve lions currently are being monitored by radio telemetry as part of the two studies.

Anyone seeing a mountain lion is encouraged to contact TPWD headquarters in Austin at 1-800-792-1112 and select "nongame" from the wildlife menu or at (512) 389-4403. Reports also are accepted at one of these field offices: Alpine - (915) 837-2051; Amarillo (806) 353-4740; Kerrville - (210) 896-2500; Rockport (512) 729-2315; San Angelo (915) 651-2231; San Antonio (210) 349-2174; Tyler (903) 566-1626 or Waco (817) 799-2564.



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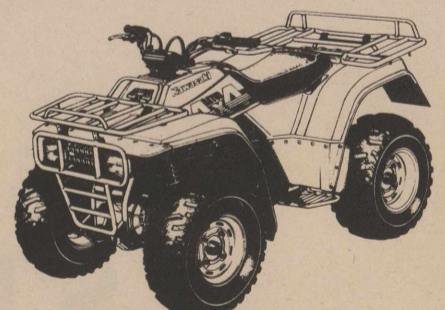
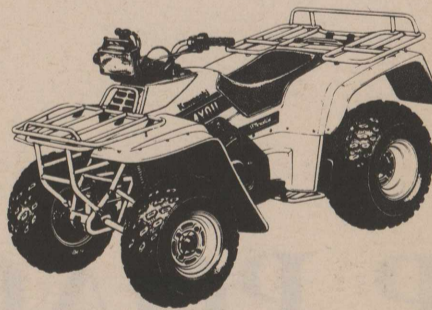
Whitetail deer figures released

Ever wonder just how many whitetail deer are taken each year in Texas? Well, it boggles the mind. According to Texas Parks & Wildlife records, the following figures were posted for the last ten years:

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1985-86	-	383,499
1986-87	-	445,119
1987-88	-	504,953
1988-89	-	474,968
1989-90	-	473,491
1990-91	-	429,532
1991-92	-	474,047
1992-93	-	468,893
1993-94	-	452,509

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Tricks & tools of the striper trade

"The most important tool in chasing stripers, in my opinion, is the chart recorder," says Lake Buchanan striper guide Henry Parker. "Stripers are a roaming fish and they will continue to move all over. They may stay in one area for a day or two or even three, but the next time you go, they will have moved out of the area. So, you have to chase them down again and find them.

"After finding them with your chart recorder and determining what depth you will have to fish for them (stripers feed up, not down), the next worry is the bait. During certain times of the year, trolling is a great way to catch the fish. They are usually up off the bottom and active and you can cover a lot of area trolling and catch a lot of fish.

"I use downriggers when trolling. This helps me put the bait right in there at the exact depth of the fish. Again, you need a chart recorder to help you determine this depth...and find the fish," says Parker.

This guide's favorite trolling baits are the same ones that have produced for him for years...yellow and white jigs with fliptails added. He likes white jig-yellow tail and yellow jig-white tail. He will, at times, use Bomber 15As and 16As for trolling. "Bomber 15As are more in line with your threadfin shad and the 16As your bull shad. It just depends on what the fish want. You just have to experiment some."

There are times in this game when trolling just won't do the

job, though. "In the spring usually (before they start their spawn run), and other times, when the fish are just right on the bottom and don't want to hit anything and get real spooky, then you have to go with live bait for this action. We like to use threadfin shad and bull shad (larger baits) right off the bottom, and again, it depends on what the fish want. In May, we catch our larger fish on live bait.

"Some anglers don't associate stripers with structure, but they feed on fish (shad) that are structure oriented and that relates your stripers to some type structure," says Parker.

You striper anglers might keep these things in mind during your search for the big fish.

Best knots for braided lines

Berkley, Inc. has been testing various fishing knots at their Spirit Lake, Iowa research labs, searching for the best performance in the use of Berkley Ultra Max and other "new generation" braided fishing lines.

"Due to the low stretch factors and incredible strength of these new braided lines, knots will probably be the weak link in the tackle equation," explained Dan Foote, a member of Berkley's fishing line research and development team. "That's why the question of knot integrity becomes so important. Also, simply due to the materials and braiding techniques used in the new lines, good knots are difficult to tie. They're tough to pull tight and they

tend to slip. That's one reason we added the copolymer core to our Ultra Max line. The core gives the line body, making it a lot easier to work with, and we get about 17% greater knot strength than with hollow lines."

While a number of more "exotic" and unusual knots were tested, results of the research indicate that the popular Trilene and Palomar knots provided some of the strongest links between line and lure. Foote attributes the good performance of these knots to their "twice through the eye" feature but adds that their simplicity and familiarity to fishermen should also lead to better knot consistency.

