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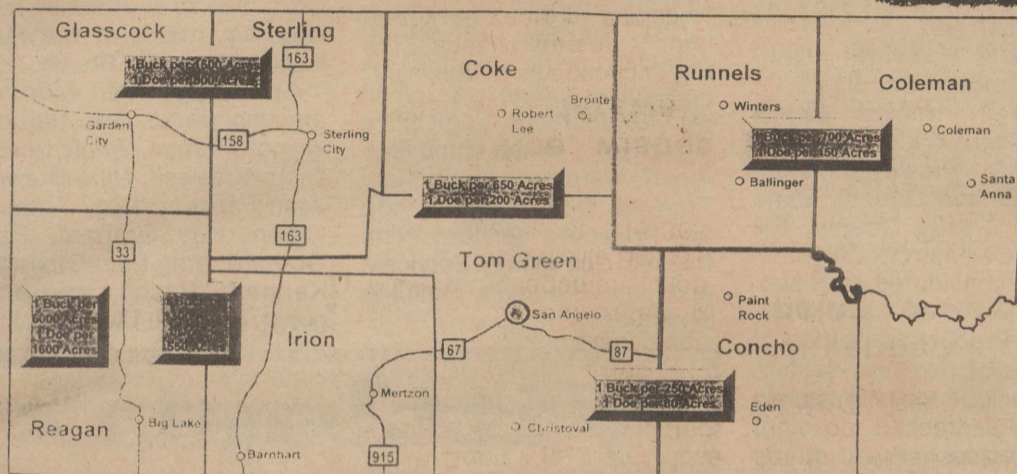
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TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT 1996-97 DEER HARVEST RECOMMENDATIONS



TPWD reminds hunters of regulations

Landowners and hunters are reminded that the general deer hunting season in Coke County will open Saturday, November 2, 1996, and continue through January 5, 1997. The legal bag limit in Coke County is 4 deer, no more than 2 bucks. No special permits are required for harvesting antlerless deer; however, both bucks and antlerless deer must be properly tagged with an appropriate tag from a valid hunting license.

Deer populations vary from area to area and even from ranch to ranch. The either sex regulation allows the landowner the flexibility to harvest antlerless deer on his/her property in order to keep deer numbers in balance with the available food supply. It does not automatically mean that a heavy harvest of antlerless deer is needed. The recommended harvest rates of both bucks and antlerless deer, provided by the department, should be used only as a general guideline for harvesting deer. If more intense management is desired, we suggest that the landmanager survey deer populations on his/her ranch on their own. This will allow for a more accurate representation of deer numbers on the ranch. Please note that in most cases the department recommends more antlerless deer to be harvested than bucks.

The recommended guideline for harvesting antlerless

deer throughout most of Coke County is 1 antlerless deer per 200 acres. The recommended harvest rate on bucks is 1 per 650 acres.

For further information concerning harvest rates or wildlife management planning, contact Wildlife Biologist Ralph Suarez at 915-365-2840, in Ballinger.

FSA office wishes Hinnard farewell

It's time to say goodbye to a very special person. After nearly 40 years of dedicated service to the agency and farmers of Coke and Sterling Counties, Thelma Jo Hinnard is retiring. We will celebrate this sad and happy occasion on October 30th at the FSA Office in Robert Lee, between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. All her friends are welcome to stop by and express their gratitude for the many years of hard work and kindness she has given.

There will be plenty to eat and drink. See you at the party.

Br. EMS encourages visible home address

If you had an emergency, could ambulance volunteers locate your house? Are your house numbers visible from the street?

Bronte City officials encourage all residents to have their house numbers prominently displayed.

Contact the City Hall at 473-3501 if you are not sure of the correct address for your house. Aluminum house

numbers are available free of charge to City residents and may be picked up at the Bronte City Hall.

Juvenile curfew being considered

The Bronte City Council is currently considering a juvenile curfew. The ordinance adopting the curfew will be reviewed at the November and December Council meetings. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the Bronte City Hall.

NOTICE - 4-H & FFA lamb validation set

All 4-H and FFA members who plan to show lambs this year must have them validated. We will be doing this on Saturday, October 26, from 8:00 - 11:00 am at the showbarn in Robert Lee. Exhibitors must be present to sign the forms and should know their social security number.

Story-Time

Trick or Treaters

Coke County Library Story-Time Trick or Treaters will be visiting downtown Robert Lee businesses Tuesday, October 29th from 10:00 am until 10:30 am. The Story-Time tricksters have been paying visits to local businesses for several years.



Early balloting continues

Early voting continues for the November 5 general election. Applications for voting by mail are now being accepted in the County Clerk's office. Anyone who is over 65, disabled, or plans to be out of the county on election day can vote by mail. The last day to receive applications by mail is October 29, 1996.

You may pick up an application at the clerk's office in Robert Lee or in Bronte at Glenn-Bivins Insurance or First National Bank of Bronte.

Early voting by personal appearance began Wednesday, October 16, and will end Friday, November 1, 1996. There are no restrictions on early voting. Anyone who wishes to vote early may do so. In Robert Lee, you may vote at the County Clerk's office and in Bronte you may cast your early ballot at City Hall. The Bronte location will only be open from 9 am to 1 pm next Wednesday, October 30, 1996. Anyone can vote at either location, it is not limited by precincts.

According to Coke County/District Clerk Ettie Hubbard, as of Wednesday, October 23, 132 early votes had been cast in Coke County - 14 in Bronte, 87 in Robert Lee, and 31 by mail.

In the Precinct 2 Commissioner race, one vote could possibly decide the outcome.

Under normal circumstances, a majority of votes would be needed or a run-off election would result. However, since this election will fill an unexpired term, no run-off will be held. With five men vying for the office, this is one race where it can surely be seen that every vote will count.

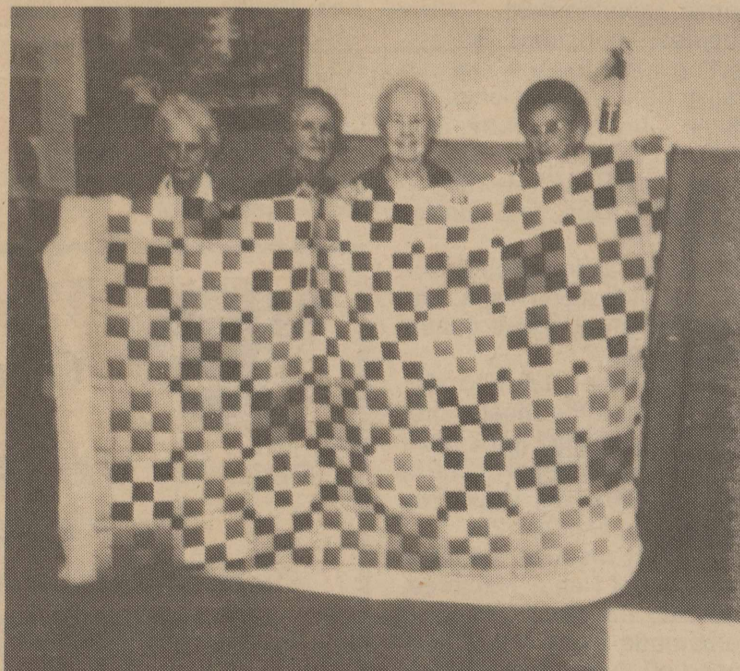
Farewell lunch for Miracle family

David Miracle, pastor of Robert Lee Baptist Church, his wife Laurie, and their daughters, Abby, Bethany, and Moriah, will be honored with a Farewell Covered Dish Lunch hosted by the church Sunday, October 27, at 12:15 in the fellowship hall of Robert Lee Baptist Church.

The Miracles' last Sunday at Robert Lee Baptist Church will be October 27. They will be moving to Crane, Texas, where David has been called as the pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Anyone in the community is invited to bring a covered dish and join the Miracles and congregation as they express appreciation to David and his family for their time of ministry in Robert Lee.

For more information, contact Beverly Burdett after 6:00 pm at 453-2887.



Four ladies from the Bronte Senior Center display their latest quilt which was completed in October. They are (l to r): Helen Kirkland, Pearl Mae Andrews, Marie Arrott, and Ella Pruitt.

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Death Notices

Leeper

Jo Ella Arledge Leeper of Robert Lee died Tuesday, October 15, 1996, at Meadow Creek Nursing Center in San Angelo. Graveside service was held at 10:00 am Saturday, October 19 at Sweetwater Cemetery in Sweetwater followed by a memorial service at 2:00 pm Saturday at the First United Methodist Church

Sorosis Club meets

The Texas Federation of Women's Club Sorosis Chapter met in the home of Earlene Moore on Thursday, October 10, 1996.

Members answering roll call were: President, Pat Lee; Mildred Thomason; Dorris Sonnenberg; Jean Fancher; Mary Glenn; Diane Luckett; and Janet Wommack. The club also had two visitors: Carolyn Allen and Merle Kelso.

The program was sponsored by the Education Department Chairman, Jean Fancher. Jean asked the special education teachers from the Bronte Public Schools to give the program on the guidelines for special education. Carolyn Allen and Merle Kelso gave rules on how the special education department was being administered in the Bronte Schools.

Mary Frances Glenn is the representative from the Sorosis Club to the Board of Economic Development. Other business consisted of collecting food for the Concho Valley Bank, discussion of the club's Christmas party, and plans to attend the Heart of Texas Fall Board Meeting in Rochelle, Texas, on Saturday, October 19.

The club appreciates Royce Lee's contributions, work, and presence at the club's annual garage sale.

The Sorosis Club and visitors attended the theater production of "Evita", presented by the drama department of Abilene Christian University on Sunday, October 20.

The next meeting will be in the home of Peggy Hembree. The club members will bring homemade items to be auctioned off during a silent auction. Also, each club member will bring a man's and lady's gift for the Bronte Nursing Home Christmas Party.

in Robert Lee, Texas. Reverend Scott Herren officiated at both services. Johnson's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Preceding her in death are her husband, John Palmer Leeper; two brothers, Joe W. Arledge, Jr. and George Badgett Arledge; and one sister, Mrs. Jesse S. (Calla Mae) Cargile.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Joe W. Arledge, Jr. of Robert Lee and nieces, Linda Arledge of Robert Lee, Carol Arledge of San Angelo, and Frances Arledge of El Paso, Texas. Surviving nephews are Dr. Joe W. Arledge, III of Robert Lee and John Saunders Arledge of Artesia, NM. Stepchildren are John Palmer Leeper of San Antonio and Towner S. Leeper of El Paso and their children. Also surviving are Audrey, Joe, Brooks, Lane, and Travis Arledge.

Smith

O.H. "Smitty" Smith, 65, died Tuesday, October 15, 1996, in a local hospital.

Services were held at 11:00 am Thursday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Dortha J. Smith of Midland; three sons, Brooks Lee Smith of Greenwood, Jimmie Don Smith of San Angelo and Billy Dean Smith of Midland; two daughters, Sharon Kay Kelley of Dover, Tenn., and Debra Ann Smith of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; three brothers, Bill Smith of Van Buren, Ark., Troy Smith of Canton and Larry Smith of Blackwell; 11 grandchildren; a great-great grandchild; and four nieces and five nephews.

TS&GCB election ballots available

Ballots are available until October 29, 1996, in the offices of County Extension Agents within the 111 county referendum area for any producer who does not receive a ballot in the mail for the Texas Sheep & Goat Commodity Board (TS&GCB) Biennial Election. Terms will expire for one director in each district on December 31, 1996. Ernest Woodward (District 1), Perry Bushong (District 2), and Billy Roeder (District 3) are the directors of the nine-member board whose terms are expiring.

Ballots have been mailed to all known producers with the hope of increased participation. The current Board urges all sheep and goat producers within the referendum area to vote in the district of their legal residence or the one where their operating headquarters is located. A map on the back of the ballot should answer any questions regarding the district you should vote in. Candidates are:

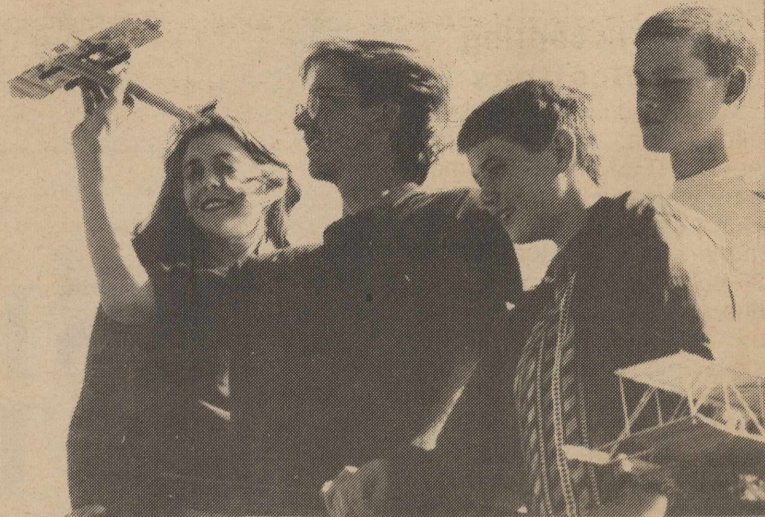
- District 1** - Dwight Childress, Crockett County
- District 2** - Alfred (Mack Gilliat), Real County
- District 3** - Presley J. Arhenger, Gillespie County; Zane Reese, Crosby County; Bill Sneed, Coleman County.

To be considered valid section "A" or "B" of the Verification Of Production portion of each ballot must be signed, must include your complete physical address, the number of the District that you qualify to vote in, and your inventory of sheep and goats for 1996 if section "A" applies. Failure to do so will cause the ballot to be invalid.

The postmark deadline for ballots is midnight, October 29, 1996. Any ballot which is postmarked after the October 29th deadline will be considered invalid.

Producers are to mail the ballot in the pre-addressed (postage paid) return envelope provided.

Official canvassing of the ballots will take place on November 21, 1996. The canvassing committee will consist of Tom Green County Judge Mike Brown, District 7 Texas Agricultural Extension Service Director Scott Durham, a representative from the Texas Department of Agriculture, and TS&GCB President W. Roy Jacoby.



Science students in Mr. Chan Langley's class at Robert Lee test the experimental airplanes they constructed recently as part of a class lesson. Pictured are (l to r): Tara Gardner, Mr. Langley, Matthew Pitcock, and Dan McCown.

Retired teachers meet

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, Oct. 21, 1996. The noon luncheon meeting was held in the United Methodist Church in Bronte.

C.B. Barbee, president, presided at the meeting. A legislative update was given by Paul Gothard, Legislative Chairman. Other committee reports were heard from Mary Frances Glenn, Information and Protective Services; Nina Brewer, Community Services; and Jean Fancher, Building Trust Fund.

An announcement was made that the District XV Fall Conference will be held in Brady on Oct. 24. Planning to attend that meeting are C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Janet Wommack, and Paul Gothard. The next meeting of the Coke County RTA will be held Nov. 18, 1996, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Attending the Monday meeting were: C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Jamie Boren, Oleta Braswell, Nina Brewer, Jean Fancher, Mary Frances Glenn, Kay Gothard, Paul Gothard, Ida Lou Oliphant, Kenneth Rasco, and one guest, the Rev. Elmer Beck.

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FSA accepting applications

Coke County was declared eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency loans on 10/3/96. Generally, that means that farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production due to the damages caused by freezing temperatures, sleet and snow, which occurred on 4/5/96, are eligible for FSA (EM) physical loss loans. Proceeds from crop insurance and the PIK program are taken into account when determining eligibility.

Farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan need to get their applications into FSA as soon as possible. Deadline for applications for physical losses is 6/3/97. In order to avoid backlogs or delays, farmers should apply as soon as possible.

In addition, Coke County was declared eligible for FSA disaster emergency loans on 9/27/96 for farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production due to damages caused by various disasters, including drought, freeze, freezing temperatures, sleet and snow, which occurred from 1/96 to 5/31/96. Proceeds from crop insurance and the PIK program are taken into account when determining eligibility.

Farmers who are interested need to get their applications into FSA as soon as possible. The deadline for applications for physical and production losses is 5/27/97.



Mr. & Mrs. James Sullivan of Bronte and Mr. & Mrs. Larry McCune of San Angelo would like to announce the engagement of Jamie Lynn Sullivan and James David Wyers.

The couple will be married November 23, 1996, at Glen Meadows Baptist Church in San Angelo.

It's time to say Good-Bye

Thelma Jo Hinnard is retiring after 40 years of dedicated service to the agency and farmers of Coke & Sterling Counties.

Friends are invited to stop by the FSA Office in Robert Lee October 30th

from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

to say thanks and wish Thelma Jo well.

Refreshments will be served.

We hope to see you there!

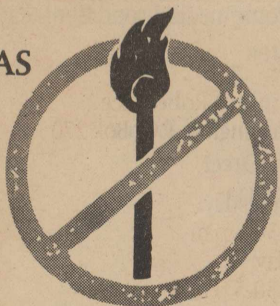
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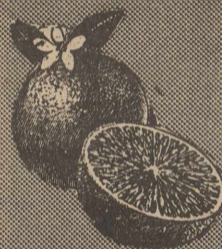
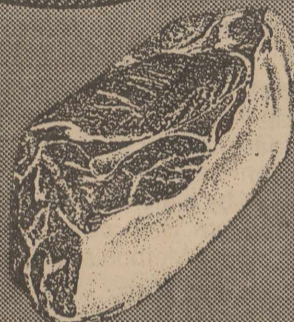
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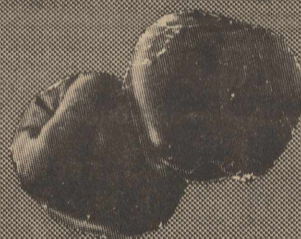
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Horns win Championship

The Bronte Longhorns took care of their business Friday night in Robert Lee as they beat the Steers 14-9.

Once again, the Horns did their jobs and moved on to yet another victory in a quest to play December football.

Bronte scored in the second and third quarters on Martinez passes to Michael Blair for 45 yards and 15

yards. Both Beck kicks were good.

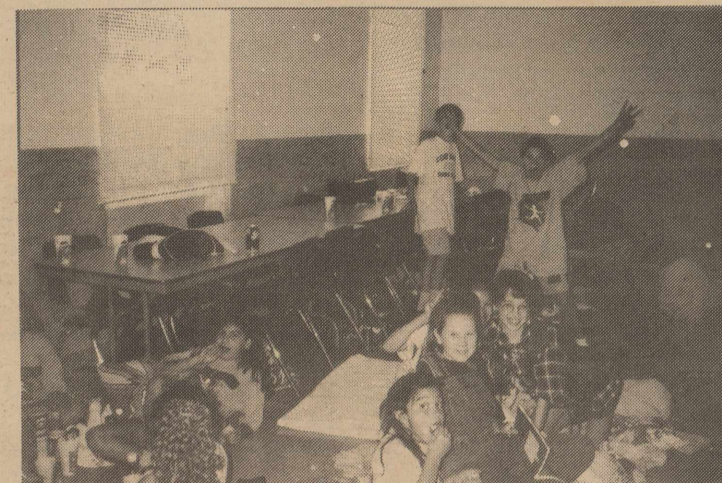
The Longhorns had two major interceptions by Martinez and Beck. Bronte threatened several other scoring drives and showed great defensive play with one major setback on a Steer pass completion.

Instead of a play-by-play, the parents writing this decided to congratulate the Bronte Longhorn team and coaches for a job completed to perfection in unity of mind and body. The Longhorns are Bronte's Players of the Week.

Tomes, Ashley Wilcox, Jeremy Compton, Monica DeLaGarza, Justin Frazee, Jesse Herold, Calli Johnson, Vanessa Lange, Salena Soto, Eddy Arant, Tyson Baker, Sean Barnett, Kanah Coalson, Ashley Denton, Brittany Eldred, Garrett Fiveash, Joseph Flores, Melissa Flores, Roy Flores, Brandon Hall, Sheena Head, Kailey Howell, Joseph Israel, Cody Lee, Britney McCutchen, Casey McKee, Justin Moore, Jesse Rodriguez, Ashley Torres, Diane Womack, Kayla Hilliard, Christin Johnson, Michael Johnson, Jonathan Tomes, and Joel Webb. Everyone had a great time, and they are all looking forward to the 60 pt. club celebration.



Bronte Elementary students enjoy eating snacks and reading books in the cafeteria as part of their 25 pt. club "Read-In" last week.



- SCHOOL MENU**
- Breakfast**
- Monday, Oct. 28**
Holiday
- Tuesday, Oct. 29**
Pancake
Sausage On A Stick
Apple Juice
Milk
- Wednesday, Oct. 30**
French Toast Stix
Apple Sauce
Pop Tarts
Milk
- Thursday, Oct. 31**
Sausage
Orange Juice
Waffles
Milk
- Friday, Nov. 1**
Scrambled Eggs
Grape Juice
Biscuit
Milk
- Lunch**
- Monday, Oct. 28**
Holiday
- Tuesday, Oct. 29**
Burrito w/Cheese
Fresh Fruit Salad
Tossed Salad
Brown Rice
Milk
Peanut Butter Cookies
- Wednesday, Oct. 30**
Fish Sticks
Macaroni & Cheese
Tossed Salad
Orange
Rolls
Milk
Brownies
- Thursday, Oct. 31**
Hot Dogs
Chili & Cheese
Tator Tots
Apple Sauce
Bun
Milk
Gingerbread
- Friday, Nov. 1**
Chopped BBQ Sandwich
Pinto Beans
Pickle Spears
Potato Salad
Bun & Chips
Milk
Apple Crisp

Bronte's toughest challenges are yet to come as they face Irion County at home this Friday at 7:30 pm. Come early and get your spot to watch.

