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McKissack Vying For Miss Texas Teen

Thia Dawn McKissack has been selected from hundreds of young women in the State to take part in this year's Miss Texas Teen All American Pageant. This is the Official State Preliminary Competition leading to the National Finals of the Miss Teen All American Pageant which is in its 22nd year.

The Miss Teen All American Pageant System is the most respected in the industry, offering fabulous opportunity and a chance to meet important people who can open doors for you. Some previous contestants include Halle Berry, Revlon Spokesmodel and film Actress Gina Tognoni of "One Life to Live" and Shanna Moskler and Paula Trickey from "Pacific Blue."

Thia will be representing Sonora and Sutton County in this year's two-day event, to be held on November 13th and 14th in Grapevine, Texas.

Thia will have the rare opportunity to compete for the title of Miss Texas Teen All American, as well as the making of new friends and having a wonderful learning experience.

The Miss Texas Teen All American focuses on each Contestant's individual beauty,

poise and character. She will be judged on a one-on-one Personal interview with each judge, and will also be judged in the Swimsuit and Evening Gown Competition.

Thia is the daughter of Tommy and Darla McKissack, and the granddaughter of Kathleen Moore and Tommy and Marty McKissack.

Thia is 13 years old and an 8th grader at Sonora Middle School. She is a member of the National Jr. Honor Society, Girls Tennis Team, and St. John's Episcopal Church. Thia is active in Ballet, Girl Scouts, Episcopal Youth Group, Methodist Drama Group and Sutton Co. 4-H. Some of her achievements include President of the Jr. Club in 4-H, receiving many program awards including Sheep, Foods & Nutrition, Clothing & Textiles. She also has received the Home Economics Award, and the Edgar Glasscock Award for the Outstanding Jr. 4-Her. She was named Jr. Chef of the Year in '97 and received the Best Beef Dish award donated by the Hill Country Cattle Women's Association in '96. Thia received the Mayors Award of Excellence in '94, for her contribution in the recycling program for The City of Sonora.

EMS Sponsors First Aid Course

The Sutton county Emergency Medical Service will sponsor a six hour first aid course. The course will be held October 25 (Monday) and October 27 (Wednesday) from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM on both dates.

The first aid course will cover medical illnesses such as heart attack, stroke, diabetic emergencies, and accidental injuries and their treatment. Among the list of skills presented, you will learn what to do for choking victims, how to stop major bleeding, and bandaging and splinting with materials you may have available in your home.

This class is highly recommended for parents, teachers, and others who work with children. It is a valuable course for anyone interested in reducing the effects of sudden illness or injury.

The cost of the first aid course will be \$30.00 per person. To enroll for this course, please contact Sutton County EMS at 387-5132 or come by 211 East 3rd Street.

Remember the time to learn First Aid is BEFORE the emergency occurs.

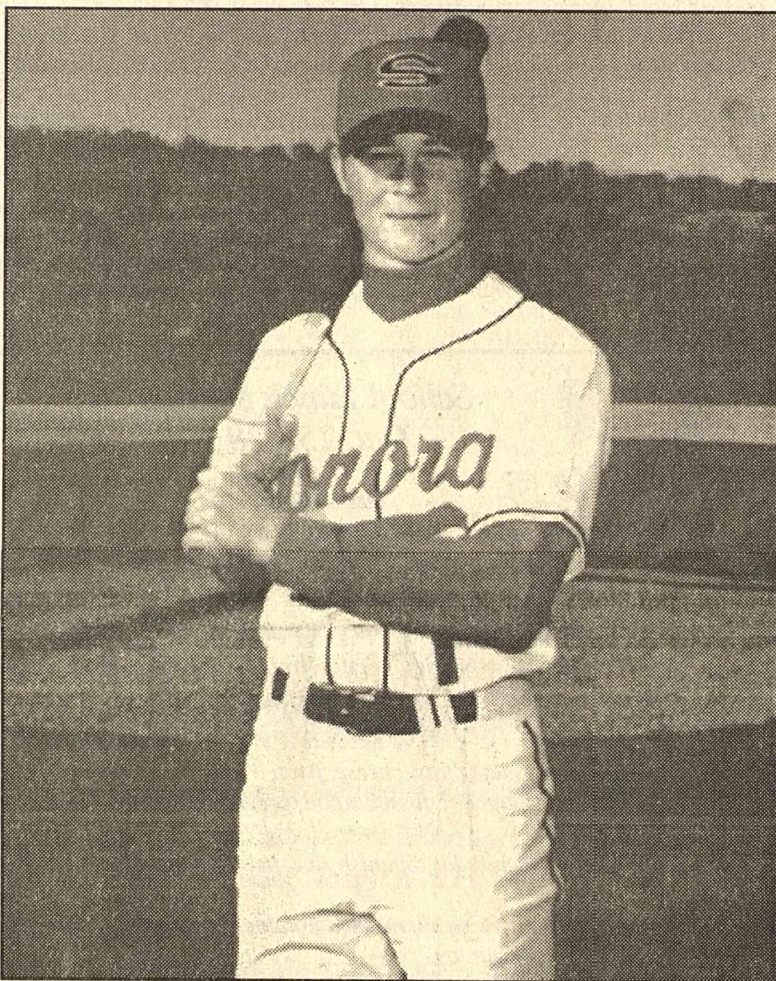
Make A Difference Day

"Alone, we can do so little, together we can do so much"--Helen Keller
Saturday, October 23, 1999, is "Make A Difference Day"! Laurie Garza is making a difference in her neighborhood. She is organizing a committee to help clean up her neighborhood which includes Rock Avenue and St. Ann's Streets. Volunteers need to show up at 7:30 a.m. at 404 Rock Ave, and bring what you can to help out. Some ideas include:

Weedeaters	Rakes
Hoes	Lawn mowers
Trash bags	Pick-ups (to haul)
Gloves	Drinks
Sandwiches	Ice
Chips	

Laurie wants to remind her neighbors, that if they can come help out, it won't take too long to make things look GREAT! For more information please call Laurie at 387-5351.

Surber Makes All-American



Jason Surber

Jason Surber, of Sonora, has accepted an invitation to demonstrate his baseball skills before college coaches and professional scouts at the Griffey International All-American Baseball Talent Showcase, University of Texas, Arlington, Texas, October 22-24.

Surber is among a select number of high school baseball players who will attend one of the 16 regional All-American Showcase Sites, to be held nationwide this fall, including a Showcase at Disney's Wide World of Sports, at Lake Buena Vista, FL., scheduled for November 5-7.

At the All-American Showcase, players demonstrate, by position, their ability to hit, run, throw, and field.

Players also undergo tests for strength and speed, including tests for hand strength, bat speed, arm velocity and upper body strength.

A panel of baseball professionals at each Showcase evaluates the players. Reports are sent to all college coaches and pro scouts who attend the Showcases nationally.

A high percentage of those who attend the Showcases each year win college scholarships. Others are drafted into pro ball.

Hudspeth Hospital & Nursing Home Auxiliary To Host Reception and Open House

The Hudspeth Hospital & Nursing Home Auxiliary invites everyone in the community to a reception honoring our new administrator, Diane Ashcraft on Tuesday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held in the lobby of the Nursing Home; the Public is invited to welcome Ms. Ashcraft to Sonora and to view the newly refurbished facility. Refreshments will be served.

Air Broncos 7 and 0

Friday night, the Sonora Broncos took a giant step in claiming their second successive district title. The Broncos used an almost flawless passing game, along with a strong running game to defeat the Ozona Lions by the score of 34 to 24. The Broncos balanced offensive attack (167 rushing yards and 174 passing yards) kept the Lions off balance just enough to claim the victory.

The initial possession of the Ozona Lions gave the jubilant fans a taste of what was to come. An excellent football game! The Lions took the opening kick-off and drove it 72 yards and used almost four minutes of the game clock to put the first points on the board. Ozona quarterback, Ross Crawford, running backs Kenny Vargas, and Clay Richardson gobbled up the yardage on this eight play drive. Crawford scored the touchdown on a 1 yard plunge at the eight minute eleven second mark of the first quarter. The PAT was unsuccessful; however, the Lions had taken an early 6 point lead. Ozona 6 - Sonora 0. The Broncos did not fare as well on their first possession, as two penalties ultimately kept the Broncos from sustaining the drive. After the Bronco punt by Williams, the Lions would take possession at their own 20 yard line. Ozona began to drive the ball on the Broncos again. As the Lions neared mid-field, the Broncos went to a blitzing defense. Bronco line-backer Cole Cearley sacked the Lion quarterback for a 13 yard loss forcing the Lions to punt the football. On the ensuing deep snap, the Lion punter, Crawford, was unable to handle the snap and a hard rushing Mikey Solis and Chris Green corralled Crawford at the Lion 18 yard line. The Broncos went to the ground game of Tom Jacoby to advance the football. On a third and one at the 9, Jacoby was separated from the pigskin and the Lions Tim Maldonado recovered the loose ball at the Ozona 10 yard line. As on numerous occasions before, the Bronco defense rose to the occasion. Ernie Perez, Andy Sanchez, Jared Perciful, and Chris Green led the Bronco charge in stopping the Lions and forcing the Lions into a punting situation at their 35 yard line. After a 1 yard punt, the Broncos would set up shop at the Ozona 36. A holding penalty on the Broncos moved the ball back to the Lion 43. Facing a second and fifteen at the 43, Bronco quarterback, Bryce Williams dropped back to pass, setting up the middle screen to Bronco wide receiver, James Elliott, who gained 20 yards on the catch and run. Runs by Tom Jacoby and Graham Bloodworth moved the ball to the Ozona 6 yard line. Williams went to the air again; this time to

Bronco wing-back, Crispin Lira, for the 6 yard strike and the Broncos game tying touchdown. A bad snap on the point after attempt resulted in a tie ball game at the seven minute thirty-three second mark of the second quarter.

Ozona 6 - Sonora 6

The Lions using their speed and quickness began to move the football again on their ensuing possession. A 21 yard pass play from Crawford to Bobby Cervantez along with runs by Clay Richardson moved the ball to the Bronco 37 yard line. On the next two plays, Crawford faked the football to Richardson and went around the end to gain the last 33 yards, as well as, the go ahead touchdown. Not having much success with the first PAT, the Lions went for two. Bronco cornerback, Jason Surber, spoiled the Lions hopes, as he dropped the Ozona running back, Kenny Vargas, before he could cross the line of scrimmage. Lions 12 - Broncos 6. With five minutes and forty-two seconds left in the first half, the "Big Red Machine" went to work. Using the running game primarily, the Broncos began to march the ball down the field. Runs by Jacoby and Bloodworth, along with a pass from Williams to Ernie Perez moved the ball to the Lion 1 yard line. Faced with a fourth and one at the 1, the Broncos got a break, when the Lions lined up in the neutral zone. With a minute and fifty-three seconds left in the half, the Broncos would not need the extra downs, as quarterback Williams would dive over from the one to tie the ball game for the second time. "Mr. Automatic", Javier Gaytan would split the uprights to give the Red Hosses the lead.

Ozona 12 - Sonora 13

Ozona would go four and out on their next possession, and the half time buzzer would sound with the Broncos in possession of the football in their end of the field.

Halftime Score: Ozona 12 - Sonora 13

To start the second half, the Broncos would accept the short kick-off and begin play at their own 42 yard line. Sonora would only use forty-six seconds of the game clock to tally their first score of the second half. A 6 yard run by Jacoby would move the ball to the Bronco 48. Going back to the air, Williams would loft up a beautiful spiral, that all Bronco wide receiver, James Elliott, had to do; was run under, catch, and stride into the end-zone for the touchdown. Gaytan booted the ball through the uprights for the extra point and a Bronco 20 to 12 lead. The Lions and Broncos exchanged fumbles on the next two

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Bronco J.V. Overwhelms Ozona

This past Thursday, the Sonora Junior Varsity played a very good team from Ozona. The young Broncos were unable to get a lot going early; however, as the game wore on, the Broncos began to pull away, to notch a 41 to 6 victory.

Sonora received the opening kick-off and began their first possession at their own 25 yard line. True to form, the young Broncos used the running attack of Sean Fields and Thomas Bloodworth to drive the ball down the field. Using three and a half minutes of ball control offense, the Broncos moved the ball to the Lion 12 yard line. Bronco quarterback, Emanuel Lopez called his own number on a first and ten at the 12 and scampered into the end-zone unscathed. "Mr. Consistent", Stetson Hall, drilled his first extra point of the game to give the Broncos an early 7 point lead. Sonora 7 - Ozona 0. Not to be outdone; the Lions, on their first possession, took the ball 63 yards for their only score of the game. Using the running game and aided by a 26 yard pass play, the Lions under the direction of Kyle Richardson used a little over four minutes of the first quarter game clock to put 6 points on the board. Richardson called his own number, to get the score on an 8 yard run. The 2 point conversion attempt failed making the score Broncos 7 - Lions 6.

For the next four minutes, neither team could advance the ball, as it looked as if the game was going to develop into a defensive struggle. The young Broncos going to the air,

were ineffective and were forced to punt. After the punt, the Lions began their second possession on their own 15 yard line. Two illegal motion penalties moved the ball back to the Lion 8 yard line. On a third and seventeen Richardson went to the air. Bronco line-backer Jacob Perciful intercepted the pass at the Lion 12 yard line and was not to be denied the end-zone. After the PAT by Hall, the Broncos were up by 8 points - 14 to 6. A booming kick by Stetson Hall, forced the Lions to begin their third possession at their own 20. A swarming Bronco defense led by Ricky Lumbreras, Byron Williams, and Sean Fields forced the Lions to punt after only one positive yard gained. The Broncos were back in business at the Lion 46. It only took the lightning attack of the Broncos two plays and twenty-six seconds to put the game out of reach. Bronco speedster, (wing-back) Chance Armke, took the counter play at the 46 yard line, and out distanced the Lions quickly to give the Broncos their third score. After two questionable penalty flags, the PAT was blocked, but the damage was done.

The remainder of the first half developed into a defensive struggle. Ricky Lumbreras, Israel Arevalo, and Emanuel Lopez led the Broncos. Lopez intercepted a Lion pass to thwart a Lion drive late in the second quarter. Lion defensive back Lylo Garza returned the favor when he intercepted a Bronco

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Health Fair '99



Sonora Church Directory

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504 Santa Clara
387-2035

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387-2955

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387-2266

Card of Thanks

The Lord has truly blessed Our family with caring and loving friends. There are so many people to thank at this time of loss: Hospice of San Angelo, Mother's caregivers; Alda Duran, Lolanda Fonseca, Billie Martin, Annette Velez and Rosa Surita, Cox Drug who made sure we had everything we needed when we needed it, New Hope Baptist Church and friends for the wonderful luncheon and Kerbow Funeral Home.

Also, thank you to all the friends that came to our home, sent food, cards, flowers and for all the phone calls.

A special thanks for all the prayers and just being there for us, especially Bro. Don and Doris Seigler.

The family of Bea Black
Anna L. Rogers
Anita Smith and family
Susan Mirike and family
Kathy Hearn and family

I would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for your prayers, visits, calls, and cards sent to me while I was in the hospital. I am home now, doing better and recovering from my surgery. Again, thank you for thinking of me. Special thanks to the E.M.S., Dr. Calderon, and the E.R. Staff for being there in my time of need.

Kathleen Moore

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support at the school board meeting. I would like to thank each of you by name but would be afraid of leaving someone out. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to attend. Your presence was greatly appreciated. Thank you especially to Mr. Miguel Zuniga, Mr. Fidel Acavedo, Mrs. Yolanda Flores, and Mrs. Rebecca Martinez. God Bless all of you for believing in me.

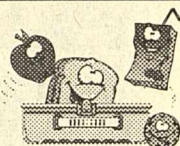
Sincerely,
Dora Gonzales

Elementary News

The Discovery Zone after School Program is open. Registration forms may be picked up at the Primary and Intermediate offices. The program includes homework time, computer time, games, arts/crafts, and various other activities. A snack is served each day. The fee is \$15.00 per child per week plus \$5.00 for each additional child per family (regular-priced lunches) and \$10.00 per child per week plus \$3.00 for each additional child per family (free or reduced-priced lunches) A child may drop-in for \$5.00 per day with prior notice given to the school office. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the school office.

