

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

U.S. Rep. Michael Conaway came to Runnels County to brief constituents on the Affordable Care Act, national security and more Washington happenings

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Winters, Texas 75¢

This Tuesday is General Election Day

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Constitutional amendment election is underway, with election day set for Tuesday, November 5, 2013. In Runnels County there will also be one contested election, with such being for the position of Mayor in the City of Miles.

Voters are reminded that they are now required to show ID at the polls. City of Miles voters only will be having a Mayoral election. Candidates running for Mayor of the City of Miles are incumbent Juan Ornelas and challenger Sylvester Schwertner.

Constitutional amendment election includes Proposition 1, to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption form ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services killed in action. Proposition 2 eliminates a requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund. In Proposition 3 Texas voters should decide about the constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts are exempt from ad valorem tax for a temporary period.

Proposition 4 pertains to authorize the legislature to provide an exemption form ad valorem tax of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or surviving spouse if the residence was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization.

Proposition 5 is the constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures an other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan.

Proposition 6 provides for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and for the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan.

Proposition 7 is the constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months of less.

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Chris Gerhart running to score a touchdown at the Varsity Blizzards vs. Anson game.

PHOTO: FILE/JOE GERHART

Playoff hope still alive for the Blizzards

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The week off brought some relief to the Winters Blizzards, and Friday night, November 1, 2013 they will be taking the gridiron once again with their playoff hopes still intact, despite the losses in the first part of the district schedule.

"We can still make it to the playoffs, the only thing we need to do is to win these last two games," said Blizzards' Head Foot-

ball Coach Stan Caffey.

Winters started the district schedule playing the first two weeks with Stamford and Anson, both teams powerhouses ranked in the top five in 1A state football. Stamford so far has a record of 8-1, with their only loss being against Cisco, another powerhouse in 2A football that is still undefeated. Anson has not lost a game this year, and has a record of 8-0.

Now the schedule is looking a little milder for

Conf. 4-1A Div. I			
Standing	District	Overall	W-L
Stamford	3-0 (5-1)	8-1	8-1
Anson	2-0 (6-0)	8-0	8-0
Forsan	1-1 (2-4)	3-5	3-5
Haskell	0-3 (2-4)	2-7	2-7
Winters	0-2 (1-5)	1-7	1-7

Week 9, Nov. 1			
Anson	at	Forsan	
Buffalo Stadium (Forsan)			
Winters	at	Haskell	
Indian Field (Haskell)			

the Blizzards, with the upcoming game against Haskell, a team that has an overall record of 2-7 and has not been able to win in the district with three games played.

However, in order to keep on playing after the regular season is over, the Blizzards will need to win both of the games.

"We'll have to heal some bruises and sprain ankles, but we are still fighting and we'll keep on going until the last day," said Coach Caffey.



WHS Class of 1954

The Winters High School Class of 1954 met at the Winters Housing Authority Saturday September 28, 2013 for the occasion of their 59th reunion. The class will meet again in 2014, to celebrate their 60th Class Reunion.

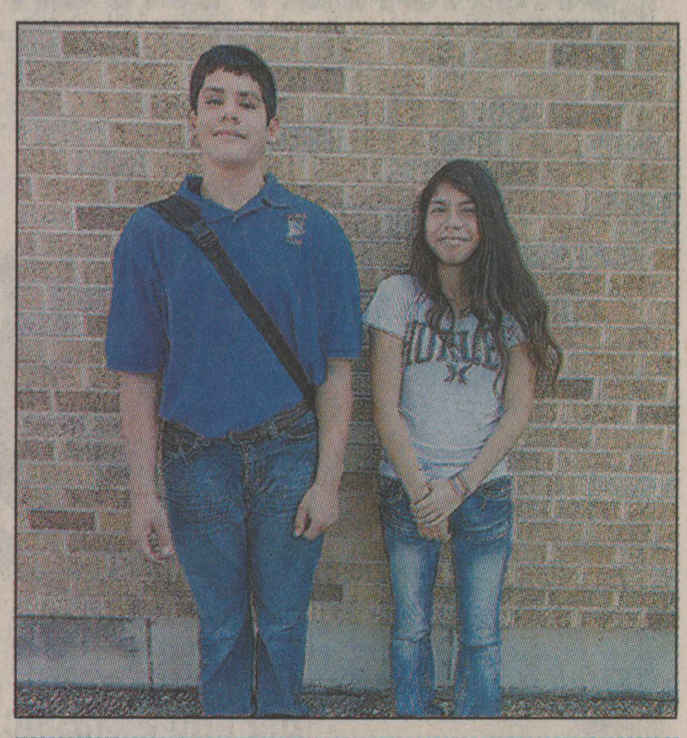
Seated front row, left to right: Barbara (Yates) Everett, Lennis (Moore) Robertson, Joyce (Stanfield) Tekell, Gladys (Bedford) Awalt, Jo Ellen (White) Pullin, Rose (Best Partee), Patsy (Wood) Robertson. Second row seated, left to right: Nolo Gene (Virden) Davis, Ruth (Vogler) Cooper, Shirley (Scott) Hall, Juanita (Pruser) Bredemeyer, Bobbie Sue (King) Jackson, Wanda Jean (Wessels) Howell. Back row standing, left to right: Don Davis, Kenneth Mills, Garland Williams, Johnny Walker, Billy Sanders, Wendell Gideon, Don Draper, Jimmy Kruse, James Gehrels, Max Parker, Bailey Mayo. Others attending were: Clarice Mills, Betty Gideon, Frances Williams, Ann Walker and several visitors.



Look inside this edition of the Winters Enterprise the 2013 Hunter's Guide, with all the information about hunting seasons, game, and more

WISD Students of the Month

Students of the Month for the the month of October 2013 are Winters Junior High students Chris and Jaylissa Diaz. Congratulations and keep up the good work!



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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Billy Ralph Russell

Billy Ralph Russell, 84, of Winters died October 22, 2013. He was born November 22, 1928 in Runnels County and lived here most of his life. He served in the Korean conflict. He married Patsy Johnson on June 30, 1951 in Greenwood, Arkansas. He was a farmer, a member of the Winters V.F.W. Post 9193 and was a member of the First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

He is survived by two children: William Lynn "Bill" Russell and wife Kim of Farmington, New Mexico and Suzanne Harral and husband David of Conroe. One sister: Helen Casey of Carrollton. Four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The received friends at 6 p.m. on Thursday October 24, 2013 at Winters Funeral Home. Services were at 10:30 a.m. Friday October 25, 2013 at First Baptist Church. Burial followed at Old Runnels Cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

The family request that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Winters Library or the American Cancer Society.



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John Weldon McMillian

John Weldon McMillan, 76, passed away on October 28, 2013 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born May 5, 1937.

He was born at his parents', Albert and Eva McMillan, home in the Valley Creek community of Texas, he grew up there and spent a few years in McGregor, Texas. He graduated from Winters High School in 1955 and from Del Mar Junior College in 1992, as a Registered Nurse.

John married his high school sweetheart, Joyce Downing and together they built a life that included three children, many moves, and careers in agriculture, the oilfield and nursing. He last worked in the Llano County area before his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, daughter Kimla and husband Brian, son Kent and wife Cindy; daughter Kelly, grandchildren Eric, Mike (wife Michelle), and Travis (wife Alicia) McMillan, Victor (fiancé Caitlin) and Alex (fiancé Lyndsey) Holk, Tyler and Sadie Tarpley; great-grandchildren Trent, Hunter, Aubrey and Landry McMillan; his brother, Buddy McMillan, and sister, Frankie Cook, brother-in-law, Tooter Downing and sister-in-law, Jo Evans, and many nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

John believed in the motto of "Do what you can for whom you can when you can." And he lived that well. His infectious laugh and humor brought comfort to many and he was known for being strong and generous.

A memorial service for John will be at the Tow Baptist Church on November 9, 2013 at 11 a.m., with lunch being served afterwards. Everyone is invited and please bring any stories you'd like to share. He's requested a time of celebration and his family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to your favorite charity.

John met his goal and excited laughing. The family may be reached via John's Facebook page, <http://Facebook.com/john.mcmillan.1614>

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Obituaries in The Winters Enterprise are also online, check out our webpage at MyRunnelsCounty.com

NEWS NOTES

Trunk or treat

Come on Halloween evening at 5:30 p.m. to the First United Methodist Church 141 N. Church Street for Trunk or Treat. Also get a hot dog and drink and fellowship with your friends.

Winters 4-H Club meeting

Winters 4-H Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 5, at the High School Ag building. Program will be by Ms. Hoelscher on honey bees. Refreshments will be provided by Brenna and Bailey Knight. Community service projects to plan and discuss will be Rock Hotel Christmas Tree and Food Drive Challenge. Hope to see you there.

Veterans' Day worship service

Veterans' Day worship service to be held at Winters First United Methodist Church at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, November 10. All veterans in our community are invited and will be recognized during this special worship service. Patriotic music throughout the service is also planned. All are welcome.

