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Jessop trial to begin Monday in Robert Lee

By Melinda McCutchen,
Publisher

Over the last several years, people in Coke County have been able to watch the FLDS raid and the numerous trials stemming from that raid at a distance. That will change Monday morning, October 31, 2011, when the Coke County citizens summoned to be prospective jurors report to the Courthouse in Robert Lee for the jury selection phase of the State's trial of Frederick Merrill Jessop.

Merril Jessop is the father of the 12 year old girl Warren Jeffs was convicted of sexually assaulting this summer. He is accused of performing the unlawful wedding ceremony between his 12 year old daughter and Warren Jeffs in the group's compound on the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado in Schleicher County shortly before Jeffs' arrest in August 2006.

51st District Judge Barbara Walther granted Jessop's request for a change of venue from the Tom Green County Courthouse in early September and ordered the proceedings to be held in Coke County. During this previous hearing, Jessop's attorney Ray Leifeste stated that his client didn't believe there would be sexual contact between his daughter and Jeffs following the wedding. Leifeste compared the marriage ceremony in question to a stage play.

Although there have been several trials previously resulting in convictions, the state must make an individual case against each of the accused FLDS men charged, and each defendant is due the

opportunity for a thorough defense of the charges. In essence, this trial could tie up Coke County's Courthouse for awhile.

Coke County is not footing the bill for this trial. However, Commissioners Court decided Monday to spend almost \$4,000 to prepare the courthouse prior to the start of the trial. Citizens having business in the courthouse will be inconvenienced during the trial due to the fact that the doors leading to the parking lot will be locked. Only the front door will be open and security checks will be in place.

According to Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen, "DPS will handle security outside and in the parking lot, while Schleicher County Sheriff's Department and the Coke County Sheriff's Department will handle security inside the courthouse." A meeting is set for this Thursday between these agencies and representatives from the Texas Attorney General's office to finalize security arrangements.

Three hundred jury summons were sent out. County/District Clerk Mary Grim is expecting approximately 100 prospective jurors on Monday. If you were one of those who received a jury summons for this trial and didn't meet exemption requirements, you will need to be in the District Courtroom no later than 10 am Monday morning. Prospective jurors are reminded that security clearance and sign-in is likely to take some time, so early arrival is advised. Proper attire



FLDS Trial Comes to Coke County! Frederick Merrill Jessop (left) walks with his attorney Ray Leifeste. Jessop is accused of performing the illegal marriage ceremony of his 12 year old daughter to Warren Jeffs in 2006. (Photo Courtesy of The Eldorado Success)

is required for jurors.

If you are voting early or have any business at the courthouse during this trial, leave your cellphone in your vehicle or at home. They will not be allowed in the courthouse at all during the trial.

Special elections to be held in Bronte and Robert Lee

On November 8, Bronte and Robert Lee will each hold a special election to authorize the use of 1/2 cent sales tax funds for water projects. The wording on the ballot will be as follows:

"The use of Type B sales and use tax proceeds for infrastructure relating to water supply facilities, dams, transmission lines, well field developments, other water supply alternatives, water conservation programs, brush control programs, and programs to replace malfunctioning or leaking water lines."

There will be no increase in the sales tax rate. This will not affect either city's property tax rate.

Early voting is now taking place and will continue through November 4, 2011.

More information is available at Robert Lee City Hall and Bronte City Hall.

Desserts needed for Bronte Barbecue

The annual Hunter's Wild Game Barbecue in Bronte will be held Saturday, November 5, from 11 am until 2 pm.

Coordinator Kerry Hall would like to make an appeal to area cooks to provide a dessert for the benefit barbecue. If you would like to donate a dessert, please call Kerry Hall at 473-2065.

Bronte Health & Rehab to host Trick or Treaters

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center will host Halloween Trick or Treaters Monday, October 31, from 5 to 6 pm at the facility. All area children are welcome to attend.

Potato Bake Luncheon set for November 8th

The Sosis Study Club will hold its fourth annual potato bake luncheon Tuesday, November 8, at First Baptist Church fellowship hall. The luncheon will be from 11 am until 1 pm.

All money raised from the event will go into the club's high school scholarship fund.

Tickets may be purchased ahead from any club member or at the door. Take-out containers will be available.

Longhorn Golf Club

scrambles slated

The Longhorn Golf Club will be hosting 18-hole 2-person scrambles on Saturday, November 5, and Saturday, December 3. Both will begin at 9 am at the golf course in Bronte.

For more information, call 473-2156.

Red Hat Society to meet November 8

The Red Hat Mamas (Red Hat Society) will meet at 11 am Tuesday, November 8, for the Sosis Club Potato Bake at First Baptist Church in Bronte. There will be a few long tables set up for us Red Hatters. You will get a baked potato, butter, sour cream, cheese, and a selection of delicious salads and desserts, all for a reasonable cost. Money raised from the luncheon will go to the Sosis club's high school scholarship fund.

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Football Games

ROBERT LEE STEERS
vs.
Water Valley Wildcats
7:30 pm • Friday, October 28 • Water Valley

BRONTE LONGHORNS
vs.
Christoval Cougars
7:30 pm • Friday, October 28 • Christoval

BLACKWELL HORNETS
vs.
Paint Rock Indians
7:30 pm • Friday, October 28 • Paint Rock

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Obituaries



Sanchez

Angelina Gerreo Sanchez, 84, went to be with her Lord and Saviour on Monday, October 24, 2011. Visitation was all day Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at the funeral home with the family present from 6 pm to 8 pm. Funeral service was held at 2 pm Thursday, October 27, 2011, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte with Rev. Morris Johnson and Rev. Corey Cornutt officiating. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Steven Casares, David Casares, Daniel Casares, Jeremy Sanchez, Ricardo Sanchez, and Luis Fuentez. Ray Barnett was an honorary pallbearer. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Angelina was born on July 13, 1927, to Miguel and Juanita Gutierrez in Ft. Chadbourne, Texas. She was a life-long resident of Coke County. In 1941, she met and married the love of her life, David Sanchez. She was very devoted to her husband and her family and she was their rock.

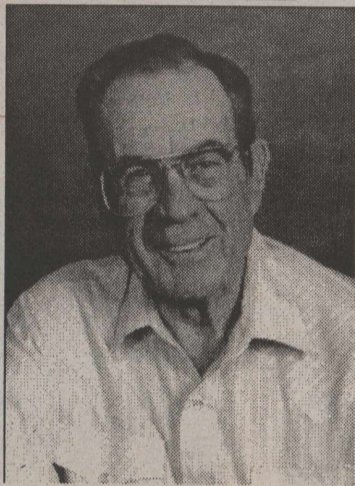
Angelina had a great love for the residents of Bronte. They were her friends and she loved each of them dearly. In her later years, she worked at the Bronte Nursing Home lovingly doing the laundry for the residents there. Her presence will be greatly missed by those whose lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1972; one son, Johnny Sanchez; one sister, Margie Montez; one daughter, Rosa Fuentez; and two grandsons, Nicholas

Casares and Michael Sanchez.

Angelina is survived by her sons, Lupe Sanchez, Willie Sanchez; her daughter, Lidia Casares all of Bronte; her brother, Mike Gutierrez of Cleburne, Texas; 28 grandchildren; 62 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

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Richards

Services for C. G. Richards, 82, of Brownfield was held at 10 am Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Brother Darryl Bales officiating.

Interment followed in Morton Memorial Park, Morton, Texas.

A visitation was held from 6 to 8 pm, Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at Resthaven Funeral Home.

He peacefully passed away October 22, 2011, at his home in Brownfield.

C. G. was born to Chester Lee and Ida Izola (Brashear) Richards on April 19, 1929, in Hockley County.

He rode back to Cochran County the next day in a wagon pulled by team of horses. He remembered his childhood on the Masten Ranch and on the farm fondly and spoke of it often to family and friends. C. G. married the love of his life, Bertie Ruth West, November 27, 1948, in Morton where they raised their four children

He owned and operated a water well service and was well respected for his work. He also worked as a ginner in the fall. In 1973, C. G. fulfilled his life time dream of becoming Sheriff of Cochran County; he served three terms before retiring and moving to Robert Lee. In recent years, he moved to Brownfield to be closer to family. C. G. was loved and cherished by his children and grandchildren and every memory is as dear and beloved as he was. He was a steady beacon of strength, calm, and love for his family.

C. G. was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Bertie on October 21, 1971, sisters, Juanita Newman and Corene Self, and by a brother, R. B. Richards.

Those left to honor and cherish his memory are his children; Clara Bales and husband, Donald of Midland, Jackie Richards of Greenland, Arkansas, Verna Whittington and husband, Jim of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Gerald Richards and wife, Jaquita of Brownfield, sisters; Exa Weber of Hereford, Billie Martin of Big Spring, brothers; Louie Richards of Seminole, Oklahoma, Donnie Richards of Wolforth, grandchildren; Darryl Bales, Mark Bales, Marshall Bales, Michael Bradley, Amber Wilson, Jason Richards, Sarah Richards and 11 great-grandchildren.

C. G.'s greatest treasure, his grandchildren, will serve as pall bearers.

Condolences may be offered at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com.

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Higginbotham

Graveside funeral services for Augusta L. Higginbotham, 96, of Robert Lee, Texas, formerly of Chickasha, Oklahoma, were held Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at 10:30 am in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Augusta L. Allen and Bill Higginbotham was born

November 19, 1914, in Union Hill, Oklahoma, the daughter of Dan R. Allen and Vicie Franks Allen. She died Saturday, October 22, 2011, in Robert Lee, Texas.

Augusta grew up in the Chickasha area graduating from Chickasha High School in 1932. Later, she went on to Hills Business College where she studied bookkeeping.

She was a member of the Rebecca Lodge and also served in the Cradle Role Department at First Baptist Church in Chickasha. Later she was employed at Sears and Roebuck in Odessa, Texas, and was a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church where she was in the T.E.L. class.

In her spare time she enjoyed playing bingo, spending time with her family and cooking large meals.

She married James Higginbotham on August 17, 1951, in Chickasha.

She was preceded in death by both parents; husband James; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dan and Vera Allen and Chester and Nelly Allen; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Alice Allen, A.O. and Edna Hill, and Bill and Della Cogan; and two

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Sun. 10 am Sunday School

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Wed. 6 pm

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Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,

10:55 am Worship,
5 pm Worship

6 pm Youth
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

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Bronte
(325) 473-3281

Rev. Matt Pennington, Pastor
Sun. 9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries
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Russ Frasier, Pastor
Sun. 10 am

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Sun. 5 pm

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Wed. 7 pm

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Wed. 6 pm, Worship

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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724

Danny White, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638
6th & Houston, Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208

Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Tennyson

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Hwy 277 • Tennyson
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Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

DOUBT AND UNBELIEF

And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick fold, and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching. • *Mark 6:5-6*

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God. • *Romans 4:20*

Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear. • *Romans 11:20*

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. • *Hebrews 3:12*

And he did not mighty work there because of their unbelief. • *Matthew 13:58*

And Jesus rebuked the Devil: And he departed out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief; for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. • *Matthew 17:18-20*

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Sunday morning
Sunday School 9:45 • Worship & Childrens Church 10:45
Sunday evening: Bible Study & Power Kids 6 pm
Wednesday evening: Bible Study & Power Kids 6 pm

nephews, Mearl Allen and Chet Allen.

Survivors include daughter Johnetta and Don Lawrence of Robert Lee; granddaughter Dana Rose of Midland, Texas; three grandsons and spouses, Lonnie and Janet Lawrence of Odessa, Texas, Lynn and Tammy Lawrence also of Odessa, Texas and Jonny and Myrna Miles of Midland, Texas; seven great-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff at Robert Lee Care Center and Vista Care for their support throughout the years.

Services were under the direction of Ferguson Funeral Home, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

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Emergency Alert test slated for Nov. 9

The first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System, or EAS, will be held at 1 pm local time Wednesday, November 9, 2011. The purpose of this test is to assess the reliability and effectiveness of the system in alerting the public.

The test will involve the following communications service providers: broadcast radio and television, cable television, satellite radio and television and wireline video services.

For more information, visit www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/emergency-alert-system-eas.

4-H Fundraiser underway

The Coke County 4-H clubs are participating in their annual fundraiser. 4-H members from Bronte and Robert Lee are now selling Radde Knives and Gifts. Anyone who would like to place an order should contact any 4-H member in Robert Lee or Bronte. Deadline for orders is Monday, November 21, which will ensure that orders will be delivered in time to use as Christmas gifts. So make sure and get those orders in.

If you need more information, please contact the AgriLife Extension office at 453-2461.

... Red Hat

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You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life. Red Hat is one of the things that we really look forward to -- no dues, no rules, no business, no nothing really, but lots of good fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget to VOTE!

If you ever wondered where the idea for the Red Hat Society came from, read the poem below.

Warning

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple
With a red hat which does-

n't go, and doesn't suit me.

And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves

And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.

I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired

And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells

And run my stick along the public railings

And make up for the sobriety of my youth.

I shall go out in my slippers in the rain

And pick flowers in other people's gardens

And learn to spit.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat

And eat three pounds of sausages at a go

Or only bread and pickle for a week

And hoard pens and pencils and beer mats and things in boxes.

But now we must have clothes that keep us dry

And pay our rent and not swear in the street

And set a good example for the children.

We must have friends to dinner and read the papers.

But maybe I ought to practice a little now?

So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised

When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

Euterpean Club of Blackwell update

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell met Oct. 18th in the Methodist Fellowship Hall with Rosie Ten Eyck as hostess. Jan Hall was presented a sack of small gifts as she was the birthday girl of the month.