Br. students participate in "Read-In"

Thursday, October 10, 42 elementary students at Bronte in grades 3-6 celebrated in the school cafeteria for becoming members of the 25 pt. club. To become a member of the 25 pt. club, a student must have read books and passed the tests to earn points on The Electronic Bookshelf. Students celebrated with a mini Read-In. High School students Sommer Beck, Courtney Arrott, and Drew Peterson read stories to the kids.

Those participating were: Lillian McMullan, Cory Cooper, Iliana Green, Kinlee Hoyt, Garrett Jackson, Cody Moore, Terence Scott, Stephen

Br. to hold "Fall Festival"

The annual Bronte "Fall Festival" will be held this weekend at the Bronte School.

The event is scheduled for Saturday evening, October 26. A hamburger supper kicks off the evening as serving begins at 5:00 and will be served in the lunchroom until 7:00 pm.

Games, booths, and food stations open at 6:00 and close at 9:00. There will be fun activities for all ages, as well as good food and visiting.

Parents are encouraged to let their kids wear Halloween costumes, if they'd like.

The proceeds from the evening's activities go toward all facets of school programs.

The Booster Club is hoping for a good turnout of local folk. Y'all come!

Shorthorns host Dogies

The Bronte Shorthorns engaged in battle with the Robert Lee Dogies last week in Bronte's home territory and lost a tough game, 6-14.

Steve Eldred was the only Shorthorn scorer of the night with a touchdown resulting from a 20 yard fumble return. Good defensive performances were turned in by Jesse McClure, Brandon Gibbs, Tim Green, Jason Stamper, and Steve Eldred.

Lady Longhorns bounce back

The Lady Longhorn volleyball team bounced back after the Water Valley loss to hand Miles a 15-3, 15-3 defeat.

They will travel to Miles Saturday, October 26, for a 2 p.m. match.

BISD holiday

There will be no school for Bronte students Monday, October 28. Teachers will have an inservice day.

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- Supervised maintenance and repair of heavy equipment, including Caterpillar, Cummins & Detroit equipment.
- Prepared and administered departmental budget. (\$12.5 million in 1995)
- Negotiated and administered contracts with local and international contractors.
- Worked with Human Services Department regarding relations with local inhabitants, South American Labor Laws, and environmental laws.

PERSONAL

- Chose Coke County as home in 1979.
- Married to Sharon 31 years. Three sons and nine grandchildren.
- Presently involved running stock farm and other business ventures.

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BRONTE LONGHORNS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME | SCORE |
|----------------|-----------------------|------|------|---------|
| September 6 | Eden | H | 8:00 | 40 6 |
| September 12 | Abilene Cooper "Soph" | H | 8:00 | 41 0 |
| **September 20 | Roby | H | 8:00 | 14 14 |
| *September 27 | Sterling City | T | 7:30 | 13 0 |
| *October 4 | Water Valley | T | 7:30 | 24 7 |
| *October 11 | Miles | H | 7:30 | 28 0 |
| *October 18 | Robert Lee | T | 7:30 | 14 9 |
| *October 25 | Irion County | H | 7:30 | |
| *November 1 | Christoval | T | 7:30 | |
| *November 8 | Garden City | H | 7:30 | |

*District
**Homecoming

Friday, October 25
7:30 pm HERE

BRONTE LONGHORNS
vs.
Irion County Hornets



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Shelley #70
Blake #62 Rustin Johnson Courtney Been #29
Scott Mupson Rusty #11 #12

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steers drop district game

By Bill Burns

The Robert Lee Steers and Bronte Longhorns went to battle last Friday night at Griffith Stadium with the Coke County Championship on the line. The Steers went into the game as the champs since 1990, but by the end of the game Friday night the Longhorns had the bragging rights.

1st Quarter

The Steers received the opening kick, ran three plays and punted to the Longhorns. The Longhorns ran three plays and punted to the Steers. The Steers ran four. The Longhorns ran three. The Steers then put together a good drive gaining four first downs and running out the quarter.

2nd Quarter

With 11:53 left in the second quarter, Gilbert Torres kicked a 30 yard field goal for the first score of the game. The Longhorns started at their own 20 yard line but managed only one first down on an 11 yard pass play. They punted 33 yards to the Steers, who started their drive at the Steer 43 yard line. The Steers made a first down at the Longhorn 47 but were penalized 10 yards. Eli Boxell lateraled to Gilbert Torres, who passed to Rocky Coates. Coates then carried the ball to the end zone for a 53 yard TD. The kick failed, leaving the Steers in the lead, 9 to 0. Then with no time left on the clock, the Horns passed for a

TD and kicked the extra point. The Steers led at the half, 9 to 7.

3rd Quarter

The Steers kicked to the Longhorns, who put together an excellent drive with four first downs to score their second touchdown of the night. The kick was good, and the scoring was over for the night.

4th Quarter

The Steers had the ball to start the last quarter of the game but managed only one first down and turned the ball over to the Longhorns at the Horns' 25 yard line. The Horns made two first downs, but the Steers stopped them and the Horns had to punt. The Steers partially blocked the punt but drew a flag and gave the Horns new life and control of the ball.

The next two times the Steers had the ball the Horns came up with interceptions and the game ended Steers 9, Longhorns 14.

Steers - you are in it. Take it to the Eagles.

RL Band marches to "I" rating in contest

by Brandi Brosh & Melissa Smith

On Saturday, October 19, 1996, around 6:30 am, the members of the Stompin' Steer Band were preparing themselves for battle. Thanks to the Band Boosters, the band did not go hungry. The Band Boosters brought donuts and orange juice to give everyone energy. Around 7:00 am, band members were on the bus, ready for the ride to Wylie High School in Abilene. The bus left Robert Lee around 7:15 am.

In the past, we have always marched on windy days. The band figured that since they

had changed the place where they marched to Wylie, it might be different. Boy were they wrong! As soon as they stepped off the bus, people were almost knocked down by the harsh wind. Band members started worrying about how many points the judges would take off for not standing still. We assured them that the judges understood and would not take off any.

When everyone was finally dressed and ready, the band went to warm up. Shortly after that, it was time for the Stompin' Steer Band to prove they were capable of receiving a "I". As we started the show, everyone was determined to march their best (even though it was windy). When the show ended, many people asked us how well we did. All we could tell them was that it was hard to say.

Then as the time neared for the judges to announce our ratings, everyone got really nervous. Then the judges started, "Rochester . . . Division II; Roby . . . Division II . . ." It seemed like a lifetime for them to announce our rating. Everyone was holding their breath as the judge announced our rating, "Robert Lee . . . Division I." There was a huge sigh of relief and then the screaming and crying began. Everybody was excited about receiving a I, but it was not so much the I. It was the fact that the Stompin' Steer Band had not received Division I in eight years. WAY TO GO BAND!

Dogies win battle with Bronte

By Beau Boxell

The Robert Lee Dogies traveled to Bronte last week to battle the Bronte Shorthorns. In the first quarter, both the Dogies and the Shorthorns remained scoreless.

In the second quarter, the Dogies scored a touchdown on a pass from Beau Boxell to



Robert Lee's 1996 Homecoming King and Queen are junior Daryl Calder and senior Kizzie Howell.

Chase Rainwater, putting 6 on the board for Robert Lee. This gave the Dogies a 6-0 lead at the half.

During the third quarter, Rainwater ran a great distance down the field to put another 6 on the board. The extra point was good with a pass from Boxell to Beau Blair making the score 14-0.

The Shorthorns scored their only touchdown in the fourth quarter. The final score was Dogies 14, Bronte 6.

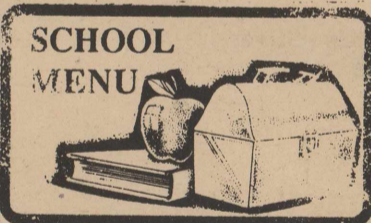
This week the Dogies play Sterling City. Keep it up, and let's go all the way.

RL cross country teams compete

The Robert Lee boys and girls cross country teams recently ran in their district meet which was held in San Angelo. Both teams placed well. The girls placed 4th in district, and the boys finished in second place. The boys will compete in the regional meet on November 2 in Arlington.

RLISD holiday

Due to a teachers' inservice day, there will be no school for Robert Lee students on Monday, October 28.



SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

Monday, Oct. 28
Teachers' workday
Tuesday, Oct. 29
Donut, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk
Wednesday, Oct. 30
Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk
Thursday, Oct. 31
Sausage, Biscuit w/ Gravy, Orange Juice, Milk
Friday, Nov. 1
Cinnamon Rolls, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk

Lunch

Monday, Oct. 28
Teachers' workday
Tuesday, Oct. 29
Vegetable Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Cocktail, Crackers, Brownies, Milk
Wednesday, Oct. 30
Tamale Pie, Chili Beans, Potato Patty, Crackers, Pears, Milk
Thursday, Oct. 31
Chicken Spaghetti, Seasoned Carrots, Rolls, Applesauce, Milk
Friday, Nov. 1
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Bake Auction

Sponsored by RL Band Boosters

Come dance to the music of the Coke County Cavaliers at the Tuesday Dance, November 19th Robert Lee Rec Hall and support the Stompin' Steer Band by purchasing baked goods auctioned off by RL Band Boosters.

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Profiling Local Candidates

Wayne McCutchen

I am running for the office of Coke County Commissioner, Precinct 2 as a Democratic write-in candidate.

I have lived in Bronte since 1988. However, my family has resided in Coke County since the 1800's. My wife of almost fifteen years, Melinda, is the daughter of the late Clifford and Mary Barrett and is a 1980 graduate of Bronte High School. My father, Jeff Randall McCutchen, is a 1950 graduate of Bronte High School. Our daughters, Morgan and Ashley, have never attended any school other than the Bronte schools. Morgan is a seventh grader at Bronte Junior High School and Ashley is in fourth grade at Bronte Elementary.

I graduated from Richland Springs High School in the top five in my class. I attended Tarleton State University and Angelo State University. I graduated from Concho Valley Law Enforcement Academy and have many

hours of continuing law enforcement and community service related education.

Before coming home to Coke County, I worked in the oil and natural gas industries. Some of my duties included training personnel to run the machinery, directing work crews, and keeping detailed production, maintenance and expense records.

I joined the Coke County Sheriff's Department in January of 1989. In my experience as a deputy, I have worked extensively on all levels with the citizens of Coke County. As a deputy sheriff, I have been given the opportunity to observe and participate in our county government.

Presently, most smaller counties are having a hard time making ends meet and Coke County is no exception. If elected, I promise to keep a close watch on the budget. The Commissioners are responsible for keeping the county financially stable.



Wayne McCutchen

However, this must be accomplished without changing the close-knit, family oriented atmosphere that we in Coke County are fortunate to wake up to each morning.

A Commissioner has to be available to the people they are elected to serve - to know the citizens' needs and views on a variety of subjects in order to represent them fully. I promise, if elected, to be diligent in researching and responding to the needs and wishes of my constituency.

The office of Commissioner is a full-time paid position and if I am elected as Coke County Commissioner, Precinct 2, I pledge to devote myself full time to the citizens of Precinct 2 and Coke County.

Sid McGinnis

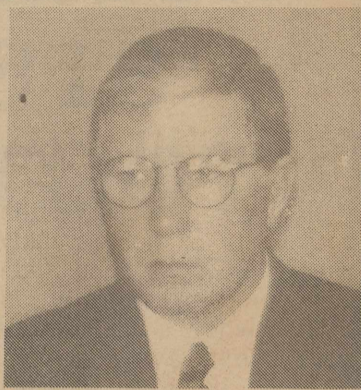
Sid McGinnis is a candidate for Coke Commissioner, Precinct 2.

I married Sharon Denson of Wilmett in 1965. We moved to Bronte in 1979 and raised three sons, (Blair, Blain, and Bowie). Each of them are married. We have nine grandchildren.

I began my career as an industrial electrician and was self-employed from 1972 until 1980 working as an oilfield electrician. I spent one year working for Coke County in Precinct 2. In 1981 I took a position with Occidental Exploration and Production as an electrical supervisor and left in 1996 as a maintenance superintendent. I began farm and ranch full-time and consult with oilfield related companies part-time.

I have strong technical skills with special focus on maintenance and construction. I have excellent experience in supervision and management of personnel. I have fifteen years of administrative work involving budget preparation, cost control, purchasing, preventive maintenance, contract negotiation, environmental and safety standards and community relations within areas of oil production.

Last November, Occidental offered every employee an opportunity to leave the company voluntarily with a payoff incentive based on years of service and working position.



Sid McGinnis

My acceptance was in the mail within a week. After being away from the U.S. every other month for 15 years, I was thrilled with the opportunity to come home to stay.

During my time in South America, I saw democracy in its infancy. I watched as local communities struggled to establish governments that were fair and representative of the needs of the population. The model they used in their efforts was always our governmental system. For centuries, these people had few rights and little representation and though change has been slow in coming, they have begun to win their rights --- the right to own land, to education, and to health care. Most importantly, they have won the right to vote.

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Profiling Local Candidates

Wendell Lee

I have been involved in the community for the past thirty years. My wife, Jeanna, and I own Hometown Hardware in Bronte, which she still manages. We have been married 32 years, have two sons we raised and educated in Bronte. We have two wonderful daughters-in-law and four precious grandchildren.

I grew up and went to school in Norton, Texas and attended Tarleton State College.

We attend First Baptist Church in Bronte where I am a deacon and feel this to be a real important part of my life.

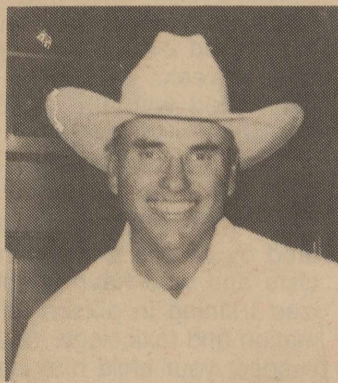
I served on the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, helped organize the Bronte EMS, served on the Bronte School Board and also have been involved in the Coke County Rodeo Association.

I have been involved in

farming and ranching all of my life and have operated various types of machinery and believe in a strong maintenance program of equipment.

I enjoy working with people and the senior citizens and youth have a special place in my heart. I am familiar with most everyone in Coke County and most all my working years have been spent working with people and serving the public.

It is real important for everyone to work together for the benefit of the county and I seek this office so that I can continue to be of service to the citizens of Coke County and Precinct 2. I will be a full-time commissioner and serve this office as I feel it should be served, with fiscal responsibility and dedication to making the citizens of Coke County feel they are truly get-



Wendell Lee

ting the best I have to give. I have had years of experience managing time, people and budgets in our store as well as the seven years I worked for Higginbothams. I feel that I am qualified for the commissioner job because of my experience as an employer and an employee. Your write-in vote will be appreciated and thank you for your consideration.

Luis Charles

Luis Charles is the Republican candidate for Coke County Commissioner, Precinct 2.

Mr. Charles and his family have lived in Coke County since 1974. He believes that he has the ability, education, administrative and work background to serve as your next County Commissioner. The following personal information will help you decide if he is qualified to serve as your County Commissioner for Precinct 2.

Mr. Charles is 59 years old and was born in San Angelo. He attended grade school in Olathe, Colorado and received a GED before joining the U.S. Air Force. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration at Angelo State College in 1968. He also holds an Associate Technical Degree in telephone operations from GTE in 1987.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1956 to 1960 and the U.S. Army from 1962 until 1965.

Mr. Charles was director of the Bronte Chamber of Commerce from 1987 until 1989 and has been commissioner of Bronte Housing Authority since 1988.

He spent his early working years in the agricultural fields, harvesting crops in Colorado, the cotton fields of Texas and other ranch work in the Texas area. He worked 22 years for GTE Telephone Company; 2 years in equipment installation and outside plant construction, 20 years in management (10 years in supervision and administration, 10 years in education and training). In his capacity with GTE he worked in the Caribbean island of Espanola and in South America. He has owned and operated several businesses in Bronte, (The Country Store, Texas Theatre, El Vaquero Restaurant, and the Country Inn also in Bronte).

Your serious consideration and vote for Luis Charles will ensure that your conservative views will be represented in our county government.

Royce Lee

Royce Lee is seeking the position of Commissioner for Precinct 2 in Coke County.

Mr. Lee was born in Maverick, Texas in 1923. He graduated from high school in 1943. He married Betty Ruth

Crow (now deceased), in 1946. They have two children, Royce Linton Lee and Melissa Hoch.

He has been employed in various positions over the years including agriculture



Royce Lee

work and extensive oilfield operations as well as real estate. He has also been involved in several successful business ventures and has served as Chairman of the Board of several companies. He served as Chairman of the Board General Manager of Telephone Industries, Inc. In that capacity he managed the company from a deficit of \$32,000 in November of 1974 to a positive net profit of \$28,113 in June of 1975. Gross revenues increased from \$702,616 to \$6,593,406 in 5 years. In 1985 he began a new company, Telephony Products, Inc. He remained president of the firm until 1990.

Mr. Lee served as County Judge from 1991 until 1994. He served as mayor of Bronte for 6 years and was appointed by Governors Preston Smith and Dolph Briscoe to serve as Director of Upper Colorado River Authority. He served two 6 year terms in that capacity. He also served on the State Community Development Committee under Governor Ann Richards.

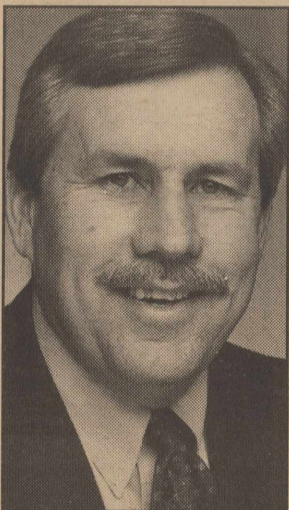
He is past Master of Masonic Lodge at Bronte and is a member of Texas Scottish Rite in Dallas. Mr. Lee served as a member of Concho Valley Council of Boy Scouts of America for 12 years and served as director of West Texas Chamber of Commerce for 6 years.



"How do I hold this?" is what Ronda is thinking while Gerald and Scotty seem to be giving her tips on the game of golf during the Bronte Project Grad. '97 golf shoot-out attended by seniors and their parents.



Bronte seniors look on while one of their classmates gets ready to hit a "hole in one" at the Project Grad. '97 fish fry and golf shoot-out held recently at the Richard Beck residence.



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Make your home trick-or-treat friendly

Is your house ready for a good haunting? Make your home ghost-friendly for all those treat-or-treaters for Halloween on Thursday, October 31.

"Halloween is a fun holiday for children, but it can be a devilish experience when accidents happen. A little planning will go a long way in preventing holiday hardships," said Michael C. Smith, M.D., pediatrician at the Scott & White Clinic, Waco, and assistant professor at the Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine.

Scott & White Memorial Hospital and Clinic is one of the nation's largest medical centers, with 475 physicians. The institution consists of the main site in Temple and 17 regional clinics situated throughout Central Texas.

Many parents get spooked when pint-sized ghosts and goblins begin their Halloween trick-or-treating expeditions. The evening can pose special hazards for young tricksters and scare the daylight out of parents, Dr. Smith said.

If you expect a gaggle of cowboys and princesses to haunt your neighborhood on Halloween night, make sure your yard is free of hazards, he suggested. "With a little foresight, Halloween can be a safe and enjoyable holiday for both children and parents alike," Dr. Smith said.

- Remove obstacles in the yard, such as hoses, sprinklers, lawn furniture and potted plants. Turn your porch light on and let children know they're welcome.

- Keep lighted jack-o'-lanterns or candles away from the step of the front door. A child's costume could possibly brush against the open flame and catch fire.

- Pets, especially dogs, may become agitated with so many visitors. Keep your pets indoors or out of harm's way for a few hours.

- Treats don't have to be full of sugar and fat. Consider giving healthy treats such as boxes of raisins, prepackaged granola bars and sugar-free bubble gum. Some families give away pencils and colorful erasers for school.

Parents should emphasize traffic safety rules before their children's nighttime trek. "In

the excitement of Halloween, some children forget the rules they have learned about crossing streets. Encourage youngsters to remember the traffic rules. Stress that they must obey the traffic lights - even on Halloween," Dr. Smith said. These rules include:

- Travel with a group and walk on sidewalks or close to the curb.

- Start trick-or-treating early while it's still light. Give each child a flashlight to carry no matter what the lighting.

- Use seat belts and child safety seats while driving. In their excitement to go trick-or-treating, children may forget to buckle up. Parents should not let their children hang on the back of pickup trucks and ride on bumpers.

- Parents should accompany children on their haunting journeys or enlist the aid of a responsible older sibling who can serve as an escort.