Makers of the popular Trilene and TriMax monofilament fishing lines, Berkley is well equipped to study fishing line technology and performance. In conducting the knot research, Ultra Max and several other major brands of new braided lines were tested, using a variety of pound test weights.

In tying the Palomar knot and the Trilene knot with Berkley UltraMax (or any of the new braided fishing lines) it is extremely important to wet the line well before cinching the knot tight. Also, be careful to keep the wraps from crossing over one another, and leave at least a 1/4 inch tag.

Pots used for open-fire cooking can be kept clean very easily by covering the outside surface with liquid soap (I carry it in a plastic squeeze bottle). At dish-washing time soot comes off without scrubbing.

Coke County Cookin' Hasenpfeffer

Cut one 2 1/2 to 3 pound dressed rabbit into serving pieces. Cover with equal amounts of vinegar and water; add 1/2 cup sugar and 1 medium onion, sliced. Season with 2 teaspoons salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, and 1 teaspoon pickling spice. Put in refrigerator for 2 days.

Remove rabbit, dry. Dredge in flour and brown in hot oil. Gradually add 1 cup vinegar

water, cover and simmer 1 hour or till tender. Remove meat and thicken liquid for gravy if desired.

Timely Tips

To prevent eyeglasses from fogging in cool weather, try this tip from J. L. Crowgey of Roanoke, Virginia. Cover both sides of the glass with a thin film of soap lather, allow it to dry, then polish with a soft, dry cloth. This leaves an invisible coating that resists the steam.

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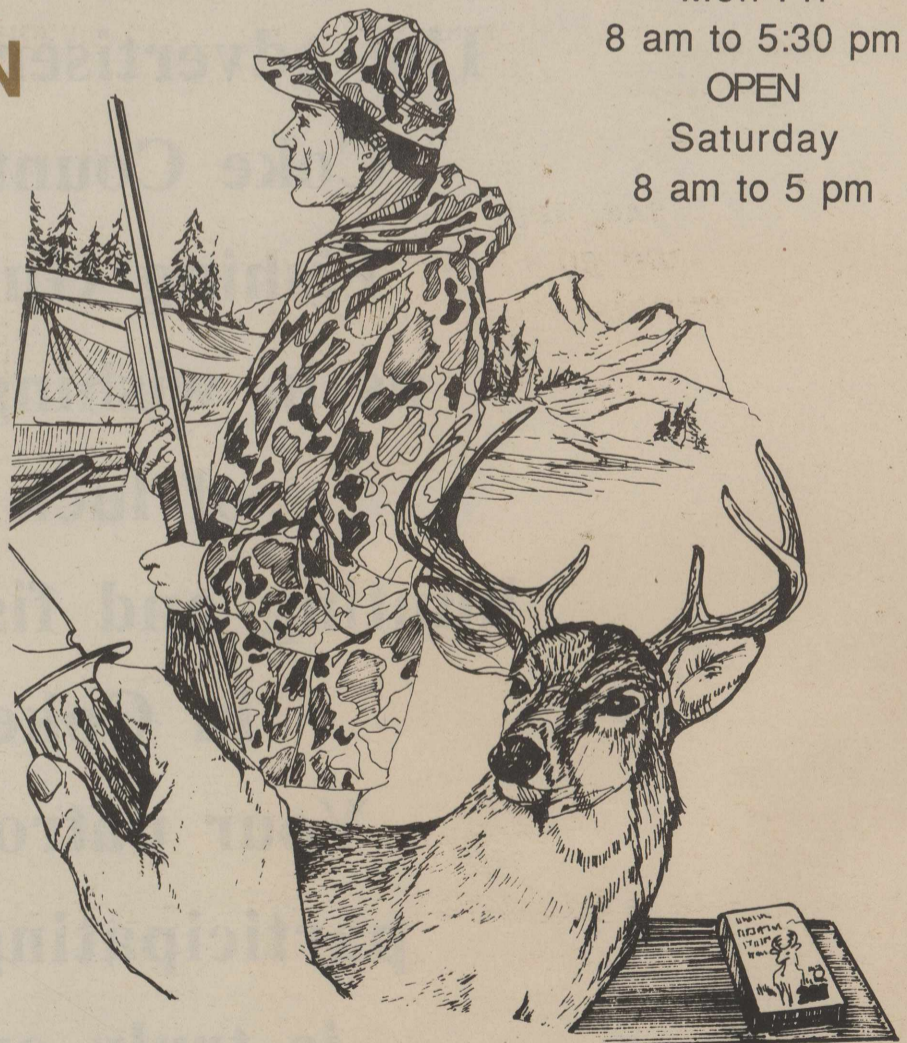
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