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Ministerial Alliance Kicks Off 10th Deer Distribution

submitted

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a deer distribution program during the hunting season. This marks the 10th year that the Ministerial Alliance has co-ordinated this deer distribution program in Sonora. Well over 1,000 deer have been delivered to Sonora families during this period.

Each week during deer season, churches of the Alliance, and other local organizations such as the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, will deliver field-dressed deer to Sonora residents who request one.

Hunters and landowners who would like to contribute deer to be distributed through this program may take their deer to Sonora Deer Processing at 804 Glasscock.

If you would like to receive a deer, you may request one by calling the office of the Justice of the Peace, Adelita Alvarez, at 387-3322 or the office of the Texas Department of Health at 387-2234.

The Ministerial Alliance would like to thank all those who have assisted with this program over the years, either by contributing deer or delivering deer, or by financial contributions.

Hunting Guide Inside

Constitutional Amendment Election

November 6, 2001

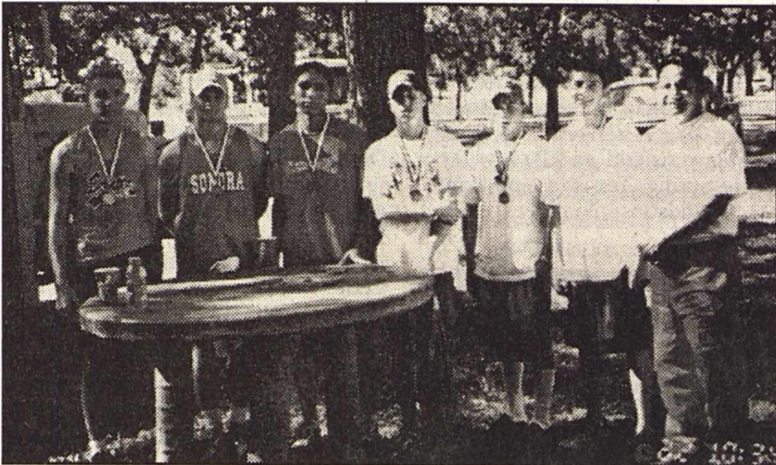
All voting will be at the Courthouse For all Precincts

Elección Sobre Enmiendas a La Constitución

6 de noviembre de 2001

Todos los Precintos Votaran en la Case de Corte

Cross Country Regional Qualifiers



The Varsity Cross Country Broncos will be traveling to Lubbock on November 3, 2001 to compete in Regional competition. Runners from left to right are Seth Prather, Brandon Adkins, Diego Cardona, Wilson Wallace, Joe Oliden and Chris Castro. The team is coached by Eddie Favila.

Texas Main Street Program Hosts Training Seminar



L-R: Kim McKnight of the Texas Historic Commission, poses with Board members: Vivian Mears, Ann Kay, Tabitha Sanchez-Abrego, Joy Galbreath, Rachel Duran, Roy Jean Johnson and Shelly Hughes.

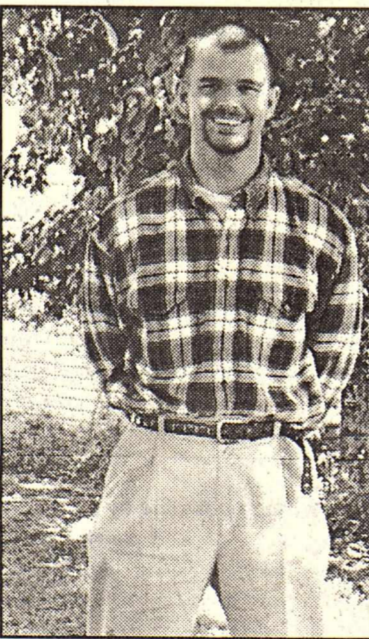
Kim McKnight with the Texas Historical Commission, was in Sonora on Thursday, October 18th. Each "Main Street" town gets one visit a year from the Texas Main Street office, and this one was set in conjunction with a Board training to go over the 4 main points of the Main Street Program. This course was a refresher for original Board members, and a learning opportunity for new members. McKnight said that Sonora is one of the best Main Street Programs she has seen. The program has been recognized nationally for the past two years and is looking to continue the tradition. She said that she is very proud of Sonora's program and hopes to see continued success. The downtown area projects and the Courthouse make Sonora unique and special.

McKnight talked to the Board and committee members about Building a Strong Board, the Four Point Approach (Organization, Promotion, Design, and Economic Restructuring) and much more. Visit the Main Street Program/Friends of Historic Sonora on Main Street.

Sutton County Welcomes New Juvenile Probation Officer

Cory Marshall, originally of Andrews, TX, is the new Sutton and Crockett County Juvenile Probation Officer. Marshall graduated from Andrews and moved to Levelland, TX, where he majored in Criminal Justice. He later transferred to Angelo State University, where he graduated with a Psychology major and Criminal Justice minor in May of 1998. In June of that same year Cory began working as a Field Officer for the Juvenile Probation office in San Angelo. He remained there until his recent move to Ozona. He will be working both counties, splitting his days of the week between the two.

As the Juvenile Probation Officer, Cory is involved in Crisis Intervention, assisting families and handling minors that are placed on probation, both informal and full. Marshall has been very busy since taking the position on October 1st, getting situated and getting a feel for the case load left for him. Currently he has a few cases pending. He says that he likes to keep a weekly check on any youth he is working with and requires a monthly office visit. His goal is to "provide a service to children and the community to try and help them see that there are different choices in life." Marshall said that



he wants kids to know that drugs, alcohol and crime are not the only, nor the good, choice for them. He is also working with the Municipal Court, overseeing and making sure that assignments are being completed (including community service, attending school, etc.). Marshall said that he looks forward to working in our small communities.

Hudspeth Hospital Plans A Day of Learning And Fun

The Lillian M. Hudspeth has a big day planned for November 12, 2001. The hospital will provide a FREE blood sugar screening from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. in the hospital annex. To ensure the most effective results, participants are asked to be fasting from midnight until the screening is performed. Results will be mailed the following day. For more information or to arrange accommodations for disabled participants, please call Keith L. Butler at 387-2521.

Starting at 11:30 a.m. on that same Monday, the third part of their Educational Series will be held in the annex. "Eating Healthy for the Holidays" will be presented by Kelly Thorp, County Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Science, for Sutton County. The program will include Holiday Cooking Demonstrations, Modified Recipes for Both Diabetic and Cholesterol Concerns and of course, tasting.

The program should last approximately 45 minutes and is free to the public.

Following the presentation will be the next meeting of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. The luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon in the Hospital Annex. The quarterly meeting will include discussion of the Auxiliary Cookbook and Rummage Sale.

Following lunch will be another special presentation by Lisa Seaton and Irene Friess. Lisa is the owner of Lisa's Flowers and Gifts and Irene is owner of Flowers by Irene. The ladies will provide a program entitled "Holiday Decorations Made Easy". They will demonstrate the craft of Holiday Wreath and Center Piece Design.

Make plans to attend and reserve your seat for lunch by calling 387-2521.

Trooper Ortiz Makes Double Bust

At approximately 3:10 p.m. on October 15, 2001, Texas State Trooper Norbert Ortiz was on routine patrol on IH-10 when a west-bound 4-door vehicle was clocked at 77 miles per hour in a 70 mile zone. Trooper Ortiz stopped the car and approached the driver's side. Upon arrival at the vehicle, Ortiz noted a strong odor of Marijuana coming from inside of the car, that was occupied by two males and one female.

After asking the driver, Henri Marceilles of Panama City, to step out of the car. Ortiz informed him that he was being issued a written warning for the speed violation. Further questioning led Trooper Ortiz to become suspicious of Marceilles and his said destination

Hospital Board Holds Special Meeting

submitted

The Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, held a special called meeting to host a dinner for potential Steering Committee members for the Sutton County Health Foundation. The following Directors were present: Alvis Johnson - President, Lewis Allen - Vice President, Virginia Epps, Lenora Pool, Sherrill Dannheim, Preston Faris, and Mike Healy. Also present for the meeting were Melvin Fahs and Tom Mason, Health Care Funding Development Consultants, Keith Butler, Administrator, Kathy Knight, Board Secretary, and potential Steering Committee members.

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order and declared a quorum was present.

Dr. Johnson gave a brief history of the hospital. Dr. Johnson stated that Roy Hudspeth, a Sutton and Crockett County rancher had donated a substantial sum of money to construct the facility in memory of his wife, Lillian M. Hudspeth. Matching funds were collected from interested citizens and in record time the construction of the hospital was begun. Mr. Hudspeth also endowed the hospital with over 12,000 acres of his ranch land to support the operation of the facility. The hospital opened its doors on July 2, 1951.

In the early 1980's the Hospital Board realized that with significant Federal changes in Medicare and Medicaid and the rapid increase in medical cost that the ranch endowment would not be able to support the hospitals operational needs thus began the work to establish a Hospital District. The Hospital District was established in November 1986.

The Hospital District tax revenue now provides slightly less than 48% of the facilities annual budget of approximately 2.1 million dollars. Funds generated from the ranch endowment are used for capital improvements.

Dr. Johnson then introduced Keith L. Butler, CEO. Mr. Butler outlined the future of the hospital. Mr. Butler stated that since the closure of the nursing home and significant changes in personnel and operational management that the hospital's financial situation had greatly improved. Butler noted that in August of this year, the facility was designated as a Critical Access Hospital by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This designation will allow the hospital to be reimbursed by Medicare on a cost-basis. This reimbursement methodology is only reserved for rural hospitals and should contribute and additional \$100,000 to the hospitals bottom line. Butler stated that "in a nutshell" the hospital will provide the same high level of care, but actually be reimbursed for that care by Medicare. He further described that Medicare only pays about 48 cents for every dollar billed, which is a stark contrast to most people's belief that Medicare actually pays the entire bill.

Butler described the potential for moving the hospital into the now vacant nursing home building. He noted that this move would allow for improved patient facilities as well as a better management of current hospital resources. All patient care, with the exception of Physical Therapy, would be relocated to the new location. Each private patient room is two and one half times larger than the existing patient rooms and each has a private bath that is wheelchair accessible. Currently, the existing facilities are small and the patient bathroom facilities are extremely cramped and all are not wheelchair accessible. The Emergency department would be relocated and expanded to a four-bed unit. The current facility has one "major" emergency room and one treatment room and in different hallways. The new emergency department would increase the capacity by two beds and would allow for better monitoring of sev-

eral patients at a time. Laboratory and X-ray facilities would also be relocated and both those areas would be doubled in size. This would allow for better patient and staff safety when caring for emergency and outpatient service patients. The nurse's station and patient registration areas would be adjacent to each other. This would allow for more efficient staff utilization and monitoring of patients and the Lifeline system. Currently the nurse's station and registration are on separate floors causing an increase in staffing for coverage of both the emergency department and patient care areas. Physical Therapy will be relocated to the first floor of the existing hospital, which would allow for easier access for patients requiring rehabilitation services. The second floor of the hospital would be used for storage and non-patient care purpose.

The hospital has consulted with a health care architecture firm regarding the project. Bringing the nursing home building to current hospital code would require 1.4 million dollars. This renovation cost is substantially less than the cost of constructing a new facility. The initiative will be to complete this project utilizing funds from capital improvement sources such as the ranch endowment, grants, and contributions. Butler advised that if the project could not be completed without raising taxes then the project would not move forward.

Currently a renovation project is underway at the existing hospital facility. This project includes a cosmetic facelift for the entire downstairs area. The lobby and registration area will be remodeled to accommodate a confidential registration booth and expanded lobby. The lab drawing area has been renovated and the current emergency department will receive a new floor. New lobby furniture has been purchased as well. All renovated areas

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Sonora Representatives Attend 2001 Ports-to-Plains Summit

submitted

The Ports-to-Plains Summit was held in Lubbock, Texas on October 25th and 26th at the Lubbock Civic Center. This year's summit was considered a great success with attendance by approximately 200 people. The Ports-to-Plains Coalition is now made up of 60 members up and down the Corridor from Denver, Colorado to Laredo, Texas. Participants were also there from Coahuila, Mexico and Canada.

Interest in the Ports-to-Plains Coalition and future highway system have peaked interest in the route from national and international concerns. The strength and cohesiveness of the membership is now recognized as an entity of power and persuasion. We will, however need to continue in our efforts to maintain a very visible front to all state and national legislators.

The first, and a very major step was the designation of the Ports-to-Plains route. With this step accomplished, competition for state and federal funds will now be the main concern. Being a major player with our friends at the Texas Department of transportation, we will continue to work with them in the planning and development of the system.

A Member Meeting was held after the close of the summit and



Mike Hale, Virgil Polocek, John Tedford, Justin McGeath and Jim Stephen discuss the Ports-to-Plains project.

Tommy Arnwine was reelected to the Ports-to-Plains Board of Directors for a 2-year term. Thanks to all of Sonora and Sutton County for their support in this endeavor and for the vision to see the needs of future generations in this area.

Thanks also to all of those that took the time and made the effort to attend the summit. These included Mike Hale, Rick Taylor, Jim Stephen, Justin McGeath, Virgil Polocek, and John Tedford. Sonora should be proud of the work these people put forth on their behalf.

We heard from Senator Robert Duncan, Representatives Delwin Jones, Carl Isett, David Swinford, Pete Gallego, and Gary Walker. Also present was Senator Orven Laughlin from Oklahoma. By video we were addressed by Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and Phil Gramm, State Senator Florence Shapiro, and Governor Rick Perry.

Multi-Chem Cuts Ribbon On New Facility



After losing their warehouse in town to an electrical fire last year, Multi-Chem has rebuilt! An Open House was held on October 23rd to celebrate the new facility located in the Industrial Park outside of Sonora. James and Lois Archer and the staff of Multi-Chem hosted friends with a great meal and some good music, while giving tours of the new building.

Large amounts of money were found bundled in this bag. of El Paso, TX. Upon further investigation, Ortiz found that Marceilles was carrying large amounts of money on his person. Still further investigation of the passengers and the vehicle found inconsistency in

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Obituaries



Sonora Church Directory

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father William DuBuisson,
O.M.I.
229 W. Plum
387-2278

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Seigler
511 Cornell
387-5207

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Jerry Jackson
304 N. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
T. Wayne Price
Pastor
111 E Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Conrad Archer, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366

NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER
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205 E. Main
387-3241

LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.
387-6072

FORD
BRONCHO FORD INC.
115 N CONCHO
SONORA, TX 76950
(915)387-2549

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Carolyn Lou Hall Sloan

Carolyn Lou Hall Sloan, formerly of Sonora, died October 19, 2001 in Hospice San Antonio after an extended illness. Following cremation, Carolyn's remains were buried October 27 in the Hall family plot in Sonora in a private graveside service. All arrangements were under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

The daughter of the late G.H. "Hix" Hall and Catherine Creagh Hall, Carolyn was born in Fort Worth, Texas on April 27, 1943. She spent her early life in Sonora, attending the Sonora Public Schools. She graduated from Denton High School, and attended Texas Women's University and Arlington State University.

A son, Hugh Bartley Sloan and a daughter and son-in-law, Christy

Marie Sloan and John Harvey, survive Carolyn. Bart is an attorney in Dallas, and Chris and John both teach high school in San Antonio. The children's father is Jim Sloan of San Antonio. Carolyn is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia and Albert Ward of Sonora, as well as many cousins.

Carolyn had lived for many years in Houston where she was employed as a legal secretary, most recently with Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay. She attended the Champion Forest Baptist Church and was active in various Church groups. She had recently moved to San Antonio.

Sonorans will especially remember her for her very personal and endearing rendition of "Buttons and Bows", accompanied by her mother.

Esther Sadler Valliant

Esther Sadler Valliant peacefully passed away the 21st day of October 2001.

Mrs. Valliant was born March 19, 1900, in Glen Rose, Texas. Her parents, pharmacist and County Judge A.L. Sadler and his wife Hattie Jarusha Andress, were early settlers in Glen Rose. She married William Devers Valliant on February 26, 1928, in Commanche, Texas. Mrs. Valliant joined the order of the Eastern Star in Glen Rose in 1926 and moved her membership to

Fort McKavett Lodge # 783 when she moved to the ranch with her husband.

She is survived by her daughter, Fleurette Carmichael Eby of San Angelo, and three grandchildren David Eby of Butte, MT., Suzann Eby-Martinez of San Angelo, TX and Darryl Eby of Fluff Dale, TX. Services will be private. Burial will be at Sonora Cemetery beside beloved husband and father, Devers Valliant.

Wilma Hutcherson Friend

Wilma H. Friend, 82, formerly of Ozona, Texas, peacefully passed away Tuesday, October 23, 2001, in San Angelo, Texas, in the presence of her family and close friends.

Graveside services were in Ozona at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 26, in Cedar Hill Cemetery with Preddy Funeral home conducting services.

Wilma was born May 29, 1919. She was preceded in death by her parents, B.W. and Lucille Hutcherson; one sister, Wynona Scroggins; two brothers, James Hutcherson and Rex Hutcherson; her husband, Batts Friend; and son, Benny Friend.

"Nana" as her grandchildren called her, is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Clayton and Joanie Friend; her grandchildren, Lee Friend, Francine Friend, Joe and Raydell Friend, Clay and Debbie Friend, Zane and Lisa Friend, Todd and Angela Friend, her great-grandchildren, LaShay, Cheyenne, Joe Batts, Madison and Abby; several nieces and nephews, Eddie, Dannie and Krista Klebold; two sisters-in-law, Jeannie Hutcherson and Louise Hutcherson; a special friend, Mary Coker, many-cherished relatives; and a host of friends all very dear to her.

Wilma liked to stay busy. She graduated from Sonora High School and attended Denton Women's College where she majored in music. She gave piano and organ lessons to many students in Sonora and Ozona for several years. Many times she would play her organ for a dance at the Ozona Country Club on Saturday night and for church on Sunday morning at the Ozona Methodist Church.