- Instruct children to go to only lighted homes and to avoid houses where lights are turned off.

The potential of Halloween poisonings is always present, said Doug Borys, director of the Central Texas Poison Center. That's why parents should emphasize to their children not to eat any treats before reaching home.

Once home, parents should carefully inspect all treats. "Throw away any candy that has a torn or open wrapper or that looks as if it has been tampered with. It's better to be safe than sorry," Mr. Borys said. "If your child gets sick after eating Halloween candy, try to find out exactly what he or she ate and where it came from," he said.

Neighbors should forego giving out homemade treats. "Unfortunately, these are not considered safe anymore," Mr. Borys said. "Parents should discourage their children from taking them."

The Central Texas Poison Center, based at Scott & White in Temple, is part of the Texas Poison Center Network of poison emergency treatment and information resource centers that provide comprehensive information and assistance to anyone. The Central Texas Poison Center serves 1.8 million Central Texans and encompasses the 30 counties in Texas Public Health Region 7. This includes an area bounded by Hillsboro to the north,

San Marcos to the south, San Saba and Llano to the west and Madisonville to the east. Other centers in Galveston, El Paso, Amarillo, Dallas and San Antonio serve their geographic regions. You can call the Texas Poison Center Network from anywhere in Texas: 1-800-POISON1, or 1-800-764-7661. The phones are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Callers will be connected with the nearest available Poison Center.

The Poison Centers are available free to anyone in Texas. The phones are operated by nurses and pharmacists and who have specialized training in poison information and toxicology. If you suspect your child may have ingested a substance, call the Poison Center immediately. Do not do anything until you have talked to a Poison Center staff member.

Costumes should give children maximum mobility. Dr. Smith suggests that parents consider these guidelines before the little gremlins get dressed for their night to howl:

- Make sure the costume allows for easy movement and doesn't drag on the ground. This could cause the child to trip and fall. The child should wear shoes that fit well and feel comfortable. High heels, clown feet or heavy boots could cause the child to stumble.

- Since most trick-or-treating is done at sundown or at night, costumes should allow the child to see and to be seen by motorists. Make sure

the costume is made of white or bright material so that the child can be seen at night. Use black only for trim or decorative touches.

- Elaborate headdresses and rubber masks can block a child's vision. A good substitute for masks and headdresses is face painting. Just make sure the paint is non-toxic and designed for use on the face. Use paint labeled specifically for cosmetic purposes and safe for the skin. If you have doubts about using a paint, call the Texas Poison Center Network's toll-free number for information before applying it.

- Add plenty of glow-in-the-dark decals or reflective tape so the child can be easily seen at night. Let the child help decorate the costume, shoes, trick-or-treat bag and hat with reflective tape. Costumes made of non-flammable materials are essential. If you are buying a ready-made cos-

tume, read the labels carefully to make sure the fabric is flame retardant.

- Don't let your little trickster carry any sharp objects. Safe and attractive replicas can be made with cardboard and spray paint.



Lake Spence fishing report

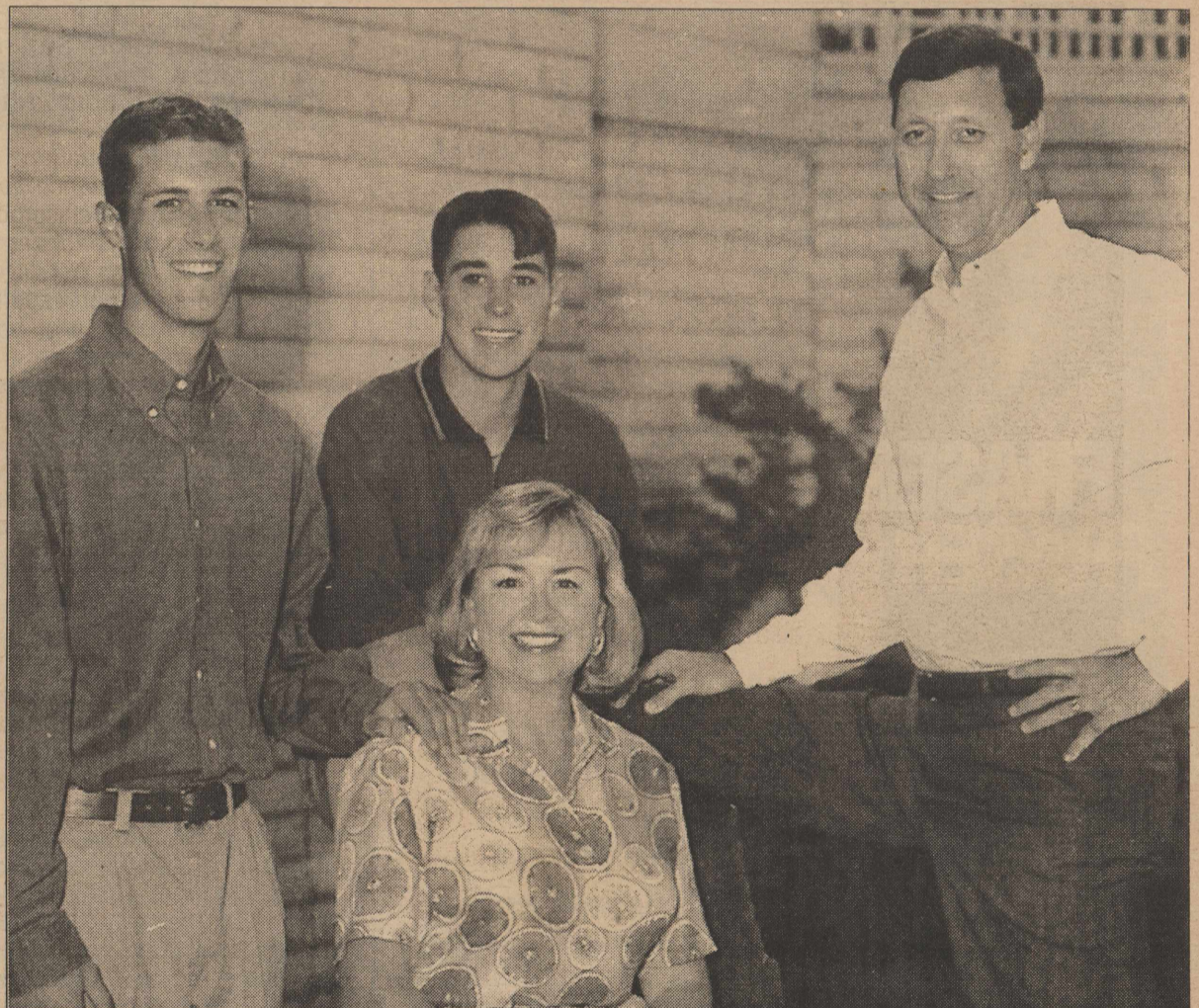
Wildcat Marina - water temp. 71 degrees
 Jim McDowell, Midland - 2 stripers on cut shad, 17 lbs. and 12 1/2 lbs.
 David Laga, Odessa - 1 striper on cut shad, 8 lbs., 3 oz.
 Jeff & Cliff Ward, Odessa - 10 stripers, total weight 60 lbs.
 Jim & Ken McDowell - 10 stripers on cut shad, total weight 55 lbs.



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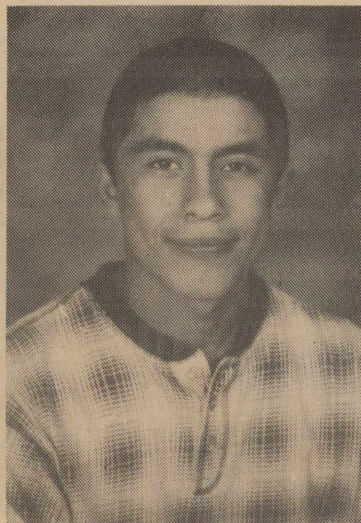
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Bobby Longoria

Longoria selected to Who's Who

Bobby Longoria, a senior at Robert Lee High School, has been nominated for the 30th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students. This is an honor reserved for only 5% of the nation's high school students each year.

Bobby has participated in basketball, track, and FFA and has played football since junior high. Bobby is the son of Joe and Rosa Longoria and the grandson of Joe and Julia Longoria and Julian and Juanita Torres of Robert Lee.

RLVFD to host competition

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department will host its First Annual Hurst Competition on Saturday, October 26. The competition will be held on the lot across from The Best Connection on Hwy. 208.

Registration will be from 8 am to 9 am with competition to begin at 10 am. There is a registration fee for each 3-man team. T-shirts will be given to all participants, and trophies will be awarded.

Events in the competition will include removal and rescue scenarios from actual vehicles using Hurst tools. Dayco Fire and Safety of Lubbock will be furnishing tools for the competition.

The general public is invited to watch the competition. For more information, call Ronnie Waggoner (453-2946 or 453-4730) or Rick Drennan (453-2343 or 453-2342).

Personal

Kenneth and Kay Lackey returned late last month from a 2,100 mile Midwest trip through Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska. Their main destination was Fairfield, Iowa, where they visited with relatives and friends and attended the 50 year reunion of Kay's high school graduating class.

Hors d'oeuvres were served during an informal gathering Friday evening, and a tour of the high school and town was an option Saturday morning. The group met Saturday evening for picture-taking, dinner, and a program. The weekend concluded with an optional breakfast on Sunday morning.

Sixty-five of the one hundred living members were present with out-of-state members attending from Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, and

Wisconsin. Greetings from members unable to attend were received from Arkansas, Hawaii, and Ohio. Since the class has been very close, missing only one five year reunion, the possibility of a cruise in two years was discussed as most will be celebrating a milestone birthday then.

Another highlight of the trip was attending worship on Sunday at First Baptist Church where they were married 41 years ago and seeing the new church building constructed in recent years.

On the return trip they stopped in Red Oak, Iowa to see if they could trace any "roots" of Kenneth's grandmother who had been in an orphanage there at one time. They also stopped in Lincoln, Nebraska and made a brief tour of the state capitol building.

They reported the weather was ideal for traveling and the countryside was green all along the way from recent rains.

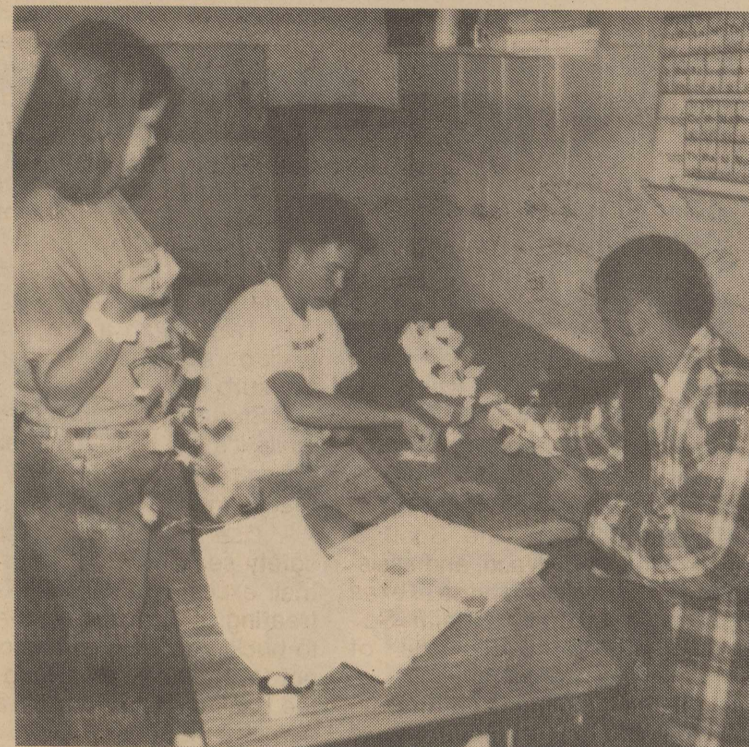
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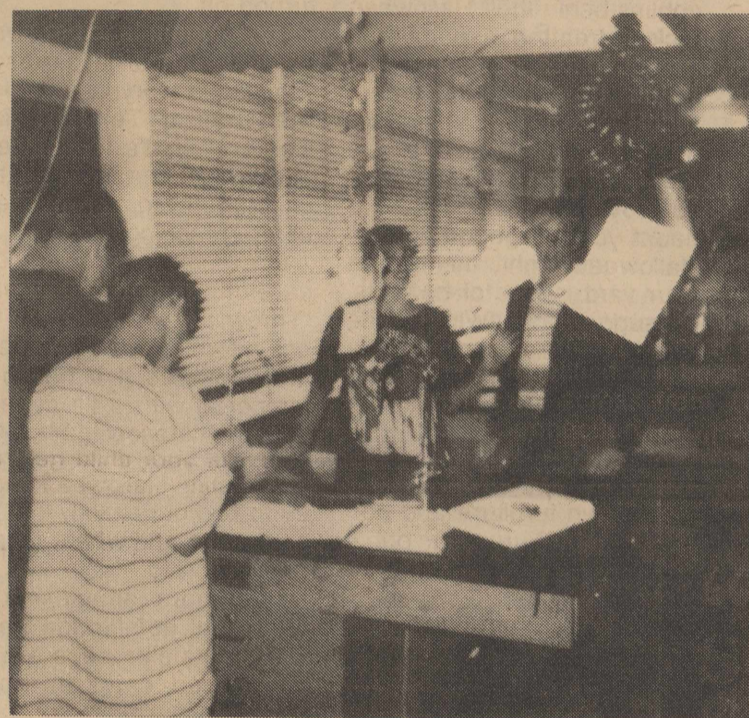
Our mission is to create an educational system that fosters change and promotes educational excellence.

On October 30 through November 2, science teachers from across the state will gather in Austin at the annual Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching. Teachers will take part in scientific field trips, listed to national speakers and learn hands-on science activities geared for the classroom.

The Science Teachers Association of Texas (STAT) is a professional organization of elementary, middle, high school science teachers, college educators, supervisors and others dedicated to maintaining high quality science education. The organization strives to provide the most useful and up-to-date



Robert Lee students construct DNA models during a study on the structure of a DNA molecule. Working on their models are (top picture, l to r): Samantha Padgett, Josh Pinson, and Michael Munoz. (bottom picture, l to r): Tony Bell, Jeremy Edging, Kendra Bohannon, and Will Simpson.



information and training to help teachers prepare our children for the future.

Therefore, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 27 through November 2, 1996, as TEXAS SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition thereof.

RL Bio. classes "create" DNA

The biology classes of Robert Lee High School recently made models of a DNA molecule. Models were graded on originality of materials as well as accuracy. The students managed to have fun while learning about DNA.



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- ✓ Chain gangs to make every prisoner work.
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I am writing to publicly notify the citizens of East Coke County that I am officially withdrawing from the race for Constable. I am grateful for the great amount of support and encouragement that I've received from the citizens of Coke County.

I have accepted a job offer with the Sutton County Sheriff's Department. The offer was very enticing and by accepting it I would be accepting better working conditions and opportunities for my family.

East Coke County has always been my home by heart and I will continue to regard it as such.

The Constable position is a very important position that should never be eliminated. It creates a balance of power and the assurance that justice will be served, regardless of political affiliation or personal relationships. These attributes are important for our system of government and the beliefs we value.

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Longhorn Marching Band rated "Superior"

History has been made again as the Bronte High School Longhorn Band, "The Maroon Madness," scored another Division I (Superior rating) at the UIL Marching Contest. The competition was held last Saturday, October 19, at the Wylie High School football stadium. This is the third year in a row the Longhorn Band has scored a Division I rating.

The Longhorn Spirit was held high as the Band performed under very adverse circumstances. A wind storm, which blew away most of the band hats and almost created havoc on the field, came close to ruining the performance. Because of the high level of discipline, the band maintained their integrity and performed at a higher level which convinced the judges to score the well-deserved Division I.

One unique factor about the Longhorn Band scoring so high every year is that the band does not rehearse after school or at night, nor have they for the past three years! Most bands have night or after school rehearsals, but due to the fact that most of our students are involved in a sport activity that takes up every night of the week, our students motivate themselves to get the job done at class time during the school day.

A Longhorn Band rehearsal is intense. Each student is expected to focus their energy into accomplishing a certain task during the short fifty minute class period. When it is showtime, each student knows what to do and is expected to devote 100% of their energy into doing the best job they possibly can.

As well as entertaining the crowd at all the future football games, the band will be preparing for the UIL Concert and Sightreading Festival in April. The band will also perform various concerts for the public throughout the year.

Congratulations Longhorn Band!

BNH Memorial Fund contributions listed

Contributions to the Memorial Fund of the Bronte Nursing Home for July 1 through September 30, 1996, are as follows:

In honor of the 4th of July auction by Elmer and Janet Hurley, Lora Bell Brown, and Glenn-Bivins Insurance.

In honor of Bernice Hord by Sid and Johnnie Eubanks and Barbara Austin.

In honor of Thelma Joyce Conrath by Clinton and Mary Ellen Little.

In honor of the Bronte Nursing Home by Gene and Donna Bickle.

We sincerely appreciate these memorial donations. Donations to the Bronte Nursing Home Memorial Fund may be made by bringing the donations by the business office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by mailing donations to Bronte Nursing Home, PO Drawer M, Bronte, Texas 76933.



Although they received a Division I rating, the wind was definitely a problem for the Longhorn Marching Band during the UIL Marching Contest held in Abilene October 19. You will notice the smaller members having to lean into the wind and only four of those pictured have maintained possession of their hat.



Bronte Longhorn Marching Band member Blake McKee must be wondering why he chose to play the bass drum instead of a flute at the "windy" UIL Marching Contest held in Abilene October 19.

Appraisal District Board meets

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Coke County Appraisal District, a governmental entity organized under the laws of the State of Texas, was held at the District's office at 710 Austin St., Robert Lee, Texas, on the 21st day of October, 1996, at 7:00 pm with Bill Thomas, LeDrew Arrott, Teddy Millican, Bill Burns, and Mark Riley present.

Teddy Millican gave the invocation and Chairman LeDrew Arrott called the meeting to order.

The Board met with representatives from Pritchard & Abbott, Inc., Jim Carpenter, Vic Henderson, and Jay Curtis for a proposal to appraise the mineral and industrial properties in Coke County Appraisal District for 1997 and 1998 at a cost of \$21,300 for each year. The current contract is with Appraisal Records Services, Inc. for \$24,500 per year. A decision will be made at the November meeting.

The minutes of September 9, 1996, were read and approved.

The Board had an offer from the Coke County Commissioners for space in the courthouse for the Appraisal District office with 308 square feet downstairs and about 450 square feet upstairs. After discussion, a motion was made and approved to ask the commissioners if there was a more workable site that would be in one place instead of having separate locations.

The Board reviewed and approved the bills for payment.

The Board asked for comments on the activities for the Appraisal District from visitors Jeffie Roberts, Patti Ivey, Bobby Roberts, and Charles Timmons.

The meeting adjourned.

'64 Study Club meets

Twenty-five members of the '64 Study Club met October 8 in the Robert Lee United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Ms. Eva Horton from West Texas Rehab Center gave the program. Ms. Horton told of the many different helps the Rehab Center can provide.

Hostesses served punch, sandwiches, chips, dips, and cookies from a table decorated with jack-o-lanterns and spoons.

Serving as hostesses were Leta Caston, Ava Lou Davis, Peggy Davis, Linda-Carole Deere and Lucile Bryan.

The club will meet November 12 at the Recreation Building for their Thanksgiving dinner.

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RL school to host Fall Festival

The annual Fall Festival will be held Saturday, October 26, at Robert Lee School in the old gym.

The junior class will have an enchilada supper from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

Booths will be open from 5:00 until 8:00 pm and will include: Elephant's Trunk, Pie Walk, Water Gun & Target, Coin Toss, Roll The Dice, Laying Hens, Pan For Gold, Marble Mania, Wheel of Fortune, Gold Fish, Candy Land, Tricycle Race, Toilet Paper Toss, Basketball Shoot, Ring

Toss, Fishing Pond, Cake Walk, Prize Walk.

The Robert Lee PTA invites everyone to come join the fun!

Weigh Down Workshop

There will be an orientation for the Weigh Down Workshop, October 30, at 5:00 - 6:00 pm and from 8:00 - 9:00 pm at the Bronte First Baptist Church. All those interested are invited to attend. A new 12-week session will begin November 6. For more information call the church office, 473-2331 or Bonnie Reed, 786-2370.

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FSA OFFICE TAKING APPLICATIONS
The local FSA Office is taking applications through November 4th for a temporary employee. Applications may be picked up at the FSA Office, 214 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas. Qualifications shall include but are not limited to:

1. High school diploma or equivalent.
2. Must be dependable, hardworking and able to meet deadlines.
3. Bookkeeping and clerical skills needed.
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FSA is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. For more information call Dwayne Vincent at 915-453-2751.
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NOTICES

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.