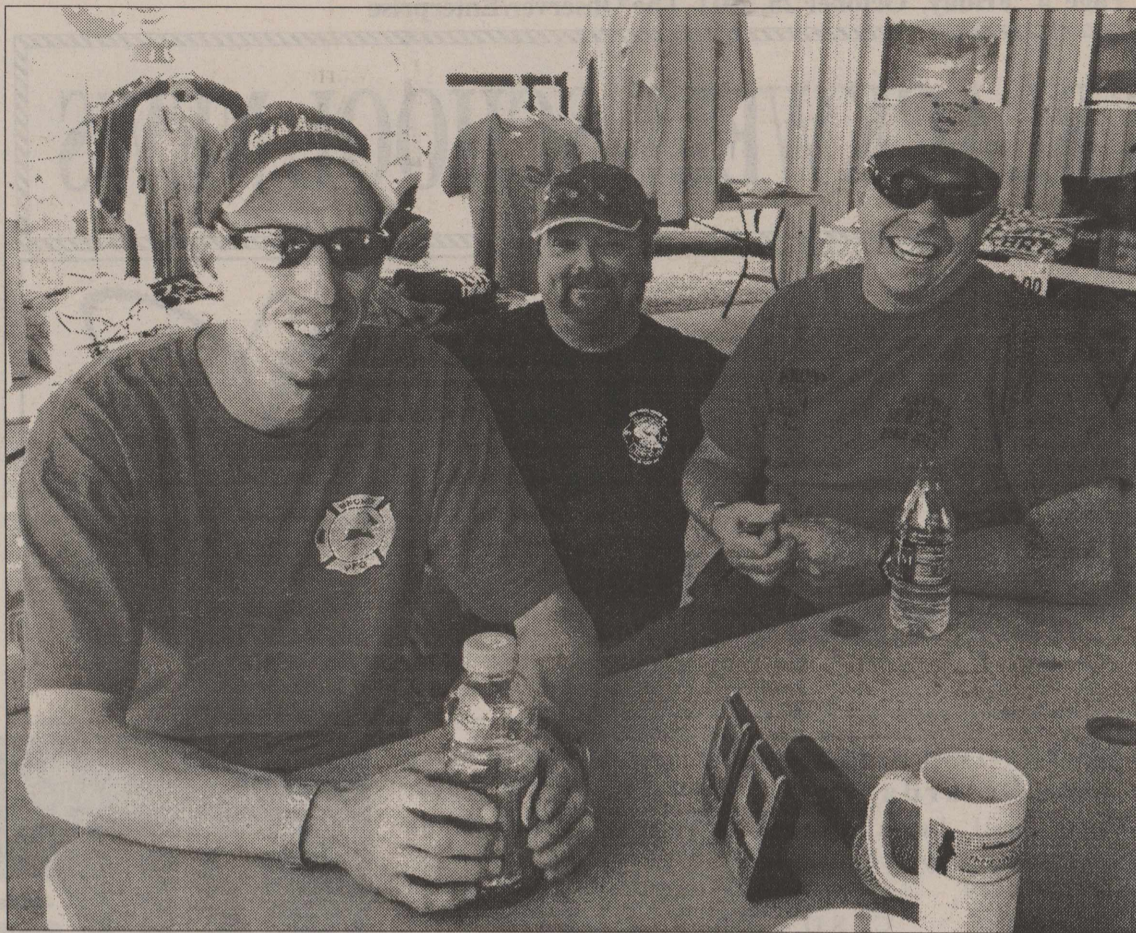
The program was decorating pumpkins for Halloween. The pumpkins were donated by Heather Sanderson as a wealth of Halloween decorations to choose from. The pumpkins were taken home by the members.

In keeping with the theme, the hostess served a delightful array of assorted dishes which were enjoyed by Jan Hall, Sue Hunt, Shirley Lemley, Janet Lisso, Shirley Passmore, Connie Tomlinson, Gwen Ware and Rebecca Whipple.

West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session October 24, 2011. President Mary Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM, and declared a quorum was present. Board members present were Mary Bessent, Dessie Kendall, Sarah Green, Pat Stephens, and Farrell Jean Washam. Also present were Roger Alexander, Administrator, and Janie Munoz, Business Office Mgr. There were no visitors. Pat Stephens gave



Bronte Volunteer Firemen! Several members of the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department were on hand in case of an emergency at the races held on the Texana Ranch the first weekend in October. Shown are Terry Queen (from left), David McWright, and Bryan Swecker.

the invocation. The minutes from the previous meetings were approved, and there were no members absent from the August meeting.

In the staffing update, Roger informed the Board all positions in the staff are currently filled. Roger also reported there are currently 11 residents in the Alzheimer's Unit, and 47 residents total in the Care Center as of the meeting date.

The Board then discussed capital projects. The work on the replacement of the water pipes and the ceilings in the halls is progressing. Work has begun in the hall by the dining room.

In Public Relations, changes to the website were discussed, and Roger

will continue to have contact with Cisco regarding the completed website. The Board is excited about the work in progress.

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4-H/FFA

Stock Show

meeting slated

Any 4-H and FFA members wanting to show at major stock shows MUST

sign up. Both parents and children need to attend the meeting and complete entry forms and submit payments for entry fees. San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, Austin and Ft. Worth stock shows will be done November 8 at 6 pm at the RLISD Ag Shop, located behind RLISD on 15th Street.

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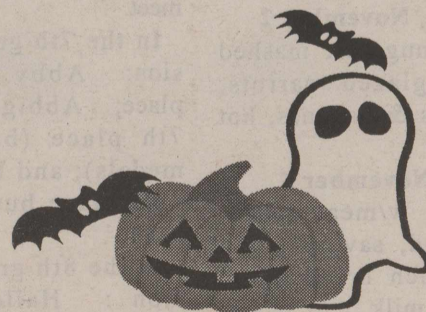


Monday,

October 31st

11 am to 8 pm

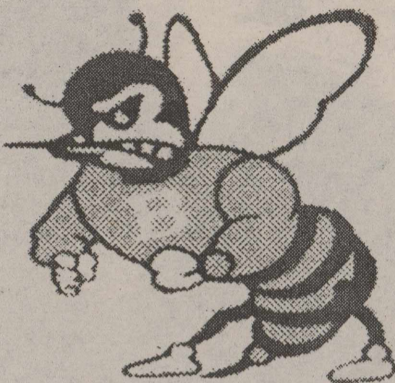
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BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS

Good Luck Hornets!



Fall Festival slated for Saturday

There will be a Fall Festival Saturday evening, October 29, in the Blackwell CISD cafeterium.

The festivities start at 6 pm and will include a meal and bingo.

Mini Cheer Camp set for Monday

A Mini Cheer Camp will be held in the Blackwell CISD cafeterium from 3:40 to 4:45 pm Monday, October 31.

Financial Aid Workshop slated

A Financial Aid Workshop will be held Tuesday evening, November 8, 2011, at 6 pm in the cafeterium. The meeting is for parents of junior and senior students at Blackwell High School.

District Cross Country a success

By Coach Kenney and Coach Cumby The Blackwell Junior High 7th grade girls got 2nd place as a TEAM at the District Cross Country

School Menu

Breakfast
No menu available
Lunch

Monday, October 31

Toasted ham & cheese sandwich, veggie dippers, orange smiles, baked chips, chocolate chip cookie, milk

Tuesday, November 1

Crispy tacos, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk

Wednesday, November 2

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, strawberries & bananas, hot roll, milk

Thursday, November 3

Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden salad, savory green beans, French bread stick, apple crisp, milk

Friday, November 4

Submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, brownie, milk

Meet. Abby Gott received a medal for 2nd place, Abigail Sorrells medaling in 7th, Audrey Mink placing 12th, Halee Sanderson in 16th, Krista Clowers in 21st and Karstin Hoyle 25th. These girls have great potential!!!

The Blackwell Junior High 8th grade girls also did well with Hailey Bennett medaling in 10th place. Shianne Solis and Taylor Swofford competed in this division also and represented Blackwell well.

Tristen Hayes was the lone boy to compete in Cross Country this year. He medaled in the 7th grade division with 3rd place!

The High School Lady Hornets ran with the Varsity division and finished as follows: April Cole 26th, Bailey McGlothlin 39th, Tagen Cox 49th, Mireya Sanchez 50th and Haleigh Davison began but did not finish the race due to injury.

We are very proud of these kids. They make a commitment to compete in a mentally and physically tough sport that not many of us would endure!!! GREAT JOB KIDS!!!! We also appreciate all those who helped make this meet a success!

Hornets compete in Roscoe Cross Country Meet

By Coach Christy Kenney Abigail Sorrells, Krista Clower, Abby Gott, Taylor Swofford, and Hailey Bennett competed October 18 at the Roscoe Cross Country meet. The Blackwell Junior High girls did AWESOME at this meet.

In the 7th grade girl division: Abby Gott - 2nd place; Abigail Sorrells - 7th place (both received medals); and Krista Clower - no place but ran a better time.

In the 8th grade girl division: Hailey Bennett - improved her time by 3 1/2 minutes, Taylor Swofford - first meet and finished well

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ASU Discover Day set for Nov. 12

Angelo State University is hosting a free Discover ASU day on Saturday, November 12th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Students will learn about the educational opportunities and co-curricular activities available at ASU as well as, get an inside look at academic and campus life. Students will also get the opportunity to meet with ASU students, staff, and faculty during the visit and tour the campus. Lunch will be provided free of charge for the students and they will

receive free admission to the ASU vs. Tarleton football game and/or may visit the Planetarium. The next Discover ASU day will be in March 2012.

Junior and senior high school students are encouraged to go online to www.angelo.edu and click Prospective Students and then click Visit ASU to register for this event. For more information, please call the ASU Office of Admissions at 942-2041.

To advertise, call 453-2433!

We're way the heck out there!

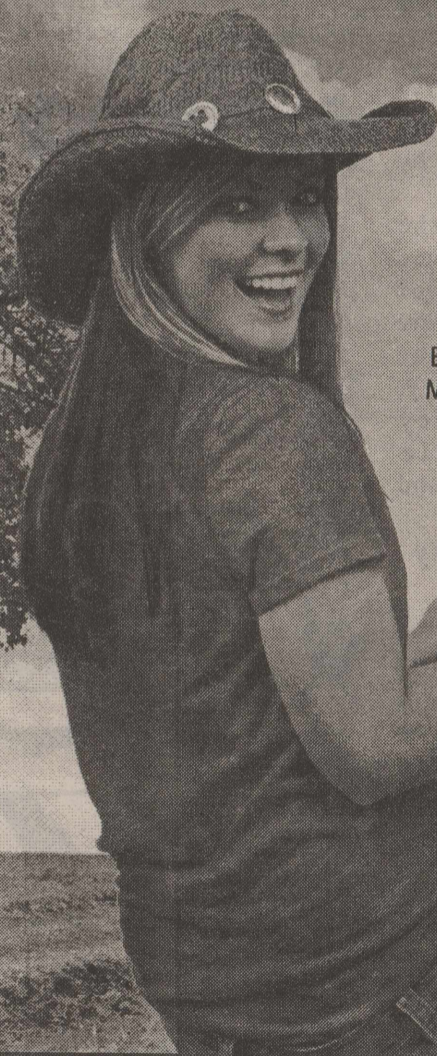
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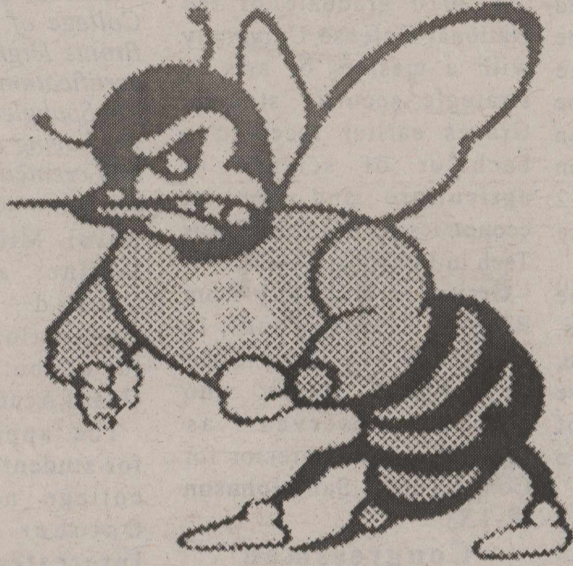
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August 27	Water Valley	McCamey	3:00 6 78
September 2	Lohn	There	7:30 20 66
** September 10	Lueders-Avoca	Home	7:30 20 44
September 16	Robert Lee	There	7:30 8 54
September 23	Roscoe Highland	Here	7:30 12 62
September 30	Trent	Here	7:30 16 65
October 8	OPEN		
October 14	Hermleigh	There	7:30 60 81
* October 21	Novice	Here	7:30
* October 28	Paint Rock	There	7:30
* November 4	Panther Creek	Here	7:30

* District Games • ** Homecoming

**Friday
October 28
7:30 pm
Paint Rock**



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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Longhorns defeat Miles Bulldogs

By Coach Kevin Burns
The Bronte Longhorns ran their record to 7-1 on the season and 3-0 in district play as they defeated the visiting Miles Bulldogs this past Friday by a score of 51-6.

The Horns got on the scoreboard early and often in the first quarter and took control of the game. The Bulldogs were held in check and scoreless as the Horns dominated both the defensive and offensive sides of the ball.

The Horns defense came up with some big stops, got three turnovers from the Bulldog offense by recovering a fumble and intercepting two passes.

Creed Coalson intercepted a pass on the Bulldogs second possession of the game, and Beau Grigg intercepted a screen pass. The fumble was recovered by Ethan Sedden.

The defense also limited the Bulldog offense to 162 yards for the game and forced 6 punts.

The Bronte offense grounded out 20 first downs, 416 rushing yards and for the first time this season, did not

have a turnover.

Creed Coalson was the leading rusher for the game as he had 232 yards on 23 carries and 3 touchdowns.

Jordan Baumann had 85 yards on 11 carries and also had 3 touchdowns.

It was a great win and keeps the Horns in first place in District 6A.

Nathan McGinnis added one more touchdown in the fourth quarter and the remainder of the scores came off the foot of kicker Adrian Padilla. Adrian was 6 of 7 on PAT kicks and also made a 32 yard field goal as time expired in the 2nd quarter.

Overall it was a great game with great effort by the kids. The kids in the offensive line, our backs and receivers, gave our ball carriers plenty of space to run in and were consistent all night long.

Stat wise defensively, the Bulldogs rushed the ball 25 times for 52 yards and completed 8 of 25 passes for 110 yards and those two interceptions. The defensive line, LB, and secondary kids played extremely well to limit the Bulldogs to that little amount of offensive yards.

This week the Horns travel to Christoval. Game time is 7:30.

Conaway hires new chief of staff

Scott Graves has been hired as chief of staff for Rep. Mike Conaway (R-TX), effective October 17, 2011.

Previously, Graves served as Conaway's deputy chief of staff and most recently as chief of staff for Rep. Blake Farenthold (R-TX).

As chief of staff, Graves is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations in the congressman's Texas and Washington offices. In addition, his strong background in public policy will help to craft a policy agenda that places Texans and jobs ahead of Washington regulations.

"I am excited to be back on team Conaway. It is always an honor to serve your friends and neighbors, but even more so when they are represented by a Member who works hard and cares as deeply as Conaway does about the legacy we are leaving for the next generation," said Graves.

A 2010 graduate of the National Defense University with a masters of arts in strategic security studies, Graves earlier received a bachelor of science in agriculture and applied economics (2005) from Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas.

Graves is originally from Bronte, Texas, and is engaged to Ms. Haley Creel of Lubbock, Texas, who currently serves as communications director for Congressman Sam Johnson (R-TX).

Congressman Conaway accepting applications for service academies for class of 2016

Congressman K. Michael Conaway invites area high school seniors interested in attending one of the United States' military service academies to apply for nominations through his San Angelo Regional Office. The Nomination Process to be considered for an appointment to a service academy, an applicant must meet the eligibility requirements established by law and be nominated from an authorized person including a Member of the United States Senate for the House of Representatives.