Wilma loved to cook and entertain for all her friends of her family when she lived on the ranch in Crockett County. She also loved to travel. She went on six different cruises with the last one in September 2001. She was a member of the Eastern Star in Sonora, Texas for more than 50 years. To entertain herself in the solitude of living at home on the ranch, she started constructing miniature old-time country street scenes out of wood and just about anything she could find. She even entered some in the San Angelo Stock Show Arts and Crafts show. Her failing eyesight eventually slowed her down and she couldn't continue with this hobby, but she didn't let it get her down. She even laughed at herself one time when she beat a leaf to pieces with a fly-swatter thinking it was a bug on the floor. She started watching NASCAR car races on television with her son Clayton and could tell you the names of several of the drivers although she couldn't see them. She enjoyed life.

A special word of thanks from Wilma and her family goes to the staff at the Royal Estates where she was made to feel at home away from her home and also to the caring ICU unit at the Shannon Medical Center.

Pallbearers were James A. Hutcherson, Brian Hutcherson, Wade Stokes, Eddie Klebold, Tuffy Whitehead, Glen Richardson, Olie Smith and Stanley Mayfield. Honorary pallbearers were James A. Carter, Joe Sanchez and Eddie Hale.

The family stayed at the W.E. and Mary Friend home in Ozona the morning of the funeral hosted by Carol and Tuffy Whitehead and Rosalie and Glen Richardson.

Memorials may be sent to a favorite charity.

Don L. Armitage

Don L. Armitage, 49, of Shawnee, Oklahoma passed away Friday, October 19, 2001 in a Norman Hospital.

Services were held Monday, October 22, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in Roesch-Walker Funeral Chapel with Rev. Carol Robertson officiating. Interment followed in Sunnyside Cemetery, North of Meeker, Oklahoma. Arrangements were with Roesch-Walker Funeral Chapel.

Don was born March 11, 1952 in Chandler, Oklahoma to Fay and Pauline (Jackson) Armitage. He attended Shawnee Schools.

He married Esther Wakolee on April 15, 1994 in Anson, Texas. Don was employed in Offshore Drilling with Veritas Drilling Co. in

Houston, Texas. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, a member of the Pentecostal Church and was a member of the VFW.

Don is survived by his wife, Esther, 2 sons: Donny Lee Armitage, Jr. of Shawnee, and Daniel Armitage of Oklahoma City, OK, 2 daughters: Deanna Armitage of Shawnee and Ashley Armitage, 2 brothers; Mont Armitage of Tecumseh and Wade Armitage of Shawnee, 3 sisters; Sharon Daniel of Meeker, Barbara Bailey of Duncan, OK, Cheryl Scism of Salido, TX; 1 step-son and daughter-in-law Arnold and Becky Terry of Big Spring, Texas; a grandson, 2 step grandsons, 3 nieces and 2 nephews.

Birth Announcements

Mitzi and Damon Kelley are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter

Katelyn Elizabeth Kelley
born October 19, 2001 at 2:21 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

She weighed 8 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 19 3/4" long.

Proud maternal Grandparents are John Wesley and Avis Joy.

Paternal Grandparents are Jerry and Viva Kelley of Miami, Texas.

Brady and Anna Johnson of San Angelo, Texas, announce the birth of their son,

Wilson Marcus Johnson.

Born at 1:24 p.m. Wednesday, October 10, 2001, at Shannon Medical Center, San Angelo, Texas. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and measured 21 inches in length, with red hair and blue eyes. Dr. Robert Meyer delivered the baby.

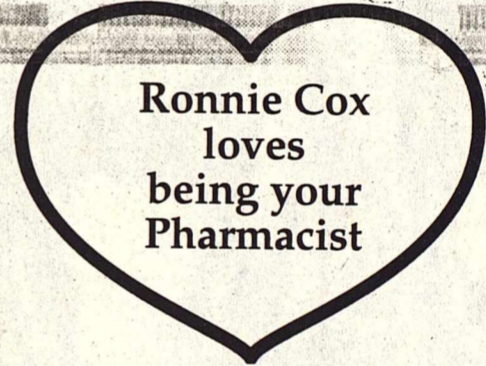
Maternal Grandparents are Jerry Don and Mary Adele Balch of Sonora, Texas. Paternal Grandparents are Jerry and Eleanor Johnson of San Saba, Texas. Wilson is the great-grandson of Emma Johnson of San Saba, Texas.

Wilson was welcomed home by his sister, Mary Kyle Johnson and his Sonora cousins, John Duke Hudson and Word B. Hudson and his San Angelo cousins, Zackary Ryan Johnson, Jared Walker Johnson and Travis Owen Johnson.

Dean's List

A total of 2 students from this area are among the approximately 140,000 students included in the 24th Annual Edition of *The National Dean's List, 2000 - 2001*. Erin Payton at Texas A&M University and Ernest Perez at the University of Texas at San Antonio are the Sonora students. The National Dean's List, published by Educational Communications, Inc., is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10% of their class, on their school's "Dean's List", or have earned a comparable honor. Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher, and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities.



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Senior Center News

- Nov. 5 - Bingo!
- Nov. 7 - TRAX Van to San Angelo! Call 387-2509
- Nov. 8 - Crafts!
- Nov. 9 - Senior Solutions Program with Keith Forrest. Noon.

Senior Menu

- Nov. 5 - Chicken supreme, herbed new potatoes, green salad, roll, milk, cherry cobbler.
- Nov. 6 - Steak fingers with gravy, mixed vegetables, mashed potatoes, roll, orange, milk.
- Nov. 7 - Vermillion with ground beef, pinto beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit cup, milk.
- Nov. 8 - Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, Italian vegetables, roll, white cake with caramel icing, milk.
- Nov. 9 - Baked ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, roll, juice, peanut butter cookie.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

Menu is subject to change.

Dining Out Directory

- Dairy Queen
134 Hwy. 277 N.
387-2118
- La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401
- Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540
- Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833
- Stagecoach Grill & Cantina
407 South Crockett
387-0623
- Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127
- Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181
- Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

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- Oct. 31
Early Voting on Bond Election begins Oct. 31 - Nov. 13
- Nov. 6 - Elementary • Nov. 9 - High School
- Nov. 17 - Election Day
- Nov. 10
33rd Annual Game Dinner
6:00 p.m. • Civic Center

The Community Calendar



Member FDIC
207 N Hwy 277 N • 387-2593

Calendar

- Nov. 12
County Food Show
5:30 p.m. • Civic Center
7:00 p.m. - Awards Ceremony
- Nov. 12
Hospital Educational Seminar
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. When was the house on the corner of Concho and Poplar Streets built?

A. The home at 202 S. Concho, locally referred to as the "Aldwell House," was purchased by Mr. W. L. Aldwell, of the First National Bank, in October of 1900 according to the Devil's River News. Deed records show actual transfer of the property for \$2,000 on November 14 and November 25, 1900 from D. Drake. Aldwell did not build the house.

The Devil's River News of May 2, 1891 reports the wedding of Max Mayer and Adelia Drake. They were married Wednesday, April 29, 1891 at Emerald, Crockett County. After the wedding, the wedding party from Sonora escorted them to Sonora, where they were to make their home. They arrived here on Thursday, April 30th but stayed at the Traweek House.

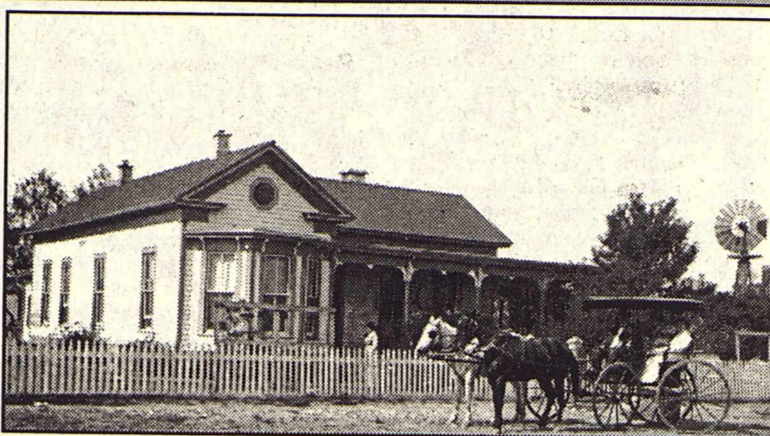
On September 24, 1891, filed September 25, 1891, Max Mayer bought the property at 202 S. Concho. He and his bride moved into their home during the week of October 10, 1891. Extensive additions and improvements were made to the property during their residence to accommodate their growing family. December 25, 1895 they had a baby girl, Guida Esther Mayer who married James Allen Wilson and died in 1973 in Alpine. On February 5, 1898 another daughter was added to the family, Lorene Adelia Mayer, who married George Leland Eberle died November 19, 1919 in Fort Worth. The family moved to Fort Worth

where Francis Adrienne Mayer was born on August 11, 1899 and married William Loyd Webb in San Antonio in 1921, and we don't have any other records on her in our files. Max Mayer died in 1922 while on a business trip to Mexico City, Mexico. Adelia Mayer died in 1924 in Del Rio. They were both buried in Mission Burial Park, San Antonio.

The house was a wood frame home. Wooden siding, a long decorative porch with decorative moldings and cleverly added bay window tied the additions together. Looking at this picture you can see where additions were made on the home by checking the spacing of windows, different chimneys, small added section on the rear. Max and Adelia didn't build the first home on the lot, but made so many additions and improvements, doubling the size of the house, that they deserve credit for most of what is standing today. Over the years the Aldwells maintained the home much as when they had it on the inside, making small changes to progress over the years. They did add a large office/residence to the property, roughly in the area of the old stables.

Many homes in Sonora were changed by buying a second small house and adding it onto the side of the first, and tying them together with decorative work. In the 1930's it became a popular practice to have homes rocked. This house and the one next to it, which was moved over from the other side of the draw by the Aldwell family, were both wood frame homes until they were rocked.

Q. Were there any Indians in



W.L. Aldwell Home

Sutton County?

A. Long before so called civilization came Indians inhabited this area. There are many reports of raids and battles with soldiers in the records of the cavalry stationed at local forts in the early days. One of the earliest mentions of proof of their residence in the Devil's River News was recorded on April 18, 1891- Sol Mayer, Will Fields, George Babbitt, Steve Murphy, F. Vander Stucken, C. J. Copeland of Ballinger, S. G. Tayloe, W. R. Rudicil, and Mike Murphy, made a visit to the famous painted cave in Field's pasture, Sunday, which was discovered by John C. Goodwin the barber, one evening while out hunting and afterwards explored by John C. Goodwin and Fayette Myers. The entrance is made by going down a shaft of about 16 feet deep; is lighted by four apertures and is about 25 by 50 paces large, the roof is painted with red paint and the drawings are very distinct and well executed and proves that it was a civilized, though warlike tribe that first settled in the Stockman's Paradise.

Since a young person asked this question we suggest they go to the library and look up the wealth of information on Indians that roamed this area in the early days. You will find information on the tribes that lived or migrated through this area following the buffalo and a wealth of other information on the earliest inhabitants of Texas. Between the library books and computerized records you can find much more information on local Indians than we can supply in our column.

Q. Who was T. D. Newell?
A. Thomas Delano Newell, nicknamed Teddy, was married to Ethel Rebecca Phillips. He came to Texas from Ohio, was a rancher and on December 1, 1894 bought the water works for \$794. He paid \$94 down. The Devil's River News of January 10, 1891 states he is spending \$2500 on building but doesn't specify where. We know he owned property on Poplar Street and several ranching properties. After he purchased the water works he made massive improvements to it. In 1913 he sold the water works to J. D. Eaton. The Devil's River News of

March 26, 1921 states he died in Uvalde. There is a record of a daughter, Irene, being born on August 31, 1903 in Sonora.

Q. Do the old papers have any record of a marriage of Fannie Ellis around 1900?

A. Devil's River News, September 27, 1902 - Married at the Court House in Sonora on Monday September 22, 1902, Miss Fannie Ellis to Mr. Thomas Trimble, Rev. Nath Thompson officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis of Owenville and the groom is a well known young stockman of the Menardville country and a brother to Mrs. R. E. Glasscock of Sonora.

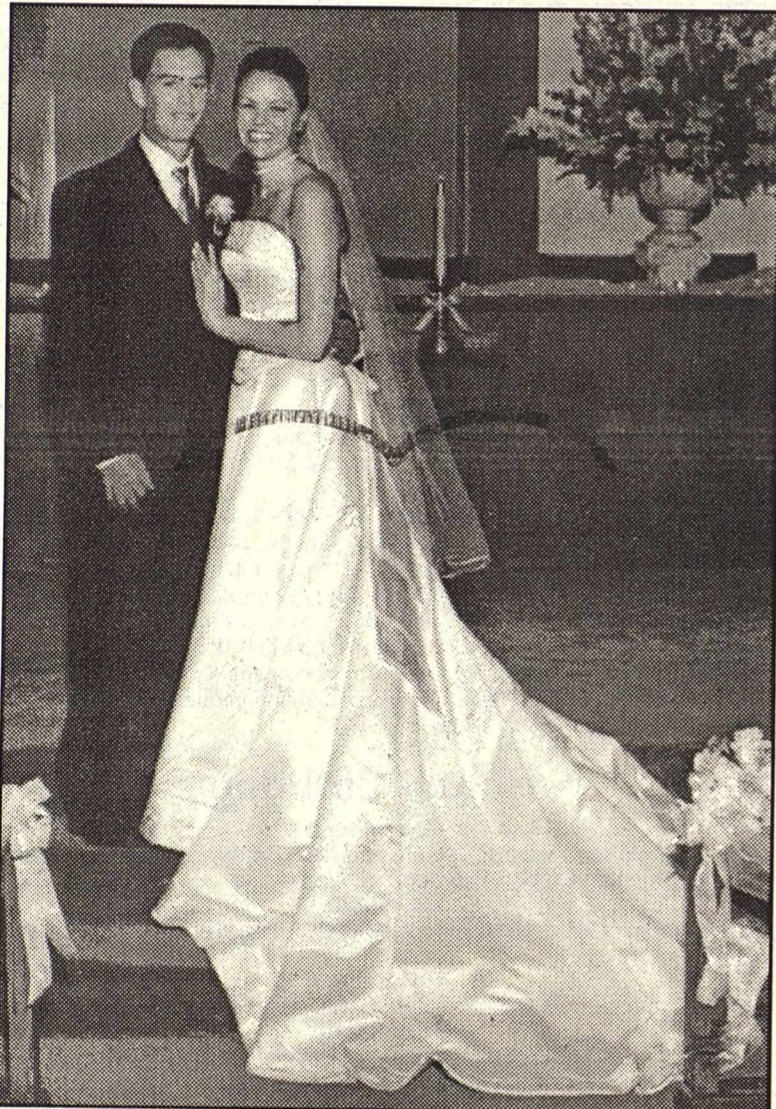
Sutton County Marriage Records indicate in Vol. 1, page 84, that T. L. Trimble and Fannie Ellis were married on September 22, 1902.

Q. When did I have diphtheria?
A. Devil's River News, September 6, 1935, Three Homes Under Quarantine for Diphtheria - Phillip Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper, was reported by his mother Thursday afternoon as "doing nicely." She stated that his illness had not been a severe one and that he was improving in a pleasing manner.

The other two were Carl Maddox and Mrs. W. W. Green. Hayden Allen "Chink" Glasscock died from the disease on September 1, 1935.

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 call me at 915-387-2855. Someone called the other day and wanted a copy of the Sonora Telephone Directory for 1920. We located the directory, copied it, but lost the slip of paper I wrote your address on. Please give me a call so we can mail it out to you. Thank you! This isn't the first mistake I've admitted to in this paper and until the offices are ready and we have more room to organize things, it probably won't be the last. I do apologize to the caller.

Fox-Fisher Wed



Mr. and Mrs. David Fisher

Stacy Ann Fox and David Alan Fisher were married in a double ring ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora on September 22, 2001.

Reverend Jim Stephen of Sonora performed the ceremony. Sister of the groom, Tammy Fisher of Sonora performed a special poetry reading she wrote for the couple and friends of the bride and groom, Lizzie Chavez and Kristen Hardgrave graced the ceremony with beautiful special music.

The bride is the daughter of Cathy and Lonnie Fox of Sonora and the granddaughter of Dinah and Rodney Fox of Freer and Dolores Yates of Jacksonville, Arkansas.

The bridegroom is the son of Linda and Glen Fisher of Sonora and the grandson of Allie and Vestal Aske of Sonora and Pauline Fisher of Knox City.

The bride's dress was a satin gown with a lace-up bodice trimmed in pearls and sequins with a chapel length train and she carried a bouquet of ivory champagne roses. Maid of Honor was college friend of the bride, Laurie Lookingbill of Lubbock.

Bridesmaids were Danielle Fox, sister of the bride and friends of the bride, Blair Crain of San Angelo and Joann Gore of Lubbock.

The bridesmaids wore champagne satin floorlength a-line gowns with matching satin wraps.

Flower girls, Paige and Alexa Love-Sykes of Sonora, were adorned in white satin gowns with

beaded and sequined bodices.

The best man was lifelong friend of the groom, John Paul Hudman of Dallas.

Groomsmen were friends of the groom Davis Hale and Josh Burnham of Sonora and Robby Keyton of Lubbock.

The groomsmen wore traditional black tuxedos with black vests and champagne ties.

The groom wore a traditional black tuxedo with a champagne vest and tie.

Ushers were friends of the groom, Caleb Barker of Lubbock, John Jones of Houston, Chris Neal of San Angelo, Walker Wallace of Sonora and best friend of the bride, Dustin Dillard of College Station. Colton Lee was the ring bearer and Sky Yates was the bible bearer, both cousins of the bride.