Make a Difference Day for our Elementary will be Friday, October 22. Reading to and with a child will make an enormous difference in the child's reading and school success. Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested in reading to your child's class or in listening to a child read. We appreciate your interest and the students will love seeing you at school!

Mark your calendars now for Parent Day which will be held on Thursday, November 18. You are invited to come to school and enjoy a lunch of turkey and dressing with your child. The price for lunch will be \$2.25. Please R.S.V.P. by November 12. A form will be sent home before the event for you to R.S.V.P. We look forward to seeing you at school!



School Lunch Menu Oct. 25 - 28

Breakfast

Mon.-Breakfast pizza, juice or fruit.

Tues.-Toast, peanut butter or jelly, juice or fruit.

Wed.-Muffins, juice, fruit

Thurs.-Pancake pups, syrup, juice or fruit.

Fri.-Bean & cheese burrito, juice or fruit.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon.-Chili dogs, tator tots, cheese, fruit.

Tues.-Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, green beans, bread sticks, pudding.

Wed.-Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, lettuce & tomato, cake.

Thurs.-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, hot rolls, fruit icy.

Fri.-Hamburger/Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato wedges, dessert.

Senior Center News

Oct. 25 - BINGO!

Oct. 26 - Volunteer to deliver Meals on Wheels! Need someone on Tuesdays & Fridays.

Oct. 27 - Little "Spooks" from Carolyn's Dance Studio will be here after lunch.

Oct. 28 - Start Crafts for Holidays with Linda's Crafts-N-Clutter! Must sign-up for this! Call 387-5657

Senior Center Menu

Oct. 22 - Fried catfish with tartar sauce, corn/tomato casserole, spinach roll, jello with fruit.

Oct. 25 - Chicken strip with gravy, pinto beans, mustard greens, juice, cornbread, cherry cobbler.

Oct. 26 - Hamburger with mustard, oven French fries, lettuce, onion, tomatoes, carrot salad, fruit cocktail.

Oct. 27 - Turkey with giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, cornbread dressing, broccoli, roll, coleslaw, pumpkin pie.

Oct. 28 - Meatloaf with tomato sauce, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.

\$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

Obituaries

Lupe Chavez

Lupe Chavez, 91, of Sonora died Monday, October 11, 1999, in a San Angelo hospital.

Jesus said, "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

The Rev. Joe Vasquez of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of San Angelo celebrated the Mass of the Resurrection for Lupe on Thursday, October 14, 1999 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Kerbow Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lupe was born December 12, 1907 in Rockwood, Texas. He was retired from the City of Sonora. Lupe was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his son,

Francisco Andrade and wife Cecilia of Sonora, 3 daughters, Esperanza Sanchez and husband Frank of San Angelo, Elvira Garcia and husband Joe of Sonora, and Connie Maskill and husband Serafin of San Angelo, 6 brothers, Pedro, Teodoro, Victor and Frank Chavez all of Sonora, Juan Chavez of Natalia, and Baldemar Chavez of Lamont, CA., 1 sister, Francisca Mendez of Sonora, his grandchildren, Isabel Cervantes, Freddie, LeRoy and Chris Chavarria, Raymond, Abel and Carlos Andrade, Anna Gill, Mimi Potts, Elizabeth and Becky Andrade, Ray and Corby Maskill and Paul and Mark Sanchez, his best friend, Fidencio Ramirez, numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Olivia Adams

Olivia Adams, 81, of Sonora died Tuesday, October 12, 1999 in a local nursing home.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 14, 1999 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Kerbow Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She was born November 9, 1917 in Mexico. She was a cook and a member of the Catholic

Church.

Survivors include 2 sons, Guillermo and Federico Guadarrama both of Del Rio, 2 daughters, Olivia Longoria of Sonora and Aurora Esqueda of San Angelo, 1 brother, Antonio Adams of California, 1 sister, Ernestina Pena of Del Rio of Del Rio, 14 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

V.J. Glasscock

V.J. Glasscock, 83, of Sonora died Sunday, October 17, 1999 in a San Angelo hospital.

Services were held Tuesday, October 19, 1999 in the Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed.

He was born July 7, 1916 in Sonora. He was a rancher and a lifetime resident.

Survivors include his wife, Macca, a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Glynn Dell Glasscock of Sonora, 3 grandsons, Savvy Glasscock and wife Brandy of Columbus, Ohio, Platt Glasscock and wife Stephanie of Ozona, and Riffin Glasscock of Uvalde, 2 great grandchildren, Austin and Savannah Glasscock both of Columbus, Ohio.

Geneva West

Geneva West, 87, of Sonora died Sunday, October 17, 1999 in a San Angelo hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 20, 1999 at in the Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery.

She was born February 24,

1912 in Vivian, Louisiana. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

She is survived by 1 son, C.W. West, Jr. of San Angelo, 2 daughters, Charlene Bennett of Abilene and Neva Jo Allen of Azle, 1 brother, Charlie Silkwood of Zapata and 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Jean Wall

Jean Wall, 71, of Sonora died October 17, 1999 in a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, October 19, 1999 in the Sonora Cemetery. Kerbow Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She was born January 27, 1928 in Boonesville, Arkansas. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

She is survived by 4 daughters, Betty Stallard of Pecos, Linda Whitten of Big Lake, Deborah Stimac of Battle Creek, Michigan, and June Wall of Pampa, 1 son Keith Wall of San Antonio, 3 brothers, Junior, Clifford, and Steve Johnson all of Sherman, one sister Mildred Brown of Ore City, 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Gertrude B. Tipton

Gertrude B. Tipton, 86, of Dallas, formerly of Sonora died Tuesday, October 19, 1999 in a Dallas Hospital.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, October 21, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. at the Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler with Rev. Jerry Carpenter officiating. Burial will be in the Jacksonville City Cemetery in Jacksonville, TX, under the direction of Thompson Funeral Home.

She was born November 29, 1912 in St. Paul, Minnesota. She was a homemaker and a member of Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Carol Wilcox and husband Don of Troup and Hilde Tipton of Irving, 1 brother, Kenneth Babcock of Georgia, 1 sister Edith Grinnell and husband Robert of Horseshoe Bay, 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are Andy Foster, Cliff Hutcheson, Jim O'Connor, Russell Herring, Don Wilcox and Bob Grinnell.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association 3613 S. Broadway, Suite 401, Tyler, TX. 75701

Ronnie Cox
would like to be
your pharmacist.

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600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

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605 S. Crockett
387-2838

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
387-5552

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1306 N. Service Rd
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Oct. 22
Pep Rally High School Gym
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Oct. 25
4 - H Awards Banquet
6:15 p.m. at Civic Center

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

Oct. 28th

Sonora P.T.A. Fund Raiser Kick-Off
at Sonora Elementary
1:15 p.m. - Primary
2:15 p.m. - Intermediate

Oct. 29th

Preschool Trick or Treating
Downtown - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Oct. 30th

Chamber Luncheon - 12:00 Noon
Sutton Co. Steakhouse

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Email us at editor@sonoratr.net

Ask the Historical Society



Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. McKnight

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Several people questioned the existence of oil being found in our area in the 1890's. I recently found this article in the March 8, 1919 Devil's River News regarding a well in that time frame:

THE OLD COOPER OIL WELL LEASED

J. G. Ramsey and J. C. Fox of Edinburg Texas, and F. T. Phipps of Purcell, Okla. have leased for oil development purposes, 4036 acres from Paul Turney in Edwards County at 25 per acre cash down. These gentlemen came to Sonora especially to obtain lease on the lands that surrounded the Cooper oil well of 25 years ago and were fortunate in finding that Paul Turney Ranch 28 miles south of Sonora included this location and was not under lease. Having secured the property and while in no way under contract or agreement to drill departed for San Antonio and before leaving stated that they will begin operations as early as possible. J. G. Ramsey was in the sheep business in the Sonora country 25 years ago and had range in the Drifter's Home country and was acquainted with the Cooper oil well. The oil development of West Texas and experience since leaving Sonora country recalled the early days and this brought about the trip that resulted in obtaining the lease on the lands desired.

Q. What is the earliest mention of the name Rudicil in the Devil's River News?

A. November 8, 1890 there is mention of W. R. Rudicil, our new, and we judge him to be very popular from the number of votes he received, assessor, will leave for Austin the latter part of next week, on a visit to his home where he will spend the holidays. In December we found mention of him taking another 10 day trip to Kerrville and San Antonio. In the 1891 papers we found mention of his working on the tax rolls, going on a deer hunt to Johnson's Run and a dance at the S. E. Couch ranch. In the April 11, 1891 issue we find that S. G. Tayloe and W. R. Rudicil formed a partnership and are conducting business in general law, land and insurance business in the assessors office. In April 18, 1891 we find him building a four room residence. In the July 18, 1891 issue we find that Rudicil has finished the rolls and the total

amount is \$1,596,782. In October W. R. "Billy" Rudicil has improved the appearance of his residence with a thorough coat of light blue paint. In November 7, 1891 we find him and F. M. Wyatt buying out the store of R. W. Baptist and planning on filling it with a full line of furniture, dry goods and notions. In April of 1895 we found the following: Born on Tuesday, April 23rd to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rudicil a girl. The infant only lived three hours. (Note: cemetery records show a Mattie Traweek Rudicil who was born Feb. 2, 1862 and died May 15, 1890 is buried in Block B lot 15, grave 1 of the Sonora Cemetery. There is no stone for an infant born in 1895 in this Rudicil plot. We do not know where this baby girl is buried.) These are the earliest mentions we found of the Rudicil name in The Devil's River News.

In the March 8, 1919 issue we found a few other items of interest to share with you: Vinburgh Lester of Wichita, Kansas, has secured the oil lease on the Wyatt & Allison Willoughby ranch west of Sonora at 25 cents per acre. S. E. McKnight has about closed the lease on 20,000 acres east of Sonora for oil development purposes at 50 cents per acre. This lease is on the section basis and on form 88.

Frank Turney was in town Wednesday from the Geo. L. and Roy E. Aldwell ranch 18 miles south of Sonora, where he has been employed for the past several months.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McKnight and niece Lora White were in from the ranch 16 miles east of Sonora Wednesday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hull.

I. C. Adams, the tailor, returned Saturday from a visit to relatives at Brawley, California and a trip to San Diego and Los Angeles. His sister Mrs. Alice Alexander and children remained in Brawley and will make their home there.

Tom Savell, the veteran (not old) contractor of the Sonora-San Angelo Mail and Express Line, has sold his interest to his partner G. M. C. Massie Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fambrough who have for the past 7 months been living at Roosevelt returned to Sonora this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turney were in from their ranch near Beaver Lake Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turney

were in Sonora Monday from their ranch in Edwards county.

A. P. Belcher died and was buried at Del Rio Tuesday according to G. W. Morris who attended the funeral. A. P. Belcher was a well-known and highly respected ranchman and a former resident of the Sonora country, the Dale & Belcher ranch being in the North Llano country.

Dan Cauthorn was in from the ranch Wednesday and reported that an old Hereford cow had given birth to four calves, three heifers and a bull. They had been feeding the cow throughout the winter but the ordeal was too severe and all died.

Clayton Puckett, recently discharged from the U. S. Marines arrived home Wednesday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Puckett who ranch 16 miles west of Sonora.

Miss Lora Word, who is teaching the Vinegaroon School in Val Verde County was home Saturday on a short visit. Miss Word is one of the few West Texas school teachers with a life certificate from the State.

It cost \$3.50 to install a phone, \$1.50 if a phone is already in place and no location change is required. To move a phone from one location to another in the same residence costs \$300.

Wardlaw & Elliott are listed as Attorneys-at-law as is Alvis

Johnson. Dr. C. R. Carver is listed as physician and surgeon. Harold Saunders has the windmill service and Sims and Cooper are running the City Market. J. T. McClelland and K. V. E. Scott are listed as contractors and builders and the Devil's River News costs \$2.00 a year. At the Sonora Garage, Hull, North & Simmons proprietors, you could get a Ford Runabout for \$564.58.

We are working on compiling a history of the Sonora football team from all the existing issues of the Devil's River News. We have had so many requests for copies of games that we think this would make a good file. Please give us a few months to complete this project before asking for any copies. Thank you!

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society" P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may also call me at home at 915-387-2855. Dues and donations may be sent to the Sutton County Historical Society at the same address to the attention of Al Elliott, Treasurer. The bathrooms and renovations to the Miers Home and Cauthorn Memorial Building (depot) cost a lot folks and we could use some money.

Brianna Gabriella Palacios
was born October 4, 1999 at 4:48 p.m.
Harris Methodist Hospital in Ft. Worth, Texas.
Proud parents are
Bernice and Martin Palacios of Ft. Worth.
Maternal Grandparents are
the late **Arturo Galindo and Maria Galindo.**
Paternal Grandparents are
Martin and Mary Palacios of Ft. Worth.
Brothers and Sisters are **Kayla, David, and Lewis of Ft. Worth and Nick of Midland.**
She is also welcomed home by
many aunts, uncles and cousins.

The Sutton County Health Fair Committee would like to thank the following individuals, businesses & organizations for their contributions to the 1999 Health Fair

Choice Home Health	Dr. Charles Pajestka
Dr. Guido Calderon	Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital
Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing Home	Texas Department of Health
Sutton County EMS	Sutton County Senior Center
Girling Home Health	United Blood Services
Sonora Police Department	Knights of Columbus
Shannon Medical Center	San Angelo Community Medical Center
Compassionate Care	American Cancer Society
Primary Health Care	Council of Governments - 911
Texas Agricultural Extension Service	Texas Department of Transportation
West Texas Rehabilitation Center	Area Agency on Aging
Air - Med 1 Shannon Hospital	Texas Oxy Care
Premier Health	New Spirit Naturals
Child Find - Sonora ISD	Texas Organ & Tissue Bank
Early Childhood Intervention	KOOK Radio - Junction
KHOS Radio - Sonora	Judge Carla Garner
Sonora Main Street Program	Sonora Chamber of Commerce
Dairy Queen of Sonora	Sonic Drive - In
Nursing Home Personnel	Hospital Auxiliary
Sonora ISD	Brad Hughes
Devil's River News	Texas Department of Health
Cox Drug	The Craft Cottage
Ol' Sonora Trading Co.	Vallee's Bright Spot
Pizza Hut of Sonora	Shot's Convenience Stores
Sonora True Value	Sutton County Steakhouse
Flowers by Irene	La Mexicana Restaurant
Skinny's Convenience Store	image Apparel
Lisa's Flowers & Gifts	Caverns of Sonora

Police Report

10/7/99 - Officer was dispatched to the 200 Block of Hwy 277 North, in reference to a minor accident. No injuries were reported.

10/10/99 - Officer was dispatched to Town & Country in reference to a theft. Clerk advised that an unknown person driving a white volkswagon had pumped \$11.58 worth of fuel and driven away. Attempts to locate vehicle were negative.

10/11/99 - Officer was dispatched to Town & Country in reference to a theft. Clerk advised that someone pumped \$16.50 worth of fuel and drove away without paying. Unknown direction of travel was given. Attempts to locate vehicle were negative.

10/11/99 - Officer was dispatched to Town & Country in reference to a theft. Clerk advised that an unknown person driving a light green vehicle had pumped \$11.01 worth of fuel and driven away with paying. Unknown direction of travel or further description was given.

10/13/99 - Officers were dispatched to Landmark Apartments reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers spoke to victim. Victim advised that she had just been assaulted, and wished to file charges.

10/15/99 - Officer was dispatched to 1717 Tayloe in reference to a theft. Upon arrival, officer contacted complainant. Complainant reported that someone unknown to him had without his effective consent stolen some equipment from his vehicle. Investigation continues.

10/16/99 - Officer was contacted by a complainant wishing to report a theft. Complainant advised that someone unknown to her had stolen her son's bicycle from her residence. Investigation continues.

10/17/99 - Officer was dispatched to Shot's #5 in reference to a theft. A tan mobile home pumped \$41.17 worth of fuel and drove away without paying. Attempts to locate vehicle were negative.