Congressman Conaway may nominate applicants who are legally domiciled within the boundaries of the 11th District of Texas. There are five Service Academies: The United States Air Force Academy,



Lincoln College of Technology! Max Spangler from Lincoln College of Technology spoke to the juniors and seniors at Bronte High School about the various technical degrees and certifications offered on their campus in Grand Prairie, Texas. Mr. Spangler also spoke to the students about having a job versus having a career and discussed real world living expenses and created a budget with the students so the students could see how much it costs to live on their own.

Naval, Military, Merchant Marine, and the Coast Guard Academies. Nominations are required for all but the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

The application period for students who will enter college next year ends October 24, 2011. Interested applicants should contact Congressman Conaway as soon as possible.

Applications are available through the Congressman's San Angelo Regional Office, 33 East Twohig, Suite 307, San Angelo, Texas, 76903. The telephone number is (325) 659-4010.

To be considered, applicants must be United States citizens, be residents of the 11th

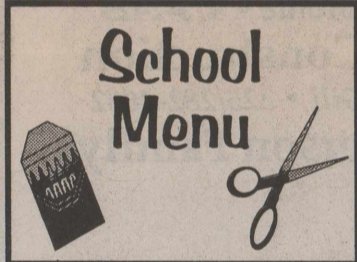
Congressional District of Texas and be between the ages of 17 but not yet 23 years of age, on July 1, 2012 of the year of admission.

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For more information, contact JoAnne Powell (325) 659-4010.

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Monday, October 31

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Tuesday, November 1

Cereal or breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Wednesday, November 2

Cereal or pancake on a stick, assorted juice, milk

Thursday, November 3

Cereal or breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Friday, November 4

Cereal or sausage patty w/biscuit, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, October 31

Pizza, corn on cob, garden salad, orange smiles, gingerbread, milk

Tuesday, November 1

Steak fingers, mash potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, milk

Wednesday, November 2

Lasagna, garden salad, corn, pineapple tidbits, garlic bread, milk

Thursday, November 3

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Friday, November 4

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September 2	Roby	Here	7:30	34	0
September 9	OPEN				
September 16	Eldorado	Here	7:30	10	7
September 23	Winters	There	7:30	31	34
** September 30	Cross Plains	Here	7:30	41	0
* October 7	Menard	There	7:30	29	12
* October 14	TLC	There	7:30	49	13
* October 21	Miles	Here	7:30	51	6
* October 28	Christoval	There	7:30		
* November 4	Irion County	Here	7:30		

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RLHS Football Honorees! Announced at the Pep Rally last week were this year's RLHS Football Sweetheart Jordan Gartman (above) and the Cheerleader Hero Bailey Smith. Jerry Wofford (top right) received the "hammer" award for the best tackle in the Zephyr game.

On His Way To Regionals! Zachary Sanchez (bottom right) competed at the district cross country meet in Blackwell on Tuesday. Zachary placed second in district earning him a trip to the regional cross country meet in Arlington on November 5th.

RLHS Blackout pep rally set for Thursday

There will be a blackout pep rally Thursday, October 27, at 8 pm in the new gym

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, October 31

Pigs in blanket, cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, November 1

Eggs, biscuit, cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, November 2

Pancake on stick, cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, November 3

Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk

Friday, November 4

Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, October 31

Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, French fries, orange, sliced bread, milk

Tuesday, November 1

Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, crackers, pickles, grapes, milk

Wednesday, November 2

Chicken A La King, rice, egg roll, pineapple, milk

Thursday, November 3

Bean & cheese chalupa, Spanish rice, salad, applesauce, graham cracker, milk

Friday, November 4

Hamburger, sun chips, pickles, salad, pears, milk

at Robert Lee High School. Glow sticks and glow necklaces will be for sale at the junior high game and also before the blackout pep rally.

There will also be a pep rally at 3:05 Friday, October 28, on the football field. At this time, the Robert Lee Heavy Weights - Robert Lee's YMCA team who will be playing in a championship game on Sunday in San Angelo, will be recognized.

Robert Lee 5th quarter slated

Pecan Baptist church and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic church will host 5th quarter on Friday, November 4, 2011, following the Robert

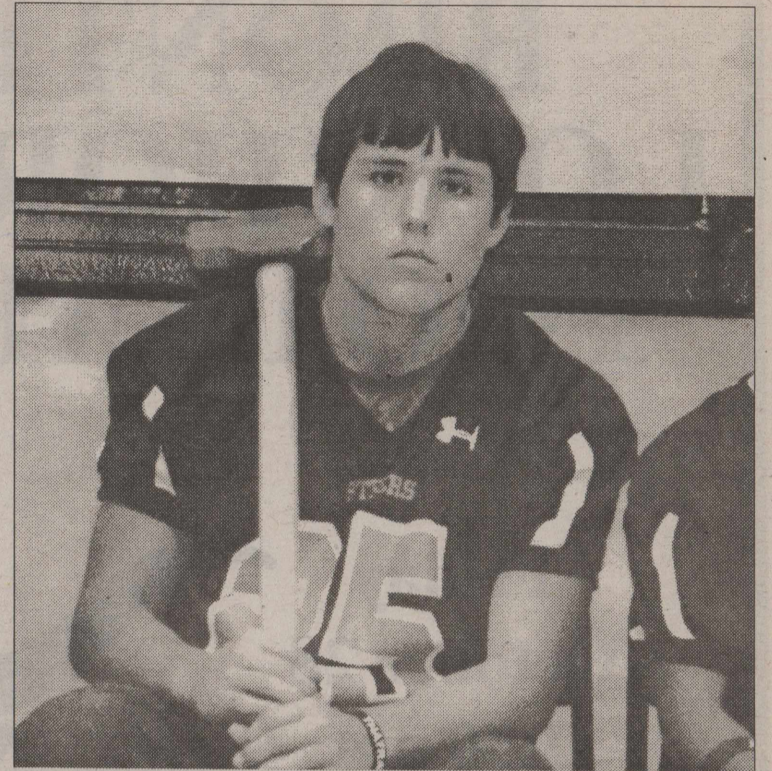
Lee/Eden football game. Junior high and high school students are welcome to come enjoy pizza and lots of goodies at the Catholic hall.

Steers outdistance Falcons

By Tom Sawyer

The Steers kicked off district at home against the Veribest Falcons on Friday night where Robert Lee fans showed up in force to cheer on their Steers.

True to what six man football is about, the game went back and forth with 130 points being scored on both sides of the field. Our district is only four teams strong which puts even more



importance on wins so that we can reach the playoffs.

Robert Lee travels to Water Valley on Friday night for their second of only three district games so please get

out your noise makers and put on your orange and get to this very important game to cheer on our Steers.

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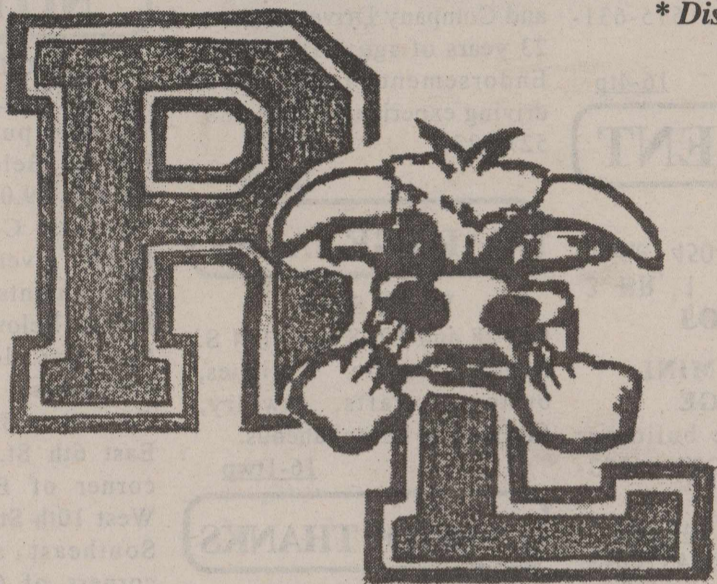
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ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL

				RLHS	
August 27	Fort Davis	McCamey	5:30	54	56
September 2	Paint Rock	There	7:30	46	12
September 9	Loraine	Here	7:30	54	36
** September 16	Blackwell	Here	7:30	54	8
September 23	Sterling City	There	7:30	16	62
September 30	Santa Anna	Here	7:30	72	26
October 7	Zephyr	There	7:30	48	68
October 14	OPEN				
* October 21	Veribest	Here	7:30	70	60
* October 28	Water Valley	There	7:30		
* November 4	Eden	Here	7:30		

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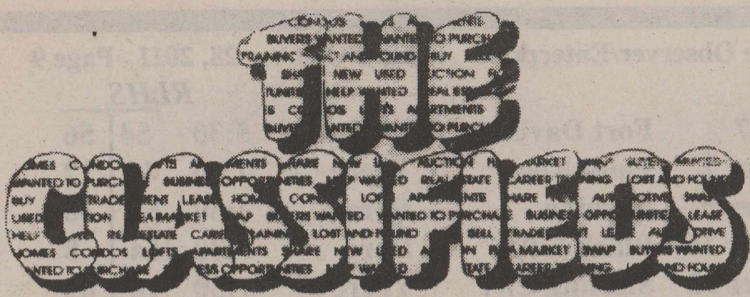
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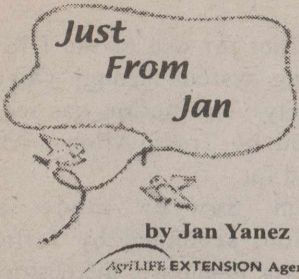
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Halloween Safety

Halloween Safety Halloween is a cherished tradition but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful.

There is no real "trick" to making Halloween a real treat for the entire family. The major dangers are not from witches or spirits but rather from falls and pedestrian/car crashes.

Many communities officially designate a "Beggars' Night" and assign specific hours for trick-or-treat activities.

Both children and adults need to think about safety on this annual day of make-believe.

Motorists

The National Safety Council urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween.

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.

- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

Parents

Before children start out on their "trick or treat" rounds, parents should:

- Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.

- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.

- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.

- Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger's home.

- Establish a return time.

- Tell your youngsters not to eat any treat until they return home.

- Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules.

- Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

Costume

- Design Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.

- Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.

- Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. (Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on

Halloween.)

- If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of retroreflective tape should be used to make children visible.

- Face Design Masks can obstruct a child's vision. Use facial make-up instead.

- When buying special Halloween makeup, check for packages containing ingredients that are labeled "Made with U.S. Approved Color Additives," "Laboratory Tested," Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics," or "Non-Toxic." Follow manufacturer's instruction for application.

- If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.

Accessories Knives, swords and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.

- Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with retro-reflective tape if children are allowed out after dark.

- Carrying flashlights will help children see better and be seen more clearly.

On the way

Children should understand and follow these rules:

- Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.

- Walk, do not run, from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.

- Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.

- Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.

Treats To ensure a safe trick-or-treat outing, parents are urged to:

- Give children an early meal before going out.

- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.

- Wash fruit and slice into small pieces.

- When in doubt, throw it out.



Photo by Tracy Allen

Mountain Creek Golf Course Adult/Student Scramble! The Adult/Student Scramble was held on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at the Mountain Creek Golf Course.

A scramble is a style of tournament which begins with each team member hitting a shot from the same position. The players then determine who recorded the best shot and play proceeds from that position. This tabulates a collective score based on the most accurate shot of each lie of the ball. This format helps the student who might feel nervous about not playing well because it only takes one good shot to contribute. This year's scramble consisted of 10 teams. The teams were Ricky Ross and Meagan Ross's, Tom Sawyer and Will Howard, Darin Clawson and Brady Clawson, Jimmy Skinner and Zack Skinner, Scotty Jackson and Josh Jackson, JD McClelland and Kelby Clawson, Randy Flanagan and Wade Allen, Robert Wink and James Roberts, Frank Jackson and Jake Jackson, and Shawn Cason and Bethany Coppedge. Trophies were given to the top 3 places in the First and Second Flight. First Flight winners were Ricky Ross and Meagan Ross-1st Place, Tom Sawyer and Will Howard- 2nd Place and Darin Clawson and Brady Clawson- 3rd Place. Second Flight winners were Scotty Jackson and Josh Jackson-1st Place, JD McClelland and Kelby Clawson-2nd Place, and Randy Flanagan and Wade Allen-3rd Place.

(Photo by Tracy Allen)

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The Board voted to update and implement changes to some of the policies in the employee handbook. Roger was authorized to purchase a new Wanderguard system to enhance the safety of the residents at the facility.

Accounts Receivable were discussed and Janie Munoz was commended for the excellent work she does in overseeing accounts. Janie, representing the City Council, also gave a report on the progress of the applications which have been made for funds to begin the pipeline between Bronte and Robert Lee. Thank you, Janie, for keeping us updated.

The Board discussed plans for the employee Christmas party, which will be held Dec.

13, at 2:00 pm, in the dining room. There will be more updates at next month's

meeting.

The financial statement was discussed and accepted, and the Board discussed future agenda items.

The calendar for November looks like another busy one. The facility will exchange Halloween decorations for Thanksgiving and harvest decor, and get ready to begin the holiday season. A huge THANK YOU goes to Mary Rodriguez and her harvest elves for doing an excellent job of decorating the facility for all the current happenings.

Some of the residents will be attending the program honoring our veterans, which will be held in the cafetorium at RLHS, at 10:30 am. The public is also invited to attend.

Those celebrating birthdays this month are Alice Beaty, Ginger Preston, and Coleman Nichols. The party in their honor will be held Nov. 15, at 3:30 PM in the facility dining room. Come by and wish each of them a wonderful day!

The monthly Sing-A-Long will be November 18 at 3:30. The residents love this time, and invite everyone to come by and share the joy! They also love the music Bro. Steve Peyton provides at 3:30 every Monday afternoon. Many thanks, Bro. Steve! The annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for the residents and their families will be held Nov. 20, at 12 noon. There will be turkey and dressing, and all the trimmings, plus a time of good fun and fellowship. Everyone at the facility would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.

The next Board meeting will be November 28, and the public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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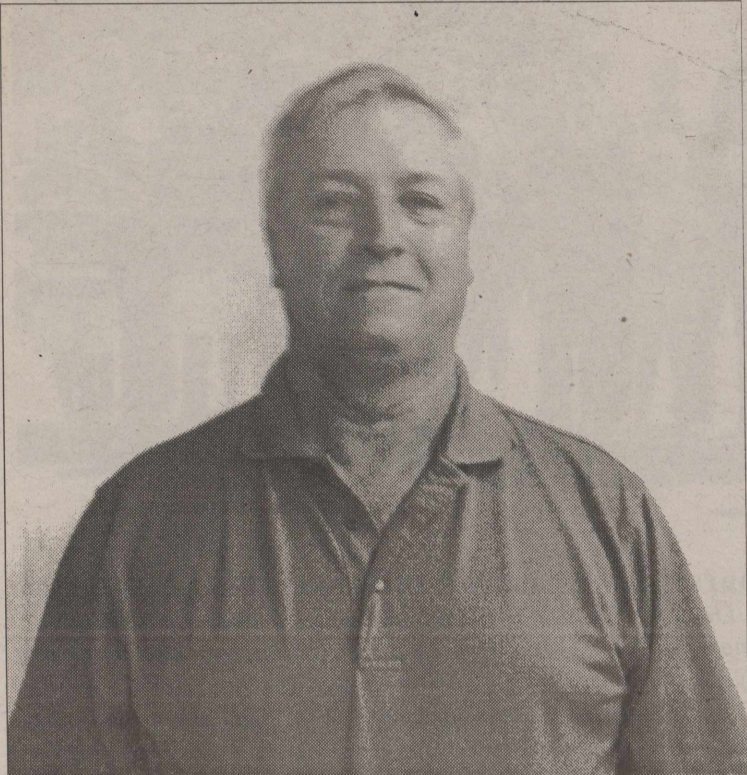
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Amazing Golfer! Randy Flanagan of Robert Lee got a "hole in one" Sunday, October 16, 2011, at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. The event was witnessed by several people including Darin Clawson, Ricky Ross, Tommy Antilley, Rusty Corley, Julio and Jesse Carrion, Dick Sims and Pete Puentez. What makes this even more amazing is that this shot was his third hole in one in less than two years! His first was on November 4, 2009, and the second was on May 15, 2011.

Trunk or Treat Fall Festival slated

A Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival will be held Monday, October 31, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Victory Assembly of God, on the corner of 6th and Houston in Robert Lee.

In addition to treasure chests full of candy, there will be two bounce houses and hot dogs by Blake & Co.

Robert Lee YMCA football teams to play in championship

The Robert Lee YMCA football teams will be playing in the Superbowl this Sunday, October 30. The games will be held at the old Bobcat Stadium on Pulliam in San Angelo.

At 2 pm, the Robert Lee pee wee team will face the Veribest pee wee team. At 6:30 pm, the Championship game between the Robert Lee Heavy Weights and the Sterling City Heavy Weights will begin.

Dogies cage falcons

The Robert Lee Dogies defeated the Veribest Junior High Falcons 46-24 last Thursday evening.

Jesus Landeros scored first on a 90 yard run. Wade Allen caught a Jake Jackson pass for the extra point.

Landeros scored again on a 21 yard run. He then caught a Jake Jackson pass for the extra point.

Landeros made the next three touchdowns - from 5 yards out, 30 yards out, and 12 yards out.

Jake Jackson put the next points on the board with a 14 yard run. Mauricio Ureno ran the ball in for the extra

8:31 left, PAT kick good
Falcons 12 yard pass with
7:41 left, PAT kick failed
Falcons 13 yard run with
5:35 left, PAT kick good
Steers 3 yard run by
Gartman with 3:49 left, PAT
kick by Howard
STEERS 32
FALCONS - 36

3rd Quarter
Steers 22 yard run by
Gartman with 8:08 left, PAT
kick by Howard
Falcons 10 yard pass with
5:36 left, PAT kick good
Steers 2 yard run by
Gartman with 3:19 left, PAT
kick failed
STEERS - 46
BULLDOGS 44

4th Quarter
Steers 37 yard run by
Howard with 9:40 left, PAT
kick by Howard
Steers 1 yard run by
Howard with 5:45 left, PAT
kick by Howard
Falcons 31 yard run with
4:35 left, PAT kick good
Steers 4 yard pass from
Gartman to Skinner with :27
left, PAT kick by Howard
Falcons 79 yard kickoff
return with :13 left, PAT kick
good
STEERS 70
FALCONS - 60

STEER STATS

Kevin Saucedo 2 tackles
Justin Gartman 17 carries
for 172 yards and 4 TD s, 6
of 14 passing for 120 yards
and 1 TD, and 13 tackles
Will Howard 12 carries
for 145 yards and 2 TD s, 1
of 1 passing for 24 yards, 1
reception for 21 yards, and 8
tackles
Bailey Smith 6 carries for
20 yards and 1 tackle, 2
receptions for 62 yards, and 1
tackle
Jerry Wofford - 3 carries
for 26 yard and 1 TD, and 5
tackles
Blake Smith 4 tackles
Zach Skinner 3 receptions
for 37 yards and 1 TD, and 7
tackles
Jim Bob Smith 5 tackles

point.
Jake Jackson struck again to
add to the Dogies' score with
a 53 yard kickoff return. He
threw the ball to Blaine Yanez
for the extra point.

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SCORING SUMMARY
1st Quarter
Falcons 13 yard pass with
8:34 left, PAT failed
Steers 3 yard run by Smith
with 5:39 left, PAT kick
Howard
Falcons 12 yard pass with
4:30 left, PAT kick good
Steers 1 yard run by
Gartman with 3:48 left, PAT
kick Howard
STEERS - 16
FALCONS - 14

2nd Quarter
Steers 1 yard run by
Wofford with 9:51 left, PAT
kick by Howard
Falcons 15 yard pass with

RLISD posts board minutes

The Robert Lee Independent School Board of Trustees met Thursday, October 19, for a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Washam at 6 pm.

Members present included Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, Beverly Sinclair, Tracy Allen, Tom Sawyer, Irma Torres and Brandi Brosh.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Wes Washam.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2011, meeting. The motion was seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to accept the financial report presented by Robin Allen and to pay the bills, seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All voted for.

Matters relating to the 2008 Construction Project were discussed.

Elementary enrollment for September was 130 students with 97% ADA. Austin Crawley, High School Principal, gave his report; enrollment for grades 7-12 was 93 and ADA was 98% for the month of September.

Supt. Hood gave the report on the status of Highly Qualified Staff and reported that 100% of the staff at RLISD meet the requirements.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to amend the 2011-2012 school calendar as presented. It was seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve Supt. Hood's recommendation to sign the

contract for use of the DRE voting system through Coke County. The motion was seconded by Tracy Allen. All voted for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion, seconded by Jeffie Roberts, to approve the District and Campus Improvement Plans for 2011-2012 as presented. All voted for.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on budget update, intervention, district audit, and staff Christmas party.

The next meeting for the RLISD School Board will be held Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned 6:55 pm.

Trunk and Treat set for Robert Lee

Robert Lee churches are joining together for "TRUNK AND TREAT". Southside Church of Christ and First United Methodist will host Trunk and Treat.

The event will be held in the parking lot of First United Methodist located at 9th Street and Chadbourne in Robert Lee from 5:30 to 7 pm on Monday, October 31. You can wear your costume or come as you are. Members of the churches will hand out candy to the children from the trunks of their cars. This is a safe place for children to enjoy wholesome fun.

New Medicare open enrollment dates

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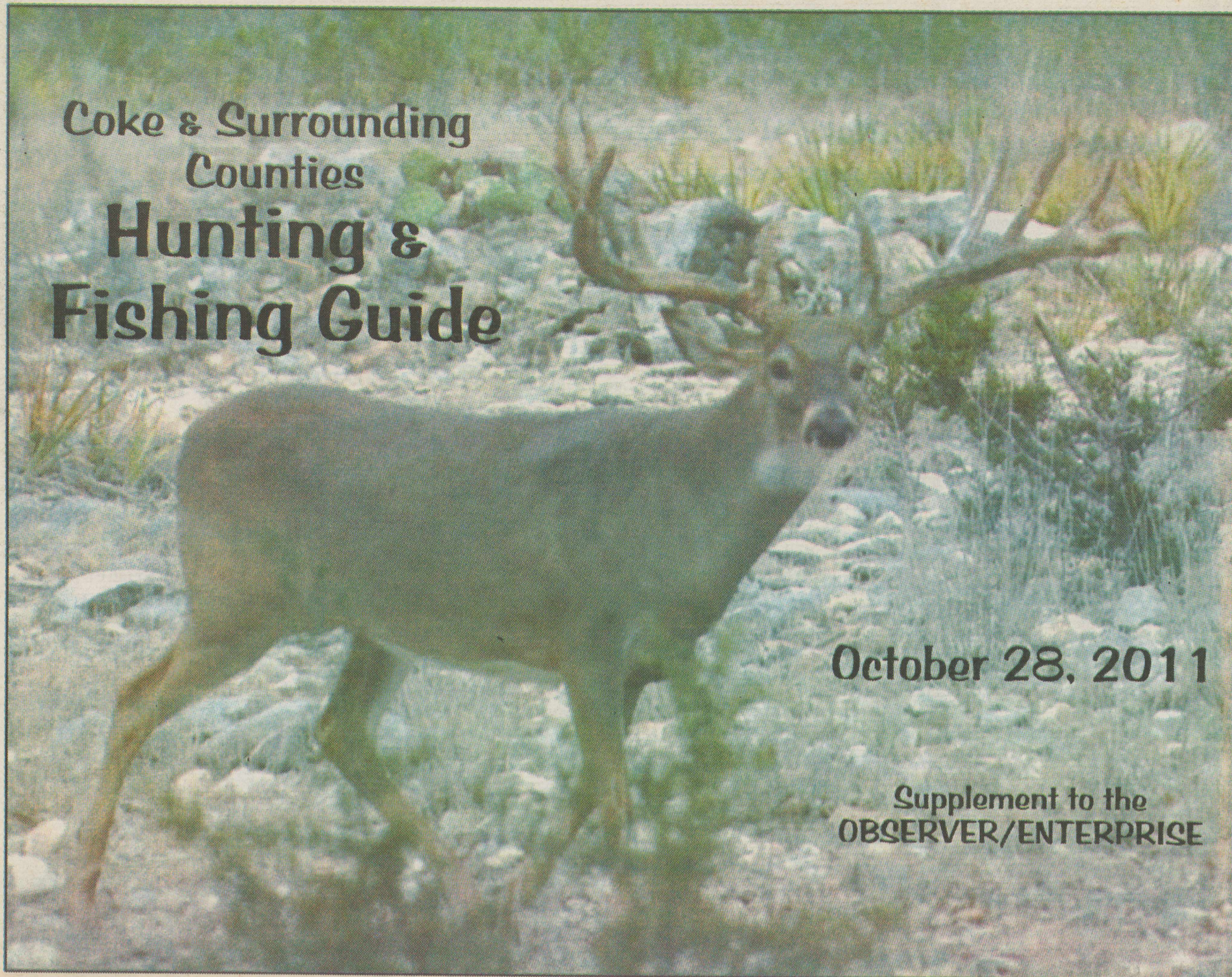


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Observer/Enterprise welcomes sportsmen

by Hal Spain
 It is my great pleasure to welcome you, the hunter and/or fisherman, to Coke and surrounding counties. We know you have a choice about where to spend your hunting and fishing dollars, and we appreciate your decision to patronize our local merchants and landowners in our area.

We would also like to welcome you to our hunter barbecues, one each on opening day in Bronte and Ballinger; and on November 19 in Sterling City (see related ads and stories in this publication for more information). These festivities are provided for our area hunters as a way of expressing our appreciation for your continued support.

Once again, let me welcome you to our area of the state. Our landowners and merchants have made a strong commitment to ensure your stay will be a memorable one. We would also like to wish you much success with your sporting efforts in our area during your stay.

Counties offer hunter appreciation barbecues

Coke, Sterling, and Runnels Counties will offer three barbecues to show our appreciation to you, as hunters, who choose to spend your recreational time in our counties. Each of the barbecues is discussed below, in chronological order.

Wild Game Barbecue Lunch at Bronte

The annual Hunters' Wild Game Barbecue Lunch is once again slated for Bronte, this year on Saturday, November 5, opening day of the deer season. As in years past, the barbecue lunch will be at no charge to attending hunters, and is sponsored by Hall's Super Save Grocery and B&K Processing.

The menu will consist of deer and elk sandwiches, smoked sausage, beans, soft drinks, and dessert. Serving will begin at 11:00 am and go until 2:00 pm. The location is B&K Processing (behind Hall's Grocery) in Bronte.

If you haven't eaten the variety of wild game sand-

wiches and sausages prepared at Bronte, don't miss this opportunity to sample some of these excellent meats. In previous years, the menu has also included rattlesnake and other exotic wild game cooked on the grill for your sampling pleasure.

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2011 Annual Hunter's Appreciation Dinner

Hosted by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce
 November 5, 2011, at the Ballinger Community Center located on Crosson Ave., the

Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will have the Annual Hunter's Appreciation Dinner. This event is put on every year to show the hunters that come in from all around, our appreciation for them spending their time and money in our community.

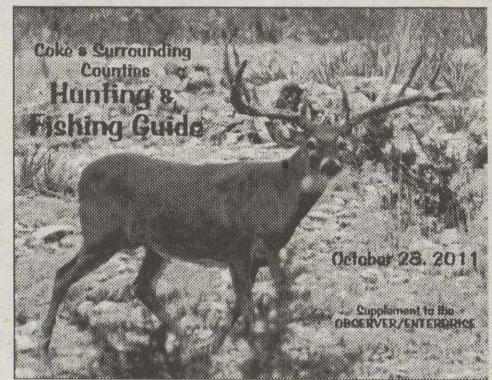
This year's event begins with a Mini Gun Show at 4:00 pm, followed by the barbecue dinner at 6:00 pm. The meal will consist of brisket, smoked ham, and sausage, with homemade beans, and homemade desserts, and of course all of the trimmings (potato salad, pickles, jalapenos, onions, etc.). There will be vendors, around 25 raffle items, silent auction, and door prizes inside the Community Center. The tickets for this event will be \$10 per person. Buy your tickets in advance and get two raffle tickets to put on the raffle item of your choice. Come out and join us; we will kick this party off at 4:00 p.m. and go until 10:00 p.m. Let Ballinger show you why we are the "Greatest Little Town in Texas".

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at 6:00 pm. The event will be held at the Sterling County Community Center. A brisket fajita supper with all the trimmings will be served. The cost is \$5.00 per plate, \$3.00 for kids under 10, and the public is encouraged to attend.

One dollar raffle tickets will be sold for the chance to win a minimum of 25 plus guns. Guns will be raffled that evening, but you do not have to be present to win.

Local and area businesses will also have booths available.

For more information contact the Sterling County Extension Office at (325) 378-3181.

Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department to host Fish Fry

The Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department is holding a fish fry at the fire station on FM 1170 in Blackwell Saturday evening, November 5, 2011.

They will begin serving at 5:30 pm. The "All You Can Eat" affair will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.

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Fall hunting season is here

by Hal Spain

This is one of those columns that I have been dreading for months. For the first time in 28 years of writing this pre-season hunting forecast, I can't think of much to be optimistic about, except that we have nearly all survived a horrible 2011 and are looking forward to a better season next year.