The reception followed at the Sonora Civic Center.

The brides cake was a five tier laced Italian creme cake decorated with fresh alstomeria and the groom's cake was a red velvet cake with a Texas Tech theme. A mexican fiesta buffet was served to the guests. The house party included friends of the bride Kolleen Freudiger and Kristen Hardgrave and cousin of the bride Leigh Ann Fox.

The happy couple honeymooned at the Moon Palace resort near Cancun, Mexico and now make their new home in San Antonio, Texas.

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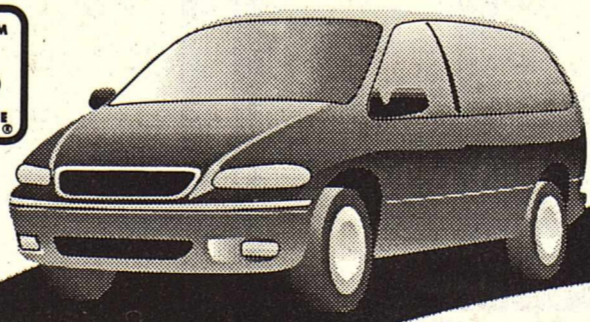
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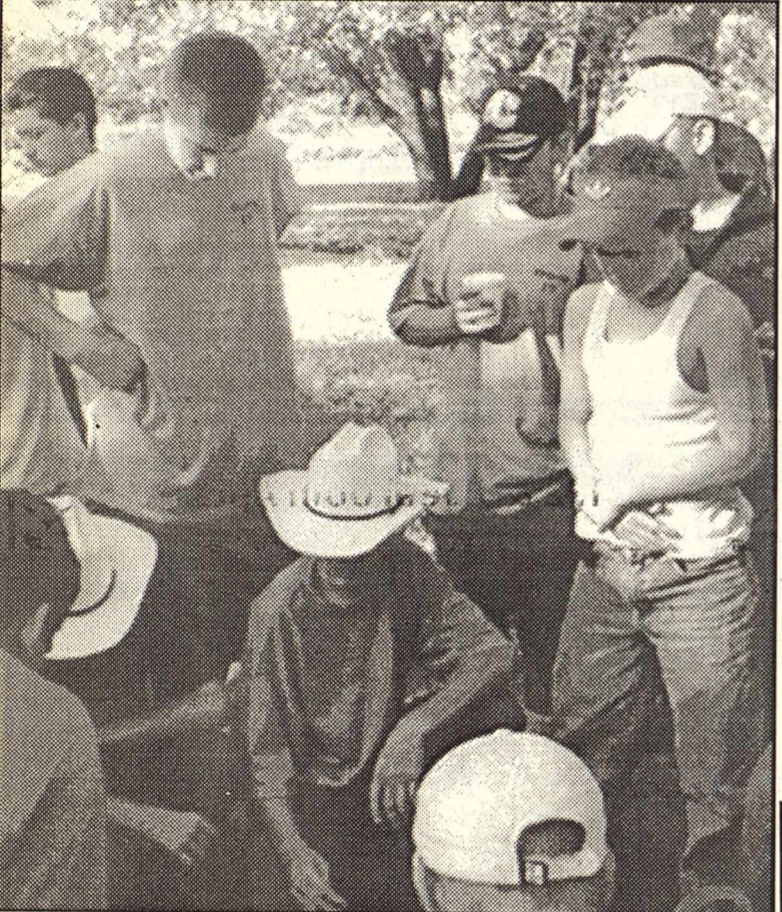
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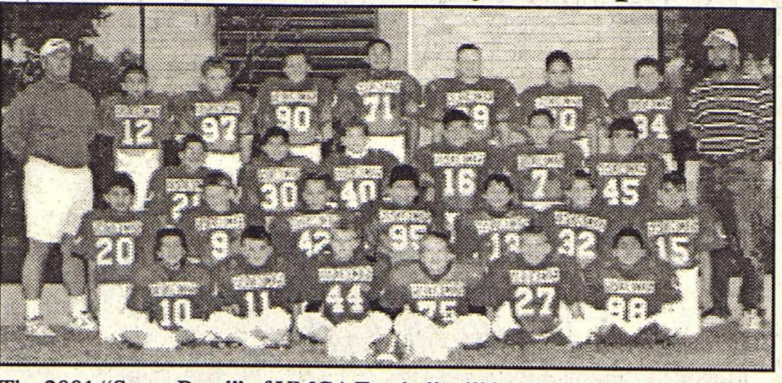
Troop 19 Attends Camporee At Camp Sol Mayer

Submitted
 The Sonora Boy Scout Troop 19 attended the Concho Valley Camporee at the BSA Camp Sol Mayer located north of Fort McKavett October 19 & 20th. The theme of the camporee was "Cook-o-Ree" and the scouts competed in 6 events.
 The events were Grocery Store (menus and costing), Flapjack Relay (start a fire, cook a pancake and eat it, 8 minutes for Troop 19), Utensil-less cooking (core an orange, break an egg into the rind, cook it over charcoal and eat the egg), Cooking Gadgets (Troop 19 designed 2 tripods out of clear stays lashed together with a medal rod across to cook over a fire), First Aid (use of orienteering skills to find injured

person, treat injured person), Food Kim's Game (remember 20 items in a box, 30 seconds to examine contents).
 The afternoon demonstrations offered information on cooking with a Dutch Oven. The scouts used this information while preparing for the evening potluck meal. The scouts provided beef stew, Dutch oven biscuits, and a green salad.
 The lowering of the flag ceremony included introduction of the 2 newest Eagle Scouts; both were from Troop 19, Matthew Glasscock and Roland Solis. Scouts attending this Camporee were Ty Love, Shane Love, Steven Barthelemy, Mark Holman, Travis Valliant, and Justin Northcott. Scoutmaster Lewis Allen and Sharon Holman accompanied the troop.



YMCA Broncos To Play In Superbowl



The 2001 "Super Bowl" of YMCA Football will be played on November 3rd at Lake View Stadium. Sonora will be represented by the Pee Wee Broncos and the Heavy Weight Broncos. The Pee Wee Broncos will play the Pee Wee Cowboys at 12:00 p.m. The Heavy Weight Broncos will play the Heavy Weight Titans at 6:40 p.m. Come support these future Broncos and show San Angelo what Sonora is made of.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
 I have four children in the Bronco Band. Two play the big bass drums, one is a flag member, and other in the 8th grade ready to join them. My senior daughter had never been in band, but Mr. Bedwell saw that she needed to be in band to help her surpass a pain. I cannot believe how well she has done, never played or marched, ever! I know she makes mistakes, but she is trying. I wanted Sonora folks to know this about Mr. Bedwell's faith in a young girl. She beats her drum proudly. Watch out for her, she is the only tiny one with a drum bigger than she is.
 But, what I wanted to really say to some people is this; that our Bronco Band felt kind of sad and hurt Friday night. I have seen just how hard and long they practice. I could not attend the game, but during half-time, I asked my husband to take me and we double parked behind the scoreboard. I know the Mason band is big and awesome. I could hear the Sonora side roaring loudly at their entrance and every piece they played. Yes, they were good. Even giving them a standing ovation. They deserved it, I agree with you. But, when our own little army of band warriors marched in, I couldn't hear a roar. People, they are small in number, but brave enough to face a bigger army with so much pride. Each playing the best that they could. They looked and sounded so great from over the fence. When Miss Desiree Gonzales and Manuel Campos played their solo they deserved a louder roar and a standing ovation, too. They played so fantastic. I felt so proud of them. I didn't hear a roar after every piece they, the band, played. These little things are noticed by the kids. One told me, "we played our best, Mom, we missed you, we couldn't hear your yelling" but, I was yelling over the fence. I know Sonora has always backed them in every way, but our roars are what they want to hear in front of the bigger army. It makes them feel bigger with pride, like we are with them. I pray that we will roar so loud for them in the upcoming games. They will face the greater army band of Eldorado on our home ground. To see this little army of warriors march down the field with so much pride, shining and enjoying their every step, proud to belong to Sonora. This is worth the loudest of roars. These kids belong to all of us. They are truly the MIGHTY Bronco Band.
 A proud Mom and fan,
 God Bless us All!
 Nelda Yorba

F.Y.I.

Friday, November 2nd, is the last day to turn in your recipes for the Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary's Cookbook. Response from the community has been great, but we want to let everyone know that the deadline is here for turning in their recipes. Please take them to Janalyn Jones at the 4-H Center or Vallree Draper.

BRONCO SEND OFF, Friday, November 2nd between 4:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. The Sonora Broncos will be leaving to play the Wall Hawks. Show your support - decorate your windows, hang signs, balloons, streamers, make noise, bubbles, stand on the street cheering, honk your horns! The team bus will be escorted by the Sonora Fire Department trucks, the Sonora Police and Sutton County Sheriff vehicles. The tentative route will be from the Field House, to Crockett and north to Hwy 277. The main sendoff area will be approximately one mile north of town on Hwy 277. Come out to support the Broncos as they travel to Wall to defend the District Championship.

Cub Scout Pack 19 will be holding their annual Food Drive on Sunday, November 4th from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. All canned goods will be donated to the Ministerial Alliance to be distributed in Christmas Baskets.

The Knights of Columbus and Main Street Program Annual Thanksgiving Dinner with Turkey & Trimmings will be November 18, 2001, starting at 12:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. Live Entertainment will be provided. Senior Citizens Eat Free. Donations Accepted! For more information call Mike Villanueva at 387-5300, Joe San Miguel at 387-6003 or 277-1662 or Ann Kay at 387-2248.

Sonora ISD Bond Election Dates: Early voting: Oct. 31 - Nov. 13 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. weekdays at the Administration Building. Branch Early Voting: Tuesday, Nov. 6 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Elementary School Teacher Workroom and Friday, Nov. 9 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. at High School Library. Election Day is Nov. 17 from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Precinct 1 - Sutton County Civic Center; Precinct 2 - Sonora Junior High Gym; Precinct 3 - Sutton County Courthouse; Precinct 4 - Sonora Fire Station.

Remember the Sutton Co. Sr. Center will be closed Monday, Nov. 12th for Veteran's Day. Sign up for Holiday meals. The center will also be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday & Friday, Nov. 22 & 23. Seniors are needed for the exercise classes on Tuesday. The van trip for Nov. 2nd will be Wednesday the 14th because of the Thanksgiving Holidays. Sign up now.

New Life Ministries is offering Bible-based classes each Tuesday afternoon and evening, for anyone interested in understanding personality strengths and weaknesses, and how to change weaknesses to strengths, how to bring healing for emotional wounds, how to live without the need to control, and how to define and destroy the self-destructive patterns in your life. See ad in Classified Section for more information.

Sonora FFA will begin their annual Ranch House meat sales on October 25 for deliveries on November 13 and December 12.

The Dee Ora Masonic Lodge is sponsoring a Pancake Supper before the Eldorado football game, November 9th, from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the High School Commons area. The cost will be \$5. Proceeds will go to provide Scholarships for the 2001 Senior Class. This is the only fund raiser for this cause and the Lodge is hoping to raise at least \$2000.

United Blood Services To Be In Sonora

Contact: Sherry Morton; Johnna Pevey
 San Angelo, TX - United Blood Services will be in Sonora for a community blood drive on Thursday, November 1st. It will be held at Louis Dreyfus on Hwy. 277 South, from 12:00 to 6:00 PM. Call Patsy Samaniego at 387-3588 or United Blood Services at 1-800-756-0024 for an appointment.
 "The Sonora community has always shown great support when we have a blood drive" said Sherry Morton, Community Relations Representative. "We would like to thank Louis Dreyfus and Sonora residents for their support."
 Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. We also ask that you have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.
 United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days. We need your help. If you would like to make an appointment to give blood, please call 653-1307. Please try to make an appointment. It will help you get in and out in a timely manner.

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 Mon. - Egg & ham burrito, assorted juice.
 Tues. - Banana nut muffin, fruit, assorted juice.
 Wed. - Cinnamon roll, applesauce, assorted juice.
 Thurs. - Scrambled eggs, toast/jelly, assorted juice.
 Fri. - Bean & cheese burrito, fruit, assorted juice.
 Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch
 Mon. - Corn dog, pork & beans, fruit, spice bar.
 Tues. - Macaroni & beef, mixed vegetables, orange wedges, hot roll.
 Wed. - Grilled Ham sandwich, vegetable soup, apple half, crackers.
 Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, hot roll.
 Fri. - Cheeseburger, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pudding.

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BOND ELECTION (ELECCION DE BONOS)
 PROPOSITION (PROPOSICION)
 THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,950,000 BONDS FOR CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING AND EQUIPPING SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF (LA EMISION DE \$8,950,000 DE BONOS PARA CONSTRUIR, RENOVAR, Y EQUIPAR LOS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO, Y LA IMPOSICION DEL IMPUESTO EN PAGO DE ESOS)

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November 4
 Ben Pool, Skyler Wood, Vivian Van Zandt, Carla Gonzalez, Bubba Alewine

November 5
 Jason Chadwick, Kylie Johnson, Jose Longoria, Earl Johnson, Terry Surridge, Thomas Adkins, Bruce Kerbow

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7th Grade Colts Rout Mason

by Nancy Glasscock

The 7th Grade Colts took on the 7th Grade Punchers last Thursday night in Sonora. The Colts overwhelmed the smaller, slower Mason team, defeating them 28-0.

The Punchers started with a surprise onside kickoff that the Colts recovered on their 49-yard line. On the first pitch from Colt quarterback Caleb Ramos, the running back fumbled the ball. Mason recovered and quickly fumbled back to the Colts. Travis Valliant recovered for the Colts. Agustin Vaquera and Justin Northcott then moved the ball down the field. Vaquera took the ball 35 yards for the first Colt touchdown. The two-point conversion failed.

The Punter kick off returner took the ball to the 50, but they went three and out and punted the ball back to the Colts. Vaquera, Northcott, and Jose Casillas took turns moving the ball to midfield. Vaquera then took the ball 50 yards along the right sideline for the Colts' second touchdown. Vaquera also made the two-point conversion.

On defense, the Colts were again tough and kept the Punchers from putting points on the board. Alex Perez, Cody Perez, Ramos,

and Vaquera were the defensive standouts on this defensive series.

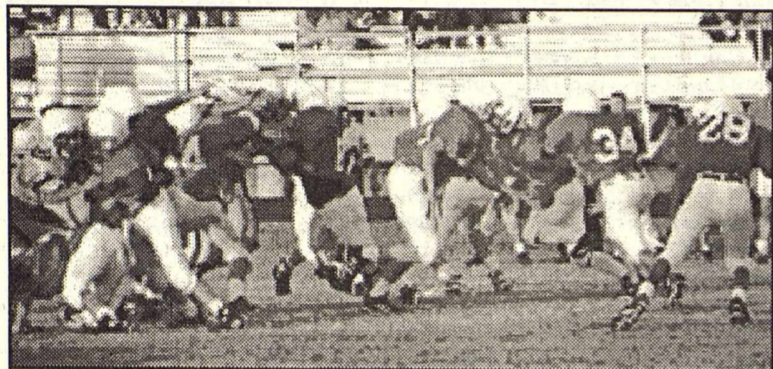
The Punchers punted again. Ramos wasted little time. Ruben Mendez and Casillas moved the ball towards the end zone. Ramos then struck Pedro Gloria for a touchdown pass to make the score 20-0 in the Colts' favor. The PAT failed. The Punchers got the ball and were again stymied by great Colt defense provided by Casillas, Mendez, and Evan Gully.

The Punchers' punter did well and the Colts started from their 48. A fumbled exchange on first down put the ball in the Punchers' hands. They couldn't make good on the Colt turn over. Vaquera caused an incomplete pass, and Robert Guerra blitzed and caused a seven-yard loss. Ramos, Guerra, Vaquera, and Liano Luna squashed the third down pitch. The Punchers punted.

Ramos again wasted no time. He kept the ball on the first play and raced 72 yards for the fourth Colt touchdown. Mendez ran the ball in for the two-point conversion.

The Colts play in Wall on Thursday. Their final game of the season will be against Eldorado on November 8 in Bronco Stadium. Come out and support these exciting 7th graders, our future Broncos.

8th Grade Colts Lose 6 - 0



The Offensive Line is blocking for Embre Smith as he hands off to Chris Perez, while Uriel Santana plays the backfield. Photo by Ray Glasscock

by Nancy Glasscock

The good kickoff return by Hilton Bloodworth had the fans thinking the game would be easy for this Colt team as it had for the 7th graders. Mason had other ideas. This game turned out to be a classic defensive battle between two fine football teams.

The Colts attempted to run the ball, but the Punchers forced the Colts to punt. The Colts were on defense the rest of the first quarter. Embre Smith, Steven Barthelemy, Mike Vaquera, Chris Perez, Swade Draper, Steven Duhon and Bloodworth all made good defensive plays to force Mason to punt the ball.

The Colts took over on their 49-yard line and made a very good attempt to score. Uriel Santana ran with the ball, but a pass to Barthelemy was incomplete. The Colts made it to the Punter 22 with a pass to Duhon. That's as far as the Colts would go on this possession.

The Punchers took over the ball on their 27-yard line and moved the ball down the field for the only score of the game. Cameron Cox stopped the Punter

running back from making the two-point conversion.

The Colts' Anthony Longoria returned the kickoff to the Colt 32 to start the last Colt drive. Smith started working the Colts downfield by using the shotgun and four receivers. He completed a pass to Duhon. He kept the ball for a five yard gain and passed to Duhon again to move the Colts to the 20-yard line. Again from the shotgun, he gave a quick handoff to Santana who rushed to the four-yard line. Smith moved under center and the next two rushing attempts lost yards. The next play the Punchers were called for pass interference. Again, the Colts tried to run and the Punchers stuffed the runs. Smith dropped back to pass, saw his receiver coming open, and threw what looked to be the game-winning pass. However, the Mason linebacker anticipated the pass and stepped in front of the receiver for the interception. The Mason offense ran out the clock preserving their hard earned victory over the Colts.