Tedford Jewelry

Bridal Gift Registry

Janet Jones bride elect of Frank Davis
Rebecca Powers bride elect of Andy Stokes

Westerman Drug Bridal Registry

Rebecca Powers bride elect of Andy Stokes
Janet Jones bride elect of Frank Davis
Mrs. Jason Donaldson nee Beth Covington
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Cross-Country Schedule

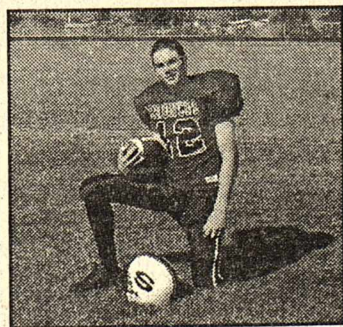
Oct. 25 - Ozona (District)



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Sonora Broncos Players of the Week US Ozona



OFFENSE

Split End
#12 James Elliott
Split End
5 Receptions
for 119 yds
3 TD's



DEFENSE

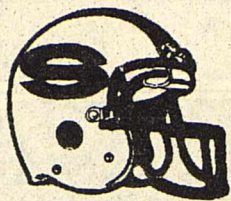
Free Safety
#20
Graham Bloodworth
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1 Interception

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REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS, OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM July 1, 1999 TO September 30, 1999						
FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
GENERAL	1,154,087.90	251,865.60		560,311.53		845,641.97
GENERAL-PAYROLL	12,277.60		294,470.52	302,241.56		4,506.56
FMFC	737,193.10	36,341.83		299,642.99		473,891.94
FMFC-PAYROLL	9,991.59		65,965.91	68,702.72		7,254.78
FLOOD CONTROL	28,756.40					28,756.40
LAW LIBRARY	10,315.77	420.00		71.75		10,664.02
LATERAL ROAD	-276.20					-276.20
STATE TRUST FUNDS	34,758.32	44,373.98		36,397.19		42,735.11
STATE ARREST FEES	1,267.43	2,707.32		2,269.02		1,705.73
PROBATION DEPT.						
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND	235,259.68	27,000.02		6,611.34		255,648.36
SUTTON COUNTY 911	6,675.29	43.04				6,718.33
APPELLATE FUND	125.38	231.78				357.16
SHERIFF SEIZURE FUND	9,191.82	6,070.86		7,550.00		7,712.68
					TOTAL	1,685,316.84
CHECKING ACCOUNTS		Sheriff Seizure	7,712.68			
STATE ARREST FEES	1,705.73	FMFC-1st Nat'l	57,223.50	GEN-1st Nat'l	186,541.45	
APPELLATE FUND	357.16	SUTTON CO 911	6,718.33	PROB. 1st Nat'l		260,258.85
MONEY MARKET ACCTS. (General)	701,134.77	FMFC		423,923.22		1,125,057.99
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT (General)	300,000.00	FMFC				300,000.00
TOTAL						1,685,316.84



Sonora High School Principal receives a "Boss' Day" gift from the High School Administration Staff.

Roping Results

The cold and rainy weather, that blew in on Saturday evening, did not keep the benefit roping for the Sharp family from being fun for both competitors and spectators. There were about 25 teams in the "Enter once, Draw Four" team roping and a small, but rowdy crowd in the stands.

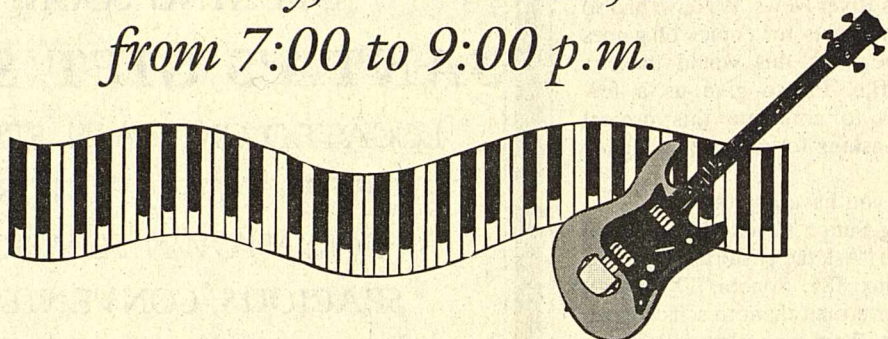
Results were as follows:
1st Go Winners - Stacey Pennington and Casey Lewis (A.K.A. "Petie")

with a time of 6.79.

Average Winners: 1st - Victor Gonzales of Junction and John Foster of Sterling, with a time of 28.88 on three steers, 2nd - Stacey Pennington and Casey Lewis with a time of 31.20 on three, and 3rd - Stacey Pennington and John Foster with a time of 31.25.

Thanks to everyone that participated and helped make it such a great event.

Please join the Musical Combo of
Manuel Campos on Piano and
Chris Green on Guitar
playing "Blues" & "Rock"
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from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.



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October 20
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October 21
Elodia M. Galindo
Mayon Neel
Veronica Garcia
Kari Purvis
Tina Tyler
Kelley Hirt

October 22
Mickey Sharp
Shawn Wallace
Victoria Dobbs
Tom Payton
Alex Castro

October 23
Mikael Samaniego
Regina Burris
Aneida Castillo
Felisha Gamez
Alonso Hernandez
Ruben Pinedo
Harvey Villanueva

October 24
Kathy Hardgrave
Heath Prather
Diane Jacoby
Jean Winn

October 25
Jesse Capuchina
Carol Covey
Nora Jo Dominguez
Betty Hernandez
Eric Krietz
Christie Ann Ramirez
Mickey Schaefer

October 26
Sonia Reyes
Kimberly Gonzales
Okilia Gonzales
Sorida Escamilla
Scott Freeman
Margaret Jolly

October 27
Chelsey Lou Campbell
Paul E. Leake
Edward Artiga
Eddie R. Castro
Laura Miller
Yvette Samaniego

F.Y.I.

District 2A Game
10/21/99

JV vs Forsan - CANCELLED
JV vs Ozona - 4:30 p.m./ JV vs Menard - 6:00 p.m.

10/22/99
Varsity vs Forsan
8:00 p.m. - There

Pep Rally - Friday, October 22, 1999 at 2:20 p.m. in the High School Gym

The Dale Gas Pro Rodeo, October 22-23, in Del Rio, Texas will be the finale of Bad Company's \$1.3 Million "Reelin' - n - Rockin'" Tour 1999. Top contestants from all over the United States and Canada will be headed to Del Rio to compete not only for points toward the National Finals Rodeo, but also to see who will be named the "Reelin' - n - Rockin'" Tour Champions. The Dale Gas will also be the host of the 1999 Texas Circuit Steer Roping Finals on Friday, October 22. Order tickets on line at www.badwear.com or for information call (830) 775-7459.

The Hudspeth Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary meets the 2nd Monday of each month, at noon, at the Sutton County Steakhouse. New members are especially encouraged to attend. Call 387-2949 for more information.

A fajitas dinner fundraiser will be held on Friday, November 5th, from 5 pm to 7 pm to benefit the Sonora High School boys varsity and junior varsity basketball teams. Join us in the high school commons for a delicious dinner before the Eldorado vs. Sonora football game! Tickets are available in advance at both Sonora banks (The Bank and Trust and First National Bank), as well as from any member of these teams, or by calling Melinda at 387-3721 or Kathy at 387-2227.

The Sutton County book club will be reading Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden. A discussion on the book will be held on October 25th at 7:00 P.M. at the Sutton County Library. Anyone interested in joining the book club should go by the library and sign up. Books for loan for book club discussions are available in limited numbers from the library.

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pass with six seconds left on the first half clock to end the half.

Ozona 6 - Sonora 20

The second half, began as the first half ended. A defensive struggle. The Lions began the second half with the football. The Broncos led by Jacob Percifull, and Thomas Bloodworth forced the Lions to punt after a short drive. The Bronco offense led by fullback, Sean Fields moved the ball to the Lion 6 yard line. At this point, the Lion defense stiffened. Facing a fourth and one at the 6, Lion defensemen Dwayne Smith, and Kyle Richardson combined to stop Bronco running back, Thomas Bloodworth, short of the needed yardage. Now having the Lions pinned deep in their own end of the field, the Bronco defense led by Bloodworth, Williams, Lumberas, Arevalo, and Stetson Hall really applied the pressure. On a third and twelve at the 1 inch line, the Lions elected to quick kick. A vigilant Bronco, Jacob Percifull, caught the ball at the Lion 20 and advanced it to the Lion 14. Two running plays by Fields put the football in the end-zone to put the Broncos up by 20 points, after the extra point by Hall, the Broncos were up 27 to 6. When the Lions went back on offense, they continued to find rough going, as the Bronco defensemen Chance Armke, Landon Brockman, and Thomas Bloodworth forced the Lions to punt once again. With eight minutes and four seconds left in the fourth quarter, the Bronco offense went back on the attack. Five different running backs touched the football on this 73 yard drive. Sean Fields, Chance Armke, Juan Rodriguez, Thomas Bloodworth, and Emanuel Lopez moved the ball to the Lion 29 yard line. At this point, Chance Armke claimed his second score of the game on a 29 yard dash. Hall split the uprights to put the Broncos out in front by a score of 34 to 6. After the ensuing kick-off, the Lions found themselves facing a fresh and aggressive Bronco defense. The Torres twins (Eloy and Ervay), Landon Brockman, Israel Arevalo, Jacob Percifull, Stetson Hall, and Chance Armke, limited the Lions to short yardage. On a fourth and four at their own 33, the Lions elected to go for it. Bad choice - a blitzing Ervay Torres sacked Richardson for a 6 yard loss to give the Broncos the ball on the Lion 27 with a minute and fourteen seconds left in the game. The Broncos were not through; as halfback Juan Rodriguez, would show his speed as well as agility to score the Broncos last touchdown. Rodriguez scored on an eleven second - 27 yard run to put the icing on the cake. Hall added the PAT to finish out the scoring and give the young Broncos an impressive 41 to 6 win over their counterparts from Ozona. Good Luck Broncos!

Colts Fall to Ozona

An offensive explosion by Sonora and Ozona left the 7th grade with a loss last Thursday night. Ozona won the game by a score of 42-30. In a game of "Can you top this?" On offense, Ozona posted a big lead early in the game. However, the Colts battled back in the second half to narrow the point gap to 12. Scoring for the Colts was as follows: Diego Cardona - 2 TD runs; Stetson Perez - 2 TD runs and 2 PAT runs; Austin Waggoner - 2 Points and a PAT conversion catch. Although the 7th grade defense started off slow, they built up steam as the game progressed. However, it was evident that both offenses were superb, and both teams found it difficult to stop each other.

On the same night, the 8th grade Colts came up short after a grueling battle with the Cubs. The final score was 14-0, but the game was much closer than that. The score stood 7-0 until late in the fourth quarter. The Colt's defense stifled a proven Cub offense for the better part of 4 quarters. At any point during the game, momentum could have shifted as the Colts effort never faltered. Even though the Colts suffered the loss, everyone in the stands knew they gave it all they had. Both Colt teams are off this week.

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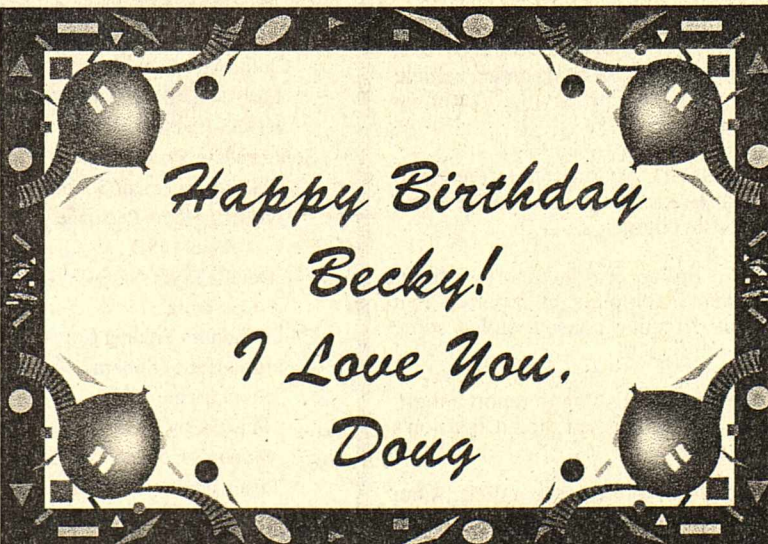
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The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, October 11, 1999, at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room at the Hospital. The following Directors were present: Alvis Johnson, Jr., President; Ray Smith, Vice President; Virginia Epps, Sherrill Dannheim, Lewis Allen.

Also present were Djanne Ashcraft, Administrator, Beverlee Williams, RN, Director of Nurses, Nursing Home; Carolyn Lara, and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

Dr. Johnson called the meeting order.

Upon motion by Sherrill Dannheim, seconded by Virginia Epps, the Board approved the regular meeting minutes of September 13, 1999, and the called meeting minutes of September 16, 1999 as written.

There was no business from the Appraisal District.

Dr. Johnson advised that the enactment of HB 2152, after the recently completed legislative session allows Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) counties and districts to authorize a new benefit distribution option for retiring employ-

possessions. The Lions lost the first with Bronco defensive lineman, Andy Sanchez recovering; and the Broncos would return the favor with Lion line-backer, Ty Mitchell, recovering the loose pigskin for the Lions. The Bronco fumble would give the Lions a definite advantage in field position, as the Lions would gain control of the ball at the Bronco 28 yard line. Ozona would only need a little less than two minutes to take advantage of the Bronco miscue. On a fourth and one playat the Bronco 19, Lion running back, Tim Maldonado, would get to the outside and weave his way into the end-zone to bring the Lions within 2 points of the Red Hosses. The try for two would fail, and with eight minutes and twenty-five seconds left in the third quarter, the Broncos would hold their 2 point advantage:

Lions 18 - Broncos 20

Ball control was the name of the game for the Broncos on their next possession. After the ensuing kick-off, the Broncos would set up shop at their own 18. For the next seven minutes and four seconds, Sonora would primarily use Tom Jacoby to pound the ball down the Lions' throat. Williams would also mix in a pass to Elliott and Perez, as he guided the Broncos down the field. With eleven seconds left in the third quarter, Williams would thread the needle between three defenders to give Elliott his second touchdown of the evening. Gaytan added the PAT to put the Broncos up by 9: Ozona 18 - Sonora 27. The Lion offense would stumble on their next possession, as the penalty bug forced Crawford and the Lions into a passing situation. Faced with a second and eighteen at their own 12, the Lion quarterback, Ross Crawford, would try to hit his wide receiver, Dustin Faught, on a crossing route. Bronco safety, Graham Bloodworth, out fought the Ozona receiver for the ball and the interception. The Broncos were back on the move at the Ozona 36. Air Bronco was the order of business. A 20 yard diving catch by Ernie Perez moved the ball to the Lion 16. Short runs by Jacoby and Bloodworth moved the ball to the 11 yard line. On a third and five at the 11, Williams would go to his favorite receiver of the evening, James Elliott. Williams would throw another perfect strike to give Elliott his third touchdown of the night and the Broncos fifth of the game. Gaytan remained perfect and added his fourth point of the game to put the Broncos up by a score of 34 to

18. Not willing to throw in the towel, the Lions came storming back on their next possession. This possession resembled the Lions very first one. Beginning at their own 26, the Lions began to power the ball down the field. Using Kenneth Vargas, Tim Maldonado, Clay Richardson, and Ross Crawford, Ozona smash-mouthed their way toward the Bronco goal line. Within three minutes and forty-one seconds left in the game, the Lions used a Bronco tactic to get in the end-zone. Crawford lofted a pass to Dustin Faught, who caught it for the 6 yard touchdown. Bronco cornerback, Jason Surber, made a super play to break up the try for two. **Ozona 24 - Sonora 34**

The Red Hosses would use their own smash-mouth style of play to close out the last three minutes and thirty-eight seconds of the game. Tom Jacoby would be the work horse for the Broncos as he would carry the ball three times to move the pigskin into Lion territory at the Ozona 38. Bryce Williams would take matters into his own hands; literally, as he would carry the ball for the next four times to close out the game and clinch the seventh victory of the season and the Broncos second victory in district play. **Final Score: Ozona 24 - Sonora 34**

34 This Friday, the Broncos will travel to Forsan to play the Forsan Buffaloes. Game time is at 8:00 p.m.

ees. Eligible employees of TCDRS subdivisions that authorize this new option may elect to receive a portion of their retirement payment in a lump sum at the time of service retirement. The lump sum payment can be any amount up to, but not exceeding, the member's personal account balance at retirement. The lump-sum distribution plan would reduce the monthly pension payment the member would otherwise receive. Discussion was held regarding employees getting a lump-sum versus a monthly income at retirement. Louis Allen made the motion not to accept the optional partial lump-sum distribution plan. Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the list of bad debts presented for approval. Upon motion by Sherrill Dannheim, seconded by Lewis Allen, the Board approved the write-off list of \$13,416.92. A letter will be written to one of the Companies that have sent their employees here for drug testing, that the future payment will be expected in advance for drug testing, due to non payment for these services.

Beverlee Williams, RN, DON, reported that at the present time there are 27 residents. Mrs. Williams advised the Board that a follow up survey for a complaint called in by the Facility and the family, had been held by the State and the Facility did not clear and they will return.

Carolyn Lara reported that Dr. Pajestka had one chart that was delinquent, due to the electricity going off and the equipment would not work after that. Both physicians are now current.

Grazing Software

Ranchers now have an upgrade on a tool that will help them make grazing decisions for their livestock.

The Grazing Manager for Windows (TGM) is a computer-based decision-making tool for beef and dairy producers to use on-site according to Ray Hinnant, senior research associate with the department of rangeland and ecology management at Texas A&M University. An improvement over an earlier DOS-based version, TGM can be used with Windows 95, 98 and Windows NT.

TGM is designed for the on-site decision-maker," said Ray Hinnant, who developed the software with Mort Kothmann, a professor with the department of rangeland ecology and management.

"It is easy to use and provides rapid analysis of forage balance data," Hinnant added.

TGM is used to inventory forage and animal resources and to plan, monitor and adjust grazing management in response to the current year's forage growth conditions he said.

Producers can use TGM to develop pasture and livestock inventories, as well as effective grazing plans that meet their objectives.

Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, superintendent of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Sonora, said TGM "is the most versatile and useful grazing management program that I've ever used in my 25-plus years of rangeland research."

The software has been used on the ranch since 1993, and has provided them with an estimate of carrying capacity for each of the pastures. The program also is used to help them make stocking rate decisions from year to year and within years.

For example, a new forage year is started on the first day of April for each year, Taylor said. That is when most of the woody plants grow new

Kathy Knight reported that accounts receivable at the end of September, was \$359,892.96. Mrs. Knight reported that \$72,361.32 had been collected on account. There is \$225,927.66 pending in insurance claims.

Dianne Ashcraft reported that an organization had requested a copy of the personnel policies and Hospital by-laws. Ms. Ashcraft advised that they were being copied for them at this time.

Mrs. Knight gave the financial report for August. Mrs. Knight reported that the Hospital had a net loss of 66,343.02, which is \$33,772.52 over budget, and the Nursing Home had a net loss of \$21,739.60 which is \$6,894.61 under budget.

Upon motion by Lewis Allen, seconded by Virginia Epps, the Board approved the September, 1999, expenditures.

There were no visitors comments. Ray Smith advised that there had been a meeting with a representative from Phil Gramm's office, at the City Hall a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Smith advised that Mr. Gramm's office might help with one of the pieces of equipment we are needing. Dr. Johnson advised Henry Bonilla had been at a meeting in town several weeks ago and that he would have liked to attend the meeting, had he known about it. Dr. Johnson advised Congressman Bonilla was really interested in rural Healthcare.

With no further business, Ray Smith made the motion to adjourn. Sherrill Dannheim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ranchers now have an upgrade on a tool that will help them make grazing decisions for their livestock.

The Grazing Manager for Windows (TGM) is a computer-based decision-making tool for beef and dairy producers to use on-site according to Ray Hinnant, senior research associate with the department of rangeland and ecology management at Texas A&M University. An improvement over an earlier DOS-based version, TGM can be used with Windows 95, 98 and Windows NT.

"TGM is designed for the on-site decision-maker," said Ray Hinnant, who developed the software with Mort Kothmann, a professor with the department of rangeland ecology and management.

"It is easy to use and provides rapid analysis of forage balance data," Hinnant added.

TGM is used to inventory forage and animal resources and to plan, monitor and adjust grazing management in response to the current year's forage growth conditions he said.

Producers can use TGM to develop pasture and livestock inventories, as well as effective grazing plans that meet their objectives.

Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, superintendent of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Sonora, said TGM "is the most versatile and useful grazing management program that I've ever used in my 25-plus years of rangeland research."

The software has been used on the ranch since 1993, and has provided them with an estimate of carrying capacity for each of the pastures. The program also is used to help them make stocking rate decisions from year to year and within years.

For example, a new forage year is started on the first day of April for each year, Taylor said. That is when most of the woody plants grow new

foliage and the warm season grasses start to initiate their new growth.

"By using TGM, we can project forage growth throughout the year and see if forage production is sufficient to meet animal demand for any period of the year. This kind of information is critical for ranchers to properly balance their animal numbers with the forage supply," he explained.

TGM also is used with their prescribed fire program.

"Grass can be used for either forage for animals or fuel for fire," he said. "If a rancher is going to integrate fire into his ranching enterprise, then he needs to budget grass for both fuel and forage. TGM does an excellent job of predicting how much of the vegetation can be budgeted for fires and how much is needed to meet animal demand."

Users input the following data:

* The time period animals will be grazing

* Size of area that will be grazed

* Stocking rate

* Estimated grazing use level
(light, moderate, heavy)

* Type of animals to be grazed and their estimated weight at the time of grazing.

* Adjust forage growth rate during the year.

This data allows producers to determine whether they will have enough forage, he said. If forage is too short, producers may decide to feed supplements or reduce the stocking rate. If there is additional forage, stocking rates may be increased.

The program costs \$199. Texas residents must add 8.25 percent sales tax. Further information is available from Hinnant rhinnant@tamu.edu, or Kothmann mkothmann@tamu.edu, department of rangeland ecology and management, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843-2126 (409) 845-5580 or 845-5575.

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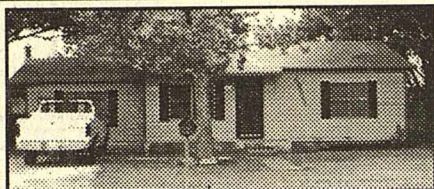
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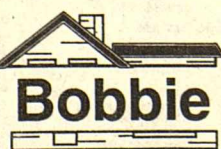
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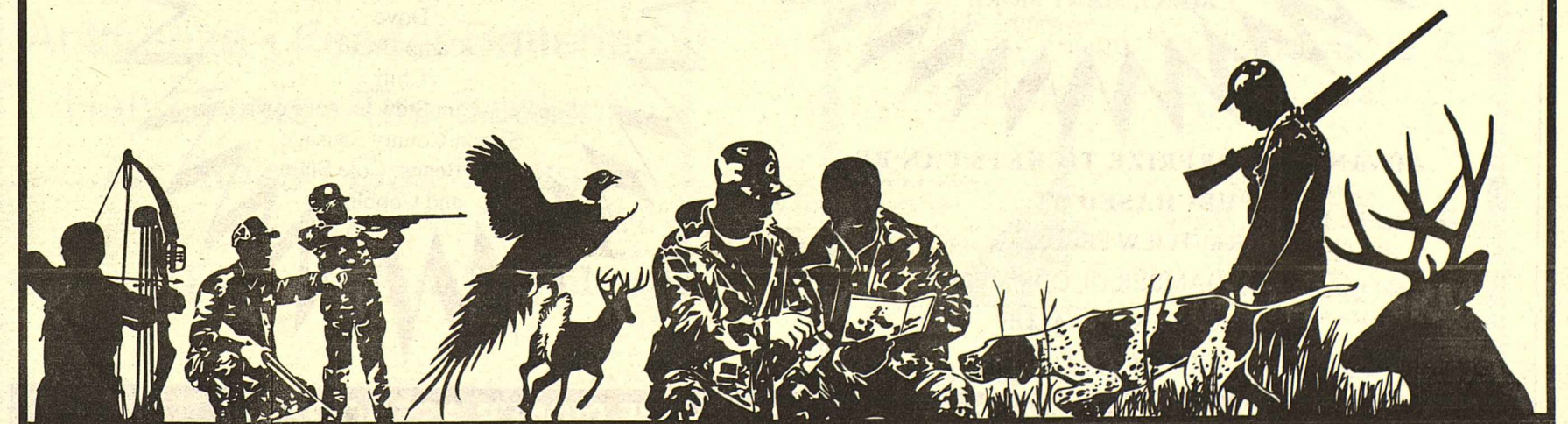
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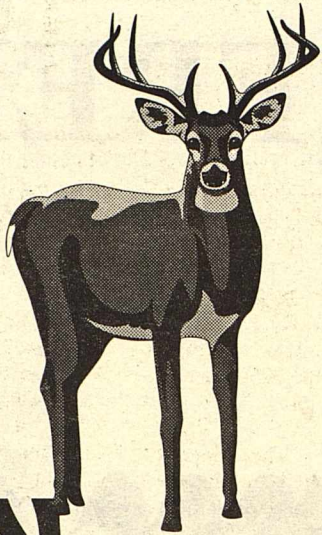
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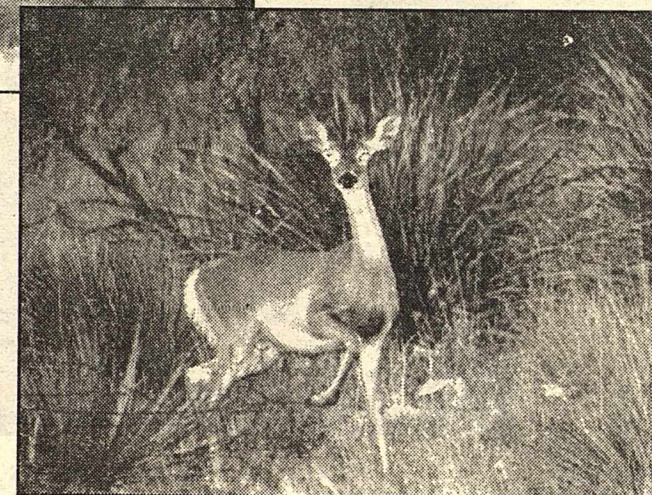
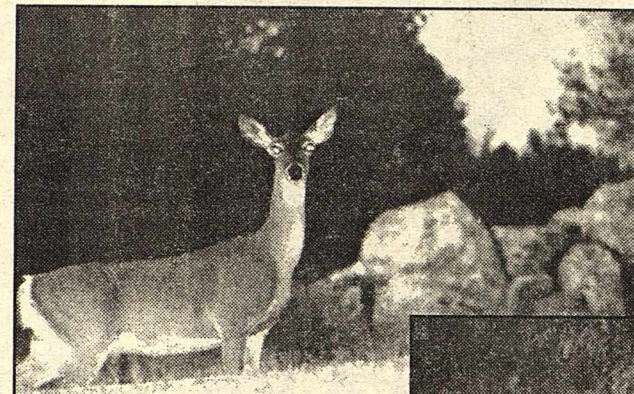
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In retrospect: The winter of 1998 was not much of a winter even by Hill Country standards. Green growth on forbs, grasses, and browse plants persisted into mid-November allowing all animal species to over-winter in great shape. The white-tailed deer rut last year was fast and furious during late November and through December, and then there were those late stragglers that cycled into January to produce some late fawns even for these western Plateau counties. With such a fast-paced rut in place those hunters who put off harvesting does until late in the season may have been hard pressed to find a doe that would stand still for any activity.

January and February 1999 were somewhat on the dry side but spring rains picked up a little in March and April to carry out what the winter of '98 started with enough rainfall in most areas to pull off decent forb growth so vital to

quality antler production. Rains in May and June were the best for the year totaling 7-9 inches or so, but the total rainfall to date for 1999 rests between 12 and 16 inches. Unfortunately, most of the spring and early summer rains, frequent though they were, were followed by onslaughts of windy days so that soil moisture levels never lasted very long. But, the early ground-work for great antler production had already been laid for the year.

As we approached the end of September 1999, the reports of dead deer started trickling in from the field. There are any number of reasons as to why deer might be found dead during a year as we are currently experiencing. Deer can succumb to any number of internal or external parasites, may be carrying some sort of virus that only exacerbates itself in the animal under stress conditions, or may have even gorged on some natural, noxious plants or tainted supplemental feed. The reports were not of any great numbers of animals, but several can seem like a lot when dealing with drought conditions. The one major difference as to why there may have been more dead deer found this year as opposed to previous years is that the Edwards Plateau has not received the big August and September rains that has pulled us out of many another drought-in recent years. As luck

would have it though, a somewhat decent acorn crop started falling earlier than usual, and whether the pithy, green mast was tasteful or not, the deer and turkey were soon found huddling under most any live oak tree in the country. Acorns will most definitely be the 'cashews in the mixed-nut can' this season, so don't be surprised if deer movement is off again this year due to finding readily available mast. However, during annual surveys deer seemed to be moving more on average during the day and less at night - probably as a stress reducer to save energy during the drought conditions.

How does this all sum up? Recent deer surveys in Sutton County show a county-wide density of 10.8 acres per deer with a buck:doe ratio of 1:2.47 and a great fawn crop of 0.56 fawns per doe. That makes 3 consecutive years of big fawn crops continuously expanding the population so that the buck:doe ratios are tilted heavier towards the doe segment. Preliminary reports from archery hunters reveal some great antler production in their harvest in the form of 140 - 150 class bucks. Low harvest rates from 1996 through 1998 and high fawn crops from the last 3 years have left a high number of 3.5 and 4.5 year old bucks in the field. If ever there was a year to reduce numbers, in most cases, this is the year it should happen. With high

populations of animals and persistent droughty conditions, this is the year to lower over-all numbers of animals in order to help recover the residual vegetation and habitat for those animals remaining after hunting season.

Turkey hen/poult surveys for the Edwards Plateau showed quite a rebound in the population this summer as compared to 1998 with an increase from 0.78 poults per total hens to 1.97 poults per total hens where 44% of the hens in the population were found with poults as compared to 23% in 1998. Once again the observed males in the population has increased ever so slightly

from 0.60 gobblers per hen in 1998 to 0.65 gobblers per hen this year. Bobwhite quail and Scaled quail numbers are stable once again this year.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is still hosting the Texas Big Game Awards Program for first deer/pronghorn antelope entries and scored entries on white-tailed deer, mule deer and pronghorn antelope. For official scoring or more information about our game species in Sutton County, please contact TPWD Game Biologist Mary Humphrey in Sonora at 387-5539. Good luck hunting into the new millennium.



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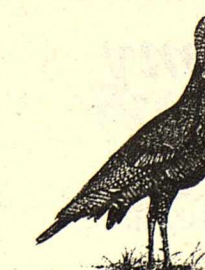
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The Hunting Outlook

by Rodney Knight

The range conditions here in Sutton County are pretty bad, but due to the rains we had up to July there are some of the best racks on the bucks that I've seen in a long time. There's a good acorn crop which will keep the deer in good shape for a while longer.

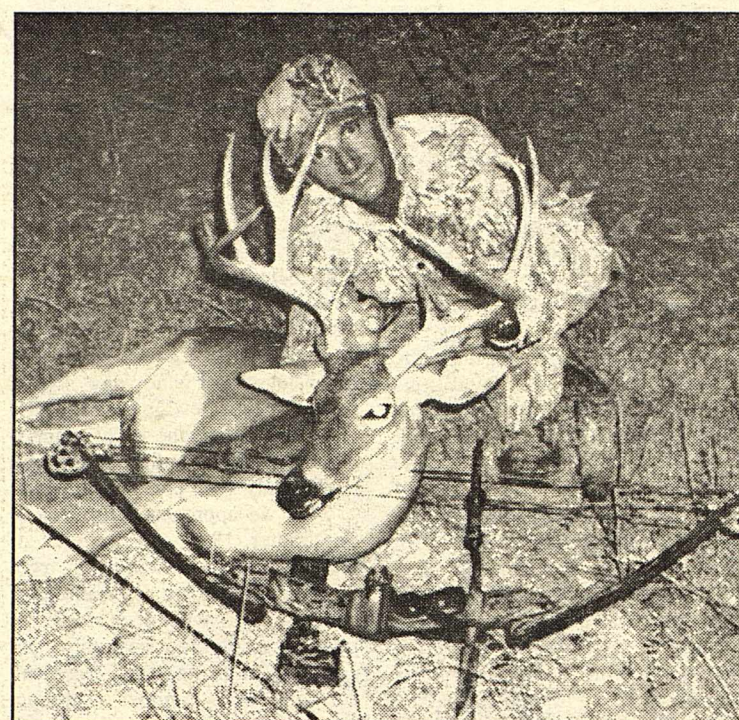
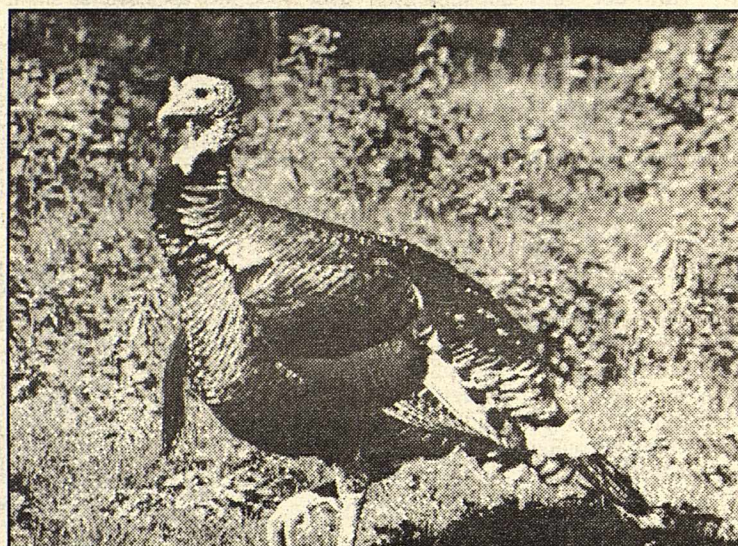
I helped Marvin Shurley skin the buck he killed on Oct. 5th, a 20 inch - 11 point. This buck had fat that covered his rump. Once these bucks start the rut, they'll pull down pretty fast. The fawn crop was really good this year with a lot of twins being born. There is still a lot of small spotted fawns and their mothers seem to be the poorest. Hunters should be real careful about which doe they shoot early in the season,

because she might still have a small nursing fawn.

The turkey hatch was really good this year. I've had reports of "more turkey than I've seen in years" from all over the county. The spring rains provided moisture for the hatch, and grass for cover and seed. This is the first good hatch in three years.

The overall outlook

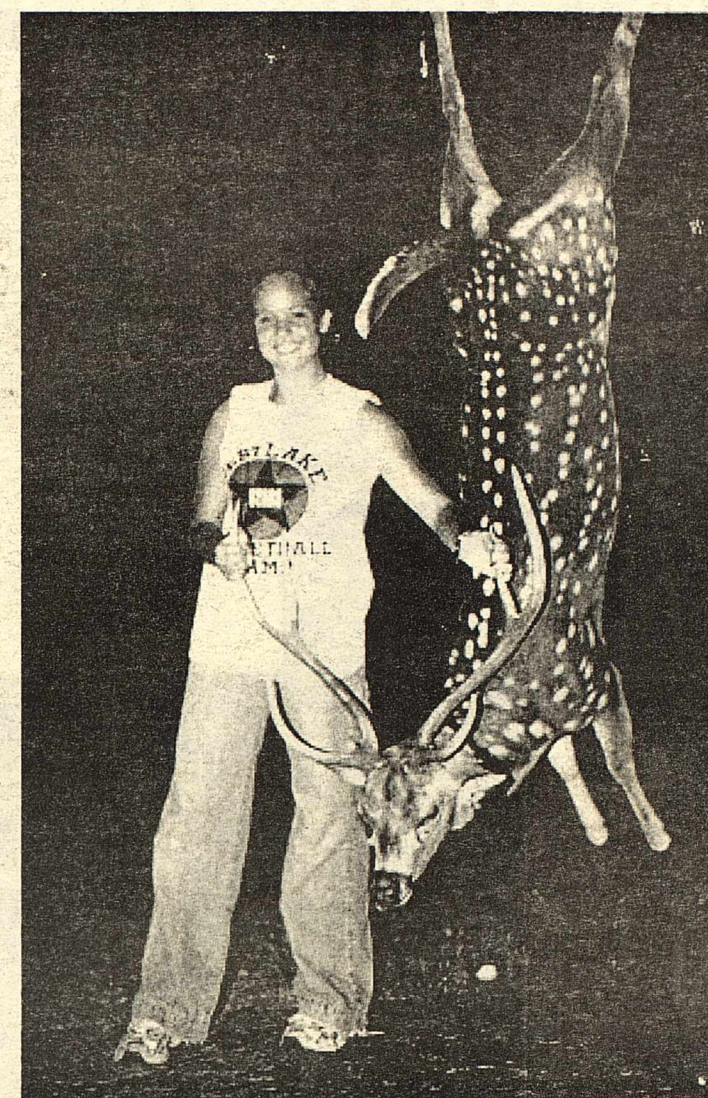
for hunting is going to be real good. There is going to be a way above average number of big horn bucks taken. Many of the bucks this year are carrying extra "kicker" points. If the rains don't come, you better get that big buck early; or he might not be in good shape. If you have any questions, please call me at 915-387-3068.



Marvin Shurley got this 11 pt., 105 lb. buck on his place during the '99 Bow Season.

Question: Do spike bucks remain spikes their entire life?

Answer: No. While some spikes never achieve impressive antlers, research has shown some of them eventually produce trophy racks if they live long enough in areas with good food sources.



Lindsey Schwiene is very proud of her Axis Buck



Hunters come in all sizes and ages! 6 year old Kallie Humphrey, is happy to show off her doe that she killed last hunting season.

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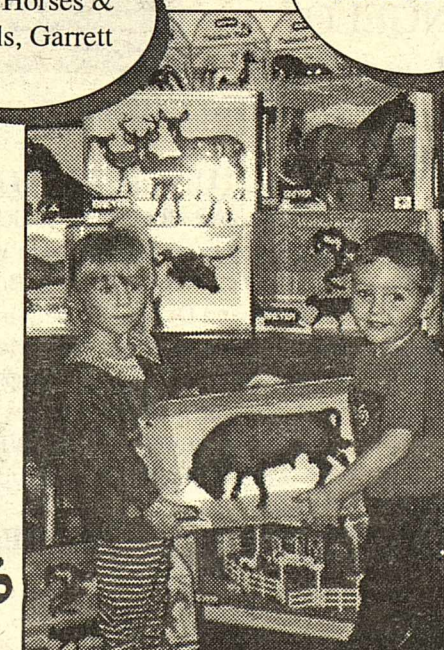
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GENETICALLY SUPERIOR YOUNG BUCKS AND DOES ARE BEING RELEASED INTO THE WILD BY WHITETAIL BREEDERS

By Thompson Temple

Yes, there are scientific breeders of whitetail deer that are releasing top quality young bucks and does into the wilds of Texas! The people and the sportsmen of the state of Texas are benefiting by this worthwhile effort.

No, it is not being done by the Texas Parks & Wildlife. No, it is not being done with taxpayers money. It is being done at the sole expense of private landowners.

Why is it being done? Many hunters will crop out the largest whitetail bucks and leave smaller ones. Sometimes the smaller ones left are older genetically inferior bucks. They have a free run of the herd, breeding as many does as they can. This is not good.

There are 150 plus individuals that have a genetically superior mature buck in a pen that is breeding does. They breed for the best and cull out the lesser deer. They are licensed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife to raise whitetails in confinement. They are doing a super job! The offspring from these super deer are "liberated" onto Texas farms and ranches. By this process the liberated animals

become the property of the people of the state of Texas. These liberated deer are free to breed wild deer upgrading the quality of wild deer!

These Scientific Breeders need all the help they can get and minimum red tape and regulations from governmental entities. Ask your state representative and game warden to help these individuals any way they can!



Candice Humphrey shows off her 6 pt. buck that she bagged all by herself.

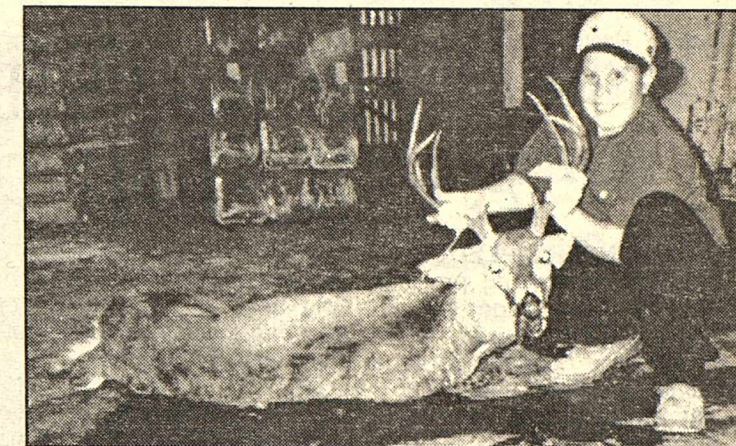
Youth Season for Whitetail Deer and Turkey

In all counties with an open season for white-tailed deer and turkey, there will be a Youth Hunting Season on October 30-31, 1999. Only persons 16 years of age or younger may hunt. The bag limits and license requirements are the

same as in the General Season.

A hunting license is required of any person regardless of age, who hunts any animal or bird in this state, except an alligator hunting license is required to hunt alligators. A hunting license is not

needed to hunt furbearing animals if the hunter possesses a trapper's license. Non-residents under 17 years of age may purchase the Special Resident Hunting License.



Garrett Watkins, a 7th grader at Sonora Middle School, proudly displays his big buck of the year.

Special Hunting Days Give Kids First Shot

Giving young hunters the first shot this fall is the focus of a series of special youth-only special hunting seasons set by Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW).

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted the early youth-only hunting opportunities two years ago and expanded the offerings with a youth-only squirrel hunting weekend this year.

"We hope these youth hunting seasons will become as much a part of our state's hunting tradition as opening day of dove or deer season," said Gary Graham, TPW Wildlife Division director. "We hope these opportunities will motivate folks to devote some time afield with kids and pass on

Texas' hunting heritage to the next generation."

Recognizing the importance of passing the hunting tradition through the generations, the agency has set aside dates for youth/adult hunts on lands managed by Parks and Wildlife. Hunting parties must include at least one hunter under 17. All adults must possess a current Annual Public Hunting Permit.

• Dove/Quail: A youth/adult mourning dove and quail hunt will be conducted on the Chaparral Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Dimmitt and La Salle Counties on Oct. 23-24. For more information call the Chaparral WMA (830)676-3413.

• Squirrel: A youth/adult squirrel hunt will be conducted at Martin Deis Jr. State Park in Tyler and Jasper Counties on Dec. 11, 12, 18 and 19. For more information call the park headquarter (409)384-5231.

Youth-only may hunt waterfowl on Oct. 16 in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit and on Oct. 23 in the rest of the state. Hunting for ducks, mergansers and coots will be limited to youngsters ages 15 and under during the special youth-only days. Normal bag limits and hunting restrictions will apply and a \$6 Special Resident Hunting License is required. No federal or state duck stamp is required for quali-

fying youth to hunt during the special youth-only days; however, during the regular waterfowl seasons, the \$15 federal duck stamp is mandatory for hunters 16 years of age and older.

During the statewide special youth-only hunting weekend of Oct. 30-31, licensed youth ages 16-and-under, while accompanied by a supervising adult, will be allowed to harvest white-tailed deer and Rio Grande turkey. General season bag limits for the county hunted will apply during the youth-only weekend and a \$6 Special Resident Hunting License is required.

Youth 12 years of age and older who have successfully com-

pleted a certified hunter education course may hunt alone during the special youth-only hunting season. Supervising adults may hunt other species for which an open season is in effect at that time, but this special youth-only season is intended primarily to provide an opportunity to mentor young hunters.

For the latest information on scheduled youth hunts on state-managed lands, call TPW (800)792-1112 (press 51 to access wildlife information).

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RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECT: A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR HUNTERS

A HUNTER'S PLEDGE

Responsible hunting provides unique challenges and rewards. However, the future of the sport depends on each hunter's behavior and ethics. Therefore, as a hunter, I pledge to:

RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE.

- Show respect for the wildlife you hunt by taking only clean, killing shots, then retrieving and properly handling your game. Take only what you will use, even if it is under the legal limit.

- Learn to tread lightly while afield. Use vehicles only on established roads and trails, practice low-impact camping and travel, and pack out your trash, including cigarette butts and spent shell casings.

- Report illegal activities immediately.

RESPECT PROPERTY AND LANDOWNERS.

- Always get permission to hunt on private land.

- Close any gates you open, and never damage crops or property, including fences, out-buildings and livestock.

- Alert landowners or land managers about any problems you find on their property.

- Share your game with the landowner, or say thank you in some other way.

SHOW CONSIDERATION FOR NONHUNTERS.

- Remember that the future of hunting depends on hunters and nonhunters alike. Be considerate of nonhunters' sensibilities, and strive to leave them with positive images of hunting and hunters.

- Don't flaunt your kill. Treat game carcasses in an inoffensive manner, particularly during transport.

- Be considerate of all outdoor users, including other hunters.

HUNT SAFELY.

- Exercise caution at all times.

- Fire your gun or bow only when you are absolutely sure of your target and its background. Use binoculars, not your rifle scope, to identify your target.

- Wear hunter orange whenever appropriate or required while afield.

- Remember that hunting and alcohol don't mix.

KNOW AND OBEY THE LAW.

- Obtain proper tags and licenses.

- Hunt only in allowed areas and during designated times and seasons. Read hunting regulations carefully.

- Obey bag and possession limits.

- Use only legal hunting methods and equipment.

SUPPORT WILDLIFE AND HABITAT CONSERVATION.

- Provide hands-on and financial support for conservation of game and nongame species

and their habitats.

- Learn more about wildlife and habitat issues, and urge policymakers to support strong conservation initiatives.

- Become involved in wildlife conservation organizations and their programs.

- Purchase state and federal wildlife conservation stamps, even if such stamps are not required for hunting.

PASS ON AN ETHICAL HUNTING TRADITION.

- Invite a young person or a nonhunter next time you go afield to scout or hunt.

- Attend a hunter education course, and urge others to do the same.

- Set high ethical standards for future generations of hunters to help ensure hunting will continue.

STRIVE TO IMPROVE MY OUTDOOR SKILLS AND UNDERSTANDING OF WILDLIFE.

- Know the limitations of your skills and equipment, and hunt within those limits.

- Improve your outdoor skills to become more observant, a better hunter and a better teacher.

- Sight-in your firearm and bow, and practice shooting to ensure a clean kill in the field.

- Learn more about the habits and habitats of game and nongame wildlife and their management needs.

HUNT ONLY WITH ETHICAL HUNTERS.

- Take pride in being an ethical hunter.

- Insist that your hunting partners behave in a responsible, ethical manner.

- Compete only with yourself.

Deer Survey from page 11

Daylight field observations should be conducted on a systematic basis through all pastures where routes are beginning 15 minutes before sunrise or 1 hour prior to sunset. Use binoculars to identify deer and determine approximate number of points on bucks. Record only those deer identified as to buck, doe, or fawn, but if all deer in a group cannot be identified then do not include any deer in the group. The idea is to obtain buck:doe and fawn:doe ratios. Unidentified deer do not count in daylight observation surveys. Any attempt to obtain observations on 100 to 200 deer depends on the size of the ranch. Counts can be conducted over a several-day period.

Density figures for the property can be obtained by conducting spotlight surveys through the acreage. Counts should be conducted during the period late August through October. The route should cover all vegetation types on the property, but every pasture need not be surveyed. If the ranch has cedar hills and mesquite draws then equal amounts of both vegetation types should be included on the route. The more survey information gained for the ranch, the better the trend information is over time. Surveys should be run 2-3 times per count period, and at weekly intervals so as to capture several different movement patterns of deer dependent on current range and climatic conditions. The length of the route should be long enough to properly investigate all veg types, but short enough to engage surveyors to re-run the route several times

during a counting season. The author's rule of thumb for route length is: 1 mile per 1,000 acres plus 2-3 miles extra - i.e. on an 8,000 acre ranch run up to a 10 mile survey. Avoid running surveys during light rains, high winds, or when there has been much activity on the ranch (i.e. when livestock has been worked during the day).

Tools for the actual survey: the type vehicle, spotting setup, and number of deer observed are all relative. The spotting platform does not have to extend to the treetops, but if it does then the number of deer observed will be relative to the extra number of acres seen at greatest distances of 250 yards from the vehicle. The vehicle should be one that can traverse rough pasture roads. The spotting platform can be just the front seat of the pickup (dependent on number of observers continually available to conduct survey), or it can be two seats mounted/removable in the back of the pickup. Two observers should be used, one on each side of the vehicle. Use 4 inch, 100-watt aircraft landing lights connected directly to the battery rather than plugged into the cigarette lighter. This is accomplished by using 2 alligator clamps attached to a 25-foot Number 12 standard insulated wire. A wall socket with 2 outlets is attached to the other end of the wire. Cut off plugs on spotlights and install male plugs. Lightweight spotlights that T.P.W.D. employees use can be obtained by calling Wistol Supply in Dallas, Texas at 800/888-4937 for the SHO-ME

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The survey itself should begin 1 hour after sunset. Drive the route at 3-5 miles per hour using the hand-held spotlights. During the initial survey, visibility estimates need to be taken at every 1/10 interval along every mile. Estimates should be taken at perpendicular angles to the vehicle to the furthest distance up to 250 yards that a deer could be observed from the vehicle. Visibility estimates need not be taken again until the third year unless major brush manipulation takes place along the route before the third year arrives. The visibility estimates are an integral part of the whole survey technique where density figures of deer are related to the acreage on the ranch. If the survey runs through 400 observed acres on the ranch and 20 deer are spotlighted, then the density for that route is 20 acres per deer. Visibilities should be taken by trained professionals or by others using good quality range-finders.

When conducting the survey, do not stop to search for deer, but stops should be made to identify deer. Observers should have some previous night-time experience in determining sex and age of deer before the routes are conducted. Binoculars should be used when conducting surveys. The data should be recorded by mile on the survey route. Record deer only when they are within 250 yards of the vehicle as maximum readings taken when determining the acres

of visibility were 250 yards.

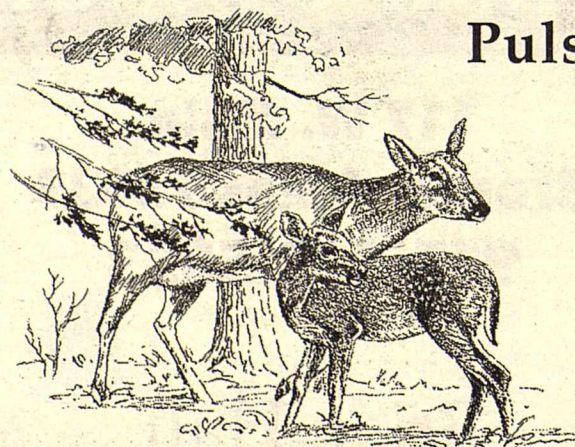
To obtain survey forms, proper analysis of the spotlight information and resultant harvest recommendations, or for more technical assistance with conducting spotlight (or helicopter) surveys, contact local wildlife Biologist Mary Humphrey

at 915/387-5539. Local law enforcement officials should be notified before spotlight surveys are conducted. Inform game wardens as well as sheriff's deputies as to the whereabouts of the ranch and when the activity is to be performed.



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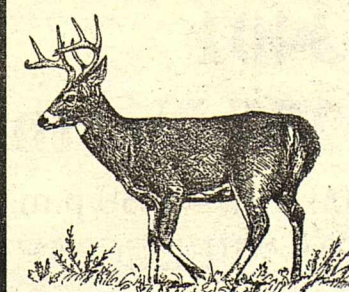
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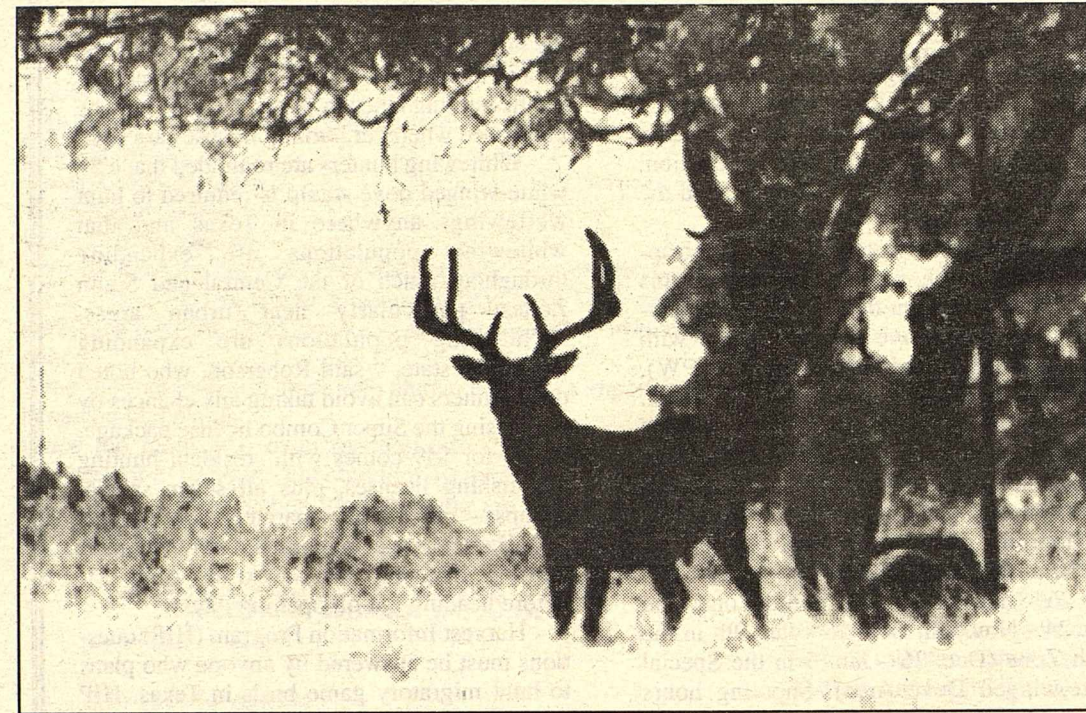


IS THERE A GAME FENCE BETWEEN YOU AND THE BUCK OF YOUR DREAMS?

By Thompson Temple

You have a 300 acre deer lease that is joined on one side by a high fenced game ranch? You see the buck of your dreams and raise your rifle to shoot. In your scope you see the barely distinguishable wires of the fence. "Dog gone it! I can't shoot!" This scenario often occurs on Texas farms and ranches. Let's think for a minute why it does happen. People with high fenced ranches often do not harvest young immature bucks. They let them grow up. They wait. The difficulty with non high fenced land is that if you let a six point buck go, then someone else may shoot it the next day. How far will a buck travel in the rut looking for a doe in heat? I have seen a known buck

travel two miles in search of a doe. This means that a buck standing in one place utilizes 7,680 acres if he travels two miles in all directions from his starting point. Somewhere on 7,680 acres someone will shoot a six point buck. What is the answer? Did you ever hear the expression - If you can't beat them, then join them! It might not be possible to manage for big bucks on your 300 acre lease. Maybe you should shoot that six point buck and be tickled with him. The State of Michigan does not manage for trophy bucks. They state that it is their goal to provide as many successful hunts as possible. They know that you can harvest twice as many bucks if you take them at 2 1/2 years of age as opposed to 5 1/2 years



This big buck has a fence between him and the photographer!

of age. Let's assume that your property was good for 5 trophy bucks per year. If you switched to a quantity program instead of quality program, then you could harvest 10

mature bucks per year and no trophy bucks. Michigan manages for a young buck or doe hanging up in as many garages as possible. They want venison on as many tables as possible.

Who is right? Is anyone wrong? It is a worthwhile program either way. Keep the wind in your face, the sun at your back, and the Lord in your heart. Good hunting!

New Law Changes

Every year, the same thing always happens; someone finds a little lost deer. First, deer don't get lost and second, as of September 1, 1999, a person who possesses a live game animal in this state has committed an offense. There are special purposes for which a Department permit maybe obtained, but not for a pet deer. The penalty is a Class C Parks and Wildlife misdemeanor which carries a \$25 to \$500 fine.

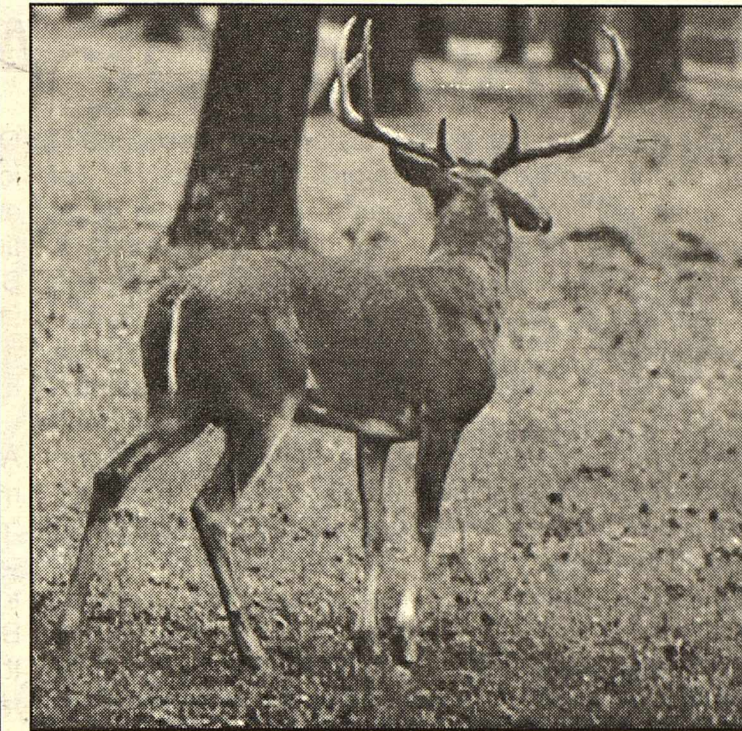
The biggest changes came with these offenses:

- 1) Hunting from a motor vehicle while on a public road
- 2) Hunting at night
- 3) Hunting with a light
- 4) Failing to retrieve and keep in an edible condition a decent bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, mule deer, or white-tailed deer.

The first offense is a Class A Parks and Wildlife Misdemeanor which carries a fine of \$500 to \$4000 and/or 1 year in jail. Also you can lose your hunting licenses, weapons, and personal property used in the commission of the offense. If you get caught a second time for any of these offenses, it becomes a Parks and Wildlife Code Felony which carries a fine of \$2,000 to \$10,000 and/or 2-10 years in jail. Also loss of weapons, personal property and hunting licenses.

The first offense for taking wildlife resources without consent of the owner is a Class A Parks and Wildlife misdemeanor unless the person kills a decent bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, mule deer, or white-tailed deer in which the case becomes a Parks and Wildlife Code Felony.

If a person is sitting in their blind and sees a good buck on the other side of the fence, he/she better think twice about shooting it. If filed on for "Hunting without Consent", they could go to jail for up to ten years.



Hunting Stamp and Tag Fees

No State stamp fees are required for any resident or non-resident under 17 years of age, or holders of Lifetime Resident Combination or Lifetime Resident Hunting Licenses.

Hunting Lease License

by Rodney Knight

This license is required of anyone who leases hunting rights or charges a fee for hunting on property they own or control:

- 1) 1 through 499 acres is \$50
- 2) 500 through 999 acres is \$100
- 3) 1,000 acres or more is \$200

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FIVE STAGES OF A HUNTER

Hunters change through the years. Factors used to determine "successful hunting" change as well for each hunter. A hunter's age, role models, and his years of hunting experience affect his ideas of "success."

Many hunters may fit into one of the following five groups. In 1975-1980, groups of over 1,000 hunters in Wisconsin were studied, surveyed, and written about by Professors Robert Jackson and Robert Norton, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. The results of their studies form a widely accepted theory of hunter behavior and development. Where are you now? Where would you like to be?

SHOOTER STAGE

The hunter talks about satisfaction with hunting being closely tied to being able to "get shooting." Often the

beginning duck hunter will relate he had an excellent day if he got in a lot of shooting. The beginning deer hunter will talk about the number of shooting opportunities. Missing game means little to hunters in this phase. A beginning hunter wants to pull the trigger and test the capability of his firearm. A hunter in this stage may be a dangerous hunting partner.

LIMITING OUT STAGE

A hunter still talks about satisfaction gained from shooting. But what seems more important is measuring success through the killing of game and the number of birds or animals shot. Limiting out, or filling a tag, is the absolute measure. Do not let your desire to limit out be stronger than the need for safe behavior at all times.

TROPHY STAGE

Satisfaction is described in terms of selectivity of game. A duck hunter might take only greenheads. A deer hunter looks for one special deer. A hunter might travel far to find a real trophy animal. Shooting opportunity and skills become less important.

METHOD STAGE

This hunter has all the special equipment. Hunting has become one of the most important things in his life. Satisfaction comes from the method that enables the hunter to take game. Taking game is important, but second to how it is taken. This hunter will study long and hard how best to pick a blind site, lay out decoys, and call in waterfowl. A deer hunter will go one on one with a white-tailed deer, studying sign, tracking, and the life habits of the deer.

Often, the hunter will handicap himself by hunting only with black powder firearms or bow and arrow. Bagging game, or limiting, still is understood as being a necessary part of the hunt during this phase.

SPORTSMAN STAGE

As a hunter ages and after many years of hunting, he "mellows out." Satisfaction now can be found in the total hunting experience. Being in the field, enjoying the company of friends and family, and seeing nature outweigh the need for taking game.

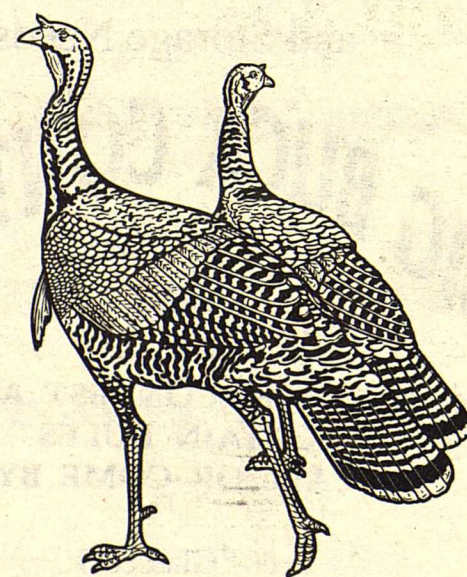
Not all hunters go through all the stages, or go

through them in that particular order. It is also possible for hunters who pursue several species of game to be in different stages with regard to each species. Some hunters feel that role models of good sportsmen, training, or reading books or magazines helped them pass more quickly through some stages.

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Austin, TX --Cross your fingers, this could be the year when everything comes together for an ideal dove-hunting season. Timely rains this summer should help to produce plenty of seed at the right time and leave stock tanks in good shape. Add in good bird production, according to state wildlife biologists, and the stage is set.

"If we don't get any major fronts or tropical storms in the next month or so, this should be an excellent dove season," projected Jay Roberson, dove program leader with Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW). "The rains came at the right time this summer. Here are a lot of plants putting down seed right now, such as sunflower, millet and croton that should also help to hold birds in areas longer than last year."

Mourning dove seasons will run Sept. 1 - Oct. 30 in the North Zone; Sept. 1 - Oct. 17, Dec. 26 - Jan. 7th in the Central Zone; and Sept. 24 - Nov. 7th, Dec. 26 - Jan. 9th in the South Zone (Dec. 26 - Jan. 5 in the Special White-winged Dove Area). Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit is 15 dove in the aggregate.

The white-winged dove season is Sept. 4, 5, 11, and 12 in the Special White-winged Dove Area of South Texas. Bag and possession limits are 10 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, including no more than five mourning doves and two white-tipped doves per day. Shooting hours are noon to sunset.

Texas boasts a dove population in excess of 40 million birds, half of which are produced annually, and several million more migrant dove from bordering states to the north make their way across Texas each fall. According to Roberson, hunting success is dependent upon the availability of young birds. "From all indications, production was good this year," he noted. "Our call count index (which measures nesting success) is the same as last year statewide and habitat conditions are currently good so there ought to be plenty of birds."

According to Brownwood-based wildlife biologist Stephen Jester, birds may not be as concentrated as in dry years due to the ready availability of food and water, but hunting should still be good. "Some areas west of Brownwood got rains later than normal, which means there will be seed on the ground later and that could hold birds longer in the area. We've got some areas around San Angelo with mature seed now."

TPW biologist Max Traweek, whose area of responsibility extends from Kerrville north, believes hunters will likely have to do more scouting this season to find concentrations of birds. "Areas where it's starting to dry out will be more productive. As long as there's water near by and seed on the ground, the birds will come."

Some of the better dove hunting may be found this year on TPW public dove leases. Dove hunting rights to 142 lease units covering more than 45,000 acres have been purchased using funds from the Annual Public

Hunting Permit. For \$40, a hunter will have the hunting rights to any of these dove leases, as well as to over a million additional acres of public hunting lands in Texas. Permits may be purchased wherever hunting licenses are sold.

Whitewing hunters are reminded that a \$7 white-winged dove stamp is required to hunt whitewings anywhere in Texas and that whitewing populations are expanding throughout much of the Central and South Zones, particularly near urban areas. "Whitewing populations are expanding across the state," said Roberson, who noted dove hunters can avoid taking any chances by purchasing the Super Combo license package, which for \$49 comes with resident hunting and fishing licenses, plus all seven special stamps - purchased separately, would cost \$82. Hunters are also reminded to renew their hunting licenses, which expire Aug. 31, before heading out on opening day.

Harvest Information Program (HIP) questions must be answered by anyone who plans to hunt migratory game birds in Texas. HIP certification will print on the license at the time of purchase after a brief series of questions have been answered. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified in order to hunt migratory birds.



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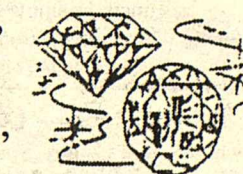
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Deer Camp Cooking

Deer Pot Pie

by Sheila H. Smith

This recipe makes two pot pies, one of which may be frozen.

CRUSTS: You'll need two packages of frozen deep-dish pie crusts, making four crusts in all. Thaw them about 15 minutes before you're ready to fill them. The two top crusts should be removed from their tin pans, allowing them to flatten out while thawing. Once thawed, prick the bottom crusts several times with a fork.

FILLING:

1 pound lean venison, cut into small pieces

1 medium onion, chopped

2 stalks celery, chopped

8 chicken bouillon cubes

1/8 teaspoon poultry seasoning

6-8 cups of water

Salt and pepper to taste

4 hard-boiled eggs, grated

1 15-ounce can peas & carrots, drained and rinsed in cold water

Simmer the first seven ingredients in a large pot until the venison is tender. Remove the meat with a slotted spoon, and combine it with the peas and carrots. Fill the crusts, then top with the grated eggs.

SAUCE: Dissolve two tablespoons of cornstarch in 1/2 cup of hot water. Slowly add the mixture to the simmering broth, stirring constantly. If necessary, add more cornstarch until the sauce reaches the desired consistency. Pour the sauce over both pies, add the top crusts, and cut a few slits in the dough to allow steam to escape. Dot with butter and bake at 350 degrees for an hour, or until the crusts are golden.

HELPFUL HINTS: Should you have any of the ingredients left, let them cool; then store them in plastic bags in your freezer to be used in other soups or stews.

Wild Pig Oven Roast

1 pork shoulder or butt roast

1 16 oz can crushed pineapple in syrup

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon oregano

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Dash of white pepper

Trim off any exposed fat. Rub salt, pepper, and oregano into the meat. Place the meat into a large roasting bag. Pour the can of pineapple over the meat, juice and all. Remove all air from bag and seal.

Wrap the meat several times with aluminum foil if it is important that it is sealed completely.

Place the meat in a oven roasting pan, cover and cook at 200 degrees for 8-10 hours. Let stand for 10 minutes and serve.

Some favorite side dishes for this recipe are pickled beets, yams, and coleslaw with raisins.

Cottontail Cuisine

2 rabbits, quartered

1 cup olive oil

1/4 cup vinegar

1/4 cup red wine

1 small minced onion

2 cloves minced garlic

Juice from 1/2 lemon

5 tablespoons catsup

4 tablespoons A-1 sauce

1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Dash of Tabasco

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Combine all ingredients except

the rabbit in a medium

saucepan. Mix well and simmer

for 20 minutes, stirring fre-

quently. Place the quartered

rabbits on a medium-hot grill.

Baste the rabbits generously

every 5 minutes with the sauce

mixture, turning frequently.

It will take about 40-50 minutes

until they are done, make sure

you have used all of your

sauce.

Weekend Warrior's S.O.S.

by Sheila H. Smith

1 lb. ground venison

1 large onion, diced

4 beef bouillon cubes

2 teaspoons La Choy* soy sauce

4 tablespoons self-rising flour

Hot water

Salt and pepper to taste

Mashed potatoes and toast (desired number of servings)

Over medium heat in frying pan, brown meat, onion, and bouillon cubes in oil or shortening. Add flour and stir well for about one minute. Add hot water until the gravy reaches the desired consistency, then add soy sauce and salt and pepper. Simmer on low heat for about 15 minutes. Serve over mashed potatoes and toast on red, white, and blue plates.

HELPFUL HINTS: The soy sauce and bouillon cubes are already salty, so be careful with the salt. When browning the meat, be sure the bouillon cubes are totally dissolved. You can help them along by crushing them with the backside of a spoon once they soften up a bit in the oil.

Venison Puffs

by Sheila H. Smith

10 thinly sliced tenderloin medallions

10 thin slices of green or red tomatoes

2 slices of American cheese (quartered to make 10 pieces)

1 egg, slightly beaten with 1/8 cup of cold water

Seasoned salt to taste

Spicy brown mustard

1 tablespoon oil or shortening

2 ten-count cans biscuits

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly season the tenderloin with seasoned salt, and fry it quickly in the oil or shortening. Set

aside on paper towels to drain. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the canned biscuits as thin as possible. Place one slice

each of venison, onion, tomato and cheese onto a biscuit. Top with another

piece of dough, and press the edges together with the tines of a fork. Brush the

tops of each venison puff with the egg mixture; then sprinkle them lightly with seasoned salt. Bake until the biscuits are

golden brown. When they're done, top each one with spicy brown mustard.

HELPFUL HINTS: Make up a batch of these the night before, and store them in the refrigerator until you get home from

work . . . supper in about 15 minutes! Venison Puffs can also be baked on the

grill. Most gas grills have dual flames, so

light the left side only and set the control on low. Place the pan on the highest rack

of the right side. It's just like putting them into an oven. Great for camping trips! For

a little variety, try experimenting with different types of dough and other types of

cheese.

Boar Stew

1 lb boned and cubed boar meat

1/2 lb bacon

1 onion chopped

1 tsp crushed garlic

2 tsp curry powder

1/2 cup water

2 Tbsp parsley flakes

1 can stewed tomatoes (16oz)

1/4 cup sliced carrots

2 medium potatoes

2 Tbsp cornstarch

In a skillet fry bacon until crisp. Remove bacon, cool, crumble and set aside. Pour off all but about 3

Tbsp of bacon grease. Cook boar meat cubes, onion, garlic, and curry powder in remaining grease

until meat is browned. Stir during cooking. Stir in 1/4

cup of water. Remove from heat and set aside. In a

2 qt casserole combine, parsley, stewed tomatoes, carrots and potatoes. Add meat mixture to casserole

and mix well. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Mix 2 Tbsp cornstarch with 1/4 cup water and stir

into casserole. Bake for 30 more minutes or until meat and vegetables are tender.

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Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Makes Deer Population Surveys in Sutton County

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Wildlife personnel with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently completed annual deer population surveys here in Sutton County. The survey lines, located throughout the county, yielded an estimate of 93 deer to every 1,000 acres of deer habitat or about 84,861 deer countywide. Composition of the overall deer herd in Sutton County is at 2.47 does per buck with a strong fawn segment of 56 fawns per 100 does. In relation to percentages that gives Sutton County a composition of 21% bucks, 51% does, and 29% fawns.

This year in Sutton County

the deer season opens on Saturday, November 6, and runs through Sunday, January 2, 2000. A special late muzzle-loader antlerless and spike buck only season runs from Jan. 8 - 16, 2000 in Sutton County, and no antlerless permit is required. The bag limit for all deer seasons combined is the same as last year - 4 deer, no more than 2 antlered bucks. Doe permits or special doe tags will not be issued nor required to harvest antlerless deer here in the Edwards Plateau. Hunters will need only the appropriate tag off of their hunting license and landowner permission to bag doe or antlerless deer in Sutton and the other "either-sex" counties this year.

After reviewing the results of the recent white-tailed deer population surveys, local

wildlife personnel are recommending that Sutton County landowners harvest deer according to the following recommendations:

For those properties located in Sutton County, the recommended harvest rate on bucks is one buck per 300 acres, and the recommended harvest rate on does is one doe per 100 acres.

These recommended rates result from the need to better balance the sex ratio observed in the herd and from a desire to produce a healthier deer population that is properly matched to the existing supply of deer foods in the county.

These harvest rates are based on deer management compartment averages derived from survey lines located in this and several other surrounding counties.

Therefore, the recommended rates may not be completely suitable for each individual ranch in the county. In general, if your acreage shows signs of overpopulation (a lack of brush and weeds available at and just above ground level, less than optimal deer weights, poor quality buck antler development within each age class, low fawn survival, etc.), then you probably need to harvest your deer population at a higher rate and/or reduce livestock grazing pressure by reducing numbers or rotating your stock among your pastures. On the other hand, if you have good deer habitat and an adequate supply of quality deer foods available, but seem to be short on deer numbers, then possibly you should harvest at a lighter rate

than that recommended for the county.

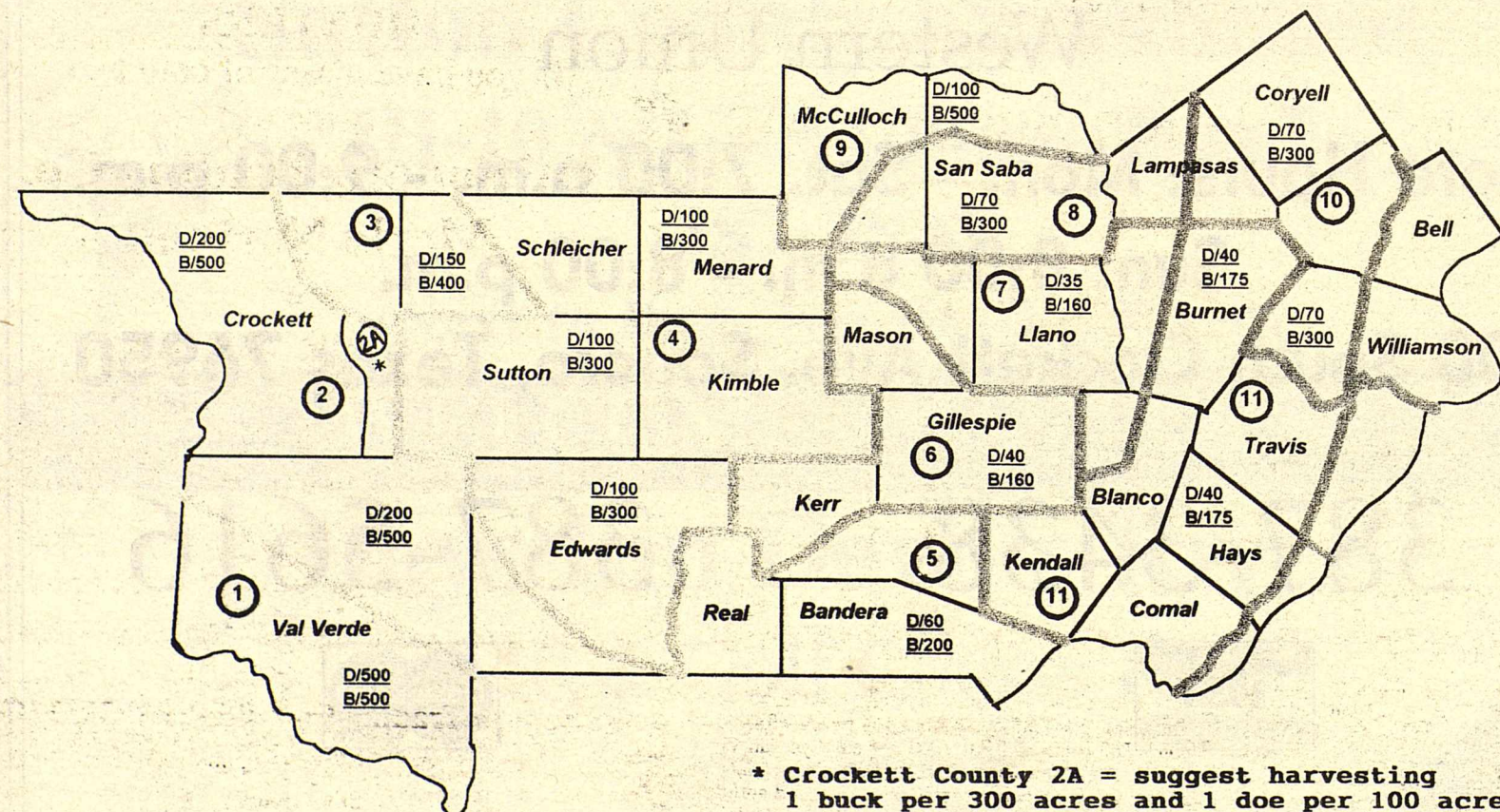
Landowners interested in closely managing their local deer herd need to conduct their own on-site fall population surveys, with resulting harvest recommendations that meet their specific management objectives.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife personnel are available to assist with more specific wildlife management recommendations for individual tracts of land.

Please contact Game Biologist Mary Humphrey in Sonora at 915/387-5539 for more information on wildlife concerns in Sutton, Crockett, or Schleicher counties.

Edwards Plateau Wildlife Regulatory District

Recommended Deer Harvest Rates - 1999/00 Hunting Season



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Tips for Tree Stand Safety

The following tips for tree stand safety were compiled from manufacturers and hunter education instructors. Some should go without saying, but all are important.

1) After buying a stand or safety equipment, READ THE INSTRUCTIONS. It's natural to first experiment with something new, but don't use it in the field until you've read and understand the manufacturer's directions.

2) Wear a safety belt or harness every possible moment that you're off the ground, including ascending and descending.

3) Practice with your stand and safety gear before using it in the woods, and understand how your stand works. Almost all stands hold by leverage. The farther your weight is from the tree, the more leverage that is applied. However, the farther out you go, the more torque you apply, which can cause the stand to twist. Practice will show you each stand's limitations.

4) Before buying a stand or safety gear, do your homework and shop carefully. Scour magazine articles and adver-

tisements. Write to manufacturers. Visit archery and gun shops, and test the equipment whenever possible.

5) Maintain your stands and safety gear, and inspect them before each use for flaws and weaknesses. If steps or the stand get muddy or wet, clean them before using them again.

6) Double your precautions when using permanent stands or homemade portables, even if you made them yourself. Assume they're hazardous until proven otherwise.

7) When choosing a tree for your stand, first check it in daylight for straightness, and irregular shapes, knots and angles. Your first climb should never be made in darkness.

8) Be especially careful when using portable stands on smooth-barked trees -- such as aspen, maple or hickory. Don't rely on branches for climbing, especially those on "self-pruning" trees, such as aspen and oak.

9) Be wary any time there is moisture, which includes rain, snow and ice. Be even more cautious in below-freezing temperatures.

10) When using screw-in steps, make sure they're cranked straight into live, solid wood, all the way to the end. Do not put them in at an angle. The back of the step should rest against the tree trunk when properly seated.

11) Employ the manufacturers' safety pins or fastening straps when reaching your desired height in climbing stands. Don't rely on leverage alone to secure the stand.

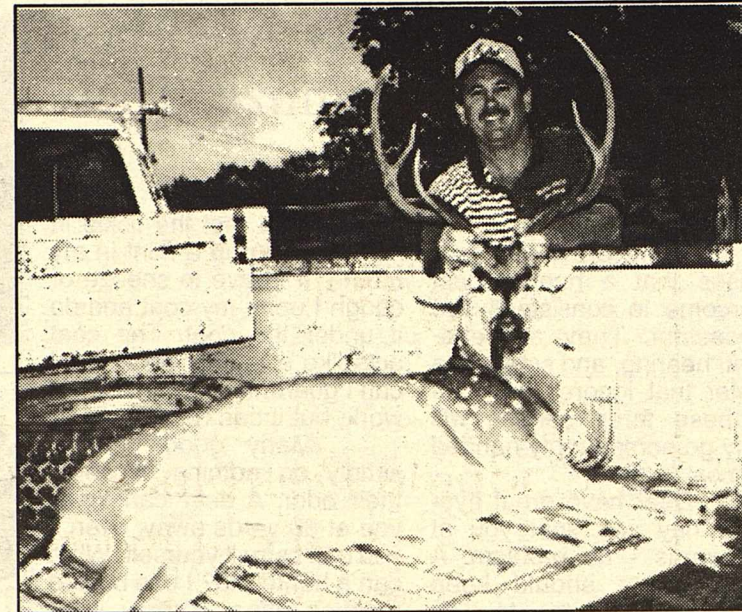
12) Use a rope to raise and lower equipment, such as your bow or gun.

13) Buy comfortable stands. If a stand isn't comfortable, you will constantly fidget and shift your weight, which can lead to trouble.

14) Take your time and move slowly every moment you're off the ground. This is especially true at the end of the hunt, when you might be cramped and cold from hours of sitting.

15) Use your stand for its intended purpose: hunting. It is not meant for use in cutting limbs and trimming trees with a chain-saw.

16) Hunt with a partner who



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knows your location. If this isn't possible, leave a map and detailed directions with people you trust, and let them know when to expect your return.

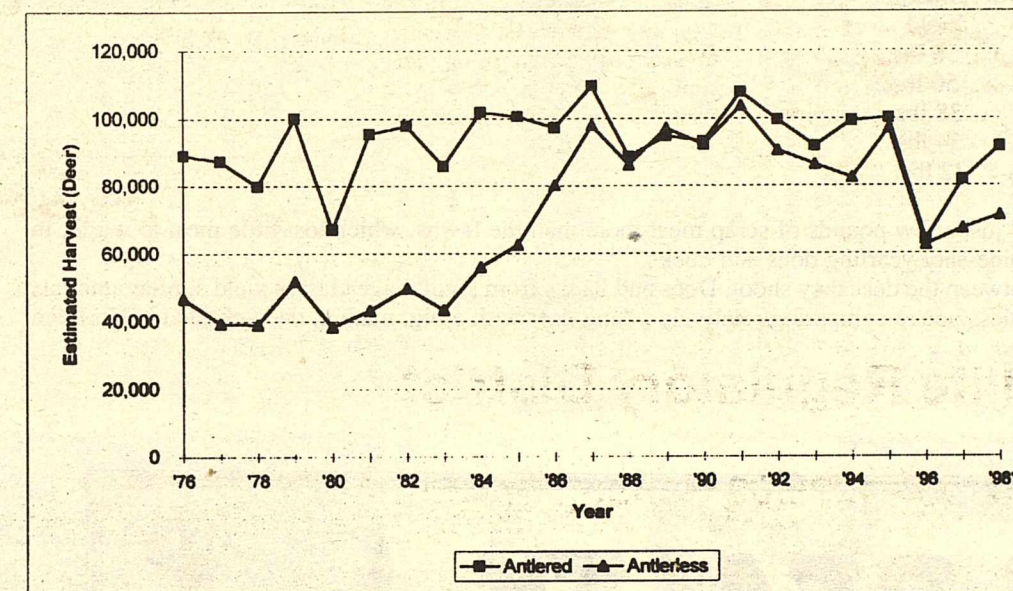
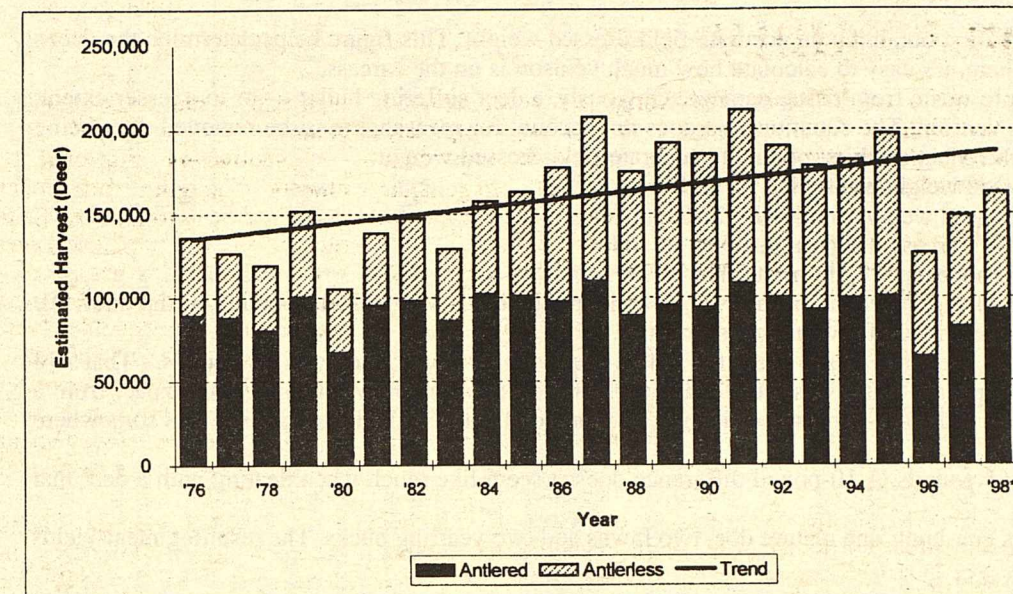
17) Never modify a commercially manufactured stand or safety device.

18) Never leave the ground when feeling tired, or while on medication.

19) Dress carefully. Some clothing -- whether bulky, loose or tight -- restricts movements.

20) Treat tree stands as you would a motorcycle: The minute you stop fearing and respecting them, they'll kill you. Know, beyond any doubt, that accidents can happen to you. In this case, familiarity can kill.

DEER HARVEST ESTIMATES
From Statewide Harvest Survey - 1976 through 1998
25 County Edwards Plateau District



How Deer Population Surveys Are Obtained

Correct wildlife management begins with at least two thorough investigations of ranch/range conditions. The most important investigation being of the available habitat on the property with concerns towards what species of animals (and what densities) that habitat has to support. If habitat diversity has been lost through time to over-grazing, then important steps should be taken to enhance the habitat for all species concerned. A few habitat enhancement techniques include brush management, prescribed burning, rotational grazing of livestock, maintaining livestock at proper stocking rates, and proper deer herd management. All these techniques are 'tools' used to ensure maintenance of all species concerned within the carrying capacity of the range.

In order to maintain native deer numbers at proper density levels and within decent composition (buck/doe and fawn/doe) ratios, the second type investigation comes to the forefront, namely, the population survey. The two most widely used population surveys are the helicopter survey and the spotlight survey. Both survey techniques have good qualities and drawbacks, but either survey system is important to developing trend information over time for a particular piece of property.

Helicopter surveys in general tend to reveal buck/doe sex ratios; fawn/doe ratios; quality of bucks; a good, general over-view of range and

habitat conditions; and an observed density or observed population index. Helicopter surveys flown on a total ranch-count basis tend to reveal all possible vegetation types and the deer associating with those vegetation types, but on a very conservative level. In other words, "what you see is what you get", and then the observed results are expanded to the total ranch acreage. Helicopter surveys are generally conducted once for population parameters, and can cost anywhere from \$200.00 - \$225.00 per hour for flight time with a mileage fee being assessed for trailoring the aircraft to the ranch.

A less costly population survey is known as the spotlight survey. Conducted during nighttime hours, the spotlight survey generally reveals an estimated population on an estimated acreage that is then expanded to the total ranch acreage. Spotlight surveys of deer populations also tend to have conservative results, but are good tools to determine population densities for trend information. Information from spotlight surveys can be improved by conducting daylight field observations of deer to obtain better composition data and antler quality. These ground surveys can be conducted during the period from late August through October at the convenience of the land manager.

See *Deer Survey* page 19

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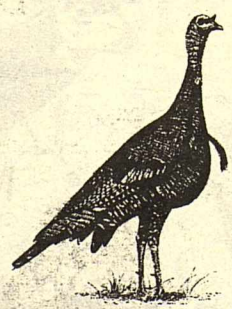
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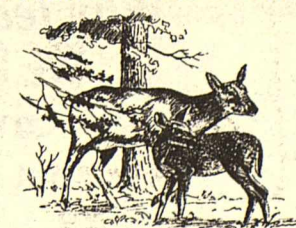
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The Equation for Venison Yield

(The following article was found on the internet and edited for use)

Hunters can learn more about their deer and how much venison it will yield by first obtaining an accurate field-dressed weight. This figure helps determine the deer's carcass weight — the deer's body weight minus its head, hide and innards. From there, it's easy to calculate how much venison is on the carcass.

It's important to note that this equation assumes that no part of the deer is lost to waste from tissue damage. Obviously, a deer suffering bullet — or to a lesser extent, arrow — damage to its back, hams, shoulders or neck will yield substantially less venison. The equation also does not account for meat that must be removed after being ruined by stomach contents or overexposure to warm weather. Remember, to use the equation. First obtain an accurate field-dressed weight:

Live weight = Field-dressed weight multiplied by 1.32
Carcass weight = Field-dressed weight divided by 1.331
Ideal boneless venison weight = Carcass weight multiplied by .67
Realistic venison yield = Ideal boneless weight multiplied by .30

Let's say a hunter kills a mature buck, and it weighs 165 pounds field-dressed. Using the equations above, we estimate the buck weighed 217 pounds on the hoof. We also estimate its carcass will weigh 124 pounds, and it will yield 83 pounds of boneless meat if nothing goes to waste.

Waste is the key element in determining venison yields. The processors said the average venison yield for a field-dressed 180-pound buck was 72 pounds. That's 18 pounds less than the ideal boneless weight (180/1.331=135x.67=90). Therefore, it appears that a waste factor is necessary to determine how much meat to expect from a deer that isn't shot in the head. After comparing meat-yield data for several shoulder- and spine-shot whitetails, it was concluded that a realistic venison yield is somewhere within the range of the ideal boneless weight and 30 percent less than that weight.

In the case of the 165-pound buck, a realistic yield would be between 55 and 65 pounds. A 10-pound difference doesn't seem like much when dealing with a deer that large, but it is noticeable when the deer is a fawn or yearling.

For example, in 1994, our hunting party tagged five deer during a North Woods gun-hunt: one mature doe, two fawns and two yearling bucks. The resulting meat-yields from those deer follow:

	Shot Placement	Weight (Dressed)	Meat Yield
Mature Doe	Shoulder	138 lbs.	56 lbs.
Yearling Buck	Lungs	128 lbs.	50 lbs.
Yearling Buck	Brisket	112 lbs.	38 lbs.
Buck Fawn	Lungs	88 lbs.	34 lbs.
Doe Fawn	Neck	82 lbs.	32 lbs.

Because of waste from bloodshot meat, the brisket-shot yearling buck yielded just a few pounds of scrap meat more than the fawns, which lost little meat to waste. In fact, we've processed lung-shot fawns that yielded more meat than shoulder- or spine-shot yearling does and bucks.

Conclusion: In most cases, hunters will likely see little difference in meat yields between the deer they shoot. Does and bucks from similar age classes yield similar amounts of venison. In fact, don't expect to see big differences in your net venison yield unless you're comparing relatively young deer with a big, mature, deep-chested buck. Even then, you won't need pickup trucks, a forklift and refrigerator boxes to take it home

Deer Senses - What Are They and How to Minimize Their Effectiveness

by Thompson Temple

There are three deer senses that a hunter must overcome to consistently be successful. They are eye-sight, hearing, and smell. The hunter that ignores any one of these three senses will likely go home empty handed on most hunts.

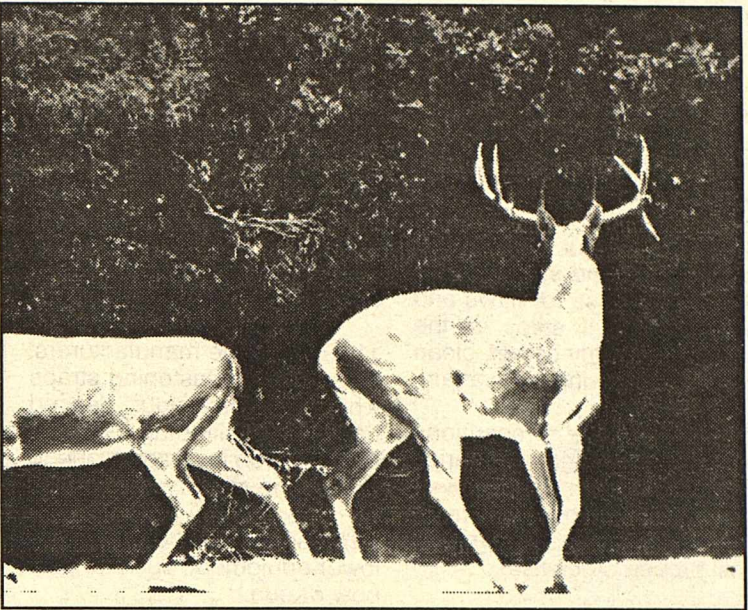
Deer have great eye-sight. They can spot you at 100 yards - no problem. A good hunter should keep their movements to an absolute minimum when they are hunting. He or she should select the 180 degrees they are going to hunt and forget about what is behind them. The hunter's head should turn slowly looking for deer. When a deer is spotted, binoculars should be raised when the buck is looking away. Of course wearing camouflage is very helpful. I wear a headnet that helps a whole lot.

Deer can be alerted to your location when you talk, cough, or sneeze. A deer's ears are like megaphones that pick up sounds far away. I take mints to the stand with

me. When I feel the tickle in my throat, I pop a mint in my mouth. If I have to sneeze or cough I open my coat and do it under the coat. The coat acts like a muffler on a car. I can't guarantee you that it will work, but it can help.

Many good hunters simply do nothing to cover their odor. A deer can smell you at 80 yards away, even if you can't smell yourself. What can a hunter do? I use bottled raccoon urine. I spray it on my blind or on bushes about 5 times during an afternoon hunt. I have had deer downwind from me at 20 yards and not smell me. It is good to select a blind that faces a direction which looks into the wind.

If you take these three senses and combine them with a smart deer, then even the best hunter can be at a loss. If hunting was too easy, then hardly anyone would go. A friend of mine told me: "What is easily obtained, is lightly esteemed." Keep the wind in your face, the sun at your back, and the Lord in your heart. Rifle season isn't far away. It is going to be a great season!



Hunters should make their movements when a deer is not looking in their direction.

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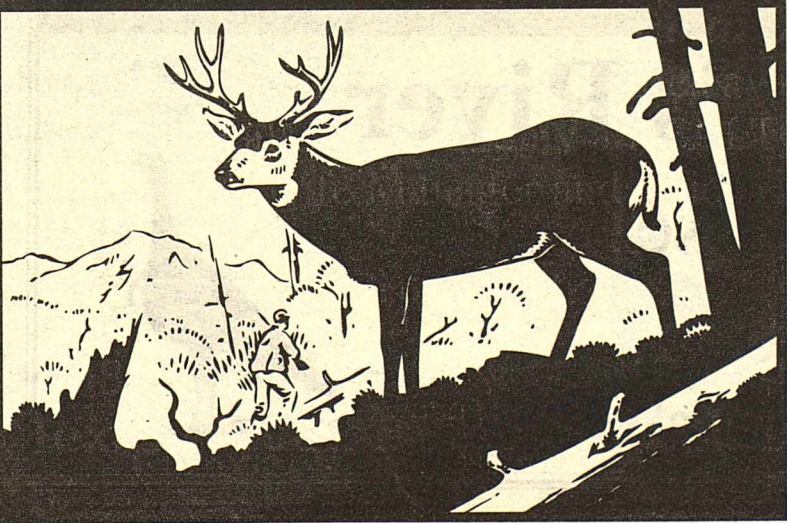
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