- COKE COUNTY SHERIFF**
Mike Harris
- COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3**
Pat Percifull
- COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1**
Paul Burns
- COKE COUNTY ATTORNEY**
Lane Arthur
- COKE COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT 2**
William "Keith" Fletcher
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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school official. Bids received after that time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked: "Track Construction Bid". Bids will be received by mail or delivered to:

Bronte Independent School District
Office of the Superintendent
P.O. Box 670
Bronte, Texas 76933-0670
Bronte I.S.D. reserves the right to hold all bids for thirty days without action and to reject any and all bids.
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HOME RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The City of Bronte has received funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in order to provide financial assistance for qualified low income homeowners to rebuild their homes. The assistance will be provided in the form of a forgivable loan. If you are interested in applying for this assistance, an application may be picked up at the Bronte City Hall during regular office hours. Applications will be received until 5:00 pm on Monday, October 28, 1996. Funds are available to reconstruct up to a maximum of four (4) homes. For more information, call Marvin Watts, Governmental Service Agency, Inc. at (800) 775-2633.
13B-1tc

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Pittencrief America, Inc., P.O. Box 6129, Abilene, TX 79608, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Gray Sand Formation, W. Ft. Chadbourne (Gray Sand) on Lease, Well Numbers 5, 30 and 31. The proposed injection wells are located 4.5 miles south of Blackwell in the Fort Chadbourne, West Field, in Coke County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5300 to 5420 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).
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CARD OF THANKS

IN CASE WE FAILED TO PROPERLY THANK YOU for your prayers, phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, food, memorials, and all the help you gave us during the loss of our beloved husband, father, PaPa, and brother, please accept this as an apology and thanks. We appreciate and will never forget each and every one of you.
The family of E.J. Tucker
13B-1tc

THANK YOU! to the person who left a 5 gallon bucket of delicious apples on our back step on Labor Day.
Clark & Mary Frances
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Cattle producers plot plan for profitability

The volunteer leaders of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will meet in Abilene, Texas, October 25-26 to plot a course for industry profitability, says Chaunce O. Thompson, Jr., president from Breckenridge, Texas. The financial well-being of the cattle industry, which has a significant impact on the economy of many rural and semi-rural areas, has not been good in recent years.

The first day of the cattle producers meeting will be devoted to committee business and policy development. Topics to be addressed in-

clude natural resources, the environment, wildlife, marketing, brand and inspection, animal health, labor, agricultural research and legislative and tax issues important to all cattle producers.

Featured speakers will include spokespersons from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Diagnostic Laboratory, the federal Economic Research Service, cattle producers from the various industry segments and TSCRA officials, Thompson said.

The Saturday morning board meeting will include audience participation in a panel discussion involving a report made earlier by Dr. Ernie Davis, Texas A&M livestock economist, on a TSCRA-requested analysis of how beef packer concentration impacts cow/calf producers. Also, Paul Engler, a prominent cattle feeder who oversees Cactus Feeders, Inc., and Jack Hunt, the chief executive officer of the famous King Ranch, Inc., will share their ideas about the cattle industry today and in the 21st Century.

"This program is intended to address the concerns of most cattle producers today," Thompson said. "Yes, this meeting is for our directors and committee members, but, any TSCRA member or someone who joins TSCRA onsite can attend the committee sessions and the board meeting."

Registration is \$60 per person, which includes all social events. The cost of registration may be tax-deductible, but all participants are strongly encouraged to seek tax advice from professionals. Audio-cassettes of each meeting will be available for purchase at \$10 each by calling TSCRA Marketing and Membership Services Department at 1-817-332-7064.

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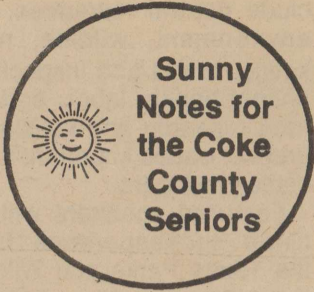
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Sunny Notes for the Coke County Seniors

Menu of the Week

Mon., Oct. 28
Bar-B-Que Chicken, Black-eyed Peas, Harvard Beets, Cornbread, Pears, Sugar Cookies.

Wed., Oct. 30
Country Fried Steak/White Sauce, Cauliflower w/Cheese, Spinach, Wheat Bread, Fruit Gelatin.

Fri., Nov. 1
Hamburger Patty w/Cheese, Potato Salad, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Chocolate Pudding.

Quilt of the Month

Twelve ladies came to the Bronte Senior Center to quilt on October 16 & 17.

The quilters are beginning to work on the quilt to be donated to the Rehab Center in December. Please feel welcome to join the ladies. Check the paper for dates each month!

News from Bronte Nursing Home

We will be trick or treating on Halloween Night at the Bronte Nursing Home. If anyone would like to donate a bag of candy, it would be appreciated. Please bring your little spooks by for a treat.

The Square Dancers were already in the mood for Halloween as most of them were dressed "Halloween Style" when they visited with us on Monday night.

The girls at First National Bank were sponsors for the October birthday party Friday, October 18. Those having birthdays were Virginia Boatright, Effie Ditmore, Annie Cape, and Edna Florence. Mary Belle Hilliard provided the entertainment. Everyone enjoyed birthday cake and punch.

Free dogwood trees from Arbor Day Fdn.

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during October 1996.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"The white flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between November

1 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day," and The Tree

Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOODS, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by October 31, 1996.

Historical society to meet

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, November 5, 1996, in the fellowship hall of the Church of Christ, 901 North Main.

Guest speaker will be Ross McSwain, well known author.

His topic will be *Uncovering Family Secrets and History*.

Meetings of the society are conducted the first Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. A free Beginner's Genealogy Class, taught by Bob Parks, precedes each meeting.

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Season, limits discussed

When the leaves fall from the trees and the chill of autumn is upon us, some folks think about staying inside by a warm fire. And then there is another type of individual who gets up at three or four o'clock in the morning, just to sit motionless in a cold deerstand until ten o'clock. He or she turns back around that afternoon and sits in that same stand from 4:30 until after dark. After finally getting some circulation in those legs which have been asleep for the past hour, he gimps back to the pickup, knowing that supper will be cold and he probably won't get any sympathy at home for this self-induced trauma.

For this individual, this time of year is the highlight of his annual activities. He has been working for months building stands, fixing his feeders, or working his dogs, just to get ready.

And that time is upon us, with deer and turkey seasons running concurrently in Coke County and across the state from November 2, 1996 through January 5, 1997. The limit on whitetails is four deer, with no more than two being bucks; with the limit on turkey being four in one year. Either sex of turkey may be taken in the fall season, with gobblers only being legal in the spring season, which has been set for April 5 through May 11, 1997.

Parks and Wildlife is predicting a normal kill for our area deer hunters. Like the rest of west Texas, we were dry during the spring and summer, with 10 to 15 inches of rain in August and September. This has made most pastures lush; so we are not predicting too much early success with feeders until after the first frost. Our early season bow hunting was almost nonexistent. On the plus side, the deer should start coming to corn after frost, and they will be in very good condition.

In spite of the drought, our local area turkey hatch was some better than in recent years. However, with the increased cover, they may be a little hard to find until later in the season.

For those Daniel Boone types, Coke County as well as the rest of the state has a late season from January 11-19, 1997, for muzzleloaders. As has been the case for the past several years, no antlerless permits are required during

the regular or special seasons.

Coke County was fortunate to raise some quail last year while most of the Rolling Plains and other areas didn't have a good hatch. We are hopeful of another good crop this year. Quail season (statewide) runs from Nov. 2 through Feb. 23, with the bag limit set at 15, and possession limit set at 45.

With the new procedure for obtaining a license, we knew from the start of this season that some changes would be in store for hunters. If you have any questions about seasons, limits, special stamps, etc., consult a current copy of the Texas Hunting Guide, available where licenses are sold, or contact local game warden Sparks Burdett at (915) 453-2887.

8th Annual Hunter's BBQ set

Whoever said that there's no such thing as a free lunch just hasn't been to Robert

Lee. This year will mark the eighth such free lunch (or hunter's barbecue), sponsored by the West Coke County Community Development.

The 8th annual Hunter's Barbecue is set for opening day of deer season, Nov. 2, from 6-9 pm at the Big Rec Hall in Robert Lee. If you don't know where that is, it is down in the park -- just ask anybody or follow the line of cars.

Area businesses, landowners, and residents make this annual feed possible, and it is their way of thanking their hunters for making west Coke County your hunting headquarters.

There are a few requirements. First, you must be hungry, which on the eve of opening day, that shouldn't be a problem. Next, you must have a ticket, which requires stopping by your landowner's or a local business and getting your free tickets prior to the barbecue. Finally, you must show up at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee from 6 to 9 pm on Saturday night, for a plateful of all-you-can-eat brisket and sausage, beans, potato salad, dessert, and fixins.

If you like being treated to a free lunch, tell your landowner or chairman Bob Wrinkle how much you enjoyed the meal. As far as we can tell, this is the only "free" hunter's barbecue in west Texas. It is sponsored by landowners and area businesses and residents who want to express their appreciation to you, the hunter, for your business. It is put on by a wealth of volunteer labor who want your stay in Coke County to be a memorable one. For more information you can contact chairman Bob Wrinkle at (915) 453-2414, or at his place of business, Ace Hardware, at 416 Commerce Street in Robert Lee.



These two pictures are proof positive that wildlife management works! This gorgeous buck was photographed during an aerial survey October 1st on the Chadbourne Ranch in northeastern Coke County.



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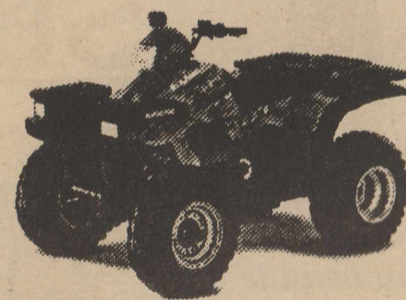
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O/E welcomes sportsmen

by Hal Spain, Publisher
I take great pleasure in welcoming you, the hunter and fisherman, to Coke County.

Trophy hunters raise money

Sportsmen and landowners from across the state made the first annual Operation Game Thief Fundraiser a huge success recently in helping generate \$90,000 in contributions to the popular Texas Parks and Wildlife Department program.

"The event was the culmination of a lot of effort from Texas Trophy Hunters," said Jerry Johnston, president of the Texas Trophy Hunters Association, which sponsored the fundraiser. "I expected a great benefit, but this fundraiser surpassed even my best projections.

Texas Parks and Wildlife commissioner Nolan Ryan presented several awards during the event, including Grand Champion Awards to winners of the Texas Trophy Hunters annual Whitetail and Taxidermy competition.

Among the more than 30 items up for bid during the auction were several hunts and pieces of wildlife art.

Operation Game Thief is a privately funded program organized in 1981 to assist TPWD law enforcement efforts by offering rewards for information about game law violations.

Whatever your interest in this area, whether it be the quest for a trophy buck, trying to land that big bass, or any other number of activities, we are proud to have you in our area.

Please don't miss our annual Hunter Appreciation Barbecue in Robert Lee on Saturday, November 2nd. These festivities are provided free of charge to our area hunters as a way of expressing our appreciation for your continued support.

Once again, let me welcome you to Coke County. Our landowners and merchants have made a strong commitment to ensure your stay will be a memorable one. We hope you enjoy your visit and hope your sporting efforts will be a success.

Archery season comes and goes nearly unnoticed

Coke County's early archery season has come and gone pretty much unnoticed. Area deer processing facilities have reported very few deer to be processed during the early archery season.

Once again the culprit seems to be the "hurricane rains" which dumped from 10 to 15 inches of moisture on the county in August and September. Since that time, weeds, forbs, and grass have made such a comeback that most pastures are in good shape going into the winter. What that means to

bowhunters is that deer don't have to feed much in the daytime at all, and probably won't respond to supplemental feeding. Getting a deer to come to a feeder is necessary to most bowhunters (unless you're Daniel Boone) to get a deer into close enough range for a high percentage shot.

Most of of area bowhunters have kept their arrows in the quivers this year, realizing that there's always another year. And most know that the abundant rainfall will only guarantee a good crop of fawns, thereby increasing their chances of being successful in years to come.

Grilled Kabobs

1 lb. venison, cut into 1-inch cubes
3/4 c. light soy sauce
2 cloves garlic, sliced
8 fresh mushrooms
1 bell pepper (red, yellow, green, or combination)
1 medium onion, cut in chunks
2 small zucchini or yellow squash, cut in 1-inch pieces
Place venison cubes in glass dish or heavy plastic food storage bags; pour soy sauce over venison, add garlic, close container and marinate venison in sauce overnight in refrigerator. Remove from sauce and thread venison alternately with vegetables onto 4 kabob skewers. Grill on medium coals, turning at least once. Cook just until venison is done. Serve on bed of cooked rice. Serves 4.



This 19 3/4 lb. striper met the hook of Don Blair of Robert Lee in June of this year. Don was fishing with a Chartreuse slab at Lake Spence.

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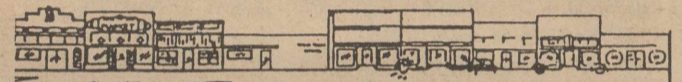
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Precious few hunters are lucky enough personally to own land that abounds with game. So, for the most part, when today's hunter enters the field, he becomes someone's guest, welcome or unwelcome. His host may be an individual farmer living just down the road or a giant timber company whose offices are a thousand miles away.

But no matter who the host is, the "welcome" aspect is important to hunters because it helps determine how much land will remain open for hunting.

Sportsmen have suffered a harsh blow as suburbs, shopping centers and highways have spilled over millions of acres of once prime hunting ground. But an even greater tragedy has been the posting of "No Hunting" signs on still productive game lands throughout the country.

These signs go up only when hunters fail to recognize that they are guests, abuse the land upon which they hunt, and in doing so, wear out their welcome.

There are three separate approaches which you, as a hunter, can take to cope with this problem. One is preventive, the second is protective, and the third is corrective.

The preventive approach involves nothing more than doing your best not to harm the welcome you now have to hunt on someone else's property. On farmland especially, this means to ask permission every time you hunt.

Even the farmer who says, "You can hunt here any time," appreciates your dropping by beforehand to say hello and to let him know you will be on his land.

Remember, too, that the farmer who has given you permission to hunt usually does not mind if you bring a friend or two along, but you may destroy your welcome if you arrive with a carload of companions.

Once on a farmer's land, be sure to hunt only where he wants you to, keep safely away from his house, barns and livestock and respect his crops. Be careful never to stretch or break any fences you cross and latch farm gates securely after you have passed through them.

On municipal, state or federally owned land, the preventive approach means respecting the fields, forests and facilities that are there for all of the public - not just hunters - to enjoy. And on land owned by large corporations such as lumber and paper companies, open to multiple use through their cooperation and generosity, it means being doubly careful with fire and respecting the trees which are their crop.

The most difficult aspect of the preventive approach calls for the law-abiding hunter who respects private property to report those hunters who damage it to the landowner, to the game warden or local law enforcement official. No man enjoys such a task, but a lot of the future of hunting is up to the sportsman who hunts by the rules, working to bar from hunting the poacher and the selfish individual who abuses his "guest" privileges.

The protective approach means making sure that the landowner knows you appreciate his letting you hunt. It means sharing your game with him, sending him a Christmas card and now and then taking time from your hunting to help him out with his chores.

The last approach, the corrective one, can be the most difficult because it involves changing a landowner's mind. When you find a good hunting area that is posted, look up the owner, ask him for permission to hunt and promise him you will treat his property as you treat your own.

Such sincerity may well open the gate for both you and your fellow hunters.

West Ranch Chili

- 6 tbs. bacon drippings
- 3 pounds lean venison, coarsely chopped
- 6 tbs. chili powder
- 1 tbs. ground oregano
- 1 tbs. crushed cumin seed
- 1 tbs. salt
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 tbs. red hot sauce (optional)
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 1/2 quarts water
- 3 tbs. masa harina
- 6 tbs. water

In a deep well or Dutch oven, heat bacon drippings; add chopped venison and brown. Add seasonings and water; heat until boiling. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 2 hours. Skim off fat. Put masa harina and 6 tablespoons water in a jar with tight fitting lid and shake until smooth. Add to chili mixture and stir. Simmer uncovered for 30 minutes. Serve with pinto beans.

Variations for serving chili:

Add corn chips, grated cheese and chopped onions; add chopped onions and catsup; serve with cornbread, crackers, corn or flour tortillas.

Chicken-Fried Venison Steak

- 2 lbs. venison steaks
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 1/2 c. flour
- 1 T. garlic salt
- 1 egg
- 1 c. milk

Mix together flour, pepper, salt and garlic salt. Beat egg and milk together. Turn steaks in egg and milk mixture; dredge in flour. Fry quickly in hot oil. Do not over-fry to keep tender and juicy.



Geraldine Mooney brought this nice 8 point buck down December 4, 1995, on the McDonald Ranch near Oak Creek Lake.

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Avoid fishing violations

Although there are literally hundreds of possible violations which could conceivably occur while fishing and/or boating, there are only a half dozen or so that account for the vast majority of citations filed.

License

The single most common violation cited is probably fishing without a license. The law says that you must have your fishing license with you while fishing. Your license won't do you much good "back at the boat ramp", and especially not "I know right where it is on my dresser at home," or some other place other than where you are fishing.

PFDs

Another very common and dangerous violation is simply not having enough PFDs or life jackets aboard your boat. All motorboats must have a wearable type life jacket for each person aboard. Children under 13 years of age must wear their life jackets while the boat is underway. Make sure that the life jackets are the correct size for the people on board. Also, motorboats 16 feet up to 26 feet must also have one type IV PFD. The type IV PFD is the throwable, square cushion kind. Again, life jackets "back in the truck at the boat ramp" might as well be back at the store on the shelf if you need them in an emergency out on the lake.

Registration

Boat registration violations are very common. If the boat has any kind of motor, even a trolling motor, then it must be registered. Remember that it

is your responsibility to keep your boat registration current. Don't depend solely on Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to send you a reminder. If you've moved, for instance, it won't make it to you. A common scenario: "I haven't used it in several years and I know it's not registered. I just wanted to bring it out and see if it would start," won't work if you're 2 or 3 miles from the boat ramp.

Undersize game fish

Possession of undersize game fish is a common violation that can be very costly since each illegal fish can be a separate fine. Make sure you know the correct length limit on the species you're contemplating keeping. Some water bodies have different length limits than others. The length limits and other complete rules are found in the Fishing Guide, available where you buy licenses. Although a 12" or 13" largemouth bass fillet fits in the frying pan nicely, and enough 9" crappie will still make a nice mess of fish, the laws that protect these and other fish are made for a reason, so please be aware of the laws and follow them.

Navigational lights

Navigational lights are required on all boats from sunset to sunrise. All motorboats under 26' in length are required to have the combined red/green bow light and a white light near the stern that is visible from 360 degrees around the boat. The best time to check the condition of your boat lights isn't 30 minutes after

sundown on the far end of the lake - that's asking for problems. Also, don't jeopardize your safety and your pocketbook by turning out your lights because it "attracts bugs" or "scares the fish" or any other reason.

Litter

Finally, please don't litter. Littering is a violation, and some judges seem to have a personal vendetta against litterers. You would be surprised just how much a beer can carelessly tossed into the water might cost. It takes just a little extra effort to keep up with your trash until you get to a trash can.

Oven dried jerky

3 lbs. lean venison cut into 1/8 inch strips (cut across grain for tender jerky).
1 tsp. onion powder
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. liquid smoke
1 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. red pepper
1/3 c. Worcestershire Sauce
1/4 c. soy sauce

Mix in saucepan over low heat until dry ingredients mix with wet. Marinate meat overnight. Cook 5 to 6 hours in 175 degree F. oven.

Sun dried jerky

Jerky may also be sun-dried by hanging strips of meat over a clothesline and covering with cheesecloth. Leave 8 hours or more, depending on the extent of sunlight.



Lenny Jackson shows off a 16 pound bluecat he reeled in at Lake Spence last spring. He hauled in the monster about 4:00 am. Jackson was unwilling to share his bait recipe, calling it a "trade secret".

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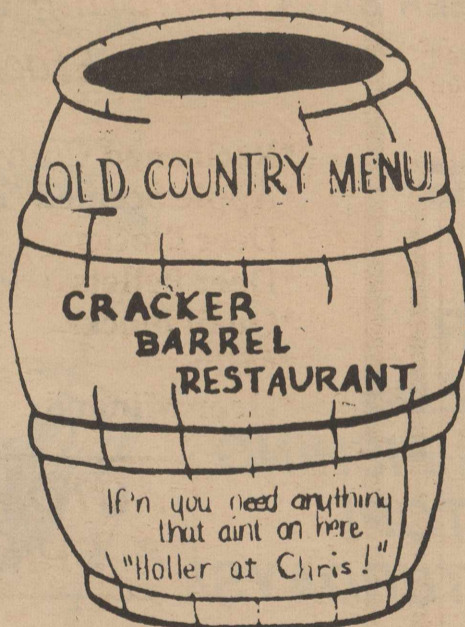
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Outdoor sports bring families closer

Six-year-old Heather Maness had been looking forward to this day for a long time - and it was finally here.

It was opening day of dove season, and her first hunt with her dad. In a field near the family's farm in Randolph County, N.C., she helped her dad scan the skies for fast-flying doves on the wing.

The BB gun she carried was no threat to the fast-flying doves. But Heather was learning important lessons about the basics of responsible firearms handling, hunting ethics and how to behave in the field.