The Colts travel to Wall to play the 8th grade Wall Hawks next Thursday.

Broncos Corral Punchers

by Tryon Fields

Three weeks in a row, the Sonora Broncos have had to play teams with losing records.

Sometimes it is hard to get up to play these kind of teams especially when you have to do it back to back. This past Friday was no exception, when the Broncos entertained the Mason Punchers. The Punchers bringing a 1 and 1 in District 2-2A play and a 1 and 6 record overall into Bronco Stadium hoped to surprise the Broncos. For a little more than fifteen minutes of play, the Punchers did exactly that as they kept the high powered Broncos fairly well in check. Whether it was listlessness by the Broncos or just that the Punchers were not intimidated; it took that fifteen minutes for the Red Hosses to get all the cylinders primed. When the valves were lubed and the injectors in sync; the Broncos took off and never looked back.

After winning the toss, the Broncos elected to receive. Starting at their

own twenty-two; the Big Red Machine used a combination of running backs and pass plays to move the ball to the Mason seven. Runs by William Renfro, Sean Fields, and Juan Rodriguez along with passes from Scottie Moore to James Elliott and Stetson Hall made it look like the Broncos were not going to have much trouble with the smaller defense of the Punchers. At the Mason twelve; the punter defense began to stiffen. A procedure call against the Broncos helped to slow the momentum along with defensive plays by Manuel Gonzales and Keith Jackson would

stall the Red Hoss drive at the six. Taking over on downs, the Punchers met with what the rest of the Bronco opponents have met with; a ruthless Bronco defense. Zed Snodgrass, Thomas Bloodworth, and James Elliott would lead the Red Hoss defense in forcing the Punchers to punt after three downs and only six yards gained. Setting up shop at the Mason forty-two, the Broncos would need six plays and almost two and a half minutes to put their first score on the board. Runs by Fields and Renfro would move the ball to the Punter fifteen. At the fifteen, Bronco quarterback, Scottie Moore, went to the passing game; finding his favorite receiver, James Elliott, at the Punter eight. At the eight, Elliott used brute force to gain the end zone; as he broke a tackle and drug a would be tackler the last two yards for the score. The PAT by Stetson Hall would be wide;

however the Broncos would take a six point lead with four minutes and twenty-two seconds left in the first quarter. Mason 0 - Sonora 6.

After the ensuing kick-off, the Punchers would take possession at their own twelve. Punter quarterback, Dewey Stockbridge, would use the next five minutes and forty-five seconds to orchestrate a eighty-eight yard scoring drive. All but two yards came through the air with Punter wide receiver, Dustin McLeod, being Stockbridge's primary recipient. At the ten minute and thirty-eight second mark of the second quarter, the Punchers would notch their first score, with Manuel Gonzales gaining the honors on a four yard run. Punter place kicker,

Sonora Broncos Football Game Preview Wall

By Nancy Glasscock

It's all going to come down to this game Friday when the Broncos (7-1, 3-0) travel to Wall (5-3, 3-0) to play the Hawks. This is the game that will determine the District 2-2A Championship. Since Wall is doing much better than last year, they should go into the Division I playoff bracket and Sonora should go into the "small school" playoff bracket. Last year, Sonora defeated Wall 35-14 in the Mud Bowl.

The Wall Hawks have 19 lettermen from last year with seven offensive and nine defensive starters returning. Wall comes into the game with a record of 5 and 3. They have lost to Midland Christian, the 2000 private school state champion, Jim Ned, who will be in the Region II playoffs, and to Ozona. They have won all three of their district games. They have soundly defeated Mason, Grape Creek, and Eldorado. Comparing common opponents, Wall defeated Mason and Winters by a larger margin than we beat them. According to Coach Herring, they are the real deal with their capabilities being somewhere between Ballinger and Alpine.

The Wall Hawks' names you will be hearing for the most part on Friday night are Trey Weishuhn, Will Doyle, Jason Holik, and Jaron Haney. Weishuhn, (6-3 180) is the senior quarterback. Wall primarily tries to run the ball from the Wishbone formation. However, they also can pass effectively from the shotgun. We were able to find statistics for six of their eight games this year. In those games, Weishuhn has completed 45% of his passes for 600 yards, and they have rushed for 1200 yards. His favorite target is senior Will Doyle. Jason Holik and Jaron Haney, a sophomore, get most of the handoffs. The offensive line is smaller than ours, but they have very good quickness. Wall plays a 4-3 defense, and they like to blitz their linebackers.

JV Broncos Punch-Out Mason

by Maray Cearley

Last Thursday evening the Sonora Junior Varsity Broncos took on the Mason Junior Varsity team at Punter Stadium.

On the opening series from their own 32 yard line the Punchers met a very stubborn Bronco defense led by Trapper Valliant. The Punchers were forced to punt and the Broncos take over on their own 31 yard line. First play from scrimmage was a 23 yard completion from Chris Martin to Shaun Ramos, but is nullified due to an illegal man down field. After an 8 yard gain by Ramos, the Broncos aren't able to move the ball and are forced to punt. Mason gets very good field position when the punt goes straight up and then gets a Punter bounce. With several strong runs and a pass completion, it didn't take Mason long to score. The 2 point conversion attempt was stopped and with 4:11 left in the first quarter, the Punchers lead 6-0.

On the ensuing kick off Wilson Wallace returns the ball 25 yards and with the help of a face mask call, the Broncos take over at the Mason 40 yard line. On the first play, quarterback, Martin keeps the ball and scampers down the right side for the touchdown. The 2 point attempt was unsuccessful and with 3:49 left in the opening period, the score is 6-6.

Mason is unable to move the ball on their own series and are forced to punt the ball. Taking over at their own 25 yard line, the Broncos start marching the ball down the field. With several good carries from Stetson Perez and Ramos, Martin goes to the air with completions of 15 and 22 yards to Laramie Hall and Ramos. The Broncos score on an 11 yard pass play from Martin to Hall. Perez scores the 2 point conversion and with 7:27 left in the first half, Sonora takes it's first lead of the game, 14-6.

The Broncos are able to stop

the Punchers on their next series on fourth down with outstanding defensive plays by Juan Galindo, Oscar Chavez, Austin Wagoner, Martin and Valliant.

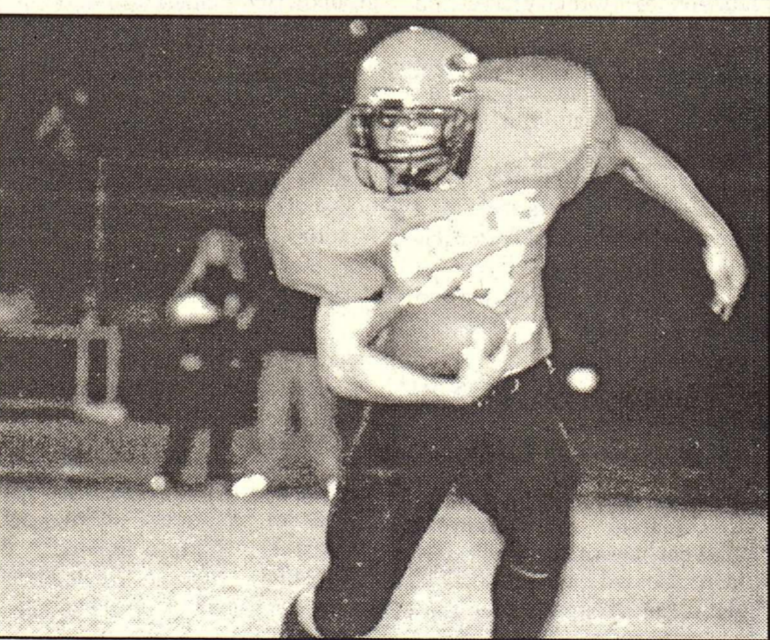
The Broncos take over deep in their own territory, but are unable to move the ball, and they are forced to punt. After a nice return and a long pass completion, the Punchers are able to get into the endzone, making the score 12-14. When the Punchers decided to go for 2, Trapper Valliant had other plans, as he stopped the ball carrier short of the goal. The half ended with Sonora leading 14-12.

The third quarter began with Sonora receiving the ball at their 17 yard line. After several penalties and negative yardage, the Broncos were forced to punt. Mason then went three and out. On Sonora's next possession, an errant pass from Martin lands in the hands of a purple defender, in which it was returned to the Sonora 44 yard line. Once again, the Sonora defense stand their ground, behind efforts of Hall, J.E. Carrillo, Valliant and Martin. Sonora takes over at the 15 yard line. The series begins with a 10 yard run by Wallace and then the penalty bug bites the Broncos, and they are unable to advance the ball. Mason is also bit by the same penalty bug as they are unable to get any positive yardage and they also are forced to punt.

The fourth quarter begins with Sonora in control. After 2 Ramos carries, Martin again elects to keep the ball on the option and is able to break a couple of tackles and scores his second touchdown of the night. The 2 point conversion fails, and with 8:48 remaining in the game, the score is, Sonora 20, Mason 12.

Mason starts their next possession through the air. They have completions of 6 yards and another for 40. The purple get to the Sonora 20 before Valliant sacks the quarter-

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#48, Running Back Brandon Adkins moves the ball down the field against the Mason Punchers.

Dustin McLeod would return the Broncos favor as he would miss the extra point to leave the score tied: Mason 6 - Sonora 6.

On the Broncos next possession, the quick strike offense would go to work. Needing only forty-nine seconds and three plays, the Bronco Express would score the go ahead touchdown with a little over nine minutes left in the first half.

A thirty-nine yard sprint by William Renfro would set up the touchdown. At the Punter thirty-two, Moore would once again go to Elliott. This time, Elliott would have no trouble

gaining the end-zone, as he car-

dled in the touch pass and eased into the

end-zone. The two point conversion would fail giving the Broncos a six point advantage: Mason 6 - Sonora 12. Going back to their running game on their next possession, the Punchers ended up losing yardage. The defense led by Chance Armke, Stetson Hall, and Emmanuel Lopez would force Mason to punt for the second time. Starting at their own thirty, the Broncos would need a little over two minutes and five plays to put the game out of reach. Two runs totaling thirty-four yards by Renfro

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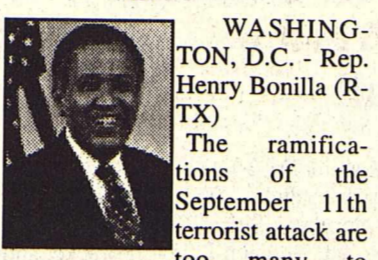
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Getting Our Economy Back On Track



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX) The ramifications of the September 11th terrorist attack are too many to count. Thousands of lives were taken and millions of others have been deeply affected. As if things aren't tough enough, our economy has also been badly bruised.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans are hurting economically through no fault of their own. Our nation needs an economic boost now more than ever.

We all understand that there is nothing anyone can do or say to bring back the lives lost. But what we can do is work to rebuild and get back on track. And that's exactly what your Congress intends to do.

Americans have lost their jobs as a result of the September 11th tragedy. We need to ensure that states have the ability to cover anyone who needs health and unemployment benefits. We're also going to allow deductions for capital losses for individuals. The current \$3,000 deduction will be increased for two years. It will be raised to \$4,000 in the first year and then \$5,000 in the second. This will allow people who have suffered losses in the current economic environment to minimize the impact of their losses.

We all know that small businesses helped build America. The stimulus legislation is going to help take care of small business owners in the wake of these devastating events. Congress wants to allow additional expensing for small businesses. They will be able to write off even more of their capital investments - \$35,000 annually for two years. That money can be directly invested in paying salaries and keeping their business afloat through tough economic times.

Last week, I voted on a package of legislation that will help all taxpaying Americans. The Economic Security and Recovery Act is going to offer immediate help for our nation's economy. The package will provide a \$100 billion economic stimulus and is projected to create 167,000 new jobs. The best news is that we're going to expedite this legislation. Once it's passed by the Senate and approved by President Bush, it will become immediately effective.

A key component of the plan includes accelerating the income tax relief that became law earlier this year. We're also going see that people who received partial tax rebates under this spring's tax relief bill will have their rebates increased to the full \$300 for individuals and \$600 for married couples. And those people who filed a tax return in 2000, but were not eligible in the previous round, will now get their payment of either \$300 or \$600. This means real savings for people across the board.

The economic package we have proposed is a major step toward regaining a healthy economy. Each of the components will help us stimulate different areas of the economy and promote growth and jobs.

Above and beyond what we're doing in Congress, I encourage each of you to get back to the shopping malls, head back to the grocery stores and visit your favorite sporting events. The holidays are just around the corner. Purchase some of your holiday gifts a few weeks early. Each of you have the power and ability to help stimulate our nation's economy. All hands need to be on deck - we all have the ability to help.

The Economic Stimulus package will also help the states with unemployment benefits. Many

Our economy has weathered turbulence in the past during times of war and peace. But a sound, reasoned economic growth package - coupled with the trust and assistance of the American people - will put us back on track toward prosperity. God bless each of you, and God bless America!

Oil & Agribusiness

Eckert Named New Extension State Sheep And Goat Assistant

by Steve Byrns (915) 653-4576, s-byrns@tamu.edu

SAN ANGELO - Kyle Edward Eckert becomes the new Texas Cooperative Extension sheep and goat state assistant effective Nov. 1. Eckert will have state responsibilities in all facets of Extension's sheep and goat program.

His direct supervisor is Dr. Frank Craddock, state Extension sheep and goat specialist. He will be headquartered in San Angelo's Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

"We're very fortunate that Kyle has accepted this key position in our state's sheep and goat industry," said Craddock. "He has a solid working knowledge of the business as well as a strong Extension background in both adult and youth programming."

He grew up in the 4-H youth program and still maintains a strong interest in the sheep and goat show industry. He also demonstrates the work ethic, enthusiasm, and drive this job requires.

Eckert graduated from Mason High School in 1995 and earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural development in 1999 from Texas A&M. He joined Extension in June 2000 as an agricultural county agent in Bell County. He also led many of the county's successful 4-H endeavors including the Bell County Youth Fair, 4-H livestock programs and projects, and youth character development programs.

Eckert fills the position vacated by Andy Laughlin, who is pursuing graduate studies at Texas A&M.

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Annual Farm and Ranch Management Symposium Set For Nov. 29 in Amarillo

by Pam Dillard (806) 359-5401; p-dillard@tamu.edu

AMARILLO -- The 17th annual Farm and Ranch Symposium, hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension, is set for Nov. 29 at the Civic Center in Amarillo.

The event is always held in conjunction with one of the country's largest agricultural expos -- the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show, a three-day event that attracts more than 30,000 participants each year featuring more than 300 companies and 700 exhibits.

The symposium coordinator, Extension entomologist Dr. Carl Patrick, said the program is designed to help producers to stay up with current production practices, trends and technologies.

Topics will include sunflower production, boll weevil eradication programs, karnal bunt disease, biotechnology fact or fiction, and rules to follow when capping an out-of-service irrigation well.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the program will run from 9 a.m. until noon. All area farmers and ranchers are encouraged to participate.

Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist at Lubbock, will conduct a session on sunflower production. His discussion will address the reasons behind the big push to sunflowers as an alternative crop this year.

Planting dates, population, fertility and irrigation issues will round out his presentation.

Dr. Greta Schuster, Extension integrated pest management specialist and assistant professor for IPM at West Texas A&M University at Canyon, will describe karnal bunt disease and how it impacts wheat production. She will advise what steps are necessary when wheat tests positive for the disease.

Texas Department of Agriculture expert Levon Harmon will discuss the correct way to cap an abandoned irrigation well to prevent groundwater contamination.

Other speakers will provide updates on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program and issues involving biotechnology.

Continuing education units (CEUs) will be available for participants needing to maintain certifications. The sessions are free. For more information, contact Patrick at (806) 359-5401.

RRC Sets Texas Gas Production Allowables For November

by Lisa Wheeler (AUSTIN) - Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Tony Garza today set November natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 29,909,195 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the November 2001 allowable represents a decrease of 2,977,705 Mcf when compared to actual production of 32,886,900 Mcf in November 2000. In setting the November 2001 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from November 2000 and producer forecasts for the November 2001 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

reported by the Commission for the month of September 2001 is 299,801,231 Mcf compared to 209,424,920 Mcf in September 2000. The October gas storage estimate is 285,573,652 Mcf.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 9 percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Preliminary statewide production reported for August 2001 is 30,703,213 barrels of crude oil and 381,683,895 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0331 for crude oil and 1.0965 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage

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Turner Provides Information on Constitutional Amendments Election



AUSTIN -- Rep. Bob Turner (D-Voss) reminds Texans that now is the time to learn about the issues on the November 6 ballot. Voters will decide whether to adopt 19 state constitutional amendments passed by the Texas Legislature last Spring.

eran's cemeteries and help meet the rising demands for veterans' home mortgage loans.

Proposition 15 which would create the Texas Mobility Fund to pay for state highway construction projections. This amendment would also allow money in the fund to be used for public toll roads, maintenance, expansion and construction of state highways, and other public transportation projects. The Texas Transportation Commission would administer the funds and issue bonds pledged against the fund to be repaid from the fund balance. This amendment would change the state's traditional "pay-as-you-go" policy for financing highways. Currently, highways are the only major capital projects the state does not issue bonds for, to borrow money.