Rock Hotel monthly meeting

The monthly meeting of the Z. I. Hale Museum and Rock Hotel will be Thursday, October 31 at 5 p.m. All directors and associate directors need to attend.

Miles city-wide garage sale

A city-wide garage sale will be held from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, November 1, 2013 and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, November 2.

More than a dozen vendors will be set up at the Weatherby Hall community center and throughout the city.

Items for sale include furniture, crafts, clothing, ceramics, pottery, Lusterware, woodcrafts, household items, knick-knacks and more.

Maps of the city will be available at Weatherby Hall, located on West First Street.

For more information, call Danelle Schwertner at (325) 212 2004 or Nika Schwertner at (325) 277 1413.

Veteran's Day ceremony and parade

The VFW Post 9196 will host the Ceremony on Monday, November 11 at 10 a.m. at the Memorial on the Courthouse Square. The parade will start at the conclu-

sion of the ceremony. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will provide cookies, water and coffee at the ceremony. Plan to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the parade. If you would like to enter the parade, just call Sandra at the Veteran's Service Office at 365 3612.

Winters Athletic Booster Club raffling a Kawasaki Mule

The Winters Athletic Booster Club is raffling off a 2014 Kawasaki Mule. Drawing will be held at the November 8, 2013 Winters vs. Forsan football game. Tickets are available with the Booster Club members. All proceeds benefit student/athletes at Winters High School.

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m., first Thursday of the month at the Lone Star Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Sylvia Wilson 754 4992 for additional information.

AA Meetings

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

Now it's a good time to prepare for the winter, experts say

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO— With winter on the horizon, Atmos Energy Corporation, one of the nation's largest natural gas-only utilities, is reminding customers to sign up for service online before the winter rush.

"We recently upgraded our online Account Center to help customers establish natural gas service, pay a bill, and view natural gas usage on their own and at their own pace," said Clay Cash, Atmos Energy's Vice President of Customer Service.

"In order to receive the fastest service possible, new customers should sign-up for service at www.atmosenergy.com," said Cash.

Customers who had their natural gas service suspended during the summer and need to re-establish service must still call Atmos Energy toll-free at (888) 286 6700 to speak with an agent.

"Please call us as soon as possible to ensure that your natural gas is on and you are ready for that first day of winter," said Cash.

The best time to call is weekday afternoons. Mornings are typically the busiest time at our call centers.

Atmos Energy's two customer contact centers, which are located in Texas, receive approximately 20,000 calls per day. Customers who call during a busy time can use the automated phone system to schedule a return call from an agent, rather than wait on hold.

Call centers are open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. (CST); Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and for emergency calls 24/7 at (866) 322 8667.

The best way to lower your energy bill is to use energy more wisely. A programmable thermostat allows you to keep your house cooler at night and when you're away, and will automatically warm your house to comfortable levels for the hours you are home.

Try Atmos Energy's online tools such as an Energy Calculator to help manage your energy use.

Inspect your windows and doors for drafts. Use caulk or sealant to insulate as needed.

If you are having trouble paying your utility bill, please visit our website to learn more about energy assistance programs. Low-income customers are eligible for federal energy assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Constitutional amendments:

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Proposition 8 voters will decide the constitutional amendment relating Section 7, Article IX of the Texas Constitution, relating to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County. The last proposition in the ballot is Proposition 9, pertaining the constitutional amendment to expand the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Polling places will be open 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. Sample ballots are available at the County Clerk's Office.

- Voting locations:
- Voting Precincts 1 and 2 (Consolidated Ballinger)
 - Runnels County Courthouse Annex Building, 608 Strong Avenue.
 - Voting Precinct 3 (Winters) Housing Authority Building, 300 North Grant
 - Voting Precincts 4, 5 and 6 (Consolidated Winters) Runnels County Tax Branch Office, 143 West Dale
 - Voting Precincts 7 and 8 (Consolidated Ballinger) Community Center, 200 Crosson
 - Voting Precinct 9 (Miles) City Hall, 110 Robinson Street
 - Voting Precinct 10 (Rowena) Fire Station, 504 Mary Street

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Runnels Co. Extension Service to host supplemental feeding workshop

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STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Runnels County will host a Livestock Supplemental Feeding Workshop in Ballinger on Thursday, November 7 at 6 p.m. at the Extension office at 608 Sealy Ave.

The Workshop will feature guest speakers Dr.

Frank Craddock, AgriLife Sheep and Goat Specialist, and Kirby Vanover, Nutritionist with Angelo Pellets. Also during the program, information on balancing rations and using alternative feed sources will be provided.

Please RSVP to the Runnels County Extension office at (325) 365 2219 by Wednesday, November 6.

Lucky winner



PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Delbert Kruse is the winner of the quilt of the Winters Lutheran Church Germanfest held recently.

CAFETERIA MENU

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Nov. 4 - 8

Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday
Breakfast Taco or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

Pancake/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast Burrito/Salsa or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Sausage Roll or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday

Muffin or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday

Chef Salad or Sloppy Joe or Chicken Nuggets/Bread Stick (H.S.), Mac & Cheese, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Rosy Applesauce, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

Chef Salad or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich or Steak Fingers/Gravy/Bread Stick, Green Beans, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Chef Salad or Nachos or Soft Taco, Spanish Rice/Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Orange, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak/Bread Stick (Elem., J.H.) Hot Rolls (H.S.) or Chicken Tenders/Bread Stick, Mashed Potatoes/Brown Gravy, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

Friday

Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Bites/Bread Sticks, Black Eyed Peas, Oven Fries, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Apple, Choice of Milk.

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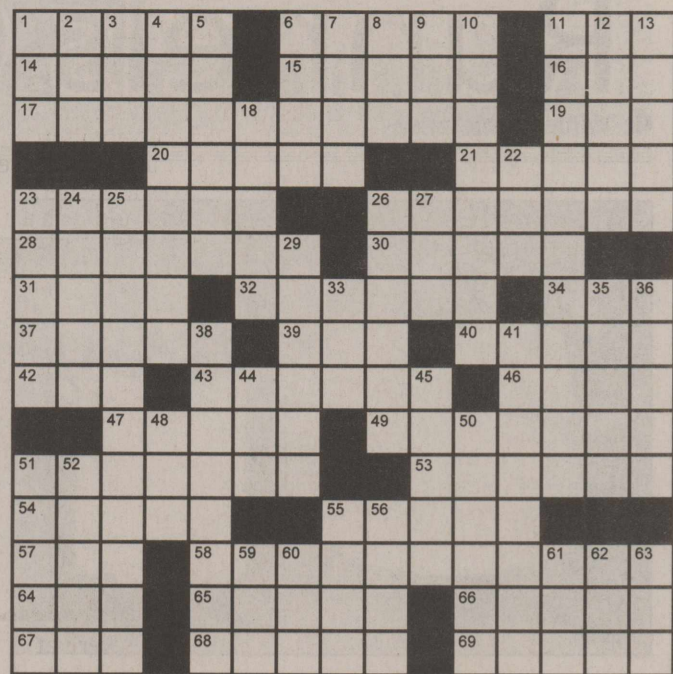
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- Burger accompaniment
- Street urchin
- Goldsmith's units
- Election day items
- School
- Over
- Morning or night wear
- Downtown features
- Two, in Tegucigalpa
- Secret meeting
- Chart-topper
- Buffalo hockey player
- Match part
- Watch type
- Behind
- America, with "the"
- Pakistan's largest city
- European range
- Figure
- Party throwers
- Former South African President P.W.
- Final
- 12/7/41 locale
- Muckraker Tarbell
- Like the walls of Harvard Yard

- "Born on the Fourth of July" director
- A little sun
- Jocks' counterparts
- Put a spell on

- Complains
- Shopping and laundry
- Boxing great
- Breath mint brand
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- Rolling Stones hit
- Hungarian composer Béla
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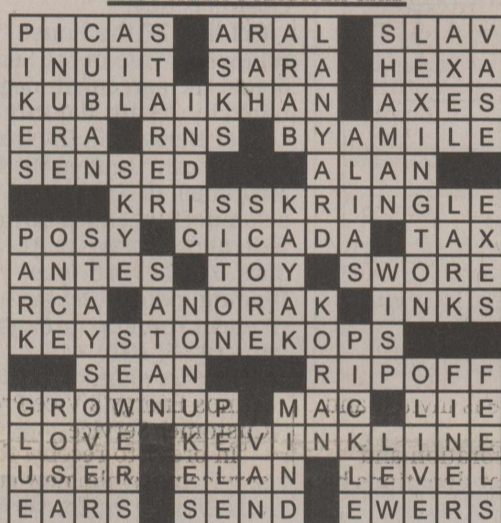
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- Moving-day burden
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

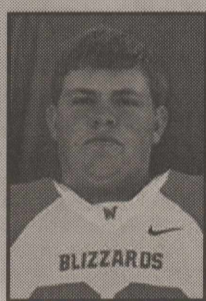


Weather Whys

Q: You often hear of old legends, such as if a spring is cold and wet, that means autumn will be cold and dry. Are these true?