For Heather, shooting doves wasn't really the main point, anyway. "I like to hunt because I get to spend some time with my dad," she told Walter Taylor, a columnist for Carolina Adventure magazine, who wrote about Heather's experience in a recent issue.

Heather has discovered a love of the outdoors and a sport that she will most likely enjoy her whole life, according to Mark Duda, executive director of Responsive Management, a firm that has done more than 200 studies on various aspects of outdoor recreation for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, including one of the largest and most comprehensive studies on factors related to hunting participation.

The three year study, a Federal Aid project, found

that among those for whom hunting became a lifelong sport, about 80 percent were introduced to it between the ages of 12 and 15 - many even earlier.

Duda says his studies show the importance of family, or close family surrogates, because hunting encompasses much more than just learning certain skills. The experience - with the outdoors and with family or friends - goes far beyond whether youngsters caught a limit or filled a deer tag.

"You're really building a lifetime of memories," Duda observed. "The bonds that hunting builds are truly incredible, and we've documented it."

"An adult who takes a child hunting or fishing is making a pretty big commitment to that child," he added. "The times spent together often become that child's favorite family memories."

Hunting ethics are also instilled at an early age, according to Duda's research. "The youngster who is taught hunting ethics will continue to be an ethical hunter as an adult," he said.

Most youngsters today are not growing up in a rural area with a dove field or trout stream just down the road or with a parent who can teach them about the outdoors. Many have lost any connection to the outdoors.

The increase in single-parent families has compounded the problem, but hunters and anglers can help youngsters reconnect with their outdoor heritage. It's not hard to find a niece or nephew or a friend's child who is waiting to be introduced to the adventure of the Great Outdoors.

A good first step is to encourage attendance or take one or more youngsters to a hunter education course, which will provide between 16 and 20 hours of instruction in not only safe firearms handling, but also in conservation and the outdoor experience. Hunter education courses are now mandatory for young hunters in 47 states.

You can also share your outdoor knowledge with the local Scout troop or 4-H group. Invite them to your club or range for an afternoon of supervised activities - fishing and safe boating or safe airgun handling and target practice. Get other club members involved, as well as the parents of the youngsters, and make it an event that everyone enjoys.

But don't do it because a study says it's a good thing. Do it for the look on a youngster's face the first time he finds a deer track or she feels a tug on her fishing line.

Do it because both the tradition and the experience is rich and rewarding... and can be for a lifetime.




It wasn't a deer, but Josh Schoenfield of Bronte was still proud of his trophy. The bobcat was taken last season while Josh was deer hunting with his dad near Bronte.

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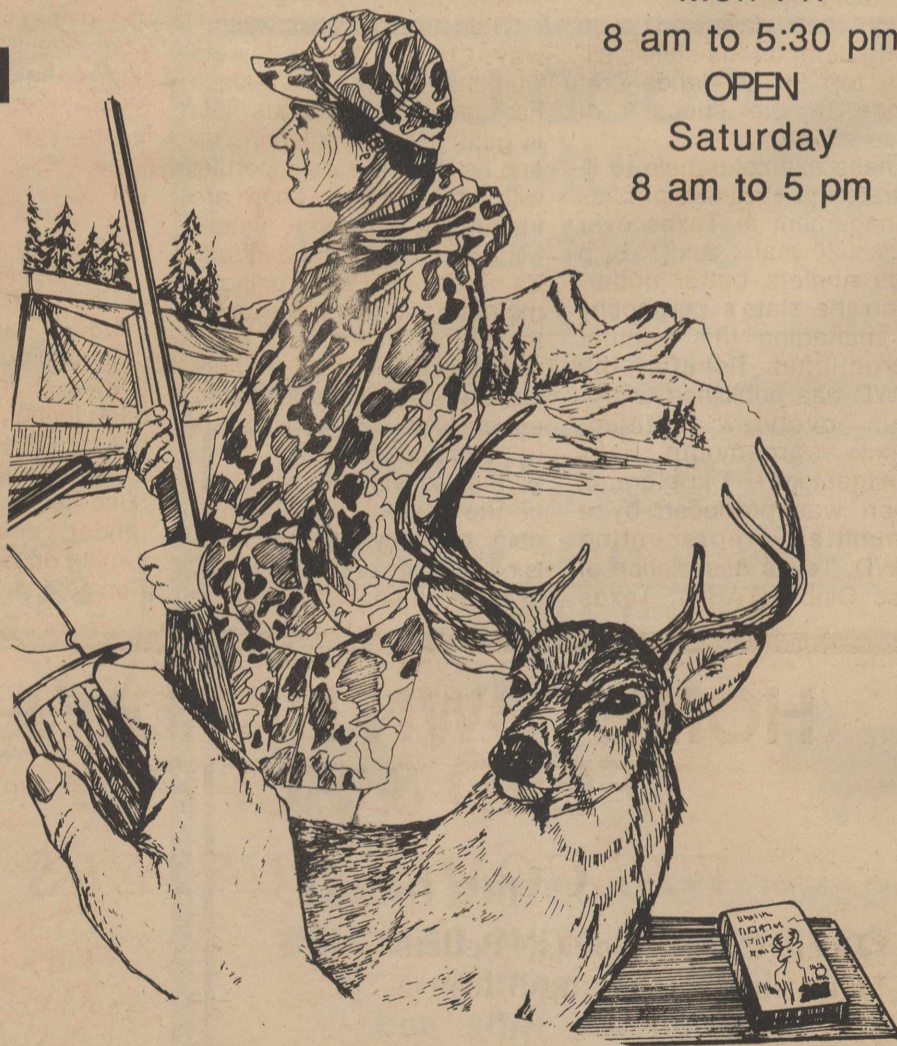
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Bass management works for TX anglers

Imagine Texas bass anglers' reaction to a statewide seven-inch limit and a daily bag of 15. Or their opinion of a state agency whose largemouth bass stocking program releases only northern bass fingerlings obtained from Virginia and Illinois.

The state using those bass management practices hadn't produced a largemouth bigger than 13.5 pounds in over 35 years and the general belief among its biologists was that game fish populations, including bass, cannot be overharvested by anglers.

That state is, or was until the mid-1970s, Texas.

"Back in the '40s, we probably didn't need regulations because the supply exceeded the demand. The theory about not being able to overharvest a fishery was probably correct at the time it was written," explained Phil Durocher, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department director of inland fisheries. "But, in the '70s, the demand began to exceed supply and we started to see instances of overharvest. Anglers and equipment became more proficient."

Bass management efforts in Texas have been well-documented in the years since state officials began tailoring regulations and stocking regimes to maximize fishing opportunities. Implementation of a statewide 14-inch minimum size limit, as well as more restrictive harvest regulations, and an infusion of Florida-strain bass were among key management strategies which helped place Texas on the cutting edge. The fact that a 13-pound bass caught these days won't even rate a berth on the state's all-time top 50 list lends credence to the success of those efforts.

These examples help to illustrate the evolution of bass management in Texas over the last 20 years. And, to help bass anglers better understand the state's philosophy on managing this popular recreational fishery, the TPWD has published a program overview entitled, "Texas Largemouth Bass Management." The program report was produced by a committee representing TPWD, Texas Association of Bass Clubs (TABC), Texas

Black Bass Unlimited (TBBU), Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS), and Honey Hole Bass Club Affiliation.

The report, which is available to the public at no cost, details the bass management objectives of TPWD's inland fisheries division by exploring both biological dynamics of the resource and attitude and opinions of its users.

"We understand the potential of each fishery - how many fish the resource can produce and sustain based on available habitat and angling pressure," said Durocher. "So, there's no biological danger that a fishery will be depleted to the point to where we were in the past on some lakes. The 14-inch minimum size limit can provide a blanket measure of protection in that regard. We can further alter regulations and stocking regimes to create a different quality of fishery, one that addresses the desires of anglers."

In Texas, there are approximately 1.7 million acres of public water, a majority of which is bound within 188 major reservoirs (500 acres and up).

Biologists learned during the 1980s that certain lakes have a potential beyond what a 14-inch length limit could give. And, by promoting catch-and-release practices, bass fishing quality, including trophy bass, could be further enhanced in some reservoirs. Currently, TPWD has six categories of customized limits in place at 35 major reservoirs.

Not all bass anglers in Texas are looking for a "once-in-a-lifetime" catch, however.

"Selective harvest will always be a factor," said Durocher. "Catch and release has been a tremendous help in getting our populations up and I still believe it's important with our large fish. There are instances, however, where harvest is not bad and in fact, it's necessary if we're going to maintain some balance in those populations."

Because different anglers pursue bass fishing for different reasons, TPWD biologists try to provide a variety of opportunities within each region of the state. "Our angler opinion surveys indicate there is no 'average angler' so we try to create a quality fishing ex-

perience as defined by the anglers in a particular area," Durocher noted. "We have trophy quality fisheries in various parts of the state and people can go to these places to try and catch a big fish. We could produce more, but unless the people tell us that's what they want, we'll continue to manage for maximum opportunity."

To receive a copy of "Texas Largemouth Bass Management" contact Ken Kurzawski, TPWD Inland Fisheries Division, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744 or call 512-389-4591.

Venison Roast

1/4 c. plus
3 T. all-purpose flour, divided
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1/4 tsp. allspice
3-4 lbs. venison shoulder roast
2 T. vegetable oil
1 c. apple cider
1 c. white wine
5 whole cloves
1/4 c. water

Combine 3 tablespoons flour, salt, pepper and allspice. On waxed paper, coat meat with flour mixture. Heat oil in large skillet. Cook meat until brown on all sides. Place in oven roasting bag in 8-inch baking dish. Pour apple cider, wine and cloves over the meat. Tie bag and cook in 275 degree F. oven for 2 hours or until tender. Remove roast from bag. Cover with foil and keep warm. To make gravy, pour remaining liquid into medium saucepan. Make paste with 1/4 cup flour and water. Slowly add to pan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Serve immediately. Makes 8 servings.

Fried quail

4 quail
1/4 c. flour
1 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper

Dredge quail with mixture of flour, salt and pepper. Have deep frying pan half filled with hot fat. Brown quail on both sides. Cover skillet and reduce heat. Cook slowly until tender, about 20 minutes, turning once to brown evenly. Serves 4.



This trophy-sized 36 3/4 lb. blue cat was brought in on trotline by Bob Nix. Bob was fishing at Lake Spence when this cat was caught in August of this year.



It takes two to hold this 40 lb. 10 oz. flathead catfish snagged by trotline in September. James Hood (l) and Lynn Denton are the fearless Lake Spence fishermen.

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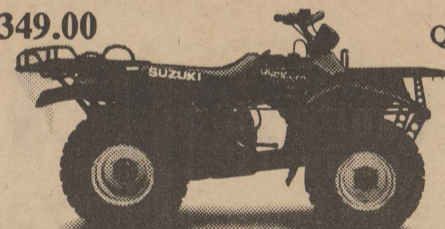
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Texas fish stocking is an old tradition

The fact there is a big bass season beginning in Texas is testimony to fish-stocking efforts in the state.

A stocking program, which got its start before the turn of the century, has helped turn Texas into one of the premier bass states in the nation.

The Texas landscape looked much different in 1893 when the U.S. Commission on Fish and Fisheries first sent largemouth bass to the state in milk containers aboard rail cars.

"The first record we have (of stockings) was of native northern largemouth bass. Texas had only 12 public freshwater reservoirs of 29,640 acres. They were mostly natural and Caddo represented 80 percent of that," said Allen Forshage, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regional fisheries division director in Tyler.

Texas received a grand total of 810 fish from federal hatcheries in Missouri, Illinois and Virginia. The state continued to receive imported fish from hatcheries until a federal facility was opened in San Marcos in 1897.

"They stocked fish from 1897 through 1919 from the San Marcos and Blanco rivers," said Forshage.

The native northern largemouth bass was the fish found in the natural reservoirs, streams and rivers of the state prior to the early stockings and was the fish pro-

duced at new state hatcheries during the era of reservoir construction statewide, which began in the 1920s. Reservoir construction peaked in the 1960s and today there are 620 reservoirs covering more than 1.7 million acres.

To go along with the switch to reservoir fishing, the department began a shift to Florida largemouth bass in the 1970s. Today, state hatcheries produce 5 million to 6 million Florida bass fingerlings annually compared with about 300,000 native northern largemouth bass.

Although the difference in appearance between the two fish is hardly noticeable, the Florida bass are better suited for reservoir habitat while the northern black bass are a stream fish.

"When we started making management decisions in the '70s, we started looking at which fish do better in reservoirs - which are an unnatural situation," said Forshage.

The introduction of Florida bass into Texas has been a well-chronicled event, beginning with the first modern-day state record, a 14.09-pound bass caught on Lake Monticello in 1980 by Pittsburg's Jim Kimbell.

That fish, and the thousands of other trophy bass leading up to Barry St. Clair's 18.18-pound current state record from Lake Fork, have created a multimillion-dollar sport fishing industry.

The chance for a trophy bass has fueled the fishing phenomenon.

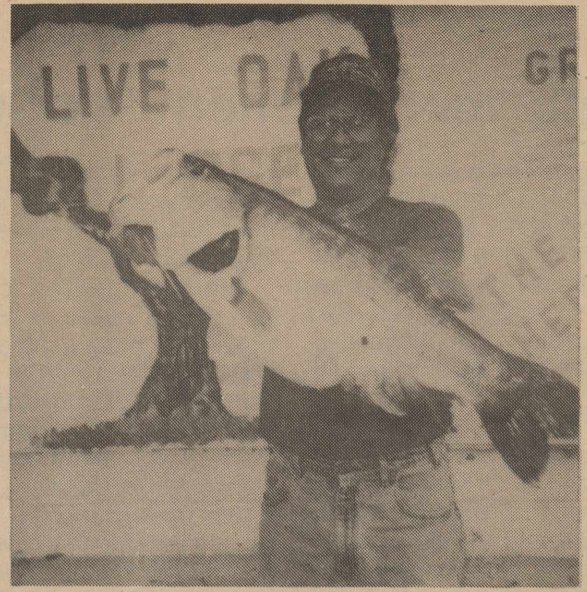
"Without the Florida bass I don't think we would be seeing the big change in maximum size in bass. We saw a record of 13.5 stand for 37 years and then we change it to 18.18. That is because we introduced the Florida bass.

"Had we not done it, we might have improved the size by regulations, but you would not have seen the maximum size as it is today," said Forshage.

While the department has no plans to change its current direction, and, in fact, is at the threshold of construction on a Texas Fresh Water Fisheries Center in Athens to increase fingerlings production, there is a movement to halt the introduction of fish not considered native to a fishery.

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Reggie Baker of Odessa, Texas, looks as happy as he should be after catching this gargantuan 12.70 pound black bass March 17, 1996, at Oak Creek Lake.



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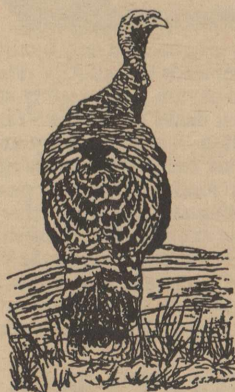
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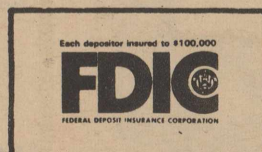


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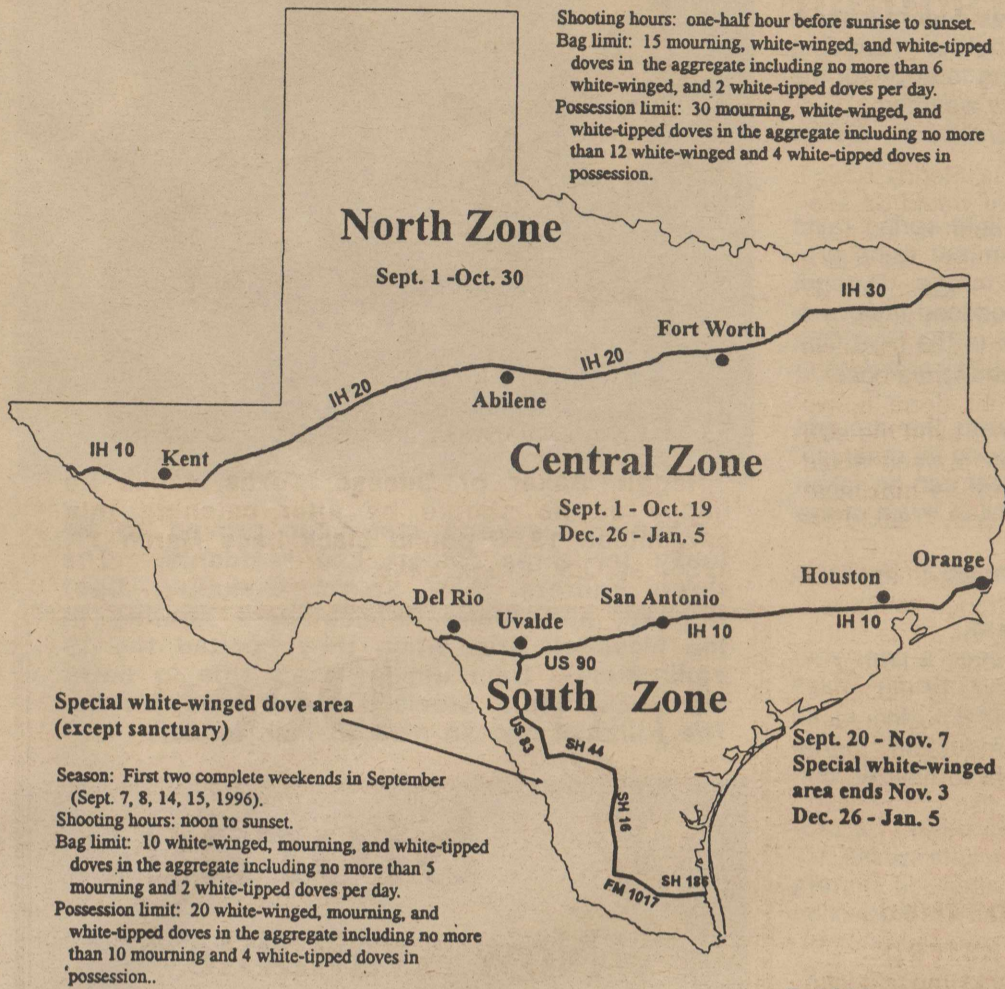
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1996-97 Dove Hunting Seasons



Tackle box holds more than lures

No piece of fishing equipment gets more abuse - and is more important - than the tackle box.

If it is often kicked, dropped, spilled, sat on and otherwise mistreated, yet no fisherman would leave home without it.

That's because a tackle box is a fisherman's toolroom, pantry and pharmacy. It may contain anything from a can of Vienna sausage to insect repellent to a smelly towel.

A tackle box also may become a fisherman's attic, a place where old, battered lures compete for space with this year's hottest-selling bait. Old lures don't fade away; they just end up in the cluttered bottom of the tackle box.

As the years pile up, memories accumulate in those tackle boxes, as well. Here are some tackle box reflections from prominent fishermen:

HOMER CIRCLE, Ocala, Fla., outdoor writer for more than 50 years; angling editor of Sports Afield magazine and former member of the Arkansas Game Commission:

- **First tackle box:** At age 12, grabbed one of his mother's purses, removed the lining and put in some homemade fishing plugs. He still has one of his original plugs, made from a 100-year-old piece of walnut wood taken from a church pew. He also still has his first real tackle box, a cedar based box filled with more than 200 antique lures.

RAY SCOTT, Montgomery, Ala., founder of Bass Anglers Sportsman Society:

- **First tackle box:** A cigar box with room for six lures.
- **Scott's reflection:** "Tackle boxes have grown larger because anglers are owning and using more lures."

TONY DOLLE, Sidney, Neb., outdoor communications manager for Cabela's, Inc., one of the nation's leading mail order catalog busi-

nesses:

- **First tackle box:** Growing up in the Missouri Bootheel, the family shared a deep blue, metal hip-roof box with three latches across the front and a thin, round metal handle on the top. When the box was full and heavy, the handle hurt when you carried the box very far.

Dove hunters "mourn"

The fall mourning dove season in Coke County has come and gone, leaving area hunters in "mourning" as to where the doves were this season.

Part of the problem were the "hurricane rains" in August and early September which upped the area's rainfall total from 10 to 15 inches. What was good for migrating dove (an abundance of weed and sunflower seed and a place to drink nearby) was not good for area hunters.

Some good reports from dove hunters came in for the first couple of weeks of the season, and that was all she wrote. Dove were few and far between for the remainder of the fall season, for the most part.

But, for those who don't mind a little cooler weather, Coke County and the rest of the central zone will have a winter season from December 26 through January 5, 1997. Same bag limit of 15 will still

apply, and as dove are migratory, shotguns must be plugged to three shots. Hunters are also reminded that it is a violation to hunt doves around your deer feeder, as this is considered a baited area.

Tips for releasing fish

You manage for the future when you follow these handy tips for releasing fish. When practical:

- Quickly play and release fish.
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Whitetail look good despite drought

It is no big news that Texas was subjected to a drought in 1996, but the dry conditions are at an end almost everywhere in the state and prospects for the 1996-97 whitetail deer hunting season look good.