Proposition 19 would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation funds in an amount not to exceed \$2-billion for the Texas Water Development Fund II. The Board utilizes this fund to provide financing for new water management strategies and projects which include water supply, treatment and storage. Proponents of the amendment argue that despite the Board having \$490-million remaining in its bond authorization, waiting two more years to seek voter approval for additional authorization would jeopardize the board's ability to finance projects to help meet Texas' future water needs.

"A person's civic duty is not just to vote, but to also encourage others to participate in the process," Turner said. "I hope voters will encourage a friend or family member and maybe even take them to the polls to take advantage of early voting opportunities."

Early voting runs from October 22 through November 2. The last chance to cast a ballot is Election Day, November 6. For more information and a complete list of the proposed constitutional amendments, Rep. Turner encourages those interested to visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.tx.us or call his Capitol office at (512) 463-0644.

whole not only to express their desires but to actually implement their will," Turner said. "If they choose to, Texas citizens can play a vital role in the law making process."

Once passed by the Legislature, amendments to the Texas Constitution require voter approval in order to become law. With 19 proposed constitutional amendments, voters have a diverse array of issues on the ballot this fall. The first 10 proposed amendments on the ballot cover a range of topics, from dealing with close outcomes in presidential elections to authorizing bonds. Included in the last nine amendments are proposals to eliminate duplicative and obsolete provisions of the Constitution and streamlining the collection of civil and criminal fees. Amendments also important to rural Texas include:

Proposition 5, for example, would allow municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries. Amendment supporters agree that this would allow for a cost-effective way to dispose of property. In addition, the goodwill gesture could lead to economic benefits by strengthening trade relations with foreign countries. However, opponents argue that municipalities should instead donate surplus property to fire departments in this or neighboring states who have a need, such as volunteer fire departments.

Proposition 7 authorizes the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to benefit the Veteran's Housing Assistance Fund II. This amendment would also allow the use of funds from veterans' land and housing assistance programs for vet-

Living History Days Celebrate Historic Fort Stockton

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Contact: Fort Stockton Historical Society 915-336-2400

This weekend, you may go down the road just a few miles and find yourself back in time about 130 years. Old Fort Stockton comes alive during Living History Day 2001, on Saturday, November 3, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Come to the grounds of Historic Fort Stockton for a full day of fun for the entire family - and it's all free!

Living History Day celebrates West Texas history and culture, recreating the sights, the sounds, the smells and the tastes of the western frontier. Once again, the grounds of this 19th - century Army post will come to life as historical re-enactors, traditional artists and craftsmen, Native Americans, and local and area musicians converge upon Fort Stockton from across the Lone Star State.

Pat Cheatham of San Angelo, for example, will be setting up his forge and visitors can once again experience the heated crackling of

the fire and the ringing contact of hammer and anvil as this 20th - century blacksmith pursues one of history's oldest and most important crafts. Visitors may also select from a wide variety of Cheatham's handcrafted iron tools, chimes and dinner bells offered for sale.

Cynthia Schneider of Midland will also be setting up camp at the fort this weekend. Cynthia and her husband Don travel across the region demonstrating the traditional production of lye soap, just as pioneer women once did as part of maintaining a homestead on the West Texas frontier. Visitors will have an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about an historic product finding new popularity and use in the 20th century from Midland's "Soap Lady".

The Laundress of Historic Fort Stockton will show you how that lye soap was used with the tubs and washboards at their exhibit. While learning about washing, starching and ironing the post's laundry, visitors will be offered a chance to try their hand at an important (and offi-

cial) part of the domestic life on a frontier army post. Try some traditional ironing and find out for yourself just how "irons" got their name!

A favorite at this year's event is trick-roper, six-gun spinner and bullwhip artist, Doug Whitaker. Doug was born on a quarter-horse ranch in south Texas and learned his roping skills on the job. He has performed across the country and in Japan, telling tall tales of Texas while dazzling audiences with his moves.

Other traditional arts and crafts demonstrated this weekend will include cooking, pottery, flint-knapping, spinning and weaving, tatting and lace-making and gourd carving and painting.

Fort Stockton was one of a string of 19th - century military posts that protected travelers and commerce on the San Antonio/El Paso road during the Indian Wars (1867-1886). In fact, military history in the area goes back to the 1850's, when Camp Stockton served as a base for exploratory expeditions throughout the region. During the Civil War, the post was occupied by units of the Army of

the Confederacy.

This history, too, will come to life with soldiers and Native Americans from across the state setting up camp on the old fort's parade grounds. Once again, infantry will drill to the sergeant's commands, cavalry will take the field, cannons and small arms will fire, and the air will be filled with the music of the bugle, the fife and drum, and the fiddle. Among the returning groups this year will be contingents from several historic army posts across West Texas, and the four-legged troopers of the Texas Camel Corps.

Native Americans will have their own encampment on the fort grounds. Visitors will have an opportunity to learn more about - and even sample - a way of life that traversed this continent for centuries, still practiced today by descendants of our earliest Americans. Hear and see the stories that tell their history through music and dance.

All this and so much more is going on at Living History Day 2001, Saturday, November 3, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on the grounds of Historic Fort Stockton, Texas.

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back for a loss of 9. After a Sonora tripping penalty, the Punchers aren't able to convert a first down, so the ball goes over on downs. Sonora isn't able to get a first down, and they are forced to punt, giving the Punchers great field position. After a 10 yard pass and several incompletions, the Punchers connect deep and score on a 34 yard pass play. They add 2 points, and the score is tied with 2:50 left in the game.

Mason elects to kick the ball deep, and Sonora starts their last drive from the 23 yard line. Martin moves the ball with gains of 7, 5, 10 and 6 yards. Perez adds a 5 yard run and Ramos adds 15. When it seemed to be going the Broncos way, Mason's defense was able to stop them on fourth and 1, at the Mason 24. Many of the fans had settled for a tie, but, the Broncos had not. After 2 great defensive stops and negative yards by the Punchers, they decided to air it out. That proved to be their mistake, because Wilson Wallace picked it off and sprinted 28 yards for the go ahead score with only 3.2 seconds left on the clock. Perez took the handoff for the 2 points, making the final score 28-20. The Broncos never gave up and it showed. They improved their record to 4-4 with all the wins coming on the road. Their next game will be at Bronco Stadium against the Wall Hawks. Come out and Support them!

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would move the pigskin to the Punter thirty-five. Going back to the air, Scottie Moore would find his tight-end, Stetson Hall. Hall using excellent concentration would gather in the deflected pass at the Mason five and stroll into the end-zone for the Broncos eighteenth point. William Renfro would add the two point conversion to give the Broncos a 20 to 6 advantage with four minutes and thirty-seven seconds left in the half. With no luck on the ground, the Punchers went to the air in hopes of breaking the Red Hoss defense. Pressure by Beau Hughes, and excellent secondary plays by Luis Segura and Sean Fields, the Punchers were forced to punt for the third time. With three minutes and two seconds left in the second quarter, the Broncos would start at their own twenty-four. Runs by Renfro and passes from Moore to Sean Fields, Douglas Yokum, and Emmanuel Lopez would advance the ball to the Punter twenty-three. At the twenty-three; pressure by the Mason defensive tackles, Sam Hoerster and Cody Gierisch, would push the Broncos in the other direction. A twenty yard sack of Scottie Moore would put the Broncos in its first punt situation of the game. An excellent thirty-seven yard punt by Moore would put the Punchers in a hole at their own six with nineteen seconds left in the half. Mason would be content with running out the clock and go to the locker room down by only fourteen points. Mason 6 - Sonora 20.

To start the second half, the Punchers would receive the kick-off. Mason's deep man would field the ball at the ten and at the twenty, would loose the handle with Bronco Chance Armke recovering the loose football at the Mason twenty. The Red Hosses would use two minutes of the third quarter to cover the twenty yards needed for the score. Scottie Moore would gain six yards - and then William Renfro would gain the rest on three plays. Hall would get back on track and split the uprights to give the Broncos a 27 to 6 advantage. Mason's second possession of the second half met with much the same as they had met in the first half.

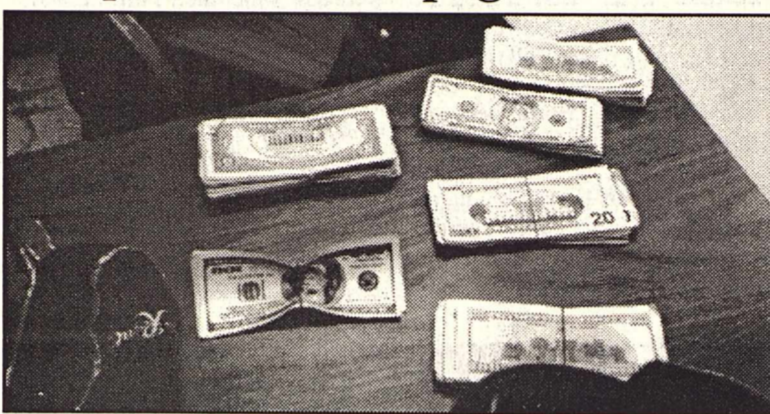
Defensive plays by Sean Fields, Emmanuel Lopez, Thomas

Hospital Board from page 1

will remain in use in the event the hospital relocates to the adjacent building.

Butler introduced Melvin Fahs and Tom Mason. Fahs went over the survey that had been done in May of this year. Fahs advised that they had conducted a community survey to provide information to the District regarding the communities' perceptions and opinions of the Hospital. Fahs stated that 29 personal interviews had been done. All individuals and information was held in strict confidence with the Hospital receiving the aggregated results. He advised that the overall results were that the Hospital is held in high regard for the services provided. Fahs went over how the Health Foundation would be structured. The Health Foundation could accumulate a corpus of contributions that over the next 10-15 years could support the Hospital and assist in reducing the burden on the public. Fahs and Mason offered many examples of how similar Foundations are set up and the function of various committees within the Foundation. Fahs stressed that there are many opportunities for all areas of the population to assist in maintaining the financial health of the facility. He advised that they would be calling each one of the attendees for feedback and if they would like to participate in the Sutton County Health Foundation.

Trooper Bust from page 1



Money was bound in small bundles spread out among 6 subjects.

stories and more large amounts of money. Trooper Ortiz then requested back up and was assisted by Trooper Cody Cory. After receiving permission to search the vehicle, more money was found, along with residue of Marijuana.

The three suspects were then transported to the Sutton County Jail. Upon a search at the jail, a bag of Marijuana was found on the female passenger, Denise Patterson. A total count of all currency resulted in the seizure of \$10,124.00. Marceilles, Patterson and Tony Smith were arrested for Possession of Marijuana.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. of the same evening at the Patrol Office, Trooper Ortiz was approached by a female claiming to

have been traveling with the three arrested earlier. The female stated that she wanted to bail her friends out of jail. Further questioning of the female led to still more inconsistency of the earlier told story, bringing more suspicion. Trooper Ortiz asked for identification from the woman, who opened her purse to retrieve her I.D. Upon opening the purse, Ortiz noticed a large bundle of money in the bag. While waiting for a return on the identification, Ortiz walked outside and began speaking with the two other female passengers in a van outside. Another request for identification led to the discovery of even more large amounts of money. Ortiz asked the passengers to come inside for further questioning. Drug Task Force Officer Dewayne Castro was called for assistance with a K-9 search. The trio consented to a search of the van. The K-9 alerted on vehicles and the three ladies purses, but no narcotics were found. Further search of the three women and their belongings resulted in the seizure of \$6,422, bound in small bundles and split among them.

The total money seized from the two vehicles traveling together was \$16,546.00. The ladies were given receipts for the money and released. Forfeiture is pending with the 112th District Attorney's Office. None expressed concern about retrieving the money.

Bloodworth, and Beau Hughes would only allow the Punchers three positive yards. Hitting on all cylinders now, the Broncos needed less than a minute and a half to cover the sixty-five yards needed for the touchdown. Sean Fields would start it off with a thirty-two yard run. Then after a four yard loss by Moore; William Renfro would catch a screen pass on the visitors side line, and behind the clearing block of Wylie Wagoner, would streak down the side lines for his second touchdown of the quarter. The Point after

Attempt by Hall would be boomed through the uprights to put the Red Hosses up by twenty-eight. Mason

6 - Sonora 34. Mason not throwing in the towel; came storming back. Passes from Stockbridge to McLeod and runs by Gonzales would use almost five minutes of the third quarter to move

to the Bronco seventeen. At the seventeen, pressure by Sean Fields, Beau Hughes, Jared Parks, and Thomas Bloodworth would force Mason to turn the ball over on downs thus thwarting the Punter scoring opportunity with forty-three seconds left in the third quarter. To end the third and start the fourth quarter, the Broncos could not get anything going offensively.

For the second time in the game, the Broncos were forced to punt. A bad snap which would get past Bronco reserve punter Reyes Garcia, would give the Punchers their best field position of the game; at the Bronco

seven. A one yard gain by Gonzales, then a defensive pass interference call would move the ball to the Bronco three.

On the next play, another one yard gain by Gonzales and a holding call on the Punchers would back the ball up the twelve. At the twelve, Punter quarterback, Dewey Stockbridge, would go to his favorite receiver, Dustin McLeod. McLeod would haul the pass in over his left shoulder for the Punchers second score of the game. The try for two would fail and the Broncos would still hold a commanding 34 to 12 lead. With nine minutes and forty-

three seconds left in the game, the Bronco coaching staff elected to go to the Bronco offensive reserves. Douglas Yokum coming in at quarterback would throw passes to Seth Prather and Stetson Hall and use the "Freight Train", Brandon Adkins to march the ball down the field.

At the twenty-three of the Punchers, Mason would make a stand. Defensive plays by Manuel Gonzales, Trey Ramon, Tyler Babin, and Ben McRee would force the Broncos to turn the ball over on downs. Going primarily to the passing game, Mason began to move the ball down the field. Faced with a fourth and nineteen at the Bronco thirty-four, Stockbridge went to the well once to often.

Bronco corner back Emmanuel Lopez would pick the pass off at the Bronco thirty and race down the far side lines for the seventy yard touchdown. Hall would add the PAT to put the Broncos up by twenty-nine. Mason 12 - Sonora 41.

With a minute and six seconds left in the game, the Punchers would not give up. After the kick-off, Mason would start at their own forty. Passes from Stockbridge to McLeod would advance the football to the Bronco twenty-seven. Stockbridge once again went to the well once to often; as Bronco corner back Luis Segura would intercept the long ball in the end-zone to squelch the threat. With thirty-four seconds left in the game, the Broncos would run out the clock to gain their third district win.

Mason 12 - Sonora 41.

This Friday is for all the marbles. The Broncos will travel to Wall to face the Hawks. This game will determine the District 2-2A champion, as both teams will bring 3 and 0 district records into the match-up. Game time is 7:30 and the Broncos would appreciate the support. So lets fill the stadium and show the Broncos that we are behind them all the way. If you can not attend; Tune your radio to 92.1 FM and catch Virgil Burge and Mike Perciful starting at 7:00 p.m.; as they will bring the play by play action.

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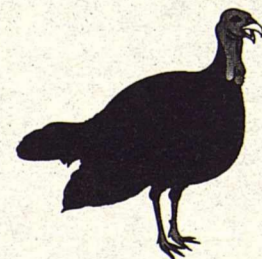
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raphy; 3) predators; 4) poisonous plants; 5) availability of animals, 6) availability of markets for different kinds of and classes of animals, 7) diseases, and 8) management skills and preferences. Matching the dietary preferences and nutrient requirements of the animals to the kinds and quality of the vegetation is the first important step. Generally, cattle utilize large amounts of grasses, sheep prefer forbs, goats utilize browse effectively and deer prefer browse and forbs. However, all four kinds of the animals utilize all three forage classes. **The most efficient combination of animals (i.e. mixtures of cattle, sheep, goats, and deer) depends upon the availability of different kinds of forage.*

Are combinations of different grazing animal species beneficial? Yes, it can be because grazing different combinations of animals (multi-species grazing) affects livestock production by affecting grazing distribution. Multi-species grazing is part of the solution to grazing distribution problems. Multi-species grazing allows, within limits, an increase in stocking rate without adversely affecting individual animal performance or the range resource. For example, when a single species of animal is grazed in a pasture with a diverse mix of plant species and topography, poor grazing distribution can be expected to reduce the efficiency of nutrient harvest. This is in itself may not be detrimental to the forage, but it

may limit the potential productivity of the range. **Selective grazing problems (i.e. grazing distribution) can be reduced by grazing more than one animal species.*

How does multi-species grazing increase animal production? In general, it can be attributed to more efficient use of the total plant species. This is possible because of the different preferences exercised by different kinds of animals. Goats are the intermediate foragers. They have smaller rumens than cattle or sheep that allows them to feed more selectively. They have smaller rumens than cattle or sheep that allows them to feed more selectively. The can also forage standing on their hind legs. This coupled with their prehensile tongue and physical agility, provides the goat the opportunity to select a diverse diet, even in areas inaccessible to cattle and sheep. Sheep are between the intermediate and grass/roughage eaters. They have a rumen volume to body weight ratio similar to cattle, but have a much smaller mouth that allows them an advantage in terms of forage selection. This is especially true when animals select their diets from short forage selection. This is especially true when animals select their diets from short or low growing vegetation. Cattle are grass/roughage eaters. **If stocking rate is not excessive, less animal-to-animal competition for any one plant species will result from multi-species grazing.* They sweep forage into their mouth with their tongue where it is pinched between the

upper plate and lower teeth and torn off. This type of harvesting mechanism prevents cattle from efficiently grazing short forage. Deer are concentrate selectors. They are more mobile and travel farther than domestic livestock and spend more time searching for high quality forage (i.e., they travel over the available terrain more efficiently). They also have smaller rumen to body weight ratios than domestic livestock. Other potential benefits of multi-species grazing include: 1) Increased reproduction efficiency may result from using sheep and goats, both of which have greater reproductive potential than cattle. 2) Multi-species grazing may reduce poisoning from toxic plants because of reduced grazing pressure on the preferred forage and use of plants that may be toxic to one species of animal but not another. 3) Multi-species grazing may lessen the negative impacts of drought. 4) Multi-species grazing increase the opportunity for enterprise diversity and potential increase in net income.