A: Usually, they are not, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Weather legends, often referred to as weather lore, date back hundreds of years when farmers liked to use common sayings to explain the weather affecting them. "It's believed many of these legends were based on facts, but we've learned there is not much to back them up," McRoberts says. "Sayings like 'light or heavy fogs in October mean heavy snow in the winter' or 'a wet fall indicates a cold and early winter' have no scientific basis at all. Most are just not true. Some of the most popular deal with animals, such as "If animals have an especially thick coat of fur, expect a cold weather" or "If squirrels bury their nuts early, it will be a hard winter," McRoberts says.

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Showing the prizes for St. Joseph's Fest drawing

Each year St. Ann's Altar Society and Christian Mothers sponsor a prize drawing at the annual St. Joseph Fall Festival. This year the first prize is a handmade queen-sized quilt. Second prize is an afghan and third a baby quilt. Shown here with the prizes are left to right: Maxine Michalewicz, Mandy Smetana, Cecilia Klaus, Adonna Beimer, Alice Freich, Dorene Moeller, Helen Lange and Dolores Franke. Tickets may be bought from any parishioner of St. Joseph or on the day of the festival which is Sunday, November 10. You need not be present to win.

We did what we had to do: Conaway

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER—The federal government did what they had to do, and the problems and setbacks with U.S. allies were caused by the leaks by former CIA contractor Edward Snowden, said U.S. Representative Michael Conaway in an exclusive interview with The Winters Enterprise held last week in Ballinger.

Rep. Conaway (R-Tex.) came to town to address the political and financial issues that are taking place in Washington such as the government shut-down, the Affordable Care Act, immigration reform and the information leaks involving the National Security Agency.

"The government is back up and running, and there was two stories going there, one the CR (continuous resolution) and debt ceiling, and the other one the exchanges of the Affordable Care Act," Conaway said. "We were more focused on the rollout than in the shutdown but we now have that behind us."

Conaway said that another shutdown is possible but not likely on January 15, 2014 once the agreement reached by the U.S. Senate, the House of Representatives and President Obama is due.

October 17 the House followed a vote in the Senate on the agreement negotiated by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) to end a standoff that shut down federal programs for 16 days. The bill provides funding to keep the government running through January 15, 2014.

"(Another shutdown) is certainly possible... the Budget Conference Com-

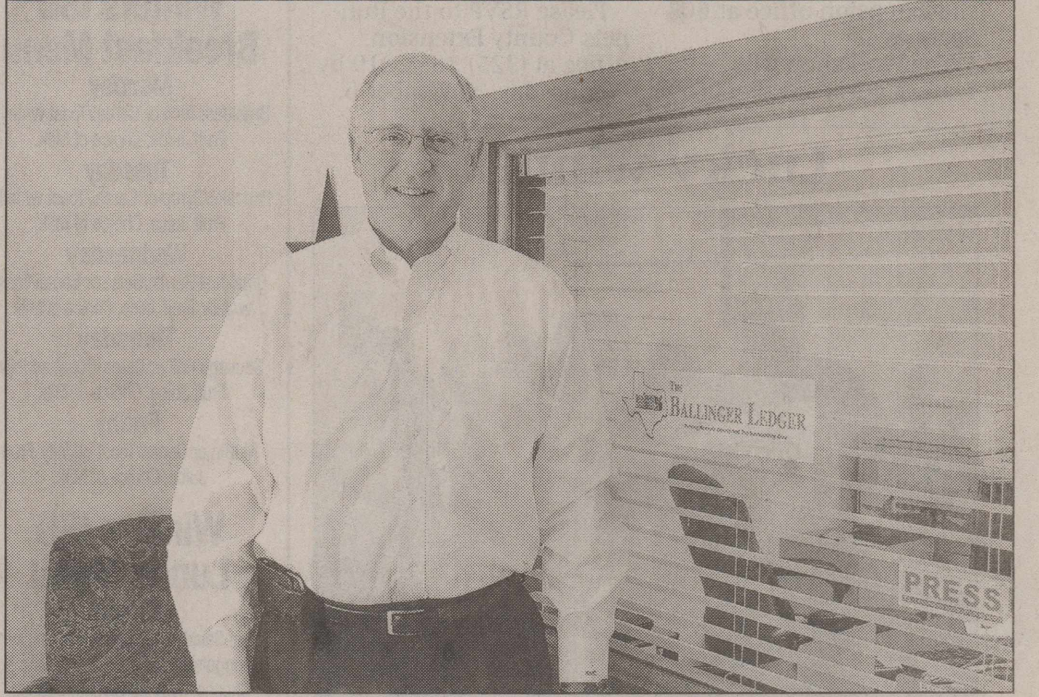


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Congressman Michael Conaway came to Ballinger to brief Runnels County constituents on the Affordable Care Act, national security and more Washington happenings.

mittee, which is normal regular order where we got folks of the House and folks of the Senate budget committees trying to reconcile the two budgets that were passed by the two houses, they are going to work and get that done by December 15, which will then give the appropriators a month to get the spending details worked out for the rest of the 2014 fiscal year," Conaway explained.

"I don't know that there will be a lot of hearts to get that done, to get the government shutdown, that doesn't mean that that issue can't come up that you can create some sort of a ruckus that would lead to the government shutdown, but I don't really think that that really it's going to happen because we are coming off this 16-day shutdown and it was really disruptive. I don't know that anybody

really wants to go through that again," he said.

Conaway added that a divided government is not capable of getting much done, and that American voters chose to take that path last November.

"American voters wanted a divided government, they wanted the White House and the Senate controlled by one party, they wanted the House controlled by another party, so when you have a President that refuses to lead, a divided government doesn't work very well," Conaway said.

Looking back at recent times, he said, a divided government was able to work, when President Reagan had a Democrat Senate and House, and he was able to get great things done.

Regarding the Affordable Care Act, Conaway said that it is a law now, and the

implementation phase is moving forward, he noted that the nation is already supporting two federally run health care systems such as the Veterans Administration and Medicare.

"Why would you put in a third taxpayer-supported subsidy?"

Regarding recent scandals where foreign countries such as Germany, France, Brazil and Mexico, all of them allies and commercial partners of the United States have expressed concerns pertaining intelligence activities of the U.S., Conaway said that "All countries do the same and we did what we had to do for the sake of the security of the citizens in the U.S.," the problem, he added, is that a former CIA contractor is leaking all sorts of information to the media which is "damaging our relationships with those countries."

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October 28, 2013

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Theft of property by check		
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Burglary of habitation		
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Burglary of house		
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All of the following properties being located in Runnels County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V...P...) or document number of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP#	CAUSE#	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #
1	4311	The County of Runnels, Texas v Lorima Morton et al	the South half of Lot 4, Block 3, Reeves Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 232, Page 664, Official Public Records), Account #R000012684
2	4383	The County of Runnels, Texas v Fred Peiser et al	Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 2, Boykin Second Addition to the City of Mitas, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 582, Page 614 of the Deed Records), Account #R000010718
3	4384	The County of Runnels, Texas v Marion G. Brown AKA Marion Brown et al	Lots 1 and 2, Block 40, Original Townsite of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 2, Page 494 of the Official Public Records), Account #R000009658
4	4473	The County of Runnels, Texas v Albert Wayne Hagle, Jr.	85' x 150' tract, more or less, out of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 10, Vancil Addition, City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 256, Page 313), Account #R000021838
5	4477	The County of Runnels, Texas v Jerry L. Simmons	Part of Lots 4 and 5, Block 94, 1st RR Addition to the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 243, Page 138), Account #R000008418
6	4482	The County of Runnels, Texas v Paul C. Gerhardt et al	The East 50' of Lot 8, Block 4, Southside Addition, City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 346, Page 502 of the Official Public Records), Account #R000012844
7	4509	The County of Runnels, Texas v Matthew Horton et al	Lots 4.5, 6, 7 & 8, Block 7, Sunnyside Addition to the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 322, Page 184, Official Public Records), Account #R000022224
8	4509	The County of Runnels, Texas v Matthew Horton et al	Lots 9 & 10, Block 7, Sunnyside Addition to the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 322, Page 184, Official Public Records), Account #R000009934
9	4516	The County of Runnels, Texas v Rosa Perez et al	the South 1/2 of Block 8, Spill Addition, City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 205, Page 424 & Volume 237, Page 244, Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas), Account #R000012854
10	4523	The County of Runnels, Texas v Terry C. Fuessel	Lot 6, Block 1, Pierce Subdivision, City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 321, Page 102, Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas), Account #R000022288
11	4524	The County of Runnels, Texas v Araminda Pena	All of Lot 2, SAVE & EXCEPT the North 60', Block 11, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 307, Page 486, SAVE & EXCEPT that property more particularly described in Volume 551, Page 678, Deed Records), 800 East Truett, Winters, Texas 78667-4522, Account #R000022486
12	4527	The County of Runnels, Texas v Danny Martinez et al	Lot 4, Block 13, Dale West Addition, City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 276, Page 85 of the Deed Records), Account #R000012232
13	4527	The County of Runnels, Texas v Danny Martinez et al	Lot 3, Block 1, Westmoreland Place Addition, City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 296, Page 282 of the Deed Records), Account #R000013229
14	4527	The County of Runnels, Texas v Danny Martinez et al	All of Lot 9, the South 13' of Lot 8 and the North 1/2 of Lot 9, Block 33, College View Heights Addition, City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 266, Page 15 of the Deed Records), Account #R000012088
15	4333	The County of Runnels, Texas v Francisco Santillan et al	The north 55 feet of Lots 17 and 18, Burton Place Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 87, Page 41 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas), Account #R000011829
16	4521	The County of Runnels, Texas v Adam Organ et al	Lots 3 and 4, Block 6, Guion Addition, City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 112, Page 505 and Vol. 129, Page 321, Deed Records), Account #R000008382
17	4521	The County of Runnels, Texas v Adam Organ et al	Lot 5, Block 6, Guion Addition, City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 161, Page 486, Deed Records), Account #R000008381