Even though the drought has had an effect on this year's fawn crop, Texans can again expect good deer hunting in much of the state. Late summer thunderstorms brought rains and much-needed forbs to deer.

The general gun season for whitetail deer runs Nov. 2 - Jan. 5 in North Texas and opens Nov. 9 in the South Texas brush country. For county specific bag limits and restrictions, hunters should refer to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual, which is available from TPWD offices and retail stores where hunting licenses are sold.

Butch Young, white-tailed deer program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), said, "many ranchers reduced livestock numbers to allow for the drought. The reduction in livestock may help create better conditions for white-tailed deer."

Young said deer managers should follow the example of ranchers and reduce deer numbers if deer habitat is obviously suffering from overuse. Recent rainfall across much of the state has provided a "jump start" for deer with new forb production and may give a green and healthy impression to the landscape. But, a closer inventory of browse plant species during the upcoming weeks and months will provide land managers with a better indicator of available food supplies for wildlife.

"The recent rains came at a time when late acorns were developing and there are good acorn crops in much of the state," said Young. "Broad-leaved plants are also looking good and as a result, deer may not be as likely to visit feeders during the early part of the season. We can

only hope this is the end of the dry cycle."

Deer managers should strive for lower doe numbers in most areas to help provide adequate forage for the remaining deer should food sources appear to be running thin.

Following is a regional outlook for the upcoming 1996-97 deer hunting season in Texas based on field observations by TPWD biologists.

Edwards Plateau:

Long recognized as the state's most productive area for deer, the Hill Country has suffered from the drought conditions. Past increases in the population, however, have pushed numbers higher than the habitat can easily support. Especially with the lack of rain, deer numbers need to be reduced to bring them within the capability of the habitat to support them. Biologist Max Traweek said, "there may be fewer fawns than usual, but prospects are good for hunting in the Plateau."

Artificial feeders, water sources, and planted fields may not be as productive. This is a good time for ranchers to reduce deer numbers.

Hunting prospect: Better than 1995.

Oak Prairie:

The acorn crop is a factor in deer production in the Oak Prairie and can also affect hunter success.

The dry spring of 1996 did not produce a good acorn crop.

District leader Bob Carroll think antler development and deer numbers will be lower because of the drought.

Hunting prospect: Below 1995.

Trans-Pecos:

The Trans-Pecos in far western Texas has been the victim of a 6-year drought, but recent rains have improved conditions. Biologist Mike Hobson says, "white-tailed deer numbers are down, and antlers will not be as large on areas which have suffered from the dry spell."

West Texas deer managers should consider reducing deer numbers to allow for the extensive dry weather.

Hunting prospect: Below last year.

Post Oak:

Sporadic light spring rains and late summer rains produced good forage. Drought conditions reduced fawn survival in most of the Post Oak and antler quality will decline slightly.

Deer entered the drought period with good fat reserves. Antlerless deer can be taken only by permit in much of the Post Oak.

Hunting prospect: Similar to last year.

South Texas:

This has been a poor year for moisture in South Texas and the country was in its "worst shape in years" during the spring, according to biologists.

Food plots should be productive with recent rainfall.

District Leader Joe Herrera said, "good antler production can still be expected on managed ranches where deer numbers have been lowered and moisture is available."

Hunting prospect: Down from 1995.

Panhandle:

White-tailed deer populations are growing in much of the Panhandle where there is adequate habitat. In spite of the drought, most whitetails are in good condition and a normal fawn crop is expected.

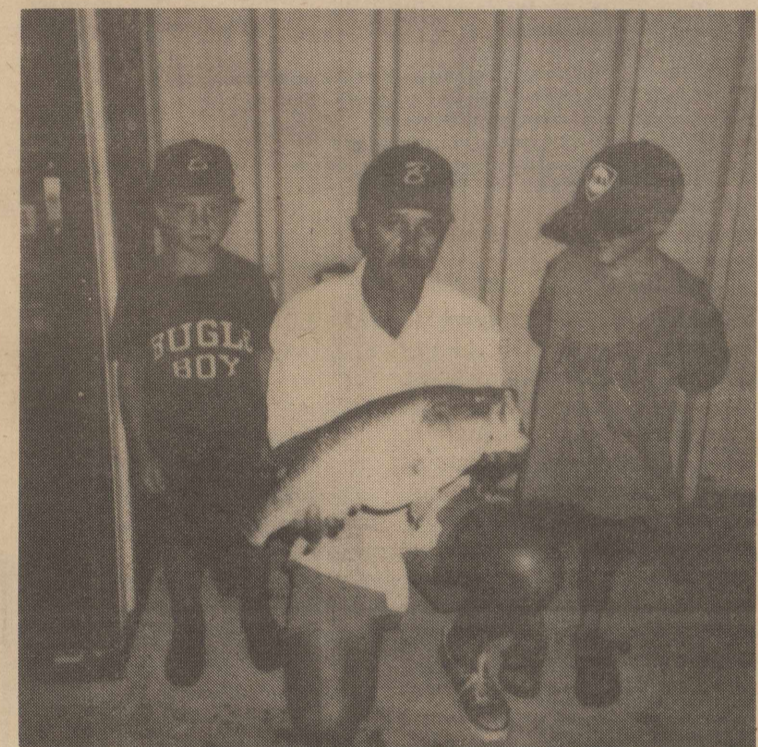
District Leader Danny Swepston says, "antlers may not be as good as 1995 in some counties thanks to poor range conditions early in the year."

Deer managers in the area should contact a Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist for advice on habitat and hunting management.

Hunting prospect: Same as last year.



Opening weekend last year proved to be lucky for three Robert Lee residents. The three hunters (l-r), Stevie Oleksiuk, Dant Hughes, and Blake Pitcock were hunting in the Maverick area when they spotted the 10 point buck. Dant used Blake's rifle to down the buck, while Stevie videoed the episode. The whitetail had an nice 18 inch spread.



Aspiring young fishermen admire the 8 lb. black bass reeled in by David Jackson of Bronte. David was using a june bug power worm on the waters of Spence in July of this year.

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Women heed hunting call

Veteran goose hunter Alice Tripp watches several women pick up a 12-gauge for the first time.

"I wasn't raised with this," Tripp says while instructing one of the women to aim a little more to the right before another woman pulls the clay target from its trap.

"My parents thought the outdoors were something you just walked around in."

At the age of 37, Tripp bought her first shotgun for \$99. Now, as a 49-year-old certified gun instructor and shooting clays competitor, Tripp is a colonel in a quiet revolution that's bringing women back to the outdoors.

Thanks to a Wisconsin professor's vision and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, women are back hunting, fishing, canoeing and camping as a part of the state's "Becoming An Outdoors Woman" program.

For some women, it's the first time anyone has taken the time to show them how to cast a fly-rod or load a shotgun.

For others, it's a welcome return to a world they embraced as children.

"You pick up tips," said Monique Slaughter, 35, of Port Arthur. "You learn it by someone else's trial and error." Mrs. Slaughter, like many of the women at the workshops, was familiar with the outdoors as a child.

"My parents made it a point of camping every summer," she said.

Now married to a hunter and fisherman, Mrs. Slaughter said she wants to join her spouse and help teach her two young daughters more about the outdoors.

Taking its cue from work done by Christine Thomas, a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point professor, Texas has joined 19 other states across the nation in instruction on guns, poles, canoes and even campfire cooking.

"If you ask most women if they hunt and/or fish, and they say yes, you'll find that 90 percent of them were either the oldest child or didn't have any brother or both," said Professor Thomas, a hunter and fisherman herself. It's Thomas' work that has helped develop the program Texas has adopted.

Texas Parks and Wildlife's approach is not purely selfless. Although bureau officials swear outdoor education is the motivation, key statistics are hard to ignore.

Each year, 368,000 women will buy hunting and fishing licenses in Texas.

With some 5.7 million women between the ages of 16 and 65 (eligible license holders) out there in the state, the market is largely untapped.

"Women are great students," said Steve Hall, conservation education director for Texas Parks and Wildlife. "They want to learn and listen to what you say. With men, sometimes it's a lot of 'You can't show me how to do it,' or 'I know what I'm doing.'"

That machismo has helped turn many women away from

the outdoors.

There are also many women with children, looking for advice and instruction on how to raise young children with a love for the outdoors.

"I wanted to be able to pass some things on to my children," said Lewdelle Pekar, 35, of Houston. "I don't want them to be just city folk."

Cecily Jennings, a 29-year-old veterinarian, says raising her 7-year-old daughter has renewed her interest in the outdoors.

"I mean, I always liked the outdoors, it gives you a chance to kind of get away from everything," Jennings said. A Houston resident for the past 20 years, Jennings said now she wants to raise her daughter to look beyond gender-specific activities.

"This is real important to me to teach them the non-traditional things, to make sure that, you know, they get exposed to a lot more than I was and they don't have to do the traditional sewing and that

traditional sewing and that there's a lot more that's available," she said.

Helpful tips for young outdoorsmen

Here are some tips for making a youngster's first outdoor experience a good one:

1. Keep the youngster's comfort level in mind. His or her first experience in a duck blind shouldn't be on a day when it's 20 degrees below with a howling wind.

2. Make sure clothing is appropriate for the elements. Some coaching in the wardrobe department may be in order prior to the outing, especially if the child's parents aren't outdoor enthusiasts.

An extra change of clothes is a must for younger children and not a bad idea for older kids.

3. Be mindful of the shorter attention spans that kids have and plan activities accordingly.

4. Make sure the equipment is of a size that the young sportsman can handle.

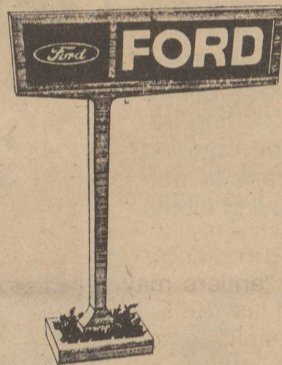
5. Keep it fun and design it to be successful.



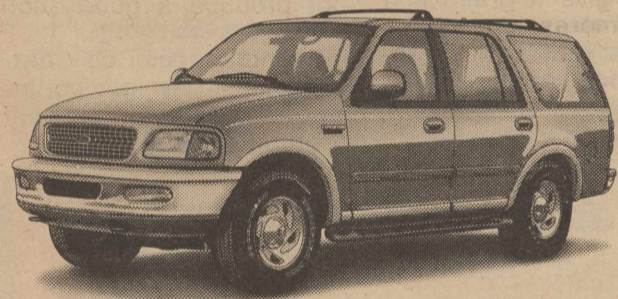
Virginia Simmons of Big Lake displays the black bass she brought in on Pico Popper in September. Virginia was fishing on Lake Spence.

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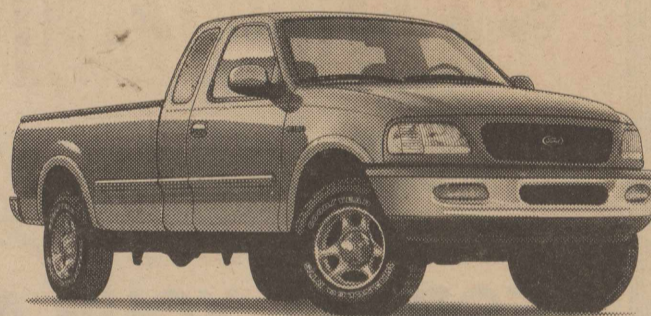


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And finally, it has been an opportunity for generations of hunters and anglers to share in the recognition of a day that publicly thanks them for the time and money they have donated to wildlife conservation programs - a whopping total of more than \$19 billion.

National Hunting and Fishing Day is celebrated on the fourth Saturday in September, and it still embodies the spirit of its originator, Ira Joffe. Joffe was a sportsman from Upper Darby, Penn., who wanted a nationwide commemoration of outdoor sports.

His idea became "Outdoor Sportsmen's Day" in Pennsylvania in 1970, when it was adopted by then-Governor Raymond Shafer. A year later, new Governor Milton Schapp proclaimed September 26, 1971, as "Pennsylvania Sportsmen's Day."

At the time of his proclamation, Schapp urged, "... all sportsmen's groups to observe the day with demonstrations of their sports and skills for public witnessing, and furthermore, all citizens should attend and enjoy such demonstrations."

The national potential of Pennsylvania's proclamation was recognized in Washing-

ton, D.C., where in the Spring of 1971 Senator Thomas J. McIntyre introduced a bill proclaiming National Hunting and Fishing Day to be celebrated on the fourth Saturday of each September.

Representative Bob Sikes of Florida introduced a joint resolution, and on March 2, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed the official proclamation.

The reaction from hunters, anglers and conservationists was overwhelming as national, regional, state and local organizations made plans for events across the country. The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), a non-profit organization formed to promote a better understanding of and more active participation in the shooting sports, took up the job of promoting NHF Day on the national level.

NSSF gained the support and assistance of more than 40 other national conservation and sportsmen's organizations, including the National Wildlife Federation, the Izaak Walton League and the Wildlife Society. By late summer, all 50 governors and more than 600 mayors had joined in by proclaiming state and town "Hunting and Fishing Days."

More than 1,000 clubs and affiliates staged "open house" observances on the first NHF Day, providing more than 4 million Americans with a chance to celebrate and experience the outdoors.

Since then, NHF Day has blossomed into an abundance of activities such as information fairs at shopping

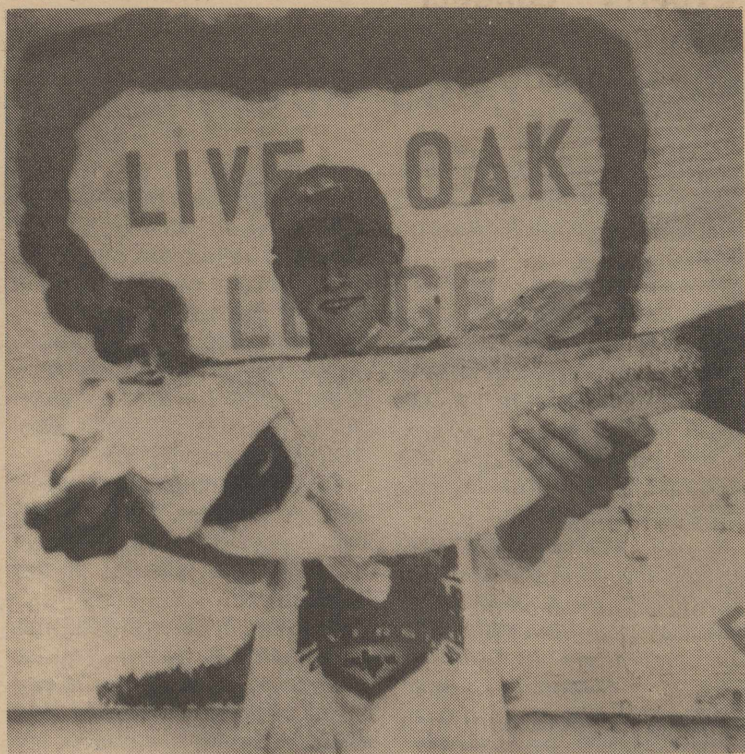
malls, libraries, schools and nature preserves. Sportsmen's clubs invite the public to shoot clay targets, learn about local conservation activities and participate in hands-on demonstrations of outdoor skills. Sporting goods retailers turned NHF Day into an opportunity for product demonstrations and discount sales to thank their customers for paying the 11 percent excise taxes on sporting equipment.

Outdoor enthusiasts wrote letters to the editors of newspapers, took friends or relatives out for their first day in the outdoors and encouraged mayors to sign NHF Day proclamations.

This grass roots explosion of activities and involvement encouraged state wildlife agencies to organize regional outdoor fairs featuring many hands-on activities such as duck and turkey calling, free airgun shooting for young people and demonstrations of hunting dog trials.

The enthusiasm for this special day continues. For example, last year the southern Illinois "Celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Days" in Carterville drew more than 30,000 enthusiasts.

NHF Day marks its 25th anniversary this year as a deeply rooted American sporting tradition bent on introducing millions of Americans to outdoor sports and paying tribute



Kelby Cox is shown with the 9 pound black bass he pulled from Oak Creek Lake June 27, 1996.

to the conservation contributions of sportsmen and -women that have helped restore healthy and abundant numbers of wildlife species.

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"Experts" conduct tongue-in-cheek venison-beef taste test

Controversy has long raged about the relative quality of venison and beef as gourmet foods. Some people say that venison is tough with a strong "wild" taste. Others insist that venison is tender, and that its flavor is delicate.

The UW Foods Research Department recently conducted a taste test to determine the truth of these conflicting assertions.

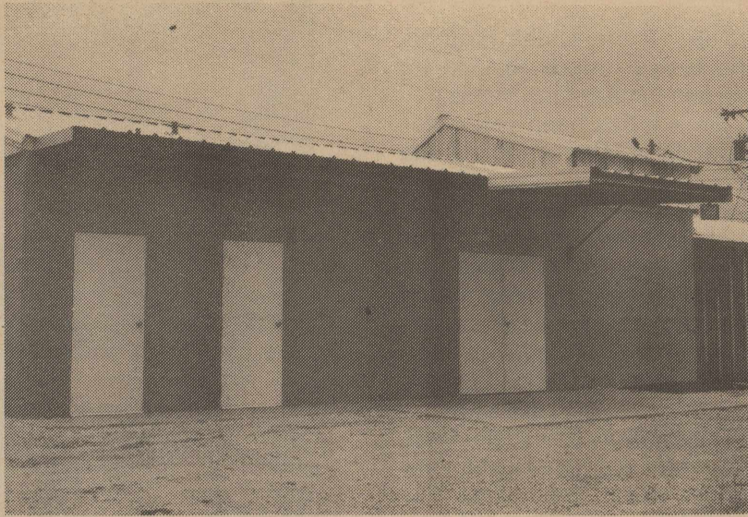
First, a high-choice holstein steer was led into a swamp a mile and a half from the nearest road, then shot several times. After some of the entrails were removed, the carcass was dragged over rocks and logs, through mud and dust, thrown into a pickup box and transported through rain and snow 100 miles before being hung out in the sun for 10 days. After that, it was lugged to the garage where it was skinned and rolled around on the floor for a while. Strict sanitary precautions were observed throughout this test within the limitations of the butchering environment. For instance, dogs and cats were allowed to sniff at the steer carcass but were chased out of the garage if they attempted to lick the carcass, bite hunks out of it or sit on the workbench.

Next, the steer was dragged into the house and down the basement steps. Half a dozen inexperienced but enthusiastic people worked on it with meat saws, cleavers and dull knives. The result was 375 pounds of soup bones, four bushels of meat scraps and a couple of steaks that were an eighth of an inch thick on one edge and an inch and a half on the other.

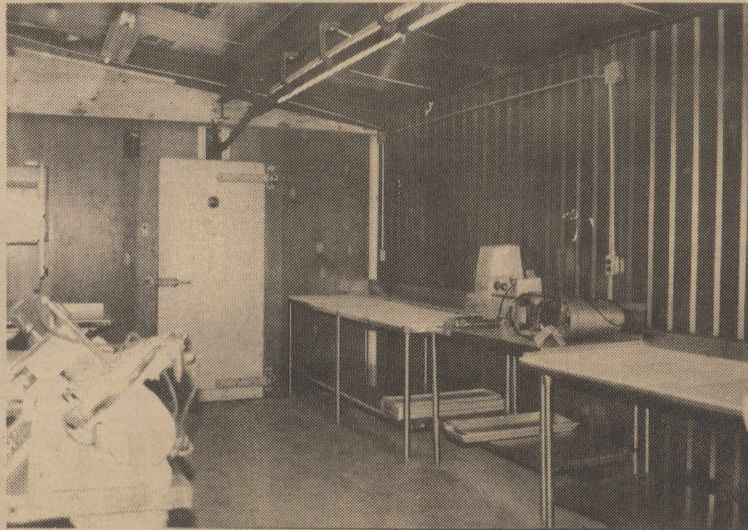
The steaks were fried in a skillet full of rancid bacon grease, along with three pounds of onions. After hours of frying, the contents of the skillet were served to three blindfolded taste panel volunteers who were given the meat for a taste test.

Every one of the members of the panel thought it was venison. One of the volunteers even said that it tasted exactly like the venison he had eaten at hunting camps for the past 27 years.

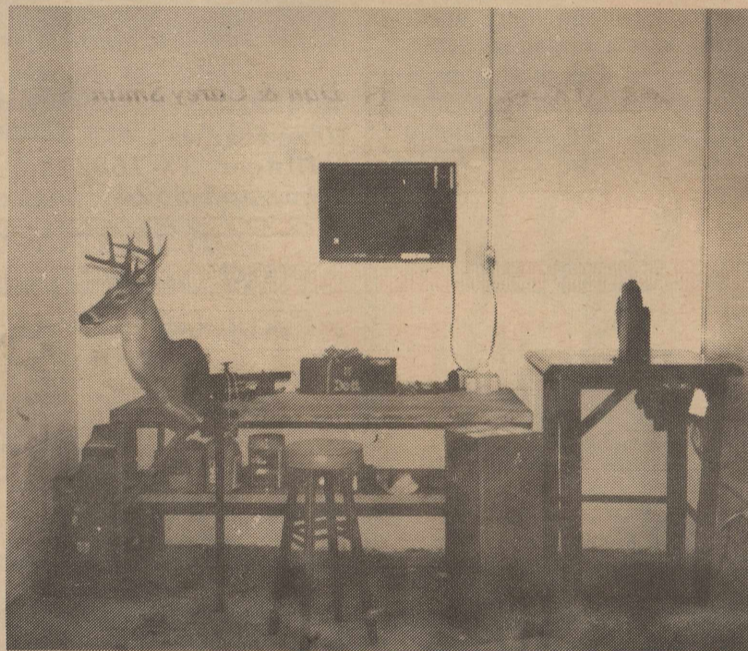
The results of this trial showed conclusively that there is no difference between the taste of beef and venison.



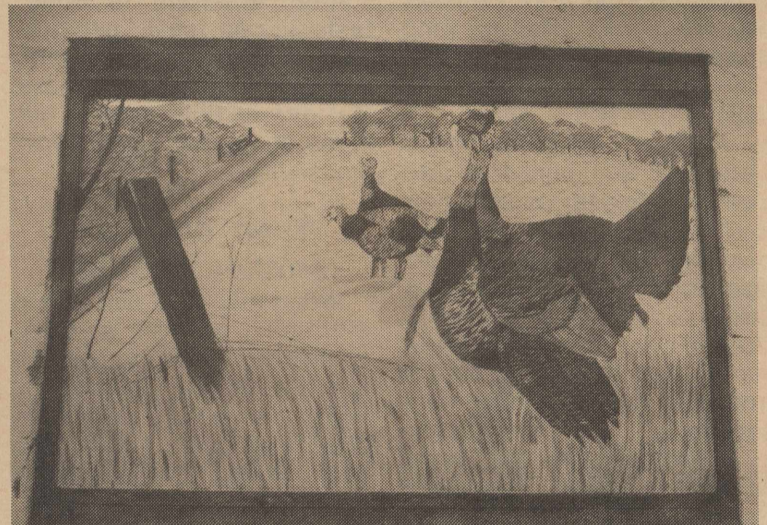
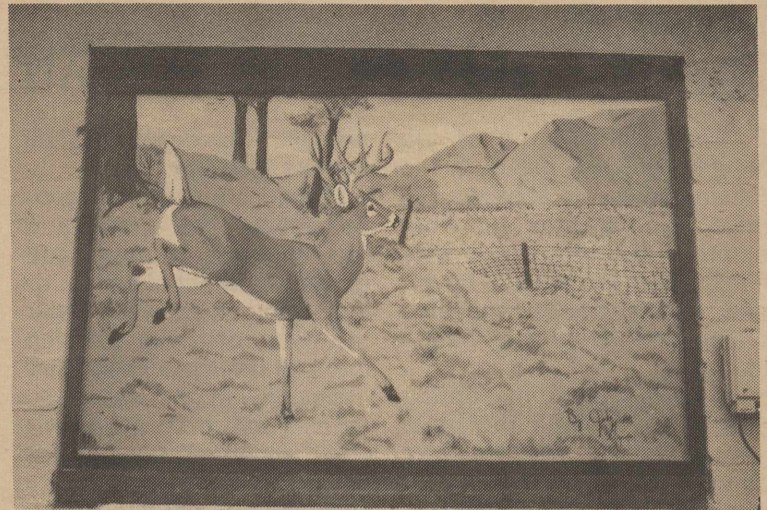
An outside view of B&K Deer and Wild Game Processing and Taxidermy in Bronte is shown above. The two smaller doors on the left are entrances for the new showers installed this year for the visiting hunters.



Shown is the cutting room of B&K Deer and Wild Game Processing and Taxidermy in Bronte.



The above picture was taken in the taxidermy portion of B&K Deer and Wild Game Processing and Taxidermy in Bronte.



These wonderful wildlife murals, located on the south wall of B&K Deer and Wild Game Processing and Taxidermy in Bronte, were painted by Bronte High School student Jake Graves. Jake is the son of Jerry and Susan Graves of Bronte.

Swiss steak

- 2 to 3 lbs. venison steaks
- Salt and pepper
- Flour
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 1 large can stewed tomatoes
- 1 small can tomato sauce
- 2 T. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 c. grated cheddar cheese
- 1/4 c. chopped green pepper
- 3 T. oil
- Season steaks with salt and pepper. Pound flour into

steaks; brown in oil on both sides. Remove from heat and arrange in a casserole dish.

Mix onion, carrots, stewed tomatoes, tomato sauce and Worcestershire sauce in saucepan and heat thoroughly. Thicken slightly with 2 to 3 tablespoons flour. Pour over steaks. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 2 hours. Sprinkle the top with chopped green peppers and grated cheese and cook for 15 minutes. Serves 4.

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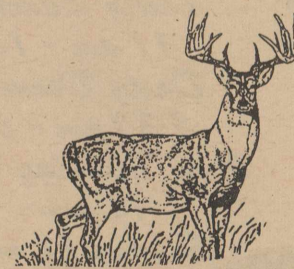


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Antler growth discussed

Antlers are some of the fastest growing tissue in the animal world. In about four to five months they go from mere knobs atop the buck's head to, in the case of coveted trophy bucks, massive racks that set hunters' hearts to racing.

It all starts in the spring about April when the male hormone testosterone sets the annual cycle in motion. Antlers are composed of true bone growing from pedicels on the skull. This growing bone is full of blood and nerves, all of which is covered with a hairy skin or velvet.

Antlers in the velvet stage are soft and sensitive and easily damaged; an injury now will result in a deformed rack. During this period of rapid growth the deer needs a great deal of good-quality food to sustain not only its body but its antlers. If forage is not adequate, antler development will suffer.

Once the antlers have reached their maximum growth for the year, about the end of August or first part of September, the hormone balance changes and the blood supply to the antlers stops. Now the velvet, cut off from its nourishment, begins to dry and peel away from the antlers. Bucks rub their antlers against tree limbs, bushes, and whatever else is handy to rid themselves of the velvet. It's not uncommon to see bucks with shreds of velvet hanging from their racks, much like Spanish moss.

By October bucks have a set of hardened, polished antlers and are ready for fall breeding season. Males use their antlers to establish dominance prior to the breeding season.

It's common in Texas hunting circles to refer to racks of a whitetail or mule deer as "horns". Not so - horns are a permanent part of animals of both sexes such as pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep and domestic sheep and cattle. True horns have a bony center surrounded by a cover of keratin. Ker-

atin cells also are found in hair, hooves and claws.

Horns continue to grow throughout the lifetimes of the animals; a male deer grows a new set of antlers every year. That's what makes the cycle of antler development all the more impressive, especially in the case of a moose, which might grow a set of antlers each year spanning some seven feet and weighing up to 45 pounds.

After breeding is done, testosterone levels begin to drop and so do the antlers. By February most bucks have lost one or both antlers, but come spring the whole cycle starts anew.

When dogs and snakes collide

When running a bird dog in a training session, or later, when actually hunting, a prime time to be out is in early morning when the weather is cool, the quail active, the scent strong. Second choice would be late afternoon. These are periods when snakes are moving, too. Invariably, at some point, the two - dog and snake - will meet. In most instances, the reptile will go slithering away and the dog keeps on truckin'. But there are occasions when a snake, typically a rattler, will feel threatened and will coil, shaking its tail. The dog, more curious than frightened, will edge close, within range - and gotcha!

What can the hunter do?

Not much, according to Dr. C.H. Richey, a veterinarian and quail hunter who has had a couple of his dogs bitten while hunting. "Slow the metabolic rate, keep the dog cool and calm, that's about the best the hunter can do in the way of emergency treatment," Richey says.

If the dog is running ahead, sniffing around brush and cactus and the hunter hears a painful yelp, he should first try to identify what species of snake was involved. Often after a snake strikes it will motor away, swallowed in the

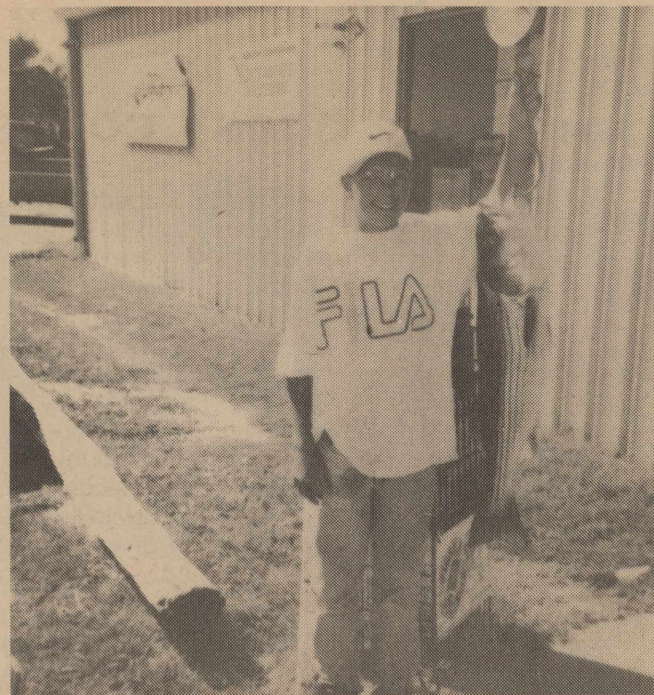
cover. If the snake is gone, the hunter needs to look for the two familiar fang marks.

Once it has been pretty well established that a rattlesnake was involved, the hunter should grab the dog and try to calm it. If the hunter is packing any water, use it to cool the dog. Have someone go to get the vehicle and then rush the dog to the nearest vet. And when driving keep the dog inactive, cool and calm.

Richey says few snake bites are fatal. He recalls one year he treated 50 dogs for snakebite. "Only one died."

But if the hunter is going to a place where any treatment is more than a half hour away, the hunter can reassure himself by talking with his vet. "Consult your veterinarian and get his feelings on the matter, find what he would do if he was in the field and his dog was bitten," Richey advises. "Every vet has his own opinion as to how to treat snakebite. He might give you something to inject in an emergency or at least tell you what to do. If nothing else, it might give you a little peace of mind."

In some towns there are dog handlers who "snake proof" dogs. A session involves using a rattler that has been rendered harmless (no venom) and a shock collar. When the dog gets too close to the rattler and at the instant the snake strikes, the handler jolts the dog with an electric charge. It might take more than one "attitude adjustment," but the dog soon learns that a rattlesnake is a pain in the neck, and when it encounters a rattler in the field, it gives the reptile plenty of room.



Joey Rhodes of Bronte used live bait to snag this 11 lb. 4 oz. striper in October of this year. Rhodes was fishing on Lake Spence.



Les Smith of Robert Lee used stinkbait to lure this 1 lb. catfish onto the hook. Eight-year-old Les was fishing at Lake Spence in June.

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Sportsmen boost conservation funds

This year, the United States federal government will share \$399 million in conservation funds, and every state in the union will benefit thanks to the hunters and anglers whose license fees and excise taxes contribute to the Pittman-Robertson (P-R) and Wallop-Breaux (W-B) funds that finance the Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration programs nationwide.

One-third of a billion dollars is a lot of money, but it's just the tip of the iceberg when you start to calculate the economic impact of hunting and fishing in the United States. When sportsmen and women go afield on a hunting or fishing trip, in addition to the licenses and permits they purchase, they buy equipment, clothing, food, fuel and often shelter for use during their trip.

Much of the time the money is spent in small, rural towns that rely heavily on outdoorsmen for their living, and more than 410,000 jobs are directly or indirectly supported by hunting alone, while fishing supports another 924,000. Individual states and cities also benefit from the millions of dollars in sales taxes generated by sales of hunting and fishing gear.

Think about it. There are over 16 million hunters in America, each of whom spends about \$850 per year on the sport. And according to a recent poll conducted for the International Association of Fish & Wildlife agencies, the total contributions of hunters and anglers to the economy tops \$104 billion per year. The billions of dollars that hunters and anglers contribute to the economy clearly benefit all Americans. The P-R and W-B funds are collected each year from excise taxes on hunting and fishing gear, motorboat fuels, shooting supplies, etc. and are then divided among the states. Everyone in America who likes to sight-see, picnic, mountain bike, hike, camp, water ski, bird watch or who

enjoys just about any other outdoor pastime reaps the benefits of these funds.

In fact, sportsmen provide more than 75 percent of the nearly \$1.7 billion spent each year on conservation programs managed by state agencies. P-R fund dollars, collected from hunters, are used for acquisition and improvement of wildlife habitat, introduction of wildlife to the environment, research on wildlife problems, surveys and inventories of wildlife, hunter education programs and acquisition and development of wildlife-related recreational facilities.

The W-B funds, collected from anglers, are used for fish hatcheries, fisheries management, boating access, aquatic education and research.

Research shows that the millions of acres of state lands purchased with these funds are used 11 times more heavily by non-hunters than by hunters. And the improved access to lakes, as well as the cleaner water, are enjoyed by everyone who recreates on or near the water. Yet hunters and anglers paid for them.

W-B funds are also used for coastal wetlands protection programs, which will receive \$54.8 million this year, and the U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Program, which will receive \$10 million this year.

In addition, \$20 million has been set aside to fund the pending Recreational Boating Safety Improvement Act. If the bill to create the act is not passed, the \$20 million will stay in the Sport Fish Restoration account and be given out next year.

In addition to contributing to the P-R and W-B funds, sportsmen often help out with implementing improvements paid for with the funds. Individual states must ante up 25 percent matching funds to get the W-B monies, and often it's man-hours and material donated by sportsmen which make up the bulk of the matching funds.

Sportsmen donate time and material to such projects as fish habitat installation and improvement, fixing fences to make it easier for antelope to pass and building water caches to gather run-off and provide drinking water to all wildlife.

State wildlife agencies are not the only recipients of sportsmen's conservation dollars. Hunting and fishing clubs all over America have millions of members who voluntarily pay dues and contribute to specialized conservation efforts.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Safari Club International, Ducks Unlimited, Wildlife Forever, Pheasants Forever, Trout Unlimited, the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep and the Mule Deer Foundation are just a few of the thousands of national and local sportsmen's groups who dedicate themselves to the conservation of wildlife and habitat.

Millions and billions of dollars are abstract concepts that are hard to imagine, but the beauty of our wetlands, forests, streams and lakes that is preserved and protected with sportsmen's dollars is easy to see and appreciate, and the billions of dollars that hunters and anglers have spent pursuing their sports have enhanced all our lives and will continue to enrich future generations as well.

How to

measure fish

Use these guidelines to measure fish correctly:

1. Place the fish on its side with the jaw closed.
2. Squeeze the tail fin together or turn it in a way to obtain the maximum overall length.
3. Measure a straight line from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail fin.



Jerrod Pitcock (r) and Jerrod Copeland show off a rattlesnake the two dispensed with earlier this year.

Baked Catfish

- 1/4 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 1 egg white
- 2 tablespoons skim milk
- 4 (4-ounce) catfish fillets
- Butter-flavored cooking spray
- 1/2 teaspoon sesame seeds

seeds

Combine first 7 ingredients; set aside

Whisk together egg white and milk. Dip fillets in milk mixture, and dredge in cornmeal mixture.

Place on a foil-lined baking sheet coated with cooking spray.

Sprinkle fillets with sesame seeds, and coat each fillet with cooking spray.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Serve with lemon wedges.

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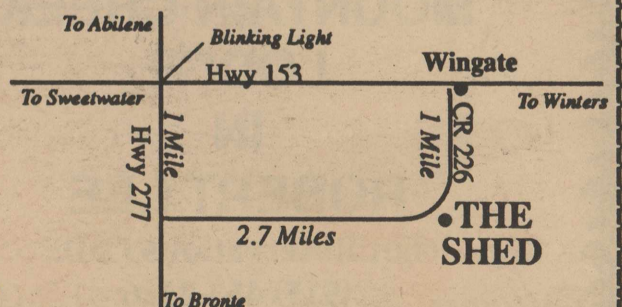
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Bow hunters expecting "average" year

For some 75,000 Texas bowhunters who'll take part in this year's archery-only deer season, recent rainfall across most of the state may force some changes in strategy, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).

Bowhunters who've been providing supplemental feeding for deer through the drought could be barking up the wrong treestand on opening morning as an above average mast crop in East Texas and recent onset of forb production will likely push deer to newfound browse.

The archery-only season for white-tailed deer runs Sept. 28 - Oct. 27 in all counties with a general white-tailed deer season, and in Grayson County.

Typically, the success rate for Texas bowhunters is about 15 percent -- or only three percent of the overall whitetail harvest in Texas -- which accounts for between 15,000 to 20,000 deer killed statewide, according to TPWD.

But, as any bowhunter will confirm, the harvest is not the compelling factor behind bowhunting. "The harvest is always going to be low, just because of the high skill level required to get a shot at a deer," said Butch Young, TPWD whitetail deer program leader.

And, according to Young, the habits of some hunters may need to change in order to get close to deer this season. Due to decent amounts of rainfall throughout the Edwards Plateau and in East Texas in July and August, deer may not be as susceptible to food plots and feeders, especially during bow season.

"Native foods will probably be more productive than supplemental food plots or feeders because recent rains have increased forb production," said Young.

Field reports from around the state echo Young's assessment and many biologists are noting a decline in fawn production due to the

drought.

"The drought has obviously reduced numbers in the central and western parts of the Edwards Plateau," said Ker-ville-based biologist Max Traeweek. "But, counties such as San Saba, McCulloch, Lampasas and Coryell are holding up good fawn numbers. The rains have brought a lot of forbs and I expect deer body conditions to be good for bow season."

In East Texas, Pineywoods biologist Clayton Wolf in Jasper reports no general decline in deer numbers and notes good fawn production in some areas of the region, which he attributes to a good mast crop. "Both beech and oak mast look good and deer seek out both," he noted. "Archers should look for sources of native foods to find deer concentrations."

One effect from the drought which will probably be evident in South Texas is a lack of antler growth, according to Pleasanton biologist Joe Herrera. "I look for deer to be in good physical condition because there are a lot of forbs growing since the last rain. But, the rains have come much too late to contribute to antler growth. There will be some trophy bucks, but fewer than usual."

Although providing supplemental food sources for deer has become routine for many hunters in Texas, there are some concerns which should be considered. Hunters who prefer to use corn as supplemental deer food are encouraged to keep it as dry as possible, due to the potential threat of aflatoxins. Aflatoxin is a strain of mold which grows in corn under humid conditions and can be extremely deadly when ingested by birds and mammals. Because growing conditions for aflatoxins can be created when corn is stored in areas of high moisture content, poorly constructed wildlife feeders

that allow corn to get wet can cause an increase in toxicity.

All bowhunters must purchase the \$7 Archery Stamp in addition to possessing a valid Texas Hunting License.

Angling Ethics

- Properly discard your used monofilament fishing line, six-pack holders, plastic bags, styrofoam, and other plastics. Fish and wildlife can be damaged if they eat or become tangled in these materials.

- Leaving edible fish or bait fish taken from Texas public waters to die without intent to retain the fish for consumption or bait is not only illegal, it is unethical.

- Fish and the aquatic environments they inhabit are renewable yet delicate resources. Please always treat them with care and respect. When possible, return all unwanted catch to the water alive.

Turkey tip

Wild turkey hunting season begins November 2, the same day deer season opens. Hunters may like to know the age of the bird before preparing it for the oven or outdoor smoker. Age indicators can be found on a turkey's feathers. Juvenile birds have dark wing tips, while adult birds have stripes all the way to the tip of the feather.



Shayne and Monte Briley of Winters enjoyed the hospitality at the Hunters Barbecue held at B&K Processing in Bronte last season.



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Target shooting can pay off in the field

In hunting, good marksmanship is not only a matter of personal pride, but also an important part of what being an ethical hunter and conservationist is all about.

Unfortunately, opportunities to obtain sufficient field experience don't come often enough for most hunters to fine tune their marksmanship skills. That's where target shooting comes in - especially the kind designed to duplicate the shots that hunters will most likely encounter in the field.

Following are suggested activities designed to increase hunting marksmanship. When practicing, try to use the same ammunition, clothing and equipment that you plan to use in the field.

Sporting clays and other clay target games - skeet and trap - offer excellent shotgun hunting practice. Sporting clays in particular were designed to hone hunting skills by simulating a wide variety of field scenarios - including shots at running game such as rabbit and wing-shooting for decoying mallards, springing teal, flushing grouse and darting doves. Targets fly at all angles, elevations and speeds that simulate the real thing, which is why sporting clays provide highly realistic practice for the shotgun hunter.

The local trap field also provides excellent training for shotgun hunting. Start by walking from the 16-yard line toward the trap house while your partner pulls birds at will. When a target appears, mount the shotgun and shoot in a quick but smooth motion. With rising targets going away from you at unknown angles, this type of practice comes very close to duplicating flushing shots at upland game

such as pheasant and quail. Combination trap and skeet fields are useful for practicing long-range crossing shots such as those at high-flying dove or ducks. You can learn to avoid the natural tendency to begin "tracking" a target instead of quickly swinging ahead and pulling the trigger. Try shooting at the trap targets from skeet stations one through seven. On a standard trap-only field, set up stakes approximately where the skeet stations should be.

The clay target games are enjoyed by millions of Americans each year and offer rewarding and enjoyable recreation in and of themselves. For a free listing of more than 900 public shooting ranges, write to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, 11 Mile High Rd., Newtown, CT 06470-2359.

Rifle hunters can rehearse field shots by firing at hanging pie plates set out at 100 yards. To begin, practice rapidly mounting the rifle in one fluid motion. Is the plate fully visible in your scope the instant you mount the gun? If not, the scope is likely mounted too far away or too close to your eye. Shooting offhand, fire 10 shots in two minutes or less. If you put all 10 in the pie plate, set your sights on the Olympics!

If you miss only two or three times, you're still, according to the experts, an exceptionally fine shot. Even if you get five or six in, you're doing better than the average rifle shooter, but if you score below 50 percent, do yourself a favor and keep at it. If you can shoot well off-hand, you'll be able to hit from other positions.

For bowhunters, 3-D archery courses offer highly realistic practice. Life-sized targets depicting various

game animals are placed in natural settings, set apart at various unknown distances. Additional points are awarded to archers who are able to place their shots inside designated "kill zones."

Equipment maintenance is another important part of every ethical hunter's field preparations. Firearms to be used should be thoroughly cleaned, carefully examined for signs of wear that could indicate needed repairs and sighted-in for accuracy. Shotguns should be pattern-tested with the same ammunition to be used afield. A qualified gunsmith should perform any necessary repair work and be consulted before modifications or alterations are made to any firearm.

Guns taken afield should be chosen with care to ensure adequate and appropriate power for the game sought. When called for, blaze orange clothing is worn to ensure field safety, but these garments can fade over time. Replace them if necessary. Also, every hunter should always remember to wear ear and eye protection.

Hunting well is synonymous with good hunting. By following the above guidelines, every hunter is assured of a valued experience each time he or she takes to the field. The true measure of the hunt will be revealed in the richness of its memories rather than the number of shots fired or the amount of game taken.



Marsha Blair manhandles her big catch, a 9 lb. 2 oz. striper caught with a topwater popper at Lake Spence in May of this year.

Barbecued Turkey

1 turkey, about 8 pounds
Salt and pepper
Liquid smoke, if desired
Celery leaves from 1 bunch of celery
2 coarsely chopped onions
1/2 to 3/4 cup salad oil
1 recipe barbecue sauce, below
Remove turkey neck if still attached, but leave skin. Rub cavity of bird with salt and brush with about 1 1/2 teaspoons liquid smoke.
Stuff with celery leaves and onion.
Truss bird.
Add 1 teaspoon liquid smoke to salad oil; brush on bird. Sprinkle well with salt and pepper.
Place on rack in roasting

pan and roast at 325 degrees F. for about 3 1/2 hours or until tender.

Brush with oil mixture several times during cooking. Add remaining mixture to hot barbecue sauce 30 minutes before cooking is completed.

Brush bird with sauce several times during last 30 minutes.

Barbecue Sauce

1 cup catsup
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 cup water
1/4 cup vinegar
2 or 3 dashes hot sauce
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
Combine ingredients. Heat to boiling, then simmer 30 minutes.

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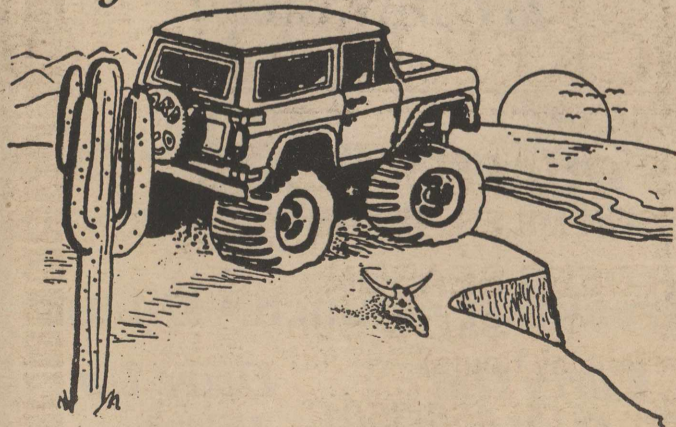
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Fishing tournaments receive a bad rap

by Charles Munger,
Fisheries Biologist

What's the hot topic? Fishing tournaments and whether, as a whole, they are good or bad. My opinion and the consensus I have seen in magazines and in discussion groups on the internet is that tournaments are not bad but they are suffering from a bad image. It is image, or public opinion, that may ultimately decide the fate of tournament fishing. A 1992 Texas A&M study indicated that 51% of anglers support tournament fishing. If only half the people that already fish support tournaments, it is not hard to guess that far less than half the general public supports tournament fishing. What can we do to change this? We can publicize the positives and try to eliminate the negatives.

So what are the positives of tournament fishing? The positives are that they are organized, members are willing to teach fishing to others, they have a large economic impact, and their strong support of catch and release has helped improve the quality of many fisheries. Since tournaments are organized activities involving groups of like-minded individuals, they have a platform to speak with a unified voice as an advocate of the resource. While all anglers have opinions about regulations and the condition of the resource, organized groups are the only ones that can speak with a unified voice for more impact.

People involved with fishing clubs or groups are often proactive supporters of the sport. They do this by passing on the skills of angling to future generations and by acting as ambassadors for the sport to the non-fishing public.

Whether you are a regular tournament winner or have never won a tournament, your love of fishing and your experience is extremely valuable to beginning anglers and the future of the sport. Almost every angler that fishes now took up the sport because someone in their past took the time to take them out and teach them how.

Tournament anglers also can act as ambassadors of fishing to youth and non-anglers by inviting them to fish with you and demonstrating ethical angling or just by talking about fishing and emphasizing the positives.

Organized tournaments can also be a great source of information, finances, and support for fisheries management agencies. Recent studies have shown that catch data collected from tournaments can be correlated with results from fisheries survey data collected by management agencies. This information can be used to increase the amount of data collected on a lake or supplement data for lakes that cannot be surveyed very often. Angling groups are also willing to put their money where their mouth is by buying licenses and spending money on pursuing their activity. On average,

bass anglers spent \$91 on a typical bass fishing trip. It is estimated that licensed anglers spend \$301,350,000 in 1992 on bass fishing trips alone. The members of these groups are interested in the management of their lakes and are willing to provide funding to projects to improve those lakes. Projects like construction of boat docks and fishing piers, installing lighting at boat ramps, placement of fish attractors, helping clean up trash from lakes, clearing casting lanes for improved shoreline access and assisting with kids fishing events have all been accomplished by area groups. Many of these projects could only be accomplished by the active participation of these interested groups.

The good news about tournament fishing is that half of all anglers in the state support tournament fishing. The bad news is that half of all anglers are either neutral or against tournament fishing. Many negatives about tournaments involve personal impressions about tournaments. There is little scientific evidence that tournament angling is having a negative impact on the resource but there are strong opinions that tournaments have a negative impact.

Some of the more prevalent negative perceptions about tournament angling are that tournaments have taken the recreation out of fishing so that the resource is no longer important - the competition is, or that tournaments are nothing but a bunch of anglers out there abusing the public resource. Other complaints about tournaments include crowding other users off public boat ramps, blowing them off the water by racing to hot spots at full speed in a 200 HP water rocket, and crowding other anglers out of a favorite fishing hole. These negative perceptions are so strong that a 1992 survey indicated 43% of bass anglers felt that tournaments had a negative impact on the quality of fishing

when they were fishing the lake at the same time a tournament was being held. The following are some suggestions for all tournaments that may help in developing the positive public support that will keep tournaments around for a long time.

Be overprotective of the fish during weigh-ins to reduce mortality.

Every effort you can take that will keep your fish alive should be made, because often, any dead bass found in the lake after a tournament will be attributed to the tournament. These extra efforts demonstrate concern for the resource. People are developing perceptions about tournaments long after you've left the weigh-in.

Use paper tournaments during the hot months to reduce the mortality.

This is another way to put words into action. It has been shown that tournament-induced mortality of bass increases as water temperature increases. Show concern for the resource by holding paper tournaments when water temperatures are over 80 degrees.

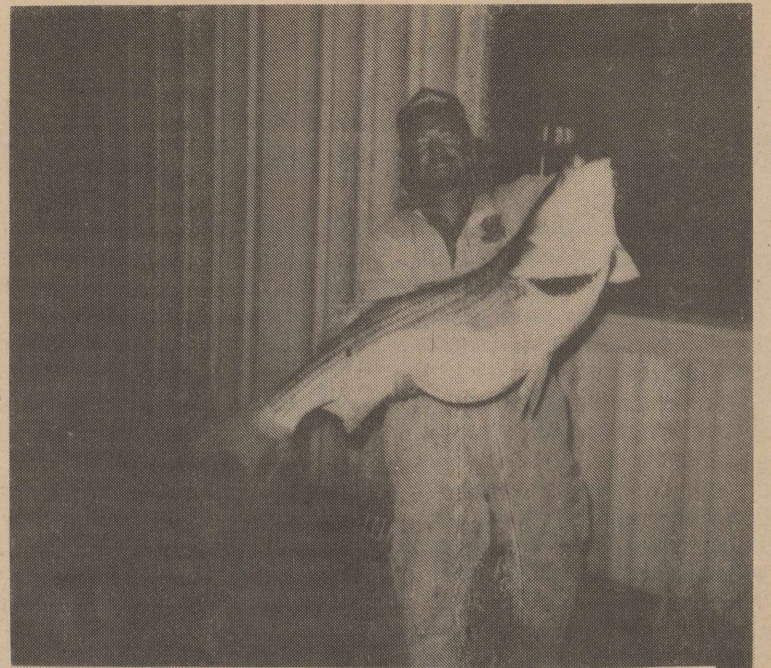
Always be considerate of other users.

Be considerate of other anglers and lake users. Be sure the weigh-in area does not obstruct access to recreational facilities and boat ramps. Show consideration when motoring across the lake, fishing near other anglers, or fishing around private boat docks, but most of all, always actively demonstrate ethical behavior while fishing including handling fish carefully and taking care not to let trash blow out of the boat.

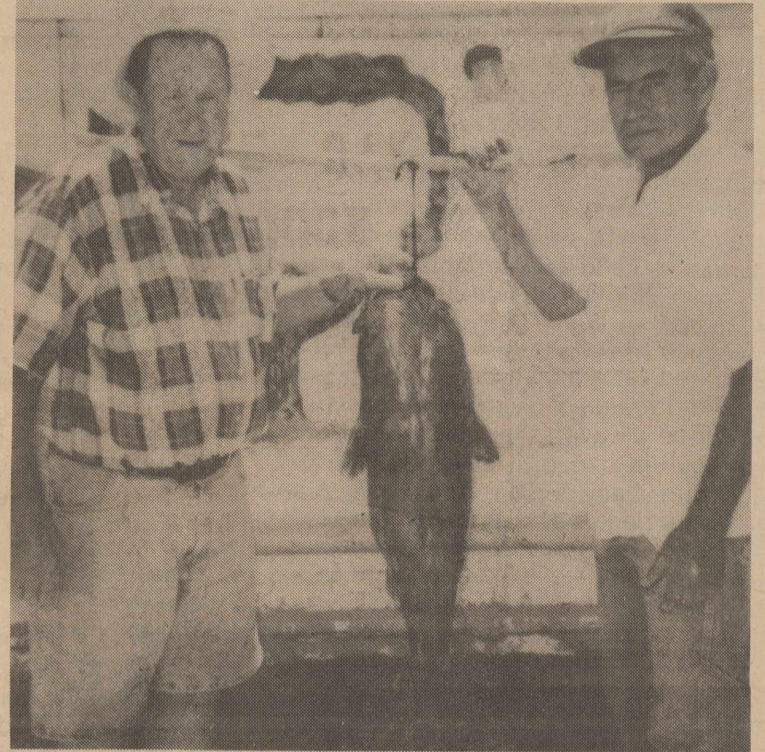
Develop a reputation for sharing a love of fishing.

Share your interests and skills with young people and special needs groups. Your generosity will make fishing a continuing tradition.

Public opinion has been used elsewhere to restrict both hunting and fishing. If



Terry Brown of Robert Lee shows off the 32 1/2 lb. striper he reeled in off the waters of Lake Spence in March of this year.



These lucky Oak Creek anglers can be proud of their huge catfish. The first was taken July 26, 1996, and weighed in at a hefty 32 pounds. The latest was taken October 12, 1996, and tipped the scales at 17 pounds.

we do what we can to promote the positives of tournaments and eliminate the negatives, then tournaments, and fishing in general, will have the support to keep it around for a long time.

Fried Wild

Turkey Breast

To prepare wild turkey breast, slice the breast meat

as you would in carving a turkey, cutting the pieces no thicker than 1/2-inch.

If you prefer a crisper turkey steak, slice the meat 1/4-inch thick.

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Gun education encouraged

Playing ping pong can be hazardous to your health. At least it is when compared to hunting.

It seems hunters are very safe sportsmen, according to the National Safety Council's 1994 "Safety Facts" booklet. It reports that twice as many people are injured playing ping pong than are injured while hunting!

Bowlers receive over seven times as many injuries as hunters. In fact, in 1994, there were only 7.6 injuries for every 100,000 hunters.

These low numbers can be reduced even further by using common sense in the field. Hunter Education courses are usually free or very low cost, and contacting your state Game and Fish Department can put you in touch with a Hunter Education course in your area. There you will learn skills that will help you become an even better and safer hunter.

Of course, one of the first safety rules for handling any firearm is to know how your gun works - read the manual and familiarize yourself with the features of your firearm. And always assume that any gun is loaded. Never point a gun at any person or allow the muzzle to swing around in the direction of people. If you are carrying or holding a firearm, you must assume responsibility for it at all times, which means you must constantly be aware of where a bullet would travel, should the firearm discharge. Making sure that there is not a round in the chamber until just before you are ready to fire the gun will prevent an accidental discharge.

When you are done shooting, unload your firearm and leave the action open. If you are hunting, have the magazine loaded, but don't chamber a round until you're ready to take the shot. Never rely on your gun's safety. You must maintain control of that firearm. When the opportunity for a shot comes, always take a moment to figure out where the bullet will go if you miss your target. Even the humble .22 can send a bullet flying for over a mile.

If you are target practicing, choose a spot with a safe background, like a dirt hillside. Take into account the fact that bullets can ricochet, or pass through walls or brush. Hunters are always sure of their target and the background before they ever chamber a round and pull the trigger.

While you have complete control over your own behavior when handling a gun, there are also measures you can take to make sure that you are safe around other hunters.

One of the best ways to ensure that you are never mistaken for game is to wear hunter orange. Statistics indicate that when hunters wear fluorescent orange, accidents are reduced by 50 percent. There are also many excellent camouflage patterns that incorporate blaze orange, so you can blend in with the habitat but still be highly visi-

ble to other hunters. Be sure to check hunting regulations in your state, as wearing hunter orange is required in some areas.

Taking your youngsters with you on a hunting trip is one of the best ways to form close bonds with them, but a hunting trip is not the time to begin to teach your child about gun safety. All youngsters should attend a Hunter Education course and should be taught how to handle a firearm safely before they are ever taken into the field. If you are a hunter, teaching your children about safe firearm handling is effective in preventing accidents. Of course, even if your children have been taught gun safety, all guns should be kept under lock and key at home, and separate from the ammunition.

Handgun hunting has gained popularity recently, and handguns, like all guns, require safety precautions. Never accept a handgun from anyone without checking for yourself to see that it is unloaded and never carry a handgun with a round in the chamber. If you fire the gun and nothing happens, beware! It could still fire, even several seconds later. Keep the gun pointed in a safe direction, carefully open it, remove the defective round and discard it in a safe place. If you're not readily familiar with the mechanics of the gun, be safe and take it to a gunsmith.

When hunting, you need to consider each occasion separately. Many good hunters often have highly enjoyable expeditions without ever firing a shot.

Americans have a long tradition of safe, ethical hunting, and you and your children can enjoy a lifetime of pleasurable, accident-free hunting adventures if you know and practice gun safety rules.

Bowhunting tips for tree-stand safety

- Always wear a safety belt when hunting from a stand.
- Never climb into a stand built by someone else unless you have carefully checked it out.
- Never hunt from limbs.
- Be sure a commercial stand is safe. Practice before using it in the woods.
- Never climb a tree that is too small or too large for your stand to fit snugly and safely.
- Be sure the stand is level

- at the desired hunting height.
- Always stand up slowly; be sure of your balance.
- Make sure you are steady and braced before shooting.
- Always use a haul line, or rope, to hoist your bow or unloaded firearm into and out of the stand.
- Never climb a dead tree or one in which dead limbs hang above your head.

Roasted Wild Turkey

- 1 turkey, 8 to 10 pounds, ready to cook
- Salt and pepper
- 8 cups partially dry bread cubes
- 3/4 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 to 3 teaspoons sage
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup water
- Sprinkle turkey inside and out with salt and pepper.

Combine bread, celery, walnuts and seasonings.

Cook onion in butter or margarine until tender, but not brown. Pour over bread mixture. Add the water and toss lightly.

Spoon stuffing lightly into body cavity.

Put remaining dressing in a greased casserole.

Cover and bake in oven with turkey during last 30 minutes of roasting time.

Truss bird. Cover breast with bacon slices and cheesecloth soaked in melted bacon fat. Place turkey, breast up, on rack in roasting pan. Roast at 375 degrees F. for 20 to 25 minutes per pound or until tender, basting frequently with bacon fat and drippings in pan. Remove cheesecloth, skewers and string. Serves 8 to 10.

Quick hide-tanning tips

Want a keepsake from your hunting experience? Here's a quick way to "tan" - convert into leather - the hide of a bird or animal you have shot.

- Buy 20-Mule Team Borax, available at the local supermarket.
- Scrape any bits of flesh or fat from the flesh side of the hide (a tablespoon with one side honed on a whetstone is a good makeshift scraper), then rub the flesh side liberally with borax.
- Repeat the procedure every day.
- If the pelt is a small one, pack it in a container of borax.
- When a hide is cured it can be brushed with a common hair or pet brush to restore silky softness to the fur.



Sarah Jo Walker needs help displaying all the loot she won in the Sherman Williams Memorial Fishing Derby held at Fern Havins Park October 12. Sarah was the first place winner in the 0-3 age group. She won a trophy and rod & reel combo for her efforts. She is the daughter of Joe and Tammie Walker of Robert Lee.

Quail with wild rice

- 10 quail
 - 1 1/4 c. melted butter or margarine, divided
 - 1 1/2 pounds chicken livers
 - 2 large onions
 - 1 green pepper, chopped
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 2 1/2 cups cooked wild rice
 - 2 c. chicken broth
 - 1 1/2 c. port wine
- Sew together body cavity of each quail; saute in 1/2 cup butter or margarine until quail are browned. Place in baking dish. Cover and bake at 225 degrees F. for about 30 minutes. While quail are baking, saute livers, onion, pepper and garlic in 3/4 cup butter or margarine. Do not let vegetables brown, but cook until transparent. Stir in rice, chicken broth and wine. Spoon rice mixture into a 3 quart baking dish; cover and bake at 325 degrees F. for

about 20 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Serve quail over rice. Yields 8 to 10 servings.

Venison burgers

- 2 1/2 lbs. ground venison
 - 1/2 c. minced onion
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 4 T. chopped parsley
 - 2/3 c. dry red wine
 - 2 T. soy sauce
 - Salt and pepper to taste
- Mix all ingredients, form into thick patties. Cook on grill or broil in oven, 10 minutes on each side. Serves 8-10.



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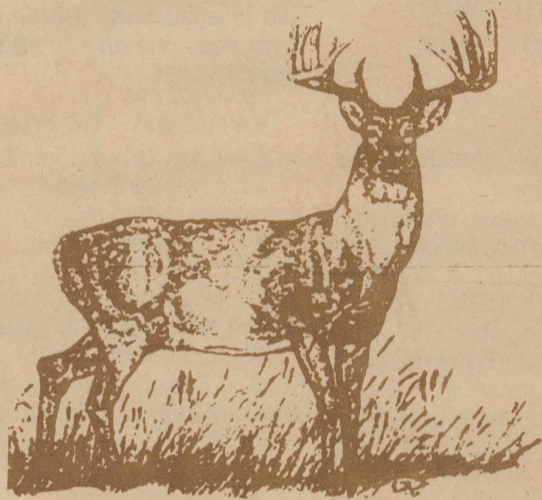
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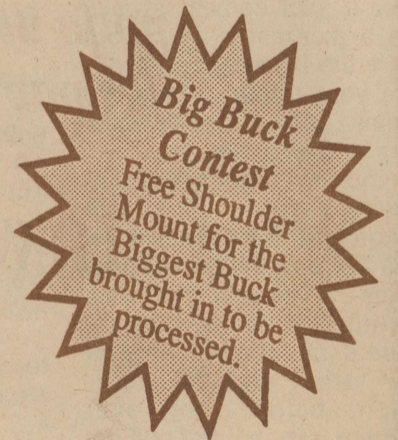
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