Where is the proof that multi-species grazing is beneficial? The response of animals managed under multi-species grazing was recorded during a 20-year study on the Texas A&M University Research Station at Sonora. Cattle gained more per head when grazed with sheep and goats than when grazed alone.

The reason for this is when an animal-unit of cattle is replaced by an animal-unit of sheep and goats, larger amounts of higher quality grass (i.e. higher ratios of leaf to stem and green to dead plant tissue) become available to the remaining cattle. This was also true for sheep. Weight gained by sheep alone was less than when sheep were grazed with cattle and goats. **A more efficient harvest of the vegetation was realized with a mixture of animals than a single species.*

How about deer and goats? White-tailed deer and goats occur on rangelands throughout the Edwards Plateau. Since both species have the potential to yield significant income to ranchers, and because of similarities in body size, morphology, and feeding habits, there is concern (especially among wildlife biologists) regarding potential for forage compe-

tion between the two species. If competition is occurring between deer and goats, it should be negatively affecting the way in which these animals obtain food. Numerous deer and goat foraging studies have been conducted on the Texas A&M University Research Station at Sonora. Results from studies indicate that direct competition between deer and goats is light and probably would have little direct effect on deer performance. The researchers concluded that the long-term mismanagement of grazing pressure (overstocking and continuous grazing of cattle, sheep, goats, and deer) which reduces plant diversity and production would have a much more important influence on deer diets and nutrition than direct competition and goats.

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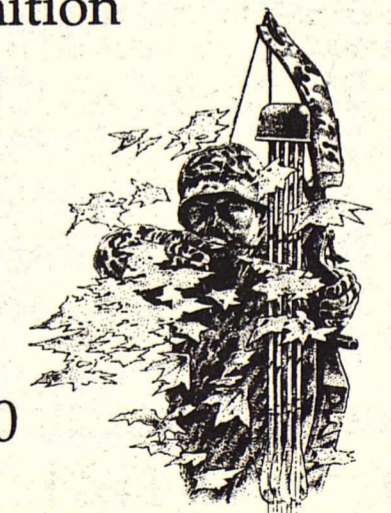
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Hunting Sutton County 2001-2002

by Mary Humphrey

I think we can safely whistle a different tune this hunting season as compared to last. Most animal numbers have increased quite respectfully during the year as recruitment levels have remained high even through the dry summer months, and animal movement should increase through the season if the current dry conditions persist.

Not to say that dry conditions are always, if ever, good – consider the rains that pulled us out of our drought last fall and the rains early this year that set us up for a weed-infested spring. In the deer community, late last year doe body conditions rebounded to the point that most all does were bred and a good proportion of them even produced twin fawns this summer. The abundant weed/forb production that blanketed the Plateau also came at the precisely correct time to most favorably affect initial antler production and development.

Unfortunately, some areas may have turned off too hot and dry too quickly over the core summer months to carry out that initial surge of antler production. Therefore, with the subsequent loss of annual weeds to the early summer heat, final quality antler production may not have been fully carried out and may be spotty across the region this season, much like our acorn crop.

Rainfall distribution was also spotty across the region, with some

areas receiving decent doses of rain while others received little to none. So far for this year, the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District office in Sonora reports rainfall amounts totaling 0.91" for January, 0.47" in February, 0.93" that fell in several different doses through the month of March, 1.72" in scattered showers throughout April, 1.83" spread throughout May, nothing in June, 1.00" in July, 0.32" for August, 0.98" for September, and 0.59" so far in October. Grass production was poor on ranches heavily stocked with livestock through the summer, so competition for the available weeds was high between different classes of grazing/browsing animals. Those places with decreased livestock numbers as well as lowered deer numbers should show (and are showing) better antler quality due to increased availability of food sources to resident deer numbers.

Sutton County deer numbers have actually fallen off slightly this year, but should not be reason for alarm as the slight decrease in the population will quickly be filled with the current year's recruitment of fawns. The County generally runs about 10-12 acres to the deer, and considering the recent droughts experienced in the area, loss of some of the deer down to carrying capacity of the range was imminent. Recent white-tailed deer surveys in the County show a county-wide density of

14.4 acres per deer with a buck:doe ratio of 1:2.84 and a relatively high fawn crop of 0.65 fawns per doe. Undoubtedly, loss of some does was experienced last year therefore the subsequent differences in the herd composition ratios across the County. According to the surveys this year, bucks generally make up for 18% of the population, does make up for 50% of the population, and fawns make up for 32% of the population. Loss of some of the animals last year coupled with the turn-around in weather and range conditions have led to a boom in the reproductive cycle with resultant increased fawn production. Care should be taken in those areas with decreased doe numbers to not over-harvest that doe segment, but to remember to lower the over-all deer numbers to remain within the carrying capacity of the habitat. Take up some of the slack in deer numbers in the harvest by reducing the number of cull bucks in the population. In those areas that did not experience a loss of doe numbers, and with such a high fawn crop across the area, it should be stressed to lower antlerless numbers through the harvest this season as those fawns moving into the adult population will surely create an over-population of animals for next year.

Predictions for the rut: a breeding chronology study that TPWD performed across the area during the early 90's showed this area's main rut to fall during the

last week of November through the first week of December, with a buffer zone of one week on either side of that time frame. From the way the animals are currently acting, the rut seems as though it should fall that way for this hunting season. The pre-rut has already been noticed to be in full swing in some areas. Of course, those straggler big bucks more worried about fighting early in the season will probably be more active again late in the season to finish off those does not caught the first time around.

Not only are we now hearing of Anthrax scares due to terroristic threats, but the southwestern Plateau experienced its fair share of Anthrax outbreaks this summer. Some parts of Val Verde and Edwards Counties as well as some other South Texas Counties were affected. Since 1978, outbreaks have occurred every few years due to favorable environmental conditions that include a mild winter followed by an unusually wet spring and then sudden dry summer conditions. The recent outbreaks this summer gained much more publicity than previous outbreaks because a ranch hand near Carta Valley contracted the cutaneous form of the infection from handling an infected buffalo carcass, and changing land demographics in the area have made more people aware of the possibilities for outbreaks. The disease outbreak in the southwestern portion of the Plateau

began to abate after rains started falling during the first week of July in the affected area. Outbreaks usually end with the onset of cooler weather that forces the bacteria into dormancy. No known cases of Anthrax were reported to the Texas Animal Health Commission from Sutton County this past summer. In any event, TAHC officials agree, surviving deer in areas experiencing anthrax outbreaks are suitable for hunters to harvest and consume once the outbreak has abated. Use common sense in cleaning and consuming wild game meat – don't consume animals that appeared sick upon harvest, wear protective gloves when dressing game, and thoroughly cook meat before consumption. It should be noted, as taken from the TAHC bulletin regarding Anthrax: "Domestic and wild swine are fairly resistant to anthrax and although they may become ill, some of these animals recover fully...During an outbreak, do not consume wild hogs shot in an affected area. Swine may have fed on carcasses. Although swine are resistant to anthrax, they may temporarily harbor the bacteria...During cool weather, wild hogs will be free of the disease – thoroughly cooked meat is considered safe to eat." In those areas thick with feral hogs that did not experience Anthrax outbreaks this summer – this should not deter

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Does Supplemental Feeding Work For Deer?

by Steve Nelle, Game Biologist

It seems like everyone these days, from landowners to hunters, wants to grow larger antlers on bucks. Hunting magazines are full of photographs of huge bucks and articles on how to grow bigger antlers. Advertisements for deer feed and deer feeders are commonplace. The message that many are hearing is that if you want bigger bucks, the easiest way to do it, is by supplemental feeding.

There is no doubt that deer respond very favorably to increased nutrition. When nutrition is good, deer grow bigger bodies, larger antlers, and the does have more fawns. Impressive results have been seen on many ranches who use supplemental feeding. So, if the practice works so well, how come it is still a controversial issue?

The use of supplemental feeding to improve deer quality does work, but the economics of the practice and ecological side effects are questionable. If supplemental feeding is done in a manner that makes a significant difference in deer quality, it is a very expensive practice. Feeding a high protein, nutritionally complete feed will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$50 to \$75 per deer every year. This includes only the actual cost of the feed at 1.5 pounds per deer per day at a cost of \$200 per ton. Other expenses that must be con-

sidered are the cost of feeders, feed pens, and the labor to fill and maintain the feeders. For a 2000 acre ranch with a density of 15 acres per deer, there will be 133 deer, and the annual cost of supplemental feed will be from about \$6500 to \$10,000 per year, not including the associated costs mentioned above. The practice must be continued year after year to be effective and the results sometimes don't show up until the third or fourth year. The cost factor alone makes the practice not feasible for most landowners and hunters.

The other factor that makes supplemental feeding questionable, is the damage to the habitat that will occur with too many deer. One of the results of feeding is a large increase in fawn crops and a resulting increase in the deer population. Unless the manager is extremely diligent to kill enough does each year, a supplementally fed deer population will soon become overpopulated. Overgrazing of favorite food plants will result in damage and degradation to the habitat and an increased dependence on more and more feed. Once habitat is damaged by deer, it is very difficult to reverse that damage.

Ranchers and hunters should think twice about starting a supplemental feeding program. Although the results can be impressive, the financial costs are

high and the possibility of causing long-term harm to habitat is increased. For those who are willing to pay the high cost of such a program, the greatest challenge will be to keep the deer population in check and within the carrying capacity of the native habitat. It is possible to use supplemental feeding in a responsible way that will maintain the quality of native habitat, but it is difficult and requires long term commitment.

According to Steve Nelle, Biologist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service the best and most cost-effective way to improve deer quality and antler size is to manage native habitat. Assistance in developing a habitat management plan is available from the NRCS with offices in nearly every county in Texas.

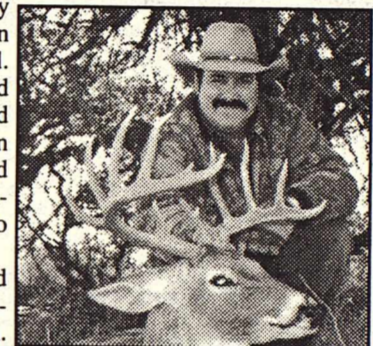


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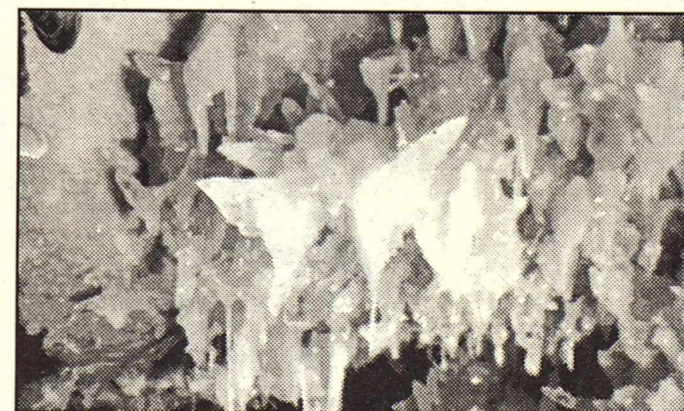


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How to Field Dress a Deer

By Game Warden, Grover Simpson

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After you have shot your deer, approach it from the rear carefully, making sure it is dead. Tag the deer immediately, before your hands get bloody. Start field-dressing the deer at once with a good, strong-bladed knife. There is no need to cut the throat to bleed the deer because in the process of field-dressing, it will bleed out better and faster.

For safety, use knife with at least a four inch blade, guard and large handle. Prop deer on rocks, head up hill, if possible. If animal is a buck, remove the sex organs. If it is a doe, remove the bag.

The following procedure has been used for many years by hunters in field-dressing a deer:

Prop the deer on its back using two large rocks or logs under the shoulders and two under the hips. If your deer is a buck, remove the sex organs with a sharp knife.

Starting between the hind legs, cut all the way down to the pelvic bone. Then turn your knife blade up, and using your other hand to hold the skin and meat away from the entrails, cut up through the breastbone (brisket), and on up the neck as far as possible. Be sure you use a strong large-handled knife to cut through the breastbone, because a small knife will hit the rib cage and turn sideways in your hand.

Begin cutting between legs; do not cut deep enough top reach intestines. Cut up middle, and

through breast bone and all the way up to jaw, unless head is to be mounted. If it is to be mounted, cut only to a point just below top of animals brisket.

Cut the windpipe in two as far up the neck as possible. Lay your knife down. Grasp the windpipe with both hands and pull hard, downward. The insides will come out all the way down to the mid-section. Now remove the stones from under the deer and roll the carcass on the side. Cut the thin layer of meat that is holding the entrails to the ribs, all the way down to the backbone. Then turn the deer over and do the same on the other side. Lay your knife down again, and, using both hands, get a firm grip on the entrails and pull down, hard. All the entrails will come out of the deer.

Remove windpipe quickly because it will taint meat. Reach into throat, (point depending on whether specimen is to be mounted) and pull out windpipe, by jerking toward tail; intestines will come free to middle section.

Lift the deer up by the hind legs and lay a large rock under the rump. This will spread the back legs open. Place your knife against the middle of the pelvis to locate the seam where the bones grow together, and press down, hard. You may need to hit your knife with a rock, to cut through the bone. Then you can finish cleaning out the deer. If a tree is handy and you have a rope, hang the deer up by the head or antlers for about 20 minutes. This will allow the loose blood to drain out of the body

cavity. If no tree is handy, turn the deer upside down in a clean place and let it drain.

You can begin skinning while the deer is draining. (If specimen is to be mounted hang deer by hind legs for skinning.) The skin comes off most easily while the deer is still warm, so it should be skinned within two hours. To remove the skin, cut it down the inside of each leg to the middle of the deer. Now cut the skin all the way around the neck, as close to the head as possible. Grasp the skin with both hands at the back of the head and pull down hard. Usually the skin will come off down to the front legs. Use your knife to work the skin off the legs and where the skin sticks tightly to the meat. Then pull down on the skin and it will come free.

Take your deer back to camp. Hang it in a tree by the hind legs for four to five hours. This will allow all the tiny blood vessels to drain back and out toward the heart. Wrap the deer in a sheet or cheese cloth. Let your deer hang by the hind legs until it cools off. Then cut it up as you wish.

Move rocks and turn deer on it's side. Slide knife into mid-section and slice through, freeing intestines held by membranes at that point. Roll deer on other side and repeat. Grip intestines and pull out.

Now prop deer as before, putting large rock or log under rump. Feel for seam of pelvis and cut through. Hammer knife

with rock if necessary. Now clean out the cavity.

Hang deer by head for about 20 minutes to drain blood. Or turn upside down in a clean place. Now begin skinning. If specimen is to be mounted, hang deer by hind legs to skin. Cut skin on inside of legs to middle. Cut skin around the throat, (or if to be mounted around, cut around shoulders). Pull down and use knife in tight places, skinning deer from neck down

to tail.

Always keep carcass in shade. Hang by hind legs to cool. If hung by antlers, the blood still in the veins could collect in hams and spoil meat. Cover carcass with a sheet or cheesecloth and hang for five to six hours.



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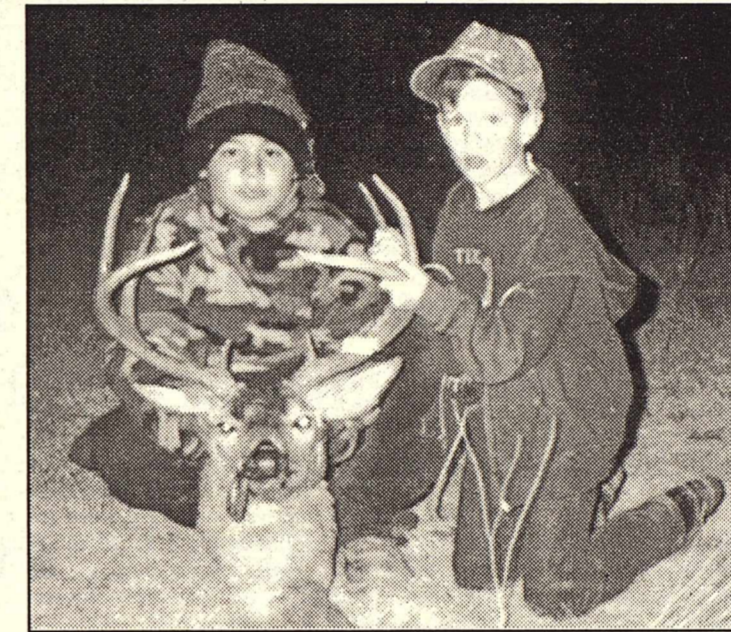
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you from harvesting hogs - keep working those numbers down.

And if that's not enough to keep you thinking, be careful on area roads as the threat of a deer running across your path has become less horrific than you totaling your windshield with a turkey crossing your path. Turkey numbers have rebounded once again from a low last year of 0.19 poults per hen to 3.13 poults per hen. Only 6% of the hens observed last year had poults compared to this year with 51% of the hens observed having poults. The interesting thing about this summer's hatch of young turkeys is that the broods have remained large all through the summer. Where quite possibly only 3-5 survive the summer, this year broods have retained up to 6 to 10 young of the year. The large, long-lasting broods can be attributed mostly to the tremendous grasshopper numbers experienced through the summer throughout the territory. Seems as though blue quail numbers have once again done well through the heat this summer, bobwhites are again only marginal, but check out the late-flying mourning doves. Their numbers seem to be better around stock tanks now than during the first few weeks of September.