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2015. Pictured here are top row: Neil Craig, Don McWright, Lance Teten, Franklin Odell, Gary Onken, Jimmy Smith, James H. Bryan, Bill Little, Paul Tharp. Middle row: W. T. Stapler, Bill Shoemake, Bill Pumphrey, Harold Hand, Jerry Dunnam, Neil Brown, Pat Patterson, Lavera (Williams) Tharp. Bottom row: Jack Bruce, Carol (Smith) Holley, Carolyn (Faubion) Kraatz, Nancy (Roberts) Strickland, Nona (Davidson) Burton, Wanda (Templeton) Booe, Kay (Byrd) Guy, Rita (Walker) Albro, Dorretha (King) Dunnam, Edna (Lewallen) Machen, Nellie (Lacy) Murphy, Nina (Hord) Blackmon.



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STAFF REPORT

The First United Methodist Church, Winters, 141 N. Church Street, will have a three-day revival entitled "Raise Up The Remnant" Sunday November 3 through Tuesday November 5. Service times are Sunday morning worship 10:45 a.m., Sunday evening worship 6 p.m., Monday and Tuesday worship services 7 p.m. All services will be led by Dr. Tom Fuller, evangelist for the United Methodist Church.

Raise Up the Remnant! "I have reserved to myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baa," Romans 11:4.

Soldiers of Christ, arise and put your armor on! Strong in the strength that God applies through His Eternal Son!.....Charles Wesley.

The focus will be on Old Testament Israel, and comparing it to America and our generation. How American is making many choices similar to those that caused Israel's destruction. How can American heed the prophets' warnings and avoid Israel's fate? God will not let His people become extinct. He always raised up a Remnant, a faithful few. Are we part of the Remnant?

Dr. Tom Fuller is General Evangelist for the United Methodist Church. He served as a pastor for over 30 year before going into church reform full-time, he holds a Master of Theology from SMU in Dallas and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Church Growth from Fuller Theological Seminary, Los Angeles. He was presented the first Denman Evangelism Award by the Northwest Texas Conference of the UM. Tom and his wife, Connie, live in Lubbock.

For more information, call Rev. David Montoya at the church office (325) 754 5213.

Range workshop slated for Nov. 6

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

RANKIN- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the Multi-County Livestock and Range Review from Nov. 6 at the Upton County Extension, 1000 N. Highway 329, Rankin. To preregister, call the AgriLife Extension office in Upton County at (432) 693 2313.

Veteran's Corner

Employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs are working to resume normal operations as quickly as possible. Veterans Benefits Administration Regional Offices are reopened and resuming public contact services for Veterans. With the shutdown over, benefit checks will go out to approximately 5 million veterans and other beneficiaries as scheduled on November 1. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave or call 365-3612.

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Hunting season brings deer and high hopes

Opening day, that time of the year all of us have been long waiting for is finally here, when seasoned and experienced hunters share the excitement of the great Texas outdoors with first-time hunters and youth. Everybody is looking for that monster buck that is going to make a great trophy in the wall of the living room.

Some of us will have the opportunity of going after our dream buck, while others will at least have a good time out of the office and forget about the daily routine.

Recent rains in West Texas might be a game changer, but even for the experts it's hard to predict the effects of the drought beyond the general population. Texas wide, according to biologists, the fawn and deer population is looking at a slow recovery, after facing a decline of almost one-third in recent years.

More optimistic reports say that the carryover from last hunting season will produce more healthy and trophy deer overall.

Game trails and deer feeders will be the place to be for those wanting to take a trophy deer home.

Expectations are understandably high, however the best chances to take what you want are accurately revealed by game cameras that by now have been long working, next to the feeders and game trails.

The experts predict antler quality to be above average for those areas receiving good spring rains, and according to a Boone and Crockett publication citing TPWD data collected for over 40 years, the average B&C score for a 5 and one-half year old buck in Texas is 124.

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Choosing the right gun, essential for the game

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When the winter nears and dove season is well underway, White-tailed deer hunting is one of the most widespread and popular activities throughout Texas and many other states. Seasoned hunters have their gear ready, but for those new to deer hunting and many others wanting to try new things there's a question that many have been asking since the old days: What's the best rifle and bullet for deer hunting?

The discussion has been long going, and maybe there is not a single answer to it, but some calibers and cartridges offer a clear advantage over the others, while the right rifle and bullet may not be the same for everyone.

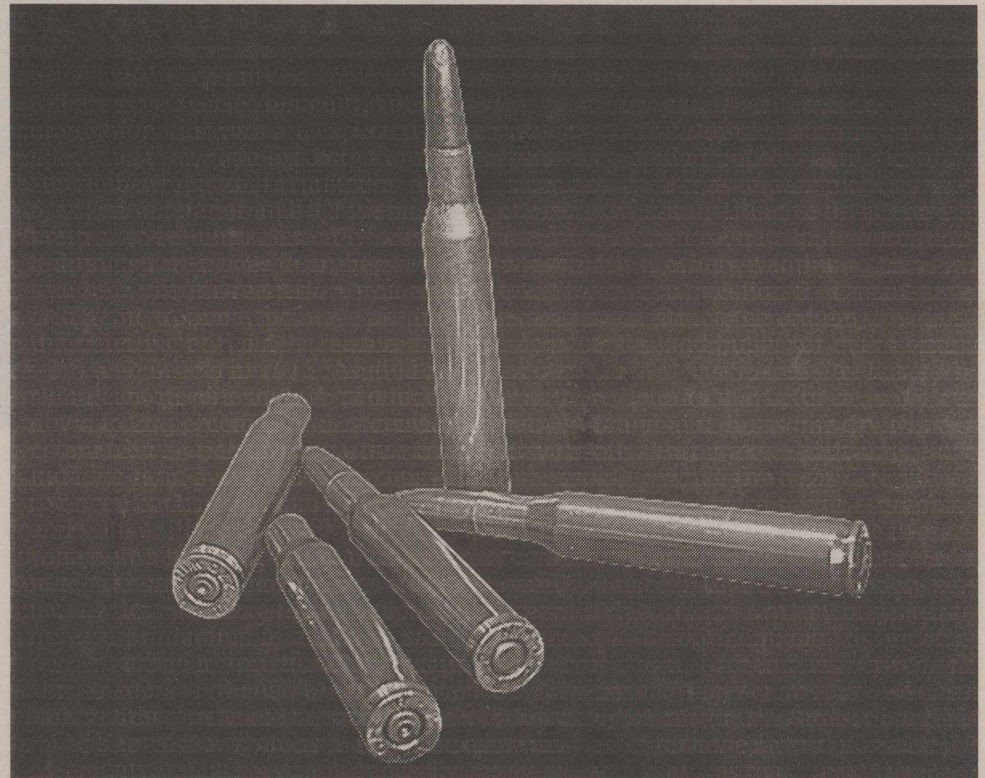
These days there is more bolt-action rifles than ever has been, and most of them are solid, quality pieces that can take down any big game found in the continent, but it's important to know the differences between rifles.

Bolt-action rifles are classified in two major categories: Controlled round-feed actions have a full length extractor, this means that the mechanism that pulls the

spent case out of the chamber is a long piece, spanning the length of the bolt. This type of action is found in rifles such as the Mauser 98, Model 70 Winchester, Ruger Hawkeye 77, and has been found to be very reliable and smooth. The action works every time regardless the position of the rifle. The other type of bolt-action rifles are push-feed actions, where the bolt pushes the round into the chamber and the extractor is a small piece located on the side of the bolt. These are also very reliable and are found in legendary rifles such as the Remington 700, Wheaterby, Sako, Tikka, and Browning rifles among other major gun brands.

Advocates of both types of rifles have pros and cons, but as in everything in hunting, it all comes down to personal preference.