We'll start with the drought, which has affected the whole state. A few weeks ago, we had not received any appreciable precipitation since last October. We did get a nice 2 to 3 inch rain about six weeks ago, and another one up to 3 inches during the first week of October. That has brightened our spirits, but with the cooler weather, we won't have enough time to improve any pastures before frost.

Did I mention cooler weather? That is a good thing, because we have also gone through a summer of record high temperatures, along with the rest of the state. I think we hit 100 days of 100 degree temperatures about a month ago.

Add to that the fact that we've lost over 200,000 acres of rangeland just in Coke County this year to wildfires. So you can readily tell that we are ready to put 2011 behind us and hope for some better conditions for

the new year.

How does this impact the upcoming hunting season? Very negatively, I think. I have been feeding deer around the house for the past fifteen years. Some of the does had fawns with them this year and some didn't. I don't remember seeing a doe with twins this year. I have seen several little bucks, but most have been spikes up to little six point bucks.

The good news is that I have talked to two or three ranchers who have seen some bucks with some really nice horns (antlers); so all may not be lost for this season.

From what I have heard from the "so-called" experts this year, this may be the season that you do not want to shoot that spike deer to keep him out of the breeding herd. Biologists are saying that due to the drought, that spike may develop a nice rack in years to come with the proper weather conditions.

The other caveat I hear is that this is the year to reduce your doe herd. Most years this goes in a hunter's ear and out the other one. And most years we can get by with a few extra does. This, my fellow hunters, ain't one of those years. We need to cull a large number of does this year on most of our area ranches. Talk to the rest of your hunting group and see if

you can come up with a plan to reduce your doe herd this year. It won't guarantee you good hunting for next year, but it will help.

Being a quail hunter, I can tell you that the call counts and other surveying techniques I have been reading about from throughout the Rolling Plains have been dismal. I have seen quail pairing up since April, and most gave it up and rejoined the covey. To date I have observed a total of three pairs that hatched little 'uns, and the size of the broods were no more than eight each. This is going to be a good year to leave the natural bird population alone. You may want to consider buying some flight ready birds and hunt them if you have some dogs you need to work.

As to seasons, dove season runs from Sept. 1 through October 23, 2011. The winter short season runs from December 23, 2011 through January 8, 2012, with a daily bag limit of 15 in the central zone, which includes Coke County.

Archery season for deer and turkey will close on November 4, 2011, with no antlerless permit required except on MLD properties. The general deer season will run from November 5, 2011 through January 1, 2012. The special late general sea-



Nice Old Feller! Morgan (McCutchen) Webb brought down this older buck in Fisher County Sunday, December 5, 2010. The 8 point buck had an inside spread of approximately 17 inches.

son will run from Jan. 2 - 15, 2012, for antlerless and spike bucks only. The bag limit for deer is 5, with no more than 2 bucks, all seasons combined.

Turkey season will run concurrently with deer season, Nov. 5 through Jan. 1. Spring turkey season will be March 31 through May 13, 2012, gobblers only, with a bag limit of 4 (all seasons

combined). Quail season will run statewide Oct. 29, 2011 through Feb. 26, 2012, with a daily limit of 15 and a possession limit of 45.

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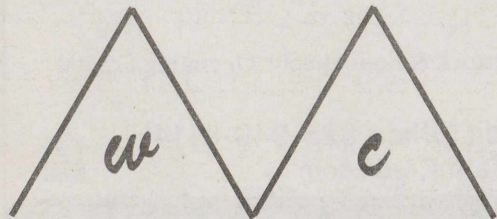
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TPWD taking action on Bobwhite Quail decline

Agency urges hunters, landowners to consider ways to help this season

The drought has taken a toll on all Texas wildlife resources, but among the hardest hit is the bobwhite quail. This iconic grassland game bird already faces mounting obstacles to recovery and state wildlife officials say the drought is exacerbating the problem.

"We've been on point monitoring quail declines

well before this current drought," said Clayton Wolf, Wildlife Director for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "We've been taking steps to address the problem, but the drought is raising the sense of urgency."

The Breeding Bird Survey (BBS), an annual field census survey used to track quail productivity, shows a decline in Texas bobwhite quail breeding numbers at a rate of 3.9 percent per year from 1970 to 2009. Texas bobwhite harvest has declined by 80 percent during the past three decades. Although this decline is not as steep as seen in southeastern states, it is still cause for concern.

Many reasons are cited for these declines, but evidence points to changes in the quantity and quality of habitat as the leading cause. The topic has broad relevance, because grassland habitat used by quail is important for dozens of other wildlife species, and it also can affect water quantity and quality for people.

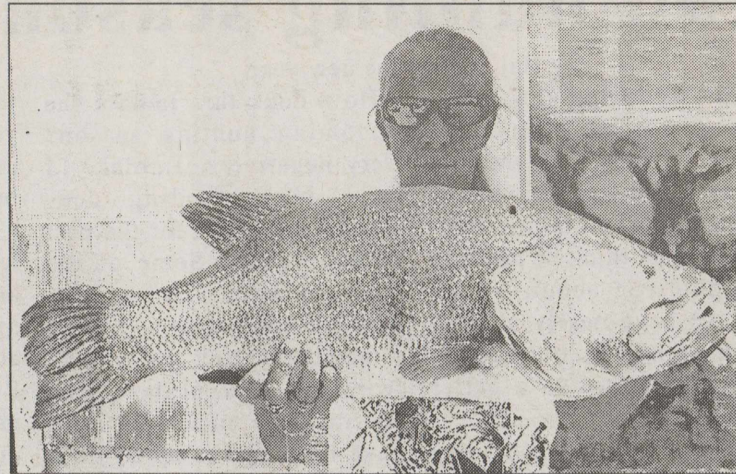
"For all of us who care about the future of this prized game bird and the habitats it occupies around the state, complacency is not an option," said Carter Smith, TPWD Executive Director. "We need hunters, landown-

ers, government agencies and non-profit groups all making this a priority in order to advance the recovery of this species. Rest assured, the department will do its part."

While TPWD wildlife biologists are focusing their efforts on assisting landowners develop habitat-based management strategies that can benefit quail and other grassland wildlife, the department is also taking action in other areas, including possible changes in hunting regulations.

Potential changes in season length and bag limit framework for the 2012-13 hunting season will be discussed during the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission's Nov. 2 Regulatory Committee meeting in Austin. Over the next few months, the TPWD Wildlife Division's upland game bird staff and technical committee will review season length, bag limits and the possibility of regional differences for quail season to determine if modifications to the 2012-13 seasons are warranted.

Wolf said regulation changes alone won't solve the problem. "But, we can look at a variety of approaches to address quail management, including regulations," he said.



Robert Lee angler Alicia Williams caught this "one for the record book" large mouth bass at Oak Creek Lake on August 1, 2011. The huge bass weighed in at 13.14 pounds.

Good news is that in one area of the state, the Gulf Prairies and Marshes region, quail numbers this year have actually risen due to proactive habitat management and adequate weather conditions.

Even in areas of the state where quail numbers have dropped considerably this year, particularly the Rolling Plains region in North Texas, there are still pockets with huntable numbers of bobwhites. But, dry conditions this year contributed to major wildfires that consumed millions of acres of vegetation. Quail production in the Rolling Plains hit an all-time

low, according to this year's BBS, and biologists say every bobwhite that survives the winter will be critical to next year's production.

"Burned areas will likely provide good habitat after future rainfall events but for now they offer very little cover for quail and other wildlife," said Robert Perez, TPWD's upland game bird program leader. "We're advising landowners if you are seeing low quail numbers on your ranch, you should consider reducing quail harvest. It's okay to hunt, work your dogs, but take a conservative approach. Flush a

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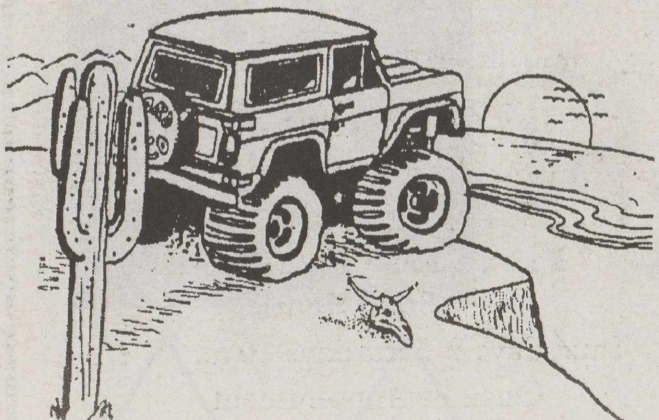
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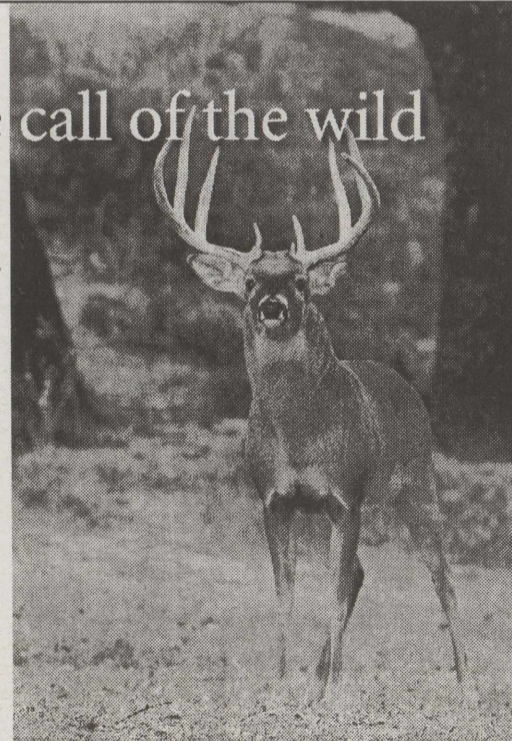


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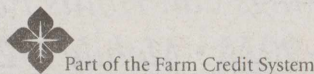
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Bagging that buck on the property you hunt

By J. Wayne Fears
 A successful deer hunter must know how deer behave in the wild, have been close enough to deer to bag them and have amassed a wealth of knowledge about how to find and take deer from in-the-field experience. Let's look at some tips for bagging a big buck.

Know You Have a Big Buck to Hunt:

Even if you're the best hunter in the nation, you won't be able to take a big buck, if you don't know there's a trophy buck on the property where you hunt. To determine if a trophy buck is on that land, go into the woods after the deer have shed their antlers, and look for trophy racks. If you find a big set of antlers that have been shed, you can assume that a trophy buck is on that property. Also, enter your hunting area before deer season, and start to scout then. Try to see a big buck before hunting pressure drives him to cover.

Hunters need to go into the woods throughout the year to search for and study deer. Then you can collect information before the season begins and after it ends about what deer are on the property for you to hunt, as well as what routes the deer travel, and the food sources they use. Another way to find out if you have a trophy buck on your hunting lands is to talk to the people who drive up and down the roads through the woodlot where you plan to hunt. Loggers, mailmen, school bus drivers and people normally traveling through your hunting region,

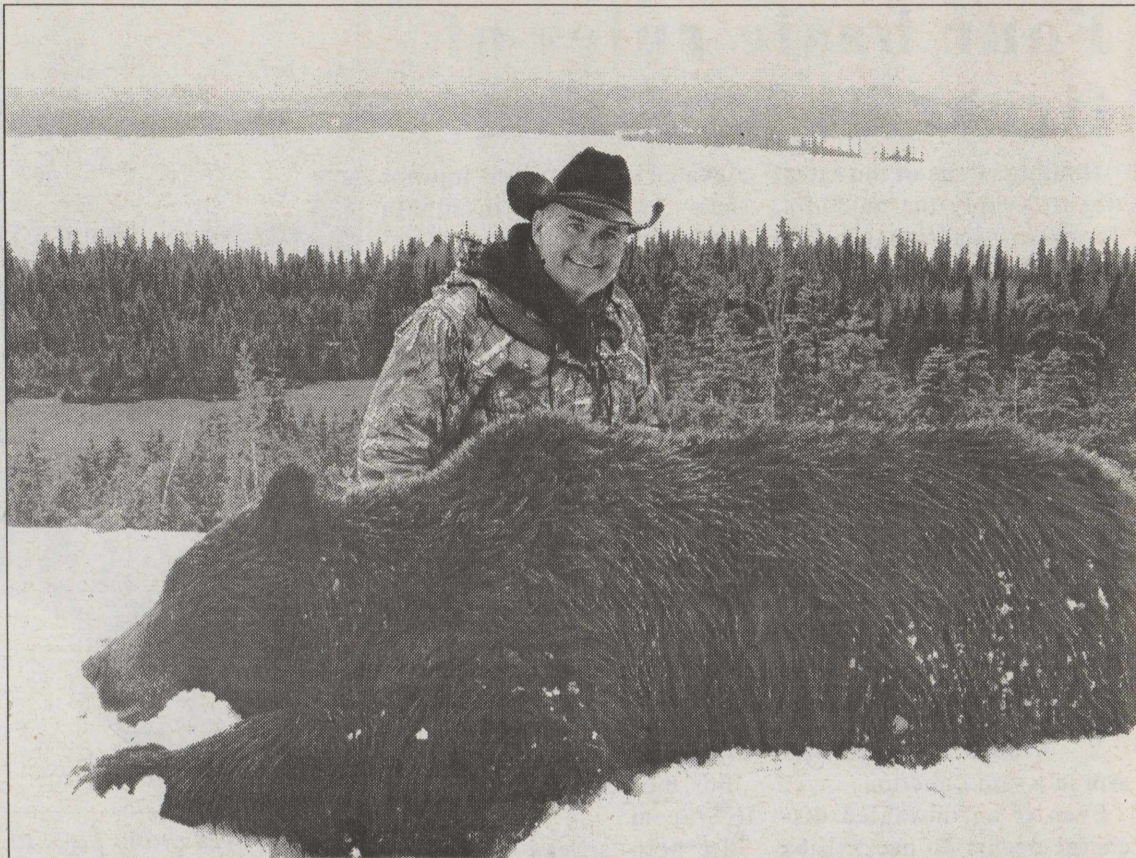
while driving back and forth to work and school, often will see and know the whereabouts of a big buck.

Taking a trophy buck involves more than luck. Careful Preparation and flawless execution equals luck.

If shining deer at night is legal in your state, go into the woods and fields at night with a light before and after the season to see deer. But make sure you're not violating the law in the state where you hunt. An important safety practice is to notify the local conservation officer as to where you'll be on the night you plan to look for deer, and let him know what you're doing. To take a trophy deer, you must have a big deer to hunt.

Have a Thorough Knowledge of the Property You Hunt:

You must understand the lay of the land you hunt, including the land's contours, where the creeks and the streams run, and where the roads go through the property. You also need to know the traditional movement patterns of the deer on that property, because deer on any woodlot will establish routes of travel. Once you understand what those historical routes are, you can go to that same land year after year and find deer. If you spend your time learning one piece of property thoroughly, you'll bag more big deer more consistently than those who hunt three- or four-different locations during a season. The only exception to this rule is the trophy deer hunter who can travel to Texas, Mexico, Alberta or some of the other areas where trophy bucks are



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much more abundant than they are in most regions of the United States. Most of us are looking for better places to hunt, rather than learning the best spots to hunt on the properties we have to hunt.

Understand How to Hunt the Rut:

To take a trophy buck, you need to have as much time as possible to hunt that buck during the peak of the rut, which is when the trophy buck is the most vulnerable and is most likely to be bagged. However, the time of the peak of the rut is different in each state and may vary even inside the state. Therefore, the best way to

know when the peak of the rut occurs in the state and the particular place you plan to hunt is to contact the state wildlife biologist in your area. Ask for copies of studies or information that may have been compiled by wildlife scientists that will show you when the peak of the rut is in the region you want to hunt. Too, remember that once an animal becomes a trophy buck, he'll primarily move at night, because he's learned that there's less dan-

ger then and that he can move more freely and safely at night than in the daytime. When hunting season begins, this trophy buck becomes more sensitized to human activity and more secretive and harder to locate. But when the rut occurs, the urge to reproduce supersedes his natural caution for a short time. He'll either be searching for or pursuing an estrous doe during daylight hours, which make this buck easier for the hunter to take.

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Hunting is one of the safest ways to enjoy the outdoors. To ensure hunting remains safe and becomes ever safer, the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) recommends hunters and shooters follow four basic rules of firearms safety.

The four basic rules of firearms safety, known by the acronym TABK, are as follows:

T - Treat every firearm as if it were loaded

Never assume a firearm is unloaded.

A - Always point the firearm in a safe direction.

Even if an unwanted discharge occurs no one will be hurt if you always point the gun in a safe direction.

B - Be sure of your target and what is beyond your target.

Make absolutely certain you can positively identify your target and what is beyond it. Make sure there are no other hunters, houses, vehicles, or other animals beyond your target in case your bullet, or shot if you are using a shotgun, misses your target or travels through your target. Never shoot an animal that is on the horizon as you cannot be sure of what is behind that animal.

K - Keep your finger out of the trigger guard and off the trigger until ready to shoot.

Also, make sure that branches or other objects do not contact the trigger guard or trigger.

Currently, it is estimated more people are injured from

elevated stand-related injuries than all other incidents combined.

"If you are hunting from an elevated stand, make sure you are properly using a full body safety harness, also known as a Fall Arrest System (FAS)," said Wayne East, executive director for IHEA. "Also, make sure you read and follow the manufacturer's directions on proper use of your safety harness."

With some common sense and the proper use of safety equipment, you will ensure that you and others will safely enjoy your hunt.

For more information, visit IHEA.com.

To help spread the word about hunting safety, view and use the following public service announcements for web, print and video at OutdoorRoadmap.com.

About International Hunter Education Association (IHEA)

The International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) is the professional association for the 69 member agencies and the 70,000 volunteer instructors who teach hunter education in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Peru, El Salvador, South Africa and New Zealand. For more information, visit IHEA at www.ihea.com.

Buzzing With Success

[Editor's Note: Ever wonder what the pro anglers consider their "go-to" lures or approaches? You're not alone. Today, Rick Clunn and Stacey King share their ideas for the most important or effective baits you can have in your



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How old is that gobbler?

By Joel D. Glover
 "I got a good 7-year-old bird," the camo-clad hunter proudly stated when I asked if he'd had any luck. When I asked how he knew the age of the bird, I received a look of disdain and then he picked up the gobbler and thrust its legs toward me so I could examine a nice set of spurs. "Sharp as a tack," was all he said.

While it is generally accepted that spur length is a fairly reliable characteristic for determining the age of a gobbler, that only holds true until a turkey reaches about 3 years of age. Truthfully, aging a mature gobbler is a difficult task. While a juvenile gobbler -- or "jake" -- is fairly easy to identify based on his uneven tail fan, short beard and less than one-half-inch spurs, it becomes more difficult as a bird matures. Two-year-old gobblers are probably harvested at a higher rate than any other. This is often due to the fact that while they have mastered the ability to gobble and enjoy hearing themselves do it, they have not yet learned that every yelp doesn't come from a turkey hen. The 2-year-old is often lured by the sweet tone of a well-chalked box or the quick cuts of a mouth call. The majority of these young gobblers will sport somewhat blunt spurs less than an inch long and beards around 9 inches.

Three-year-old birds typically have a beard around 10 inches long and pointed spurs of an inch or more. I hope you noticed the word "typically." The truth is I've witnessed a mature adult turkey with a 4-inch beard and one with no beard whatsoever. I witnessed a 4-year-old known age bird with 5/8-inch spurs. I've harvested numerous mature gobblers that had no spurs or only one spur, and I've witnessed turkeys with multiple spurs on each leg.

Whenever dealing with wildlife be very careful about using the words "never" or "always." It was my good fortune to assist on a long-term turkey research project conducted on the Tallahala Wildlife Management Area in south Mississippi. In addition to the volumes of data recorded during the study, we also made several interesting observations while trapping turkeys. I found it interesting that turkeys trapped as mature adults and tagged were later recaptured and found to have shorter spurs. In addition, one bird captured and tagged as a juvenile was harvested by a hunter the next year. Although the bird was less than 2 years old, it sported a set of sharp spurs that were 1 1/2 inches long!

Therefore, while body size, beard and spur length are normally fairly reliable for identifying birds as juveniles, adults and mature adults, after a turkey reaches 3 years old, its exact age is pretty much a mystery. The next time you have the privilege to take a wise old limb hanger, realize that it doesn't really make any difference how old he was. Remember the words an old turkey hunter once told me: "They're all good ones."

Glover is a Certified Wildlife Biologist with the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries



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How to lost proof your child

By J Wayne Fears

Outdoorsmen and women are passionate about instilling their love for hunting, fishing and other outdoor pursuits in their children. But, with adventure in the outdoors comes risk, and one of the most terrifying is losing a child.

Now available to you is a printed text designed to educate and help prevent one of the most alarming situations anyone may find themselves. *How To Lost Proof Your Child* by J. Wayne Fears provides resources aimed at preventing a lost-child situation as well as steps to be taken to save time, resources and human life in the case of a missing child.

It has been said that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. If you or someone you know has ever been involved in trying to locate a lost child, you know this statement certainly holds true.

"It is far easier to prepare yourself and your child for a lost-child situation than it is to go through the trauma of having a child missing," Fears says.

In the guidebook, Fears adapts his great knowledge of wilderness survival to the goal of lost-proofing the child. He divides the book into lost-proofing in suburbia and lost-proofing in the woods. In the section on suburbia, Fears covers possible scenarios such as malls, public events, schools and sporting and church events. He discusses the reasons children wander off as well as providing strategies that teach safe behavior to children. He then provides a clear and perhaps life-saving procedure to follow if a child is lost. When

discussing lost-proofing in the back country, Fears draws upon his wilderness expertise to provide the most thorough approach including strategies, rules each child must learn, practice and follow, proper visible clothing, and the building of a child's survival kit. Fears' discusses what to do if your child is missing and how lost children move. The book also provides a thorough discussion on hypothermia.

Pick up your copy today. *Lost-Proofing Your Child* is a must-have book for anyone who enjoys the great outdoors and wants to share it with a child.

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Who's been digging in my yard?

By Myron Wiley

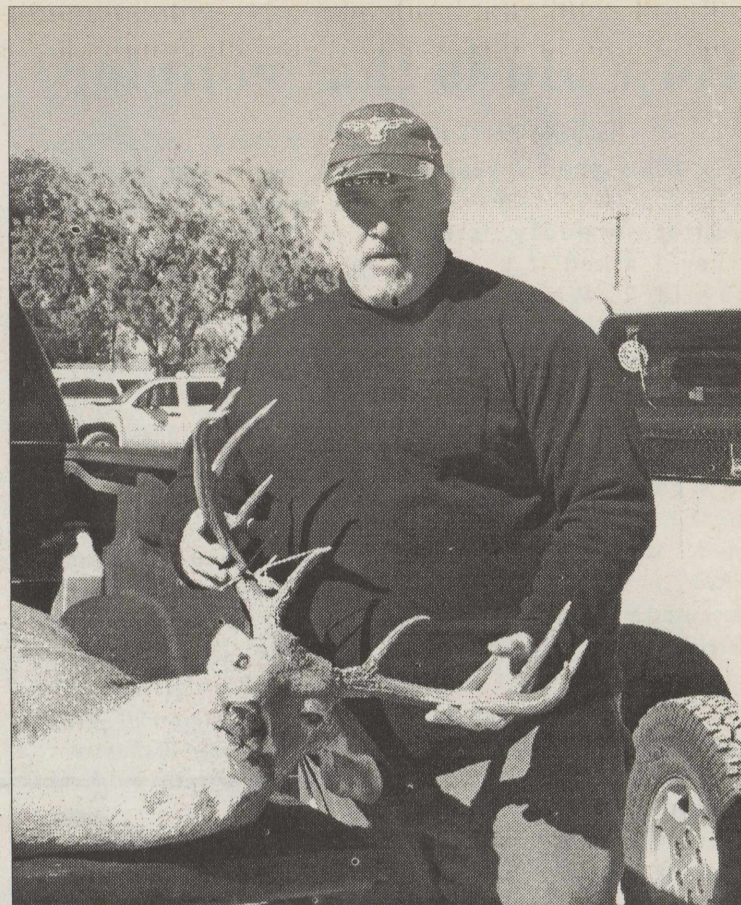
Have you ever walked out into your well-kept yard and found the sod dimpled by a multitude of cone-shaped craters several inches deep and wide? How about mulch around shrubbery plowed up and scattered or small plants in your garden destroyed and the entire area looking as if rooted up by hogs? If so, you likely have been visited by a nine-banded armadillo (*Dasypus novemcinctus*). This species is one of about 20 existing species of armadillo originally from South America. The nine-banded armadillo is the only one

of these species found in the United States.

Armadillos are about the size of a house cat or opossum, but pound for pound, these animals can do nearly as much damage as a feral hog when it comes to digging up the yard. By scientific classification, the nine-banded armadillo belongs to the order Cingulata, which is a group of animals that also includes the anteaters and sloths of South America. The majority of their diet consists of beetles, grubs, earthworms, and other soil insects and invertebrates. These food items are what attract armadillos to lawns, flower beds, and gardens. Armadillos locate these subterranean animals with extremely keen senses of smell and hearing. Prey is unearthed with large claws on short, stout legs specifically adapted for digging, and are captured with thick, sticky saliva on the armadillo's tongue.

The armadillo's voracious appetite for insects is not all bad. Many of the creatures they consume are known to be lawn and garden pests that can do considerable damage to yards and gardens. For example, it is common to see a crater in the top of a fire ant mound where it has been dug open by an armadillo searching for ant eggs, developing larvae and adult ants.

Armadillos are known locally by many other common names. The bony



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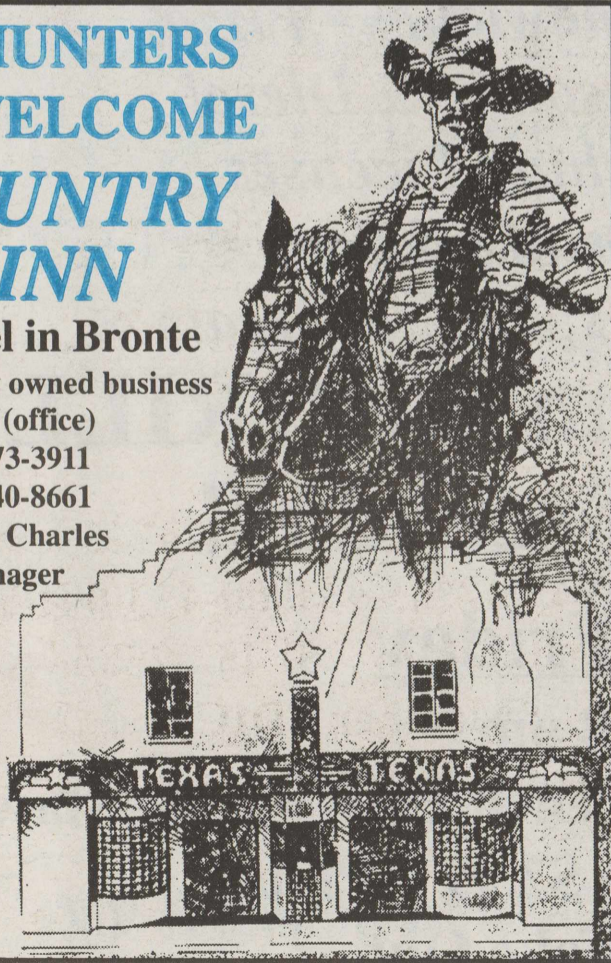
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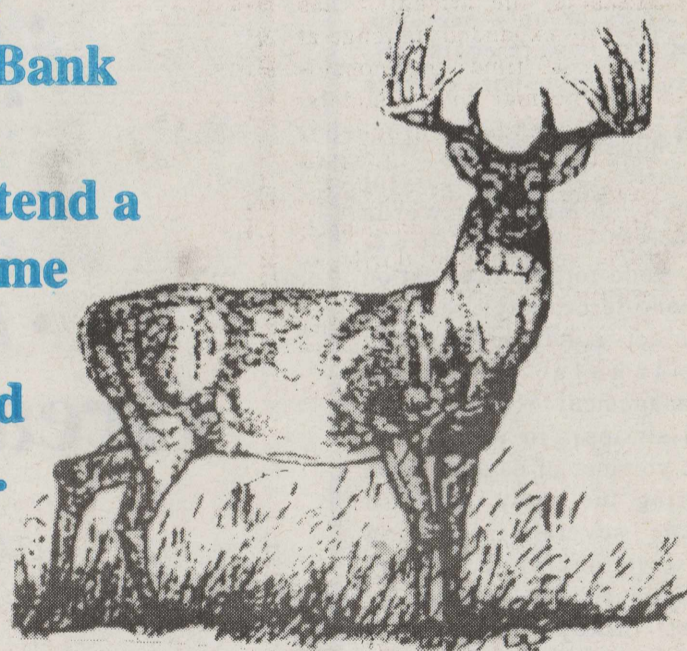
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plates that cover and protect their bodies has led to descriptions such as "armored opossum" and "opossum crossed with a turtle." Although not closely related to any of these animals, these common references to their appearance are fairly close to the technical description. Their family name Dasypodidae roughly translates to "Turtle-Rabbit."

The natural fright response of the armadillo when startled is a vertical leap before fleeing, a dangerous reflex when approached by a vehicle that might otherwise pass over without harm. This fatal trait spawned the nickname "hillbilly speed bump," and made them a frequent highway casualty.

Prior to 1850, armadillos were not found north of the Rio Grande River except for fossilized evidence of extinct species. Due to a combination of factors, such as human colonization with its accompanying habitat alteration, extirpation of large predators, and intentional release or escape of captive animals, the armadillo has rapidly expanded its range at a rate 10 times that considered normal for mammals. Now abundant throughout most of Texas and other southern and southeastern states, armadillos have been observed as far north as Illinois and Nebraska, and westward to Colorado. Due to its abundance and wide distribution, armadillos have become a nuisance animal to many homeowners in suburban and residential developments, especially where wooded areas with favorable burrowing and nest sites are included or nearby.

Controlling armadillos on your property is not an easy task. In many cases it might be better to tolerate the occasional visitor than to take on the expense and possible collateral damage of control attempts. If frequent and serious damage is occurring, some action may be necessary. Removing individual

animals by trapping and relocation/elimination, use of repellents, fencing of specific areas (fencing must extend below ground), and control of soil insects and invertebrates

with pesticides to minimize food sources are some of the methods most commonly recommended. Any method used has its limitations, with practicality, environmental pollu-

tion, and long-term effectiveness being major concerns. Whatever method is used, whether mechanical or chemical, be careful to do so in a manner that minimizes danger to people, pets, or other desirable wildlife, birds and fish.

If handling of the animal is involved, either for relocation, consumption (yes, armadillo meat is edible), or disposal, be aware they can on rare occasion be infected with leprosy, which may be

communicable to humans by contact or by eating undercooked meat. Handle the animals or meat with sanitary and culinary methods as you would any wild game to prevent contracting communicable diseases that may be present. Photos and detailed descriptions of control techniques and equipment can be viewed on numerous web sites by using search engines.

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Texas hunting accidents drop to record low

The number of Texas hunting accidents in 2010 declined to the lowest since statistical records began in 1966, according to a new report by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The number of people injured in hunting accidents in Texas fell from 29 in 2009 to 25 in 2010, although fatalities increased from three to four during the same period.

More important than the annual dips and peaks, however, is the long-term trend continues to track downward. "The statistics show hunting is safe and getting safer in Texas," said Terry Erwin, TPWD hunter education coordinator. "And we do believe that is directly related to hunter education."

The steady decline in the number of accidents tracks the growing number of people who take hunter educa-

tion in Texas. In 1972, 2,119 people were certified in hunter education. In 2010, more than 3,000 volunteer hunter education instructors trained nearly 42,000 hunters across the state.

The state's worst year on record for hunting accidents was 1968, when 105 accidents were reported, including 37 fatalities. In 1988, hunter education became mandatory in Texas for anyone born on or after Sept. 2, 1971.

According to Erwin, most accidents are preventable if hunters follow basic safety principles like those taught in hunter education courses.

"You know you're not going to stop accidents altogether," he said. "But you're going to help people build knowledge and skills to avoid accidents. It's things like the '10 Commandments of Shooting Safety,' the very

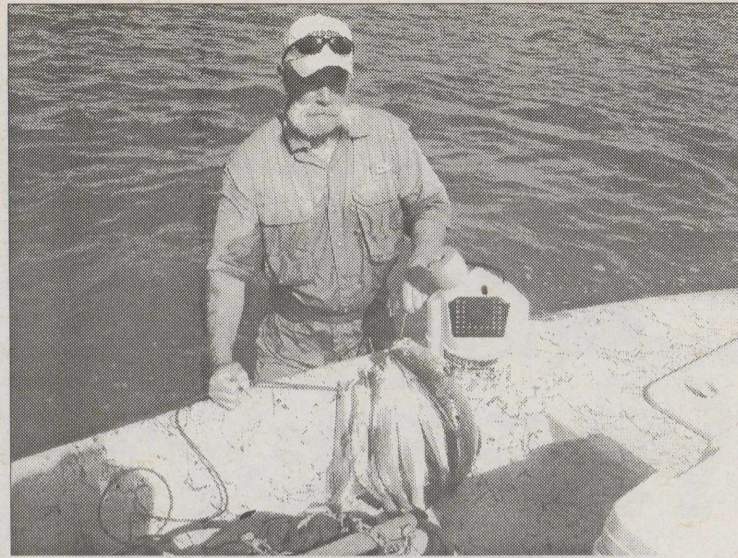
basic safety principles that are promoted a whole lot more now than 30 or even 20 years ago."

Erwin said the significant factors behind most hunting accidents have not changed much in recent years. "Swinging on game outside a safe fire zone remains the number one cause of hunting accidents in Texas," he noted.

This happens when a person points a firearm at another hunter while following a moving target, such as a flying game bird. Hunter education teaches people to set up safe zones of fire where a gun can be safely pointed whether the target is moving or stationary.

Careless firearm handling remains another primary factor in many accidents.

"Careless handling incidents almost always involve three factors: pointing a loaded firearm muzzle at yourself or someone else with the safety off and with your finger inside the trigger guard," Erwin explained.



Tom Dean of Robert Lee caught this nice stringer of Speckled Trout at Port O'Connor, Texas, in August 2011.

Hunter education courses teach ways to safely handle firearms, including how to carry them in the field and pass them from one person to another.

Although hunter education in Texas is not mandatory for those born before Sept. 1, 1971, it is encouraged for even the most seasoned shooters and hunters and is a requirement of anyone hunt-

ing in some states.

Texas has several options available for fulfilling hunter education requirements, including the traditional two-day, 10-hour classroom environment, two free online courses or two optional fee-associated online courses. For more information and to find a hunter education course near you, visit <http://www.tpwd>.

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Drought Increases Texas Black Bear Concerns

Wildlife biologists are advising hunters, ranchers and rural residents that black bears appear to be roaming longer distances and may approach people or houses in search of food and water because of the drought.

If conditions remain dry, people could see more bears, said Mike Krueger, district leader of the Edwards Plateau Wildlife District for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"We're getting a few reports of people seeing bears during daylight hours, and that's unusual," Krueger said. "It's the associated water around homes and the food. The pet food, the smell of cooking; all those things could attract bears."

Recent bear sightings could reflect young bears who have been turned out by their mothers and are setting out to establish their own home ranges.

Because of the drought, the bears appear to be traveling longer distances, sometimes even hundreds of miles, to find better habitat conditions. Known breeding bear populations in Texas are in far West Texas, so it's possible bears seen in Central Texas traveled from there, or from Mexico. Bears are still considered rare in Texas.

A black bear was killed in early August in Kerr County north of San Antonio. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department investigated the

incident, since bears are protected and may not be hunted. The man who killed the bear said he felt he and his dogs were in danger. The bear was a 2 year old male, weighing 103 pounds.

"We need to encourage everyone to be more tolerant of bears," Krueger said. "We recommend people try to scare bears away, or go to a safe place and call us. But killing a bear should be a last resort unless a person is truly threatened."

Krueger said when the first waves of hunters head to the field in September, some might see broken windows or other signs of bears attempting to enter buildings where food was kept, or wildlife feeders overturned.

Bears are omnivores, meaning they eat almost anything. Research shows free-roaming black bears are mainly vegetarians, and up to 90 percent of their diet is vegetable material, including nuts, fruits, berries and plants. Most of the protein in a bear's diet comes from insects like beetles, wasps, termites and ants.

According to the TPWD brochure Bear Safety in Mind, bears are normally shy and not aggressive to humans. But if a bear regularly visits a ranch or deer stand, people should try to scare it with rocks, a slingshot or air horn.

If people encounter a bear at close range, they should talk calmly while backing away slowly. Don't make direct eye contact, and don't run away.

If a bear approaches you,



These twin two year old bucks were raised on the 700 Springs Ranch in Telegraph, Texas.

stand your ground and raise your arms, backpack or jacket to appear larger, and yell at the bear to scare it off.

Hunters should keep camps clean to prevent odors that will attract bears, and discard gut piles far from campsites. Placing deer corn in piles or in open feeders will attract more bears, while using an automated feeder hung out of reach of bears will decrease bear visits. Also, switching bait from corn to soybeans will reduce bear activity. And, planting food plots is the best way to attract deer

and avoid bear visits.

It is against the law to kill a black bear in Texas, with penalties of up to \$10,000, added civil restitution fines, jail time and loss of all hunting privileges. The black bear, *Ursus americanus*, is listed as threatened by the State of Texas and the Louisiana black bear, *Ursus americanus luteolus*, sometimes seen in eastern Texas, has additional protection and is federally listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

To report a black bear

sighting in Texas, call a TPWD Wildlife Division regional office: West Texas (Alpine), (432) 837-2051; Central Texas (Kerrville), (830) 896-2500; East Texas (Tyler), (903) 566-1626; Panhandle/Rolling Plains (Canyon), (806) 655-3782; Cross Timbers (Brownwood), (325) 643-5977; South Texas (Pleasanton), (830) 569-8700. If it's an emergency, call the local sheriff's office or 911.



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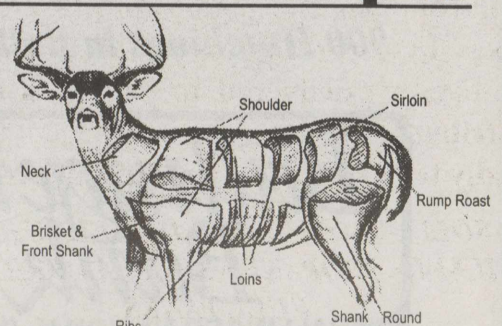
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Ashley Sawyer of Robert Lee got a nice cull buck at Hollis Farris' Wildcat Mountain Ranch not long after the 2010 gun season began. She was guided by her dad, Tom Sawyer.

It's going to happen eventually:

The Nightmare Guide

By Jim Shepherd
We all know how much a professional guide contributes to a fishing trip. The knowledge of the fishery, ability to run efficiently

between hot spots and to put anglers on fish make guides well worth the money.

So what happens when your guide turns out to be a professional jerk? It's a lesson that you will eventually learn through bitter experience if you don't do some serious checking before showing up

at the docks fired up and ready to fish.

When you're fishing with a lodge, the guides will all be qualified and about equally equipped. There will still be quiet guides, talkative guides, helpful guides and guys who simply drive the boat and put you on fish. If you have a preference, tell the lodge beforehand.

They're going to work to get you with the right personality type -before you hit the water.

Recently, I re-learned that lesson - the hard way.

Here are some hints that should have told my group to either reconsider our assigned guide or cut our trip short:

When we introduced ourselves, he grunted, but didn't tell us his name;

Guide or client? If you can't tell, you have the wrong guide.

At the first fishing spot, he took the front seat and used the trolling motor to turn everyone in the fishing party (except himself) downwind and away from the hot bite;

He yelled at us to get the net- to land his catch. He

never touched the net again until stowing the gear to head back. The anglers (his customers) handled the net the rest of the trip;

When one angler tangled a line, our guide watched - disgustedly-for twenty minutes without offering to help. Instead, he does offer the observation that "everyone knows you don't make that kind of cast in a stiff breeze".

When asked about his choice of bait for the morning, his response was "it was the cheapest they had at the dock this morning". He then complained we were "wasting bait" with the size of the pieces we were putting on your hook.

When he decided to move locations, the only warning we got was his pushing by on the way to the controls.

He asked if everyone brought water - about an hour into the trip-as he reached under his seat and pulled out a bottle -for himself. Fortunately, everyone did bring a bottle of water, but only as a backup position.

When I landed a fish, he asked if I wanted to keep it. Then he tossed it back before

I had time to answer. Turned out he doesn't consider the fish you'd told him you wanted to catch to be "real fishing".

Back at the dock - finally- he tossed the group's catch into a basket and started doing something else. When asked when he'd be done filleting them (part of the deal), he didn't answer. Instead, he grabbed a fish, slammed it onto the cleaning table and started cutting. When he finished, he pointed the pile of fillets and asked "happy now?"

Every one of these things happened -on a single half-day fishing trip.

And it wasn't with a group of tourists with limited experience. It was a group of writers, primarily fishing specialists, visiting an area the local tourism officials were hoping to get written up in the various publications represented on the trip.

Fortunately, our guide was the exception and not the rule. Everyone else was horrified at the treatment we received.

Other writers were skeptical about our laughingly recounting our misadventure - until one remembered he'd heard a guide in the marina coffee

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shop complaining about the "idiots" he was taking fishing. You guessed it- he was our guide.

At that point, we began exploring all the things we should have done to keep the nightmare trip from ever happening.

A few of the suggestions should make your next guided trip more enjoyable:

Before you leave the dock, talk with the guide about the nature of the group. If you're relatively inexperienced; tell him.

If your guide doesn't offer some opening remarks that include a basic safety brief, and short tour of the boat - including dry storage areas where you can store your gear and where the water and/or snacks are located- you can bet he's not going to be much more helpful once you're underway.

Talk about your expectations for the charter -and ask questions.

Ask if he normally fishes when he takes a group out. If he does, make it clear that his primary job - on this trip - is to guide, instruct and help your group catch fish, not demonstrate his fishing skills. If he objects, remind him you are paying him to guide, not to fish.

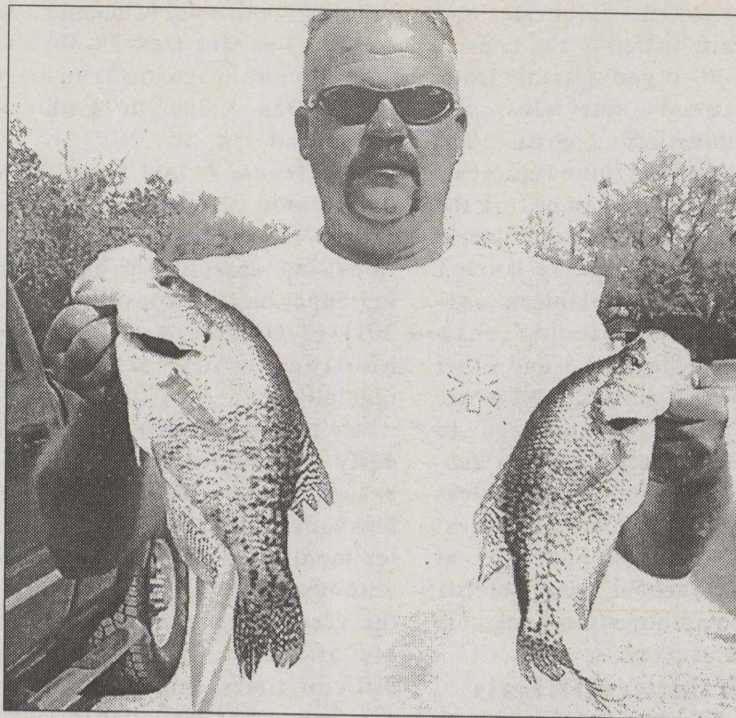
If he has a problem with that, let him go fishing - alone. Get another guide.

Ask about the most popular game fish in the area. If you want to fish for something other than the local preference, make certain you communicate that clearly.

If you're after redfish and the local preference is spotted trout, make it clear to the guide that redfish are the primary target- but the other fish would cool as well.

Why? Because the bites might be entirely different. Redfish hit baits hard; spotted trout are a much more subtle bite.

If you're looking for an easy hookup and brisk fight, you're looking for redfish. Redfish might be the choice that turns a frustrating trip into an enjoyable one. If you



New Mexico fisherman Kirby Babb loves to come to Oak Creek Lake. He caught this beautiful 20 pound catfish on August 13, 2011. He is also shown with two of the sixteen crappie he pulled in.

happen to catch trout, they're just a bonus. We might call it fishing, but when you're paying for a charter, "catching" is the ultimate goal.

If your guide puts you on schools of fish and you can't catch them, he should offer suggestions and encouragement. Suggestions and encouragement do not mean pointing at a spot somewhere out on the water and screaming, "dang it, throw it right there, right now."

This should be the guide's goal: a happy client.

A "guide" is supposed to be the knowledge-filled expert that gets you to your goal - and makes the trip enjoyable.

If your instincts tell you that won't be the case with a particular guide, either get another one or don't go.

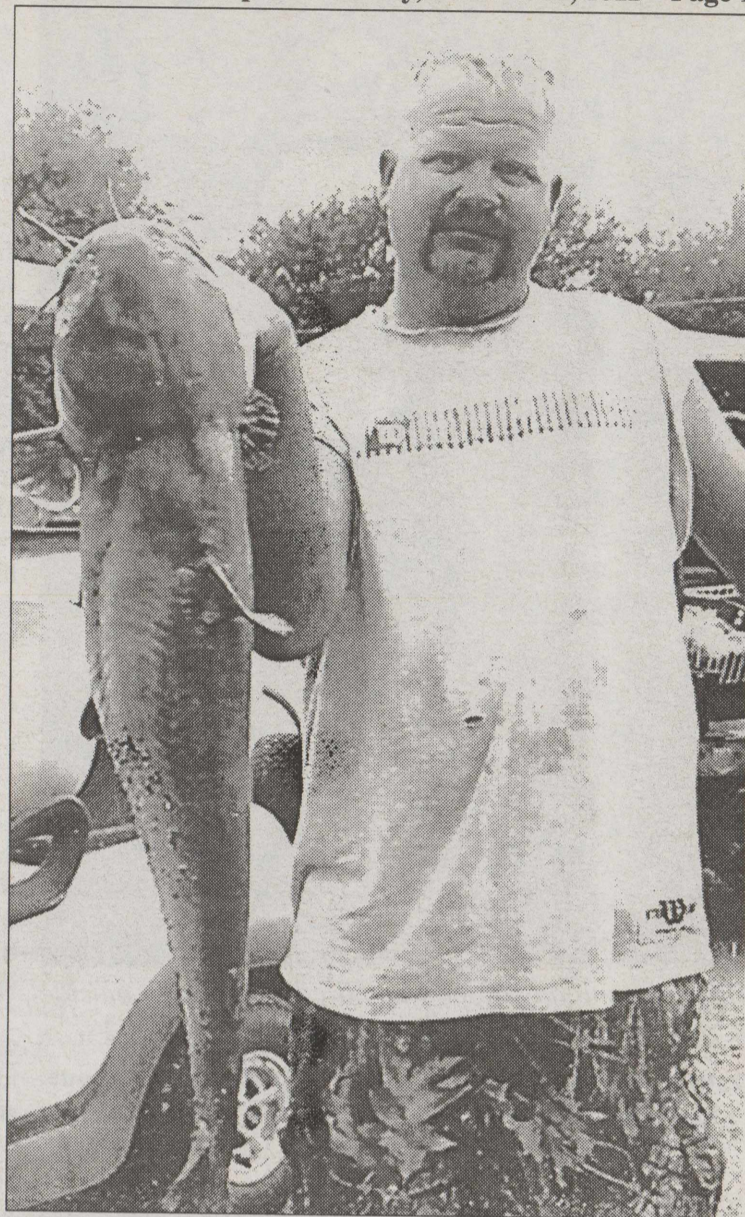
It's your money - and making it enjoyable is, ultimately, the guide's job.

TPWD Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

Dad joins kids on illegal hunt: Zapata County Game

Wardens Stevan Ramos and Carson Wardlow were patrolling in San Ygnacio on Aug. 18 when they saw a pickup truck stop a couple of blocks in front of them. Warden Wardlow stopped his truck when he saw what appeared to be a gun barrel sticking out of the passenger-side window. As the wardens watched, the passenger shot twice, and the driver got out to retrieve a white-winged dove from the bushes just off the road. The wardens quickly made contact and found that the passenger and driver were both juveniles. Their father was also in the vehicle. One citation was issued for hunting in a closed season and a warning issued for using illegal means and methods. Civil restitution was filed for one white-winged dove.



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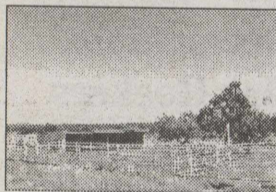
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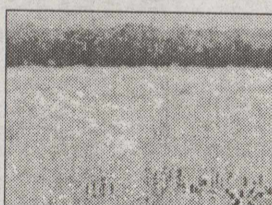
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This gargantuan rattler was killed on a ranch outside of Coleman. The man holding the snake stands 6'-2".

Hunters, Anglers share traditions with youth

In recent surveys conducted on HunterSurvey.com, ShooterSurvey.com and AnglerSurvey.com, responses revealed sportsmen overwhelmingly take the time to introduce kids to the joys of hunting and fishing. Asked if in the past 12 months they had taken a child hunting or fishing, just over 45 percent of hunters said they had taken a son, daughter, nephew, niece or other young person hunting, while a whopping 61 percent of fishermen said they had taken a child fishing.

While the relation of the child to the angler would be assumed to most often be a son or a daughter, that is the case only half of the time. The survey revealed 30 percent were nephews, nieces or another young relative; 15 percent were an unrelated child and 4 percent was as part of an outing with a Boy Scout troop, church group or other youth organization.

Where hunting was concerned, the relation of the child to the hunter was a son or a daughter 54 percent of the time. The survey revealed 29 percent were nephews, nieces or another young relative; 14 percent were an unrelated child and 4 percent were as part of an outing with a Boy Scout troop, church group or other youth organization.

"These numbers certainly boost the future of hunting, fishing and conservation as more young people are introduced to and learn the joys of these sports," said Rob Southwick, president of Southwick Associates, which designs and conducts the surveys at HunterSurvey.com, ShooterSurvey.com and AnglerSurvey.com. "While every child taken hunting or

government fisheries and wildlife officials and conservation organizations track consumer activities and expenditure trends. The information above represents only a small sample of the vast amount of data collected from the complete survey results and available to government agencies, businesses, the media and other interested parties. Results are scientifically analyzed to reflect the attitudes and habits of anglers and hunters across the United States. Find them on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/huntersurvey> and <http://facebook.com/anglersurvey>.

Wildlife officials urge deer hunters to manage herds during drought

Mired in what will undoubtedly be one of the worst droughts on record, white-tailed deer in Texas are facing tough conditions heading into the fall hunting season.

"It doesn't take a biologist to understand that drought has serious impacts on the state's nearly 4 million white-tailed deer," said Alan Cain, deer program leader with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Everything from antler quality, to fawn production and overall survival will be affected by the tough range conditions this year."

Food and water sources for wildlife continue to shrink on a landscape-wide level and to help ensure enough resources are available through the winter months, biologists are encouraging hunters to increase deer harvest early in the hunting season.

The Texas deer hunting season opens Saturday, Oct. 1, for bowhunting and Nov. 5 for the general gun season. A

special youth-only weekend season is set for Oct. 29-30. The general season runs through Jan. 1, 2012 in North Texas and Jan. 15, 2012 in South Texas. A late youth-only season is also slated for Jan. 2-15, 2012. For additional late season deer hunting opportunities, consult the 2011-12 Outdoor Annual of hunting and fishing regulations.

"By reducing deer numbers early on, hunters can help ensure enough groceries will be available through the winter months," Cain said. "As with many wildlife species the very young and the very old often have much more difficult times dealing with extreme weather events." These stress periods are a way for nature to 'thin the herd,' especially in areas where deer populations are already exceeding the carrying capacity of the native range. As deer become stressed they are more susceptible to infections or other disease. Drought like this can be a contributing factor towards stress."

Cain said that isolated incidents of deer die-offs as a result of the drought are possible, but anything on a large scale isn't likely even if dry conditions continue. "Keep in mind deer have survived through some pretty tough times including the drought of the 1950s," he said.

The one positive aspect to the drought, Cain noted, is that deer may be more visible to hunters as they seek out water sources and feeders. Last year, Texas hunters harvested a record 688,000 deer and Cain predicted that record could be topped this year if conditions stay the same.

Atop every hunter's mind this year is how antlers will be affected by the drought,

said Cain. The 2011 season will pale in comparison to last season when two state record whitetails were harvested.

"Hunters can expect antler quality to be below average and much lower than last year," Cain said. "However, that's not to say there aren't some good bucks out in the woods this year. Those ranches managing habitat properly, keeping deer populations in check and maybe providing a little supplemental feed will not see as large a decrease in antler quality as other places not actively managing habitat."

By managing habitat properly, many ranches can moderate some of the effects of drought on antler quality. Any buck with a good set of antlers this year is one that has great potential, Cain added, especially a young buck, and hunters may consider passing up that type of deer.

"Just think if a buck can grow a good set of antlers on the native range under these conditions what he could do during a good year," he said.

Hunters should see a good number of 1 1/2-year-old bucks as many areas of the state experienced good fawn production in 2010 and those buck fawns from last year will now be sporting their first set of antlers this fall. In addition, 2005 was a good fawn production year based on surveys conducted by TPWD wildlife biologists, and those 2005 buck fawns are now 6 1/2 years old. Hopefully, a number of these mature bucks will show up in the harvest this year.

As for recruitment, Cain indicated fawn production doesn't look promising this year. In many areas it is likely to be below 20 percent and in single digits for some of the most drought-stricken regions of the state.

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heat stress which could greatly impact fawn survival," said Cain. "These young deer can become dehydrated quickly and good milk production from the doe is critical. In addition, a lack of fawn cover has been critical this summer."

Temperatures at the soil surface can be excruciatingly hot, Cain stressed. "I worked on ranches in South Texas during graduate school, collecting vegetation samples where the soil surface was nearly 140 degrees. These sites were severely overgrazed with little cover and sparse shrubs and mesquites providing little shade. In these sorts of environments fawn survival is dismal. This is why good habitat providing shade and cooling areas is critical during summers and has been very important this summer."

By taking measures early in the season, hunters can do their part to help deer until relief from the drought comes.

Long-term, Wildfires have positive impacts for wildlife

Despite the hardship endured by those closest to the recent wildfires, time will eventually illustrate the positive ecological role that fire plays. The scarring left by wildfires that consumed more than a million and a half acres in Texas so far this year will continue to fade, according to TPWD biologists; replaced eventually by a landscape in much healthier condition for wildlife.

How long the recovery will take depends on a lot of things, most importantly rain.

"Following sufficient rainfall, recovery of burned vegetation will be fairly rapid," said Glen Gillman. "Wildlife species such as white-tailed deer will move back into burned areas. This may take longer in areas where brush species were hit hardest."

Initial field assessments by TPWD indicate minimal losses to wildlife populations from recent wildfires, although some mortality is to

be expected during large scale fires, and plant communities are expected to recover over time. Individual ranches may see fewer animals until habitat conditions improve.

"Once rains come, forbs and grasses will respond quickly on most wildfire sites," said Chip Ruthven, TPWD wildlife management area project leader in the Panhandle. "Typically with spring fires warm-season grasses will respond better than forbs. Regrowth normally has a higher nutritive content and woody resprouts are more available for species such as white-tailed deer.

Big game animals, such as white-tailed deer, are capable of evading fire, burrowing animals can seek refuge underground and birds fly out of harm's way. Even on ranches having high fences, deer usually can find an escape route.

The impacts to ground nesting bird species, like bobwhite quail and turkey, are tougher to project because nesting cover will take longer to recover. But, they do come back.

"Game bird species evolved with fire and have been observed actively feeding in recently burned areas," noted Robert Perez, TPWD upland game bird program leader. "Seeds become easier to find not to mention the tasty toasted grasshoppers."

Since the fires occurred during drought conditions, nesting attempts were already limited, suggested Jason Hardin, TPWD turkey program biologist.

"The majority of Rio Grande turkeys will not even attempt to nest during drought conditions considering it a better option to put their energy into surviving until the possibility of success is higher in subsequent years," Hardin explained. "That said, on a year like this, if a hen decided to take a shot at nesting and if a nest was lost to a wildfire then I doubt the hen would re-nest. In good years like 2010 a Rio Grande turkey may re-nest several times as long as they have the energy and the temperatures do not get too hot."

Biologists suggest the greatest impacts from the fires will be to reptiles and insect populations, both of which are capable of making rapid recoveries.

Time, rest and rain are the key elements to recovery.

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covey only once and don't chase the singles or pairs, or limit how long you hunt."

Perez also encourages hunting early in the season, which runs Oct. 29-Feb. 26.

According to the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, a coalition of wildlife professionals across 25 states, bobwhite quail populations have plummeted nationwide by as much as 80 percent over the past half century by some estimates. In addition, entire suites of un hunted songbirds that depend on the same habitat of native grasslands and shrublands have recorded similar declines.

History has shown bobwhites can bounce back when the weather cooperates and suitable habitat is available. Ideal quail production occurs in years that remain wet and cool during the spring and early summer months because it extends the window of opportunity for reproduction, according to Perez. He noted hens typically would make as many nesting attempts as conditions allow until they pull off a successful clutch.

"We need to manage habitat in preparation for those times," Perez offered. "A majority of bobwhites don't survive the first year even during good times; that's why



Sixteen year old Dustin Davis of Midland brought down this 15 point buck near Tennyson opening weekend of last season. This was only his second deer to harvest. He and his stepdad kept track of the buck on game cameras and on opening morning were ready.

it takes more than one good year to bring numbers back."

Texas is taking a proactive, partnership strategy to address quail declines in Texas through a coalition of state, federal and private stakeholders — the Texas Quail Conservation Initiative. By bringing all stakeholders to the table, the initiative can focus on landscape level conservation.

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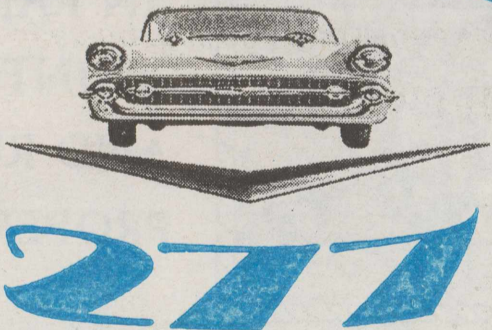
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