We have had a few bears reported around the area through the past year. One old female was actually captured in a residential area in Sonora the day after Thanksgiving in 2000. Our Sonora black bear, dubbed 'Maria', was relocated to the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area in Brewster County soon after her capture. Bonnie

McKinney, area biologist, reported that after Maria was transported to the Area, she had to be re-tranquilized in order to take certain measurements of her physical characteristics, and fitted with a radio collar for ease in locating for future purposes and tracking attempts. McKinney reported, "Maria stayed on the Gap for about a week [after release], then headed north. She moved some 60 miles to the Glass Mountains located near Marathon and had denned up during the winter." A hunter in those same mountains provided a visual observation on her during December, but subsequent locations for her have been difficult to obtain since that observation.



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Glazed Venison Roast

4-5 pound Venison Roast
2 tbs Pickling Spice
1 gallon of Apple Cider
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1 orange, quartered.

Combine the above ingredients and cook in crockpot for 6+ hours. Remove from crockpot, place on a rack in a roasting pan and allow to sit for 15+ minutes while you make the following glaze:

2 Cups prepared Mustard
1/2 cup Brown Sugar
2 tsp+ (to taste) ground clove

Mix ingredients thoroughly and coat roast with glaze. Reserve remaining glaze mix to pass at the table as a sauce. Roast glazed venison for 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

Venison Cheeseburger Pie

1 3/4 lbs. venison ground
1 onion large diced
1 1/2 cups mushrooms sliced
1/4 cup fresh parsley chopped
1/4 cup dried oregano crushed
8 slices sharp cheese
2 eggs
salt and pepper
pie crust mix or ready made crust
9" deep dish
butter or margarine
beef gravy
corn starch

the yolks Beat the egg whites until they blend together.

Liberal brush the egg whites over the crust.

Pour the mixture of fried venison, onions, mushrooms, parsley, and oregano into the pie crust.

Uniformly arrange the sliced cheese on top of your filling. Make sure the filling is well covered.

Brush more of the egg whites over the cheese. Now carefully place the pie crust cover over the cheese slices.

Crimp and seal the edges. Cut slits in the top to allow steam to escape.

Beat the egg yolks together and liberally brush the liquid over the top of your pie crust.

Exposed to the oven heat the crust will turn a golden brown.

Place the pie on the top rack of an oven preheated to 350 degrees.

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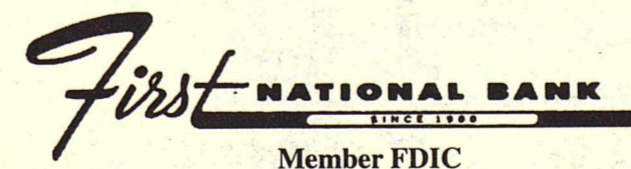
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TPWD Deer Population Surveys For Sutton County

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 69.4 deer to every 1,000 acres of deer habitat or about 63,646 deer countywide. Composition of the overall deer herd in Sutton County is at 2.84 does per buck with a relatively high fawn segment of 65 fawns per 100 does. In relation to percentages that gives Sutton County a composition of 18% bucks, 50% does, and 33% fawns. Overall buck antler quality is expected to be decent this year, due to the excellent range conditions we experienced during late winter and spring—an important period during the antler growing process. The late summer rainfall most of the western Plateau experienced generated a much-needed green up of the pastures and an improvement in the general condition of the deer. The better range conditions may translate into a little harder hunting scenario in some areas; however, lots of the surrounding country is turning off dry again and movement of deer should increase through the season if the dry conditions persist.

This year in Sutton County the standard gun deer season opens on Saturday, November 3, and runs through Sunday, January 6, 2002. Sutton County will also participate in the special, late, 2-week antlerless and spike season (no fork-antlered bucks allowed during the special late season) that will open Monday, January 7, and run through Sunday, January 20, 2002. This late rifle season replaces the previously listed muzzleloader season; however, muzzleloaders may

be used during any of the other regular firearm seasons. The bag limit for Sutton County regarding white-tailed deer will be 5 deer again this year, no more than 2 antlered bucks in the bag, all seasons combined. In other words, the extra deer in the bag must be antlerless and not a spike or fork-antlered buck. Doe permits or special doe tags will not be issued nor required to harvest antlerless deer here in the Edwards Plateau during regular seasons. Hunters will need only the appropriate tag off of their hunting license, or a Bonus Tag where applicable, 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 1 buck per 400 acres and the recommended harvest rate on does is 1 doe per 75-100 acres.

[These recommended rates may not be suitable for all properties located in Sutton County. Some areas may need to vary their harvest rates from this recommendation according to those localized deer populations and how they have survived and proliferated (or not) according to the range conditions experienced due to the drought over the past several years.]

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 and 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 of 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 387-5539 for more information on wildlife concerns in Sutton, Crockett, or Schleicher counties.

How To Produce More Quail In West Texas

by Steve Nelle, Game Biologist

Many landowners and hunters remember days gone by when there were respectable or even large numbers of quail in West Texas. One of the laments of the past few years is the lack of quail on many ranches. Quail numbers have always fluctuated up and down based on the weather and hatching conditions from year to year. But it seems that in the past decade, there have been a lot more poor years than good years. Many landowners want to know what they can do to help restore quail populations on their property.

Everyone agrees that drought is detrimental to quail reproduction, but there are a few ranches that seem to have pretty good quail numbers even in drought years. What makes these ranches different? The answer does not lie in predator control, supplemental feeding or releasing pen-raised birds. The answer probably lies in the abundance of nest cover that is present on some ranches and absent on others.

Quail make their nests in clumps of grass left ungrazed or lightly grazed from the previous year. These clumps of grass that serve as quail nest sites are about the size of a volleyball or basketball. Due to the combination of drought and heavy grazing, many ranches have a shortage of grass clumps that fit this description. The ranches that do have an abundance of nest cover are the ones that reduced stocking rates well before the grass was all gone. Light grazing (or even no grazing) is the only way to grow nest cover in drought conditions.

If nest cover is the key to growing quail in drought years, how much nest cover is enough? The answer may surprise you. Since nest predators are very efficient at finding and destroying nests, a very large number of potential nest sites are needed per acre in order to make sure a few nests make it. When only a small number of suitable grass clumps are present, predators can easily locate each one and destroy any nests they find. When a large number of grass clumps are present, predators such as skunks, raccoons, foxes and snakes will still destroy the majority of nests, but they cannot find each and every one. The good news is that it only takes relatively few successful quail nests to have good quail populations.

Quail manager and scientists have found that about 250 suitable grass clumps per acre is the bare minimum that is needed to insure nest success. A more desirable number is 500 to 1000 large grass clumps per acre. Another way to picture 500 grass clumps per acre is

an average of one clump every 9 feet. This means that for good nesting success, one should be able to walk across a pasture and hit a suitable grass clump the size of a basketball, about every 3 steps.

If nesting clumps are much less frequent, the solution to the "quail decline" may well be to adjust livestock grazing practices to favor more grass. Scientists have also found that when nest cover is lacking, quail will make their nests in clumps of pricklypear. While such cactus nests may not be as good as the real thing, the presence of pricklypear may be good insurance.

There are also other requirements of good quail habitat such as low growing brush and an adequate supply of weed seed, but in most cases in West Texas, the shortage of grass for nest cover is the weakest link in quail habitat. Assistance is available to landowners who wish to improve quail habitat by contacting the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Country Style Quail

- 30 Dove breasts
- 1 lb Bacon
- 1 md Onion, thinly sliced
- 3 Egg yolks
- 2 c Half and half
- 1 ts Sweet Hungarian paprika
- Salt and pepper

Salt and pepper the birds. Remove birds and onions from skillet and place in a warm oven (150-200F). Pour off all but 3 tablespoons of bacon fat. Mix the egg yolks and the half and half. Add mixture to the bacon fat in the skillet and cook over low heat just to thicken, stirring constantly. Do not boil. Stir in paprika and serve sauce with quail and fried potatoes.

In a large skillet, cook bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towels. Place sliced onion and quail in the skillet and brown in the bacon fat.



This buck was one of the entries in the Sonora Deer Processing Big Buck Contest for 2000. (See ad page 9)

Deer Roll Ups

- Backstrap or other tender venison cut, cut into strips about 2-3" wide and 4" long
- Bacon
- Italian dressing
- Canned Jalapeno Peppers (hot) or fresh pablano peppers (milder) cut into thin strips
- Jack cheese cut into 1/2" x 1/2" slices
- Toothpicks

Pound back strap strips to about 1/4" thick. Marinate back strap over night in Italian salad dressing. Lay out one strip of bacon. Place one back strap strip on bacon. Place one pepper strip on back strap. Place cheese inside pepper strip. Roll tightly and secure with toothpick. Cool over coals until bacon is done.

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Quail Forecast 2001-2002

Statewide surveys were initiated in 1976 to monitor quail populations. This index uses randomly selected, 20-mile roadside survey lines to determine annual quail population trends by ecological region. This trend information helps determine relative quail populations among the regions of Texas. Comparisons can be made between the mean (average) number of quail observed per route this year and the long term mean (LTM) for quail seen within an ecological region.

The quail survey was not designed to predict relative abundance for any area smaller than the ecological region.

Portions of South Texas received favorable spring and summer rains through June 2001, setting the stage for a good hatch across most of South Texas. There was good forb (weed) production and plenty of insects for chicks. In early July much of Texas began to experience record high temperatures coupled with the absence of rain typical for July and August. Our survey indicates an improvement in bobwhite quail numbers over last year but still below the LTM for this eco-region. However, scaled quail numbers in South Texas are the highest ever recorded.

The northern and central portions of the Texas panhandle experienced prolonged periods of snow and ice this past winter and this may have increased over-winter mortality, resulting in a very low spring breeding population.

Bobwhite in the Rolling Plains remain below the LTM and according to field staff, are more numerous in the southern portions of this eco-region.

Although bobwhite quail are adapted to persist in harsh conditions, extreme temperatures whether high or low can stress quail and leave them more susceptible to mortality. Our surveys indicate that bobwhite numbers in all ecological regions surveyed are

below their respective LTMs, but there should be good hunting opportunities in areas under proper range management, which received adequate rainfall.

In contrast, the more xeric adapted scaled quail are holding their own in the Trans Pecos with numbers right at the LTM and well above average in South Texas. Expect to come across more blues this year, especially in the western half of South Texas.

Joe Mahma Quail

20 Quail breasts
Italian dressing
Shake'n Bake for chicken
Lemon pepper

Soak quail in Italian dressing for 20 minutes. Coat each bird with Shake'n Bake and place on cookie sheet. Sprinkle with lemon pepper. Bake 350F for 40 minutes.

Baked Quail with Mushrooms

1/3 c All-purpose flour
1 ts Salt
1/2 ts Pepper
6 Quail; cleaned
2 tb Butter
1/2 lb Fresh mushrooms; sliced

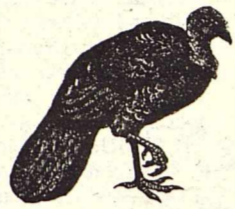
1/2 c Butter
1/4 c Plus 1 tbsp all-purpose flour
2 c Chicken broth
1/2 c Sherry
Hot cooked rice
Combine 1/3 cup flour, salt, and pepper. Dredge quail in flour mixture, and set aside.
Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a

large skillet; add mushrooms, and saute 4 minutes. Remove mushrooms from skillet; set aside. Melt 1/2 cup butter in skillet; brown quail on both sides. Remove quail to a 1-1/2 quart casserole. Add 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon flour to drippings in skillet; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Gradually add chicken broth and sherry; cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until gravy is thickened and bubbly. Stir in mushrooms. Pour mushroom gravy over quail. Cover and bake at 350 degrees F for 1 hour.
Serve over rice. (6 servings)

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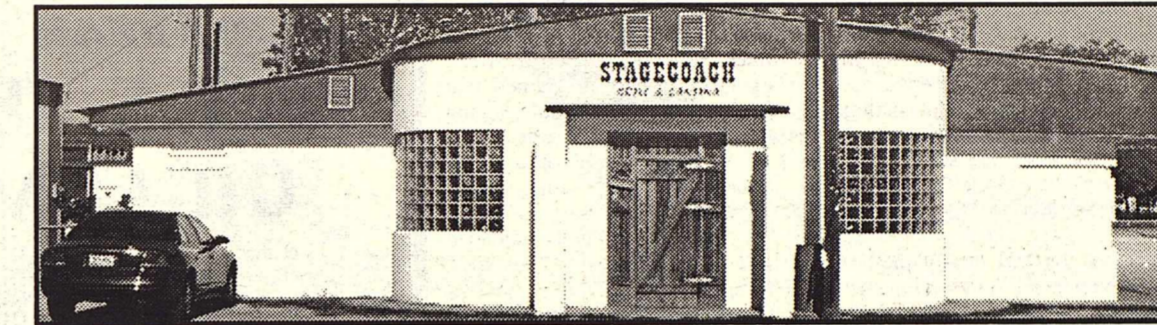


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Safe Hunting From Treestands

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"If you're a hunter, chances are you know or know of someone who has been injured in a tree-stand accident," says Jackie Bushman, the founder and CEO of Buckmasters, the world's largest whitetail deer hunters association. "In our hunting club a few years ago, one of the guys didn't check his stand from the previous year before using it. When he went to climb onto it on opening day of deer season, the limb he used to step into his stand from had rotted. When he stepped on to it, it broke. He fell to the ground, broke his hip, and lay there for four hours before crawling to the road for help.

"Most treestand accidents are the result of careless and costly errors," says Bushman. "But treestand hunting is safe and rewarding if we pay attention to a few basics. People don't like to bother with things like safety belts and other safety measures, but paying attention to safety measures, like wearing a safety belt, is smart," he says.

"Being safe in a treestand isn't difficult. It boils down to a little time and advance work -- which provides some of us with a really good excuse to spend extra time in the woods before hunting season," Bushman adds.

If you plan to hunt from treestands this year, here are some things Bushman recommends keeping in mind.

"No accident was ever planned, that's why they're called accidents," Bushman reminds us.

"Accidents often occur when you're tired, or when you're still sleepy from getting up early. One fall, just one, can leave you dead or paralyzed.

"Any time your feet aren't on the ground and you're not wearing a safety belt, you're in what I call 'death territory'," he says. "If you are hunting from anything that's hooked to a tree, you need a safety belt. If, for some unknown reason your stand breaks, or you fall asleep, or you lose your balance, the safety belt can save your life.

"If you like to stand up and shoot when you're bow hunting, use a safety belt that keeps you snug to the tree when you stand up. If you have to lean a little bit, you want to feel the safety belt grab.

Always check your treestand before the first day of the season. "If you use a homemade treestand, don't forget: trees grow wider as well as taller from Fall to Fall and the nails might be deeper in the tree than they were," Bushman says. "Leaving the steps or stand less stable. Check to make sure that wooden parts are not rotten. If you plan to make your own stand this year, consider using treated lumber, which will last a lot longer.

"If you plan to use any of the limbs on a tree as steps to get into your treestand, or for balance after you get in, make sure that they're alive and sturdy.

"Remember the 'death territory' - when you're putting a treestand in place or when you're putting in screw-in tree steps, wear a safety belt.

"There are many safety belts

and harnesses on the market," Bushman says. "It's important to buy one that gives you a feeling of comfort as well as security. I like one with a push-button on the ropes so I can tighten it to get closer to the tree or loosen it so I can lean out against the tree. It gives me a little more versatility when I'm putting up a treestand or when I'm hunting.

"Be sure the belt is big enough to go around a tree," he says. "If you're hunting from big trees, you might have to get an extension rope. We learned that lesson the hard way while taping the Buckmasters TV series.

"Pull your gun or bow up after you're in the stand. Before going up into the stand, make very sure your gun is unloaded and the bolt is open. Then tie a rope or line to the gun so the barrel points toward the ground. Before going down, reverse the procedure: unload the gun, open the bolt, tie it so the barrel points downward.

"Sure," Bushman says, "taking safety precautions in a treestand is sometimes bothersome, but your friends and family will appreciate your safety efforts because they'd like to see you again.

"Enjoy your hunts," he tells people. "And, if you get a chance this fall, take your family and friends hunting. Hunt safely, hunt ethically and try to introduce someone new to hunting before the season is over."

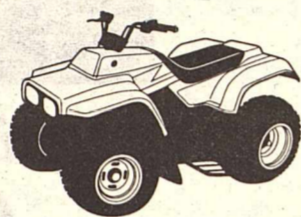
Turkey Crunch

3 cups diced, cooked turkey
1/4 cup Green Pepper, chopped
4 ounces Mushrooms
1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
2 cans Cream of Mushroom soup
1/2 cup Celery, chopped
1/4 cup Onion, chopped
1 cup Milk
2-ounce jar sliced Pimento, drained

3 ounces Chow Mein Noodles

Combine turkey, mushrooms, celery, onion, green pepper, pimento and poultry seasoning into 2 quart casserole greased with butter. Blend together mushroom soup and milk and pour over the turkey mixture. Sprinkle chow-mein noodles over top. Bake in 325°F oven for 30 minutes.

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TPW Weekly Migratory Bird Hunting Report

AUSTIN, Texas -- The following report is produced for Texas Parks and Wildlife by Bink Grimes. Updated Oct. 24.

PANHANDLE: Duck season opened in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit over the weekend. Hunting was fair to good on playa lakes. Pintails, widgebons, blue-winged teal and mallards comprised the majority of straps. Goose season opens Saturday, Oct. 27, though most outfitters are postponing hunts until the brunt of the Canada goose population blankets the region. Expect to see migrants hit Amarillo and Lubbock within the week as forecasted fronts push from the north and brighter night skies persist with the upcoming Nov. 1 full moon phase. Sandhill cranes are arriving daily. Prospects are fair to good for the opener.

NORTHEAST and CENTRAL TEXAS: Mild temperatures have not pushed reinforcements of ducks to the region. However, forecasted fronts could deposit new migrants to the area overnight in time for the Oct. 27-28 opening weekend. Good concentrations of gadwalls were reported on Caddo Lake and Wright-Patman Reservoir. Scattered mallards and wood ducks were also reported. The region has plenty of water which might spread concentrations of ducks. Toledo Bend and Sam Rayburn reported spotty duck sightings. Generally, the region's waterfowl hunting improves as the season progresses. Prospects are fair for the opener.

COASTAL PRAIRIES: Prairie ponds in El Campo, Garwood, Eagle Lake and Altair have adequate ducks to hunt for the Oct. 27 opener. Pintails, shovelers, gadwalls and teal should make up the bulk of the strap this weekend. Hunters should get the occasional shot at specklebellies if the weather permits. Strong concentrations of white-fronted geese have been using roost ponds and rice fields for the last two weeks. A few sightings of snow geese have been reported; however, large concentrations needed for a successful hunt remain on staging grounds to the north. The upcoming Nov. 1 full moon and forecasted fronts should push new migrants to the area. Snows could arrive any day. Prospects are fair to good for the opener.

UPPER COAST: Marsh ponds should be hit-or-miss for the opener, unless the expected front drops

new birds in the area overnight. Conditions are excellent in the High Island, Bolivar, East Galveston Bay and Trinity Bay marshes. A few birds have been reported on the north shoreline of Trinity Bay. The Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge should be fair for opening day. The Pace and Middleton Tracts will be open to the public while the East Unit will be open Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday of the hunting season. A \$10 access fee may apply. Pintails, shovelers, gadwalls and teal are the species most likely to be seen for the opener. Strong north winds from the passing front could drop tides significantly, concentrating birds on deeper ponds. Prospects are fair for the opener.

MIDDLE COAST: East Matagorda Bay and Port O'Connor reported scattered sightings of ducks at best. Mild temperatures have not pushed redheads and pintails to the shoalgrass shorelines as of late. However, new migrants should arrive ahead of the forecasted front. Resident mottled ducks are using the marsh at Mad Island and the Hynes Bay area near San Antonio Bay, Mad Island WMA near Bay City, Peach Point WMA near Freeport and Guadalupe Delta WMA near Tivoli report good habitat conditions. Biologist Matt Nelson reports adequate duck food and water in the Mad Island marsh. Specklebellies are using private agricultural land north of Mad Island which might give hunters an opportunity at the odd goose if weather conditions allow. A \$40 Annual Hunting Permit (AHP) offers unlimited access to all the TPWD state operated lands. A \$10 daily access fee is required if the \$40 AHP is not purchased. For information, call 979-244-7634. Prospects are fair to good for the opener.

SOUTH TEXAS: Dove hunting is fair to good over milo and goatweed fields. Most dove hunters have lost interest with the upcoming deer season on the horizon. New birds should move into the Three Rivers and George West area on the heels of the forecasted front. No reports of huntable concentrations of ducks, yet. Scattered reports of pintails and redheads have been seen in the marsh near Rockport. Typically, the region's duck hunting gets stronger as the season progresses. Prospects are poor to fair for the opener.

Cajun Deep-Fried Turkey

1 10 to 15-pound wild turkey
5 gallons peanut oil
2 tablespoons Cajun seasoning
1 stick butter
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
Pour peanut oil into 10-gallon pot. Place pot on propane burner used for fish cooker and heat to 375

degrees. Dry turkey and tie two cotton strings around carcass for ease in lifting. Carefully submerge into hot oil and deep fry for 3 to 4 minutes per pound and until turkey floats to the top. Remove from oil and dust with Cajun seasoning. In a saucepan, melt butter with garlic and cayenne, brushing bird with mixture before serving.



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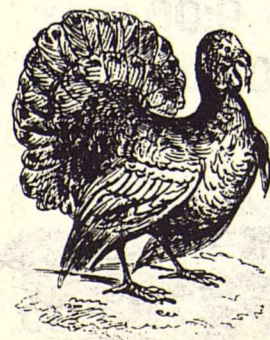
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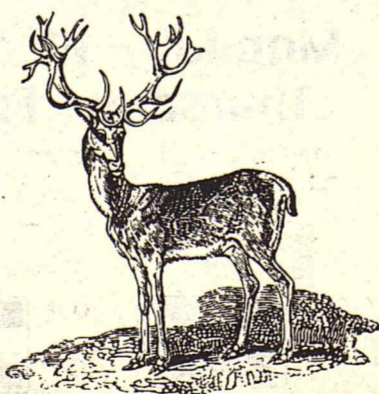


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Tips For the Rancher to Grow Bigger Bucks

by Steve Nelle, Game Biologist

There is no doubt that income from deer hunting has become vitally important to many ranching operations in recent years. With the uncertainty and volatility of livestock markets, the costs of production rising, and the ongoing drought, ranchers face very difficult economic times. Hunters who are willing to pay impressive prices to hunt have been a godsend to many ranches.

Ranchers are quick to realize that higher quality hunting and bigger bucks command a higher premium when it comes to lease prices. The way that ranchers manage their land has a great influence on the quality of the deer herd and the number of mature trophy bucks in the population.

It has been known for a long time that nutrition has a profound effect on the size of antlers that a buck will grow. Rangeland can provide excellent deer nutrition if it is properly managed. Proper management of rangeland means first and foremost proper numbers of livestock for the condition of the pastures. Overgrazing has hurt more land than brush or drought has ever hurt. Heavy grazing hurts deer nutrition and can prevent the possibility of a quality deer herd. Heavy grazing of any kind is harmful to deer habitat, but heavy grazing with sheep or goats is especially damaging. Sheep and goats have similar feeding habits as deer and competition for forage often becomes severe when deer, sheep and goats share the same pasture. Deer usually come out the looser in such cases.

Ranchers who have reduced livestock numbers during the

drought have taken the first step to improving deer habitat, deer nutrition and the value of the deer herd. Keeping small herds of livestock for the next several years will hasten recovery of land damaged by past overgrazing and the drought. After the ranges begin to recover, the grazing of cattle instead of sheep or goats will favor desirable deer habitat even more. Many ranchers have determined that the income from hunting is more than enough to compensate for these reductions in livestock income.

In some cases, overpopulations of deer have also caused harmful overgrazing of rangeland and deer habitat. A deer survey and examination of browse will help reveal if there are too many deer and if reduction of the deer population is needed.

The other thing that ranchers

can do to insure good deer habitat is to be careful in the kind and amount of brush control they carry out. Lots of ranchland has too much brush - more than what is needed for adequate deer cover. When brush control is warranted, it should be done in moderation. Mechanical control is much preferred over aerial spraying and the size of individual clearings should be small with larger blocks of brush in between openings. Each ranch and each pasture is different, and the appropriate design of brush clearing can only be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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Sutton County Rancher, Larry Finklea shows off a Big buck from his ranch.

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Turkey Population Rebounds

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According to wildlife biologists, the turkey population in west central Texas has rebounded from several years of poor hatches. Steve Nelle, with the NRCS in San Angelo said conditions this past spring and early summer were favorable for good hatching and survival of young turkey. "Not only was there an abundance of weeds and annual grasses for hens to conceal their nests in, but there was also a bumper crop of grasshoppers and other bugs for poults to feed on". These conditions coincided to produce the best hatch since 1997.

Fortunately, turkey do not require good nesting success each year. They can skip a year or two and then make up for it in a good year like 2001. Turkey numbers had been dwindling on many ranches in the last few years due to poor hatches or poor survival of newly hatched birds. But this year, nesting was so good that populations are replenished. This means that there will be a large number of "jakes" or young males in the flock this coming spring.

On one particular ranch where turkey are counted while doing deer surveys, the number of turkeys had decreased from 150 birds in 1998 to 39 in 2000. Now in 2001, the number of birds seen was 175. This demonstrates the amazing ability of turkey numbers to increase in a single good year.

Even though the hunting of either sex turkey is legal during the fall, hunters are urged not to kill hens. The more hens that are present in the spring, the more poults can be produced.

Hunters who feed corn to deer or turkey should be aware that corn can be infected with toxic fungus called aflatoxin. Even small amounts can be very harmful to turkey. All corn used to feed wildlife should be tested and confirmed to be safe.

Landowners and hunters alike are reminded that the winter roost

sites are critical for turkey. All of the turkey from thousands of acres often congregate in these large winter roost areas, usually in groves of tall trees in bottomlands. These bottomland roosts should be left undisturbed as much as possible. Hunting should not be allowed near roosts and vehicle traffic and grazing should be mini-



This Gobbler was killed at the Ft. McKavett Ranch in Sutton County (see ad page 8).

Turkey Enchiladas

2 cans - Cream of Mushroom Soup
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 cup diced green chilies
12 tortillas - flour or corn
1 cup Monterrey Jack cheese
1 cup Cheddar Cheese
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 cups cooked, cubed wild turkey
Non-stick cooking spray

Warm tortillas in damp paper towel in microwave. Coat a 13x9x2 inch baking pan with non-stick cooking spray. Mix cheeses, onion, turkey, and 1 cup soup mixture. Put 2 tablespoons of cheese-turkey mixture in center of each tortilla. Roll tortillas and place in baking pan. Pour remaining soup mixture over top. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover and top with sliced ripe olives and additional cheese if desired. Yields 4 to 5 servings.

Combine soup, sour cream, and chilies. Heat thoroughly.

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Poachers Draw Stiff Sentences Under New Law

AUSTIN, Texas -- Poachers who cross fences in Texas can end up behind bars.

Two years ago, a state law created tougher penalties for illegal hunting, including hunting or fishing without landowner consent, hunting from a motor vehicle, hunting with a light and hunting at night. Now, instead of a minor slap on the wrist, some poachers are getting a severe kick in the pants. For example:

* A Bell County poacher is serving two years in state jail for shooting a six-point buck on another man's property. He got there by violating terms of a five-year probation that included 180 days of jail time to be served on weekends.

* In Montague County, a repeat offender will spend the upcoming season behind bars, having been sentenced to 120 days in jail and having his hunting license suspended for five years for taking wildlife without landowner consent.

* A Williamson County jury found a poacher guilty of hunting deer at night and without landowner consent. He was fined \$4,000, sentenced to 14 days in jail and two years probation and had his hunting license revoked for two years.

Before Sept. 1, 1999, the worst-case scenario for a poacher might involve a stiff fine and civil restitution, according to David

Sinclair, chief of wildlife enforcement with Texas Parks and Wildlife. The new laws provide for felony charges and a mandatory jail sentence, even for first-time poachers who violate certain statutes in addition to civil restitution. "I think based on the number of cases we've filed, the new laws are working," said Sinclair. "The stiffer penalties, including potentially losing your equipment and having your license revoked, not to mention having a felony on your record, is a good deterrent."

In 1997, TPW game wardens reported 458 violations for hunting without landowner consent. Last year, only 131 cases were made. The agency is seeing similar declines in other violations that fall under the new laws, including hunting from a vehicle (414 cases in '97 to 113 last year) and hunting at night (280 cases in '97 to 41 last year).

Under the TPW State Jail Felony classification, individuals convicted of taking a desert bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope or mule deer without the consent of the landowner are subject to incarceration for 180 days to two years and a fine of \$1,500 to \$10,000. A second violation is prosecuted as a TPW Felony and upon conviction is punishable by incarceration in the institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for two years to 10 years

and a fine of \$2,000 to \$10,000.

Stiffer penalties will also apply if a poacher is convicted of wasting a big game animal carcass, as is often the case with poachers known as "head-hunters" who take only the trophy racks. On first offense for wasting a big game carcass the violator is subject to confinement in jail for up to one year and a fine of \$500 to \$4,000. Upon a second conviction for wasting a big game carcass, the violation becomes a TPW State Jail Felony.

While taking big game without landowner consent was the focus of the 1999 law, penalties for other illegal hunting and fishing activities were also upgraded. A second conviction for hunting from a motor vehicle, hunting at night, hunting with a light or wanton waste of wildlife resources carries a TPW State Jail Felony charge. The legislature also created provisions in the law allowing for the confiscation and forfeiture of equipment used in the commission of these violations, including weapons and other personal property, aircraft and vessels.

In addition to the enhanced criminal penalties for these violations, including using or possessing an electricity-producing device for catching fish, the violators are subject to the revocation of current hunting and fishing licenses and the inability to purchase a new hunting or fishing license for a period of one to five years.



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Whitetail antler quality and body condition should be average to above average this fall in the Hill Country, according to Kerrville biologist Max Traweck. The wet winter and early spring laid the foundation for better-than-average antler quality in the white-tailed buck segment. "Some areas have reported losing a few deer due to the drought, but such reports have been well outpaced by the complaints of too many deer in the backyards and subdivisions, which always crop up during dry summers," he offers. "The recent rainfall will go a long way in improving range conditions throughout the hill country region. This should result in improved body condition observed in deer for the next several months. Of course, additional moisture will be required to maintain normal body condition through the upcoming winter months. It's too early to call the acorn crop, but a good mast crop, or a lot of new growth on native vegetation, generally results in tough deer hunting during November."

Rio Grande turkey production in the Hill Country has been good this summer despite the terribly dry July and first part of August period, according to Traweck, and poult survival remains high going into the fall. There should be a good supply of young birds in the flocks during the upcoming hunting season.

"We saw limited production on our survey transects in the better quail areas occurring in the Hill Country -- the north central coun-

ties, mainly," Traweck notes. "I suspect that we actually had better production than our surveys indicated, given the good range conditions present during the first part of the summer."

Post Oak Savannah (East-Central Texas)

The Post Oak Savannah deer herd came out of the 2000 deer season in fairly good shape and should provide good hunting opportunities in the 2001 season, says Tyler-based biologist Kevin Herriman. "Abundant rains this winter and early spring with periodic rainfall into June provided favorable habitat conditions for wildlife throughout most of the year. After a brief dry spell in July and early August, summer rains have fallen over most of the District. Such late summer moisture will enhance habitat quality through forb production and the growth of other fall vegetation. In addition, early observations indicate that the Post Oak will probably have an average mast crop (acorns and hickory nuts) this year to further enhance wildlife forage conditions."

Squirrel hunting conditions in the Post Oak region will be about average to slightly below average this season, Herriman says. "The mast crop throughout the Post Oak Savannah was spotty in the fall of 2000. Years of good mast production are typically followed by years of good squirrel reproduction. Therefore, your best squirrel hunting opportunities this season will be in localities where you saw fair

to moderate or better mast production last year."

Waterfowl hunting should be about average. As always, an abundance of ducks in East Texas is dependent on having water and having the water at the right time. "When winter rains fill our bottomland forests and other wetlands, duck hunting improves," he says. "Of course, it doesn't hurt if you have a good mast crop and other favored plant foods to go with that water to really give the ducks a reason to hang around and enjoy beautiful East Texas."

Coastal Prairies and Marshes (Southeast Texas)

In a region that supports several varieties of hardwood trees, the good news, according to LaGrange-based biologist Bob Carroll, is that something is going to produce a mast crop. Wildlife will have something to eat.

"It looks like a better than average fawn crop this year, ranging from 40 to 65 percent survival, which for this country is good," Carroll says, noting that in a normal year, fawn survival rates range from 25 to 40 percent. "The high survival rate is a result of good spring and early summer rains. I also think we'll have a better than average antler production year on ranches that are managing and have mature deer."

The late fall and winter rains last year also produced an abundance of winter forbs, which set the stage for a good wildlife reproductive year, Carroll says. "Winter

forbs are a critical component in the reproductive cycles of deer."

The hunting season of 2001-2002 could be very good, predicts Carroll.

Trans Pecos (West Texas)

As for the hunting prospects, Alpine-based biologist Mike Hobson noted, "It's just going to be a deer hunt in the Trans Pecos, not above average in any form or fashion. It looks like whoever got the rain will have a better deal." Hobson

noted that deer numbers are down overall this year, but body conditions could be improved thanks to recent new growth of winter forbs.

Turkey poult production has been quite low the last three years. Limited recruitment into the population means hunters will most likely be harvesting mature birds. If moisture continues through the spring period, we expect poult production to improve significantly, Hobson explains.

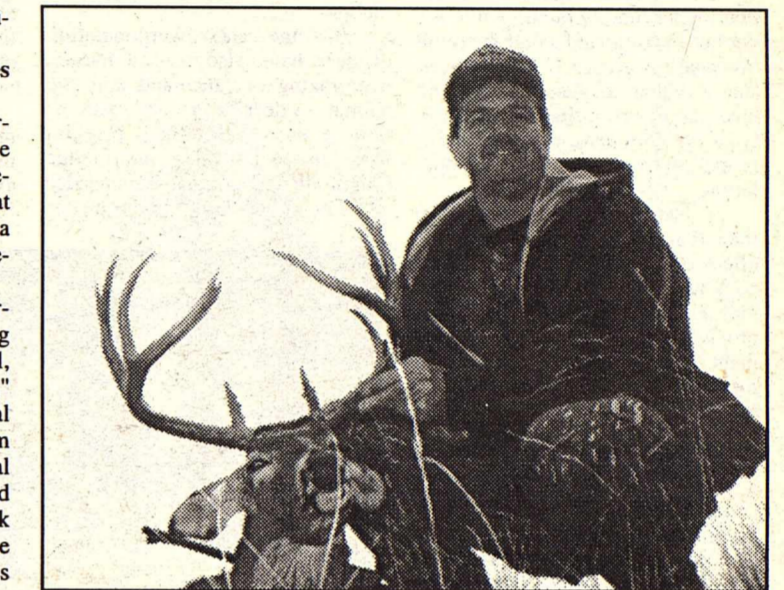


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