Stock material is also a matter of preference. Old school hunters prefer wood stocks, they are more appealing than synthetic plastic stocks. Walnut and other wood stocks are warmer to the touch and as a general rule they add up to the value of the rifle. Wood is also heavier than plastic, which is not necessarily a problem with heavy recoil



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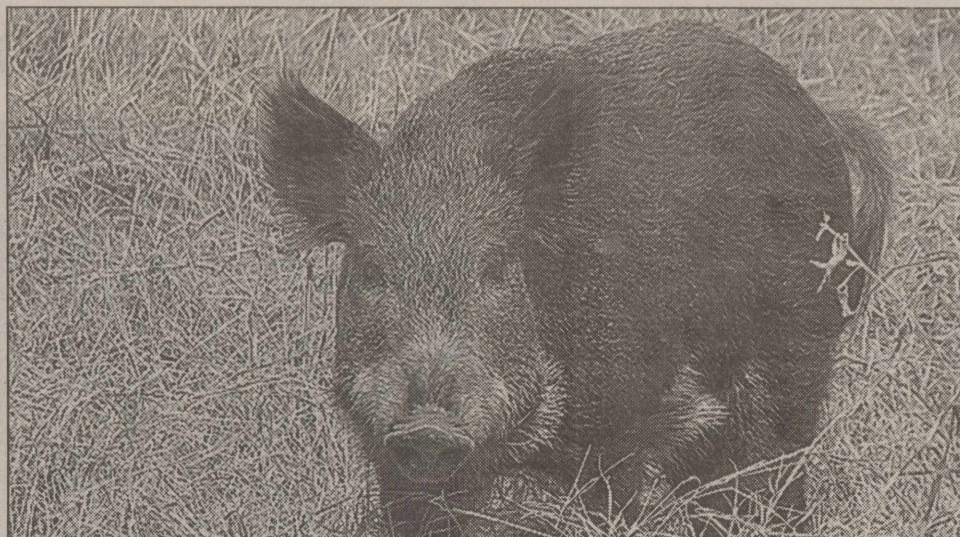
guns, unless you have to carry it for a long distance.

On the other hand modern polymers offer better weather resistance. They are impervious to the heat and cold, and unlike wood they do not swell or get dry. Synthetic stocks are cheaper, lighter and easier to carry.

Cartridges

Mostly all first-time buyers feel the need to buy a rifle that is powerful enough to take down everything from a deer to an elephant at 1,000 yards. Truth is if you buy a 375 H&H Magnum you are going to end up paying a lot of money for ammunition, and the game you kill it's not going to get deader that with a more affordable cartridge. Older — and almost always wiser — hunters know that it doesn't take an elephant gun to shoot a deer. Smaller cartridges such as the 30-06 Springfield have been used for hunters to take down every big game in America for the last 100 years, they are very reliable to kill deer and a variety of bullets for this case is available mostly everywhere.

The 30-06 Springfield's little cousin is the 270 Winchester, which is a 30-06 case necked down to .270 of an inch. It shoots a lighter bullet at a higher velocity, and its trajectory has been found



flatter than many other deer-hunting calibers. The obvious advantage of this trajectory is that it requires no major adjustments to shoot anywhere from 50 to almost 800 yards.

A direct competition to the 270 Winchester is the 270 Winchester Short Magnum, a short cartridge created by necking down the 300 Winchester Short Magnum and fitting it with a .277 caliber bullet.

The 270 WSM provides higher velocity than the older 270 Winchester, with bullets of the same weight, and thus

a flatter trajectory and more energy. Velocities tend to be about 250 fps faster, in a cartridge that allows a more compact rifle design.

The 243 Winchester is a cartridge that many hunters find controversial, it's a love-it or hate-it bullet. A lighter and faster bullet tends to fragmentation when it hits a shoulder bone or a rib. But as everything in life shooting a deer dead with it is a matter of placement and preference.


The 22-250 Remington round is a 22

caliber bullet, that does not have the same penetration or diameter as larger calibers. It was originally designed as a varmint cartridge. Some consider the 22 caliber too small for large game such as deer, but modern materials and powder, ballistic tips and controlled expansion might have changed the rules of the game a little bit.


The 7 mm Remington Magnum has been in the market since 1962, it is based on the commercial Winchester .264 Winchester Magnum, which went into sharp decline in popularity and sales after 1962.

Because of its flat trajectory and the relatively low recoil, the 7 mm Remington Magnum is especially popular for Western plains use in the United States, as well as for use on plains game in Africa, where longer reach than commonly achieved with the .30-06 are most often needed.


However the best advice is to find a rifle that you are comfortable with, a caliber with enough take-down power but one that doesn't scare the hunter every time that he needs to pull the trigger. In this day and age it is very important to consider if the ammo is going to be available for the gun, and to find a caliber that offers a wide variety of bullet grains.




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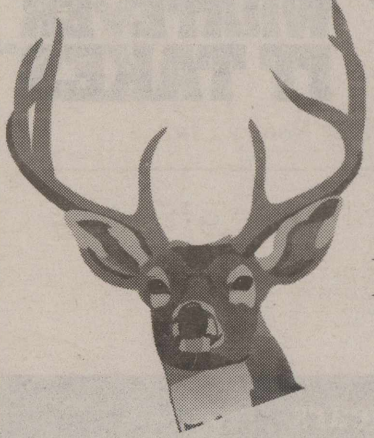



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Caution crucial in hunting season

JOE'S BRUSH TO BAY
SPECIAL TO HUNTER'S GUIDE

Hi everyone! I would like to remind everyone that hunting season is almost here.

One of the most important things that hunters must always keep in mind is safety. Hunting safety is one of the things we hunters take for granted. And for whatever reason, whether it's the excitement of the new hunting season, lack of experience or simply just carelessness or equipment malfunction, safety is sometimes ignored.

Every year hunters are seriously injured in some type of hunting accident. Hopefully some of these tips and facts will help you or someone you know prevent a serious and or possibly fatal injury during this year's hunting season.

Here are some hunter and firearm safety rules:

- Assume every gun is loaded.
- Control the muzzle and point the gun in a safe direction.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- Be sure you recognize your target and beyond before you shoot.
- Never try to carry guns or bows up and down trees or deer blinds.

Weapons can get in the way of safe climbing and if dropped can create a hazard. Climbing with guns can result in hunters shooting themselves. Always use a rope to raise and lower bows and guns — UNLOADED.

HUNTER ORANGE FACTS

While not required by law, in some states more than 80 percent of big game hunters as well as two out of three small game hunters, wear hunter orange.

Deer and other game animals don't see hunter orange. In fact, hunters who wear orange are seven times less likely to be shot.

Deer don't have red-sensitivity cone cells in their eyes, and can't distinguish red or orange from green and brown.

Deer have different sensitivity to various wavelengths of light than humans.

Deer see short wavelength colors such as blue (and even ultraviolet, which humans cannot see) brighter than humans do, but deer are less sensitive to longer wavelengths such as orange and red, so these colors look darker to deer.

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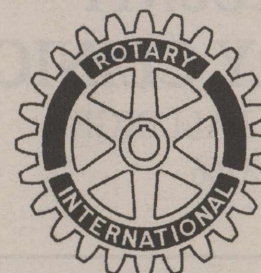


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Dove appeal, from the chase to the taste

RUSSEL PORTER
SPECIAL TO HUNTER'S GUIDE

I hate to miss the first two shots at dove on opening morning and my black lab Maggie gives me that look. After all that practice at the skeet range, How could I miss?

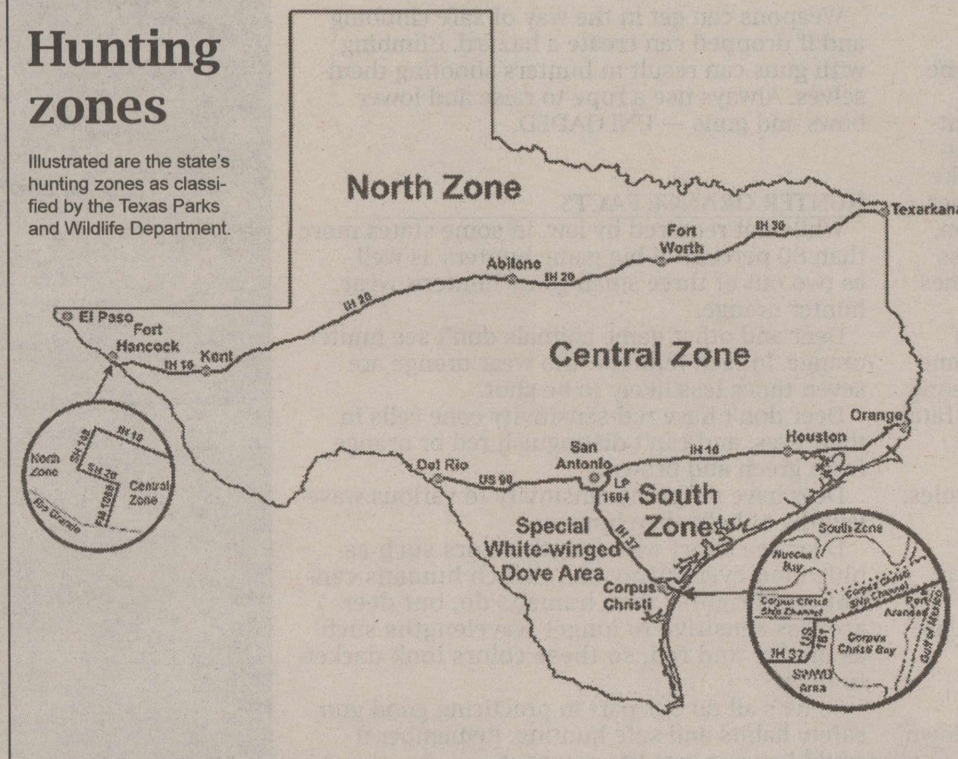
It's not fair, dove don't fly like clay birds. They come in low and fast at day-break like Japanese Kamikaze pilots. They dare you to hit them and fly away to the next shooter. Studies show that the average shooter takes less than nine birds per box of 25 rounds. Texas has 350,000 dove hunters and they bag six million dove a year. This sounds like a lot but Texas breeding population is around 25 million birds.

A pair of dove will nest three to four times per year but only have two eggs per nest because two is all they can feed the milky liquid that the young eat on each side of the adult's beak. Let's see, nine dove taken per box that would be 667,000 boxes of shotgun shells? No wonder dove hunters spend \$316 million per season in Texas.

The past five years I have been using decoys to help bring dove within

Hunting zones

Illustrated are the state's hunting zones as classified by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.



range. The Mojo is the current rage with dove hunters. It's a battery operated decoy with spinning wings that imitates a landing dove. I put it out about 20 yards in front of me and add four ground decoys. The dove will circle and try to land in the decoys, offering you an easy shot.

This works very well around a pond in the evening as dove come in to water, especially this year with our extreme drought. They say over one million ponds are dry in Texas, so water is the place to hunt this year. Good dove fields seem to be in the same place year after year.

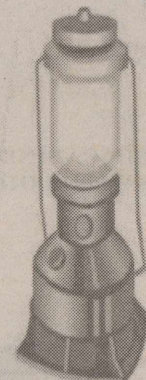
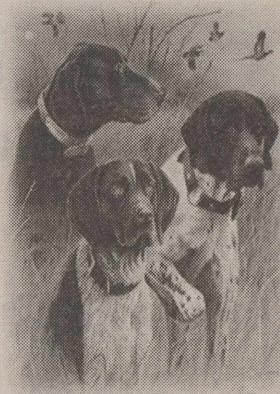
I have hunted dove in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Texas and Colorado. I have tried to create new dove fields by planting wheat and sunflowers with very little success. My observation is the adult dove take the young each year back to the fields their parents took them. You need to be in that flyway to have good numbers of birds.

Dove love to land on power lines. If you find a field with seed that has a power line running through it, try to sit next to a pole with your back to the sun.

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I use an over and under shotgun with skeet choke top and bottom. Winchester double A's with No. 9 shot is my choice for ammo. You will add several more birds per box using No. 9's as it only takes a few shot to knock a dove down and my Lab with catch it.

I sit on a dove bucket with a swivel lid, so I can swing and lead the birds. I keep water for the dog and insect spray for fire ants. Later in October the dove start migrating down from Oklahoma and Colorado. These are large smart birds in large flocks and have been shot at a lot. You need to be camouflaged head to toe, even gloves and face mask with a blind or you will never get a shot at them.

The Mojo decoy usually doesn't work as they are wise to them. The ground decoys will work so use at least four. You may have to switch to a modified choke as your shots with be longer.

A dove is easy to clean once you learn how. Lay the dove in your left hand with the breast up. With your

thumb and index finger pinch the crop (where the seeds are) and pull up to the head. With both thumbs work the breast skin down to the base of the breast. Put your right thumb under the breast and pull apart with your left hand. This will leave the breast and the wings attached. Break the wing bone near the breast and take the wings off.

You do not need a knife or shears with this method. With practice this only takes a minute per dove. You can save the heart, liver and gizzard for cooking or catfish bait.

Most people in Texas grill dove with Jalapeño peppers wrapped in bacon with a tooth pick to hold it all together. This is good eating but dove nuggets are better and I've never found anyone who didn't like them.

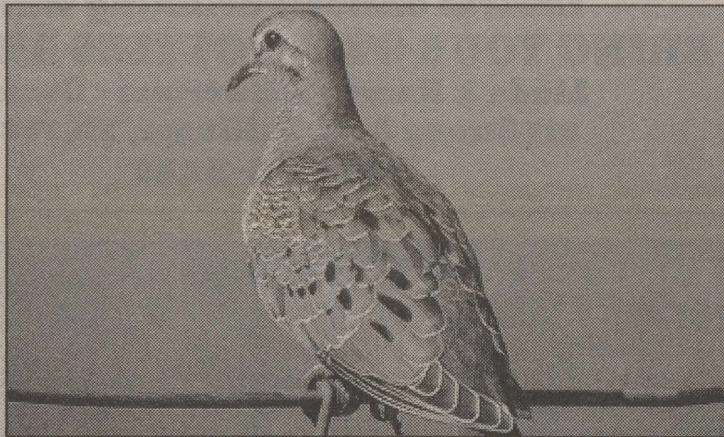
With a sharp fillet knife cut down beside the center breast bone and take half of the breast off. With two nuggets per dove, put your favorite spices on and roll in flour. In a separate pan mix grape jelly and barbecue sauce 50/50 and heat and stir until smooth.

Fry the nuggets in hot olive oil one minute per side. Don't overcook as the dove will get tough. Pour the jelly sauce mix over the nuggets and heat until it sets up about five minutes. Put tooth picks in each nugget and enjoy. Prepare to cook several as they will be gone in no time.



2013-2014 Dove Season

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, dove season in the North and Central zones will run concurrent from September



1-October 23 and December 20-January 5. The South Zone dove season is set for September 20-October 27 and December 20-January 20, with the regular season in the Special White Wing Dove Area September 20-October 23 and December 20-January 20.

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Whooping cranes beginning their fall journey to Texas

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AUSTIN- Endangered whooping cranes have begun their annual 2,400-mile fall migration from Canada to Texas. As the rare birds approach the Lone State, a citizen science initiative is inviting Texas residents and visitors to report whooper sightings.

Texas Whooper Watch (<http://tpwd.texas.gov/whoopingcranes/>) is a volunteer monitoring program that is a part of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Texas Nature Trackers program. The program was developed to help the agency learn more about Whooping Cranes and their winter habitats in Texas.

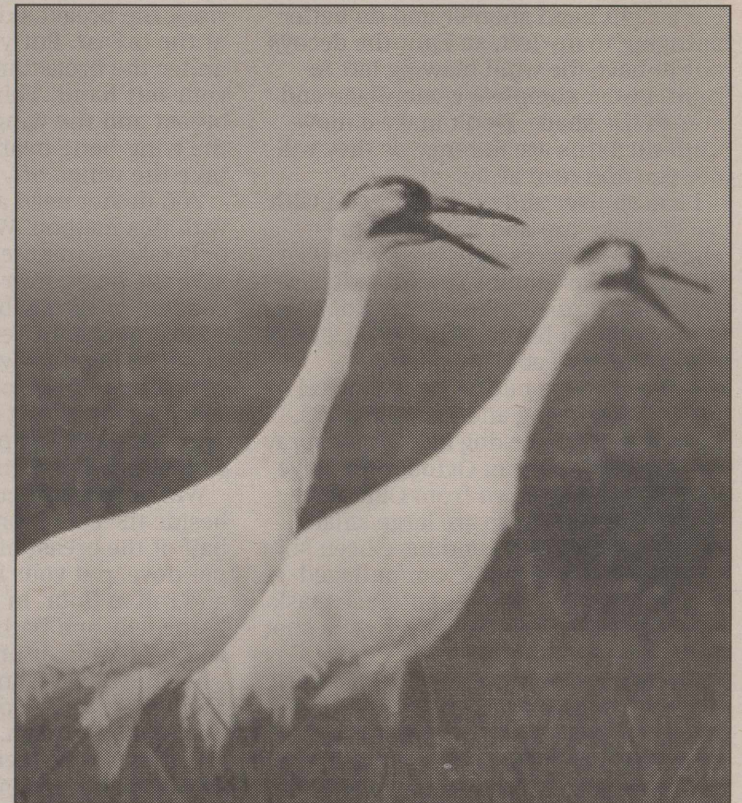
Since beginning their slow recovery from a low of 16 birds in the 1940s, whoopers have wintered on the Texas coast on and near Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. Recently though, several groups of whooping cranes expanded their wintering areas to include other coastal areas and some inland sites in Central Texas. This year, some of the whooping cranes from an experimental flock in Louisiana spent most of the summer months in Texas, and the Whooper Watch volunteers were able to provide valuable information to TPWD, Louisiana Game and Fish and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service about these birds.

This year biologists expect Whooping Cranes to start arriving in Texas in late October or early

November. Texas Whooper Watch will also help improve the accuracy of surveys on the wintering grounds, as the growth of the flock has made traditional census methods more difficult.

Whoopers usually follow a migratory path through North and Central Texas that includes cities such as Wichita Falls, Fort Worth, Waco, Austin, and Victoria. During migration they often pause overnight to use wetlands for roosting and agricultural fields for feeding, but seldom remain more than one night. The typical sighting (71 percent of all observations) is fewer than three birds, but they may be seen roosting and feeding with large flocks of the smaller sandhill crane. Whoopers are the tallest birds in North America, standing nearly five feet. The cranes are solid white in color except for black wing-tips that are visible only in flight. They fly with necks and legs outstretched.

Citizens can help by reporting sightings of whooping cranes and by preventing disturbance of cranes when they remain overnight at roosting and feeding locations. Sightings can be reported to whoopingcranes@tpwd.texas.gov or 512-389-TXWW (8999). Observers are asked especially to note whether the cranes have colored leg bands on their legs. Volunteers interested in attending training sessions to become "Whooper Watchers" in order to collect more detailed data may also contact the TPWD at whoopingcranes@tpwd.texas.gov or 512-389-TXWW (8999).





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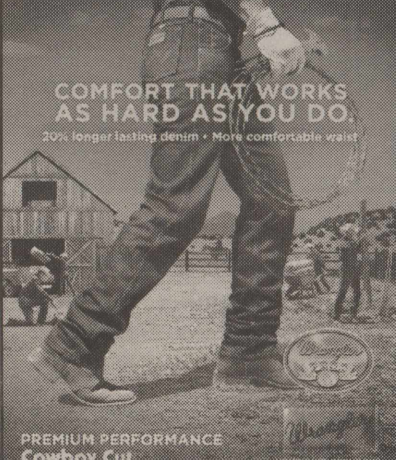


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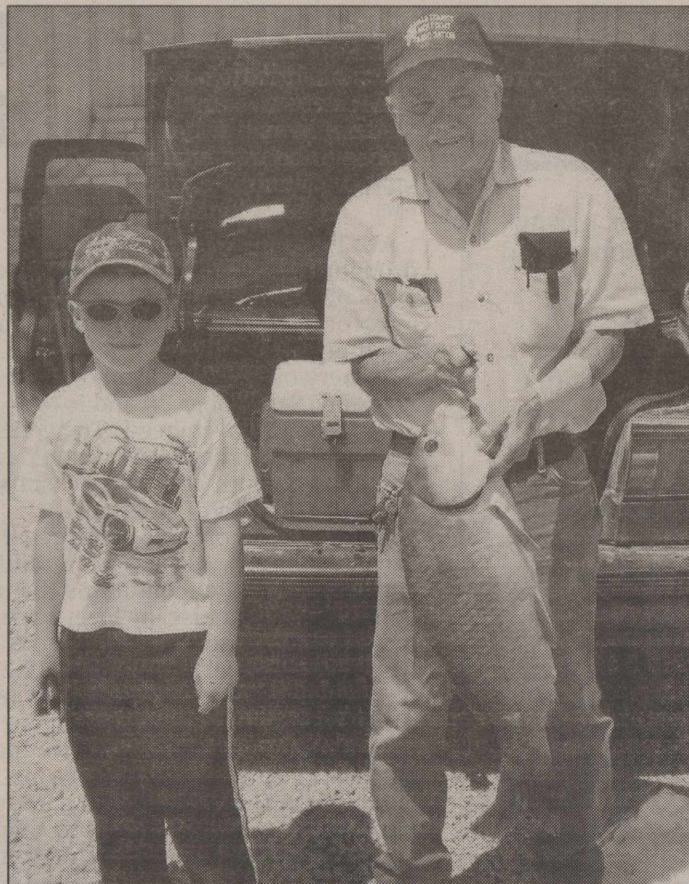
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Texas Nature Trackers: Whooper watch

In 1942, there were only 16 Whooping Cranes left in what was to be the last flock in the world, a small group of birds that wintered on the central Texas coast near Rockport and nested in north-western Canada. Throughout the 1940s and 1950s, this last remaining band of Whooping Cranes still precipitously clung to existence with numbers in the 20s and 30s. Slowly, over time, with habitat conservation and protection from shooting, numbers climbed. In 2012, the Texas-Canada flock approached 300 birds, and now Whooping Cranes also exist in several experimental flocks and captive breeding facilities.


While the traditional wintering grounds on and near Aransas National Wildlife Refuge are well-known, biologists have much less information about locations used by Whooping Cranes in migration. In addition, as the Whooping Crane population continues to grow, whoopers are beginning to explore new wintering habitat away from traditional areas.

Texas Whooper Watch seeks the help of citizen scientists in identifying Whooping Crane migration stopover sites and non-traditional wintering areas, in assessing whether any hazards exist to whoopers at these sites, and in learning more about behavior and habitat use at these sites.



Lake Brownwood man breaks rod and reel record


Sam Usery caught the new Rod and Reel record for the Common Carp at Lake Brownwood. During his fishing outing on July 13, 2013, Usery along with his grandson Jeremiah Usery were fishing at Wild Duck Marina where he caught the 12.22 pound, 28.5 inch long fish. The previous record was 10.06 pounds and 27.25 inches from an outing in 2007. The Texas Parks and Wild Life presented Usery with an award for the new record and it can be seen at Wild Duck Marina. The 78-year-old Lake Brownwood man thanked Brad and Angie Tyson, owners of Wild Duck Marina, Travis Allen of the Texas Parks and Wildlife and Jeremiah Usery for helping him land the fish.



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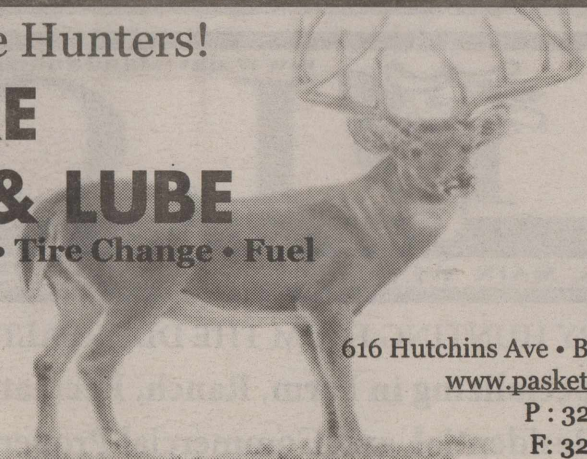
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What bites, when

BY CALEB MCCAIG
HUNTER'S GUIDE

Fishing is a skill that has been a practice of man since the beginning of time. It offers relaxation, entertainment and important nourishment.

To be successful, it also requires a bit of knowledge. With the arrival of fall, a few fishing trends will be changing. Below is a list of particular fish and the months these fish are easiest to catch, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife website.

- **Catfish:** Mid-April to mid-October. June and July.
- **Crappie:** March to May.
- **Largemouth Bass:** March to June.

- **Striped Bass:** All year... especially November to February and June to September.
- **Sunfish:** May to June.
- **Trout:** November to December and mid-February to mid-April.

Before heading out to fish in public waters be sure you have purchased a Texas state fishing license and are aware of the laws regarding minimum fish lengths and daily bag limits.

While these are the hot times to catch the the previously mentioned fish remember it's not the only time. Fish will bite during all times of the year and you may just be surprised with what comes up the next time you reel in your line!

Outlook favorable for Texas deer season

STEVE LIGHTFOOT
TPWD

AUSTIN- While not clear of the drought, things are looking up in many parts of the state this year and the outlook for deer and deer hunting is much brighter.

Archery-only deer season opened Saturday, September 28 and is running through November 1. The general firearms season begins November 2. The special youth-only deer seasons are October 26-27 and January 6-19.

Biologists can provide some general predictions each year based on rainfall and general habitat conditions that are applicable at a landscape level scale, but whether those predictions hold true for individual properties is like trying to guess the Lotto numbers on the Saturday night drawing. Factors like rainfall, availability of native foods like acorns or mesquite bean crops, habitat quality and availability, even hunting pressure, play a role in shaping your hunting success. Aside from rainfall and general habitat conditions biologists also consider previous year's deer population characteristics to make predictions for the upcoming season.

"Statewide population trends remain stable and hunters should expect good numbers of deer year in and year out," says Alan Cain, TPWD whitetail deer program leader. "I would predict the statewide deer population to be close to or slightly above the long-term average and hover around that 3.6 million deer mark for 2013."

"One factor hunters should also keep in mind is the good carryover of deer from the 2012 season as harvest was down resulting from heavy acorn and mast crops in several regions of the state," Cain notes. "For hunters this

translates into plenty of opportunities to harvest a deer." Though the deer population numbers are expected to be good this year, Cain predicts the recent September rains that resulted in a flush of green vegetation may cause bow hunters to rethink their early season hunting strategies as deer may spend less time visiting feeders. A well-traveled game trail may be more productive than hunting at the deer feeder.

Dry conditions in 2011 resulted in a significant decline in fawn production, down to 29 percent for the statewide estimate, a 24 percent departure from the long term average. Fawn crops bounced back in 2012 at 47 percent and Cain anticipates survey results will show a higher fawn crop this year. In fact, Cain is hearing reports from landowners as well as TPWD biologists of fawn production in the 60 to 80 percent range in the Hill Country and similar reports of good fawn production in other areas of the state.

For hunters fawn crops may not be as meaningful since harvest is generally focused on older age class deer, but remember those fawns this year translate into your adult deer several years into the future.

Another aspect of typical hunting season forecast is the prediction of antler quality and how many big bucks are out there across the landscape.

"As far as antler quality goes, rainfall plays a key role by influencing the native habitat and forage, ultimately affecting the quality of nutrition a buck receives in order to grow antlers," Cain explains. "In dry years we typically see a decline in overall antler quality and increases in wet years much related to nutrition."

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Hunting Season in Runnels County

WHITE-TAILED DEER

North Texas
Archery Only Sep. 28 - Nov. 1, 2013
No permit required unless MLD permits have been issued for the property.

General Season Nov. 2, 2013 - Jan. 5, 2014

Youth-Only
Early Youth-Only Season Oct. 26 - 27, 2013
Late Youth-Only Season Jan. 6 - 19, 2014

Late Antlerless and Spike Jan. 6 - 19, 2014

Bag limit five deer, no more than two bucks, all seasons combined.

ALLIGATOR

Non-core
General Season Apr. 1 - Jun. 30, 2013
Bag limit, one per person per year

DOVE

Central Zone
Regular Season Sep. 1 - Oct. 23, 2013
Dec. 20, 2013 - Jan. 5, 2014
Daily limit, 15 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, to include no more than two white-tipped.
Possession limit, three times the daily bag limit.
Falconry Nov. 9 - Dec. 15, 2013
Daily bag limit, three in the aggregate
Possession limit, three times the daily bag limit

DUCK

High Plains Mallard Management Unit
Northwest of US 277

Youth-Only Oct. 19 - 20, 2013

Regular Season Oct. 26 - 27, 2013
Nov. 1, 2013 - Jan. 26, 2014

"Dusky" Duck Nov. 4, 2013 - Jan. 26, 2014

Duck daily bag limit six in the aggregate. Including no more than: five mallards (only two may be hens), three wood ducks, three scaup, two redheads, two pintail, two canvasback, and one "dusky" duck. For all other species not listed, the bag limit shall be six. Mottled duck, Mexican like duck, black duck and their hybrids are closed the first five days of the season in each zone.

Merganser daily bag limit five in the aggregate, to include no more than two hooded mergansers.
Coot daily bag limit, 15 birds
Possession limit, three times the daily bag limit

North Zone
Southeast of US 277
Youth-Only Oct. 26 - 27, 2013

Regular Season Nov. 2 - Dec. 8, 2013
Dec. 21, 2013 - Jan. 26, 2014

Falconry Jan. 27 - Feb. 10, 2014

Daily bag limit, three migratory game birds, singly or in the aggregate.
Possession limit, nine migratory game birds, singly or in the aggregate.

"Dusky" Duck Nov. 7 - Dec. 8, 2013
Dec. 21, 2013 - Jan. 26, 2014

Duck daily bag limit six in the aggregate. Including no more than: five mallards (only two may be hens), three wood ducks, three scaup, two redheads, two pintail, two canvasback, and one "dusky" duck. For all other species not listed, the bag limit shall be six. Mottled duck, Mexican like duck, black duck and their hybrids are closed the first five days of the season in each zone.
Merganser daily bag limit five in the aggregate, to include no more than two hooded mergansers.
Coot daily bag limit 15 birds
Possession limit three times the daily bag limit

GOOSE

West Zone
Light and Dark Geese Nov. 2, 2013 - Feb. 2, 2014
Light Geese (Conservation Order) Feb. 3 - Mar. 23, 2014
Daily bag limit, five Dark geese with no more than one White-fronted goose, 20 Light geese.
Possession limit, Dark geese three times the daily bag limit. Light geese no possession limit.

JAVELINA

Northern
Regular Season Oct. 1, 2013 - Feb. 23, 2014
Bag limit, two per year

PRONGHORN

Regular Season Sep. 28 - Oct. 6, 2013
Bag limit, one (By permit only)

QUAIL

Regular Season Oct. 26, 2013 - Feb. 23, 2014
Daily bag limit, 15
Possession limit, 45

RABBITS AND HARES

Regular Season
No closed season
Bag limit: None

RAILS, GALLINULES AND MOORHENS

Regular Season Sep. 14 - 29, 2013
Nov. 2 - Dec. 25, 2013
Daily bag limit, 15 in the aggregate
Possession limit, three times the daily bag limit
Falconry Jan. 27 - Feb. 10, 2014

Daily bag limit, three in the aggregate
Possession limit, three times the daily bag limit

SANDHILL CRANE

Zone A
West of US 83
Regular Season Nov. 2, 2013 - Feb. 2, 2014
Daily bag limit, three
Possession limit, six

Zone B
East of US 83
Regular Season Nov. 22, 2013 - Feb. 2, 2014

Daily bag limit, three
Possession limit, six

SQUIRREL

No closed season
No bag limit

TEAL

September Teal Only Season Sep. 14 - 29, 2013
Daily bag limit, six in the aggregate
Possession limit, three times the daily bag limit

TURKEY

Fall
North Texas
Archery Only Sep. 28 - Nov. 1, 2013

Youth-Only
Early Youth-Only Season Oct. 26 - 27, 2013

Late Youth-Only Season Jan. 18 - 19, 2014

Fall Season Nov. 2, 2013 - Jan. 5, 2014

Bag composition: Either sex
Bag limit, the annual bag limit for turkey, in the aggregate for all counties, is four, no more than one of which may be an Eastern turkey.

Spring
North Zone

Youth-Only Mar. 22 - 23, 2014
May 17 - 18, 2014

Spring Season Mar. 29 - May 11, 2014
Bag composition: Gobblers or Bearded Hens
Bag limit, the annual bag limit for turkey, in the aggregate for all counties, is four (4), no more than one of which may be an Eastern turkey.

WILSON'S SNIPE (COMMON SNIPE OR JACKSNIPE)

Regular Season Nov. 2, 2013 - Feb. 16, 2014
Daily bag limit, eight in the aggregate
Possession limit, three times the daily bag limit

WOODCOCK

Regular Season Dec. 18, 2013 - Jan. 31, 2014
Daily bag limit, three
Possession limit, three times the daily bag limit
Falconry Jan. 27 - Feb. 10, 2014
Daily bag limit, three in the aggregate
Possession limit, three times the daily bag limit

Source: TPWD. Additional permits and stamps are required for some of the species, please check with your local authorities before engaging in any hunting activity.



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Deer season: Some managers provide supplemental feed

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Some managers provide supplemental feed to buffer against nutritional impact resulting from drought. However, research in South Texas has shown that native habitat is crucial to deer nutrition even when supplemental feed is provided. So maintaining quality native habitat on your property is important.

Judging from the phone calls and emails Cain has received from landowners around the state, bucks look to be in good body condition, antlers are in great shape and they are expecting a much better season than the last two years."

Cain predicts antler quality to be above average for those areas receiving good spring rains and average for those that were a little drier this spring and summer. The good news is that drought or no drought, Texas still produces some whopper bucks each year.

According to an article published by Boone and Crockett several years back Texas ranks fifth all time for entries into B&C record books. Based on 40-plus years of data collected by TPWD biologists each season the average B&C score for a 5 and one-half year old buck is 124, with 9.1 points, and a 15.8 inch inside spread. Even the younger bucks at 3 and one-half years of age average a 13.5 inch inside spread and 8 points.

While areas like South Texas are known for producing exceptional bucks, most anywhere in the state is capable of producing good bucks every year. In fact in 2012, two archery hunters were lucky enough to connect on a couple of large non-typical bucks scoring about 250 Boone and Crockett. Both bucks

were wild, free-ranging deer taken on low-fenced properties, one in North Texas and the other in Southeast Texas. Hopefully, that trend will continue in 2013.

"Another positive trend we have observed in the last few years is that the proportion of young bucks in the harvest has declined across the state, and most noticeably in the eastern third of the state where bucks had a hard time surviving to 3 and one-half years of age," Cain points out. "In 2012, bucks 3 and one-half year old and older comprised 65 percent of bucks checked during TPWD surveys which are a reflection of the deer harvested each season."

Digging a little deeper into the data Cain explains that in antler-restriction counties, 59 percent of bucks checked during TPWD surveys were 3 and one-half or older, a dramatic improvement in age structure when those older age class bucks represented only 30-35 percent of the harvest before antler restrictions were implemented.

"This shift towards harvesting older bucks in the Pineywoods, Post Oak Savannah, and Cross Timbers and Prairies regions is a direct result of the antler-restriction regulation," Cain says. "That harvest strategy has been very effective at allowing many more bucks to reach maturity. We have received many positive reports from landowners and hunters in those regions who are excited about the number and quality of bucks they are observing on their properties."

Overall, the 2013 season is expected to be a good one with great opportunities to harvest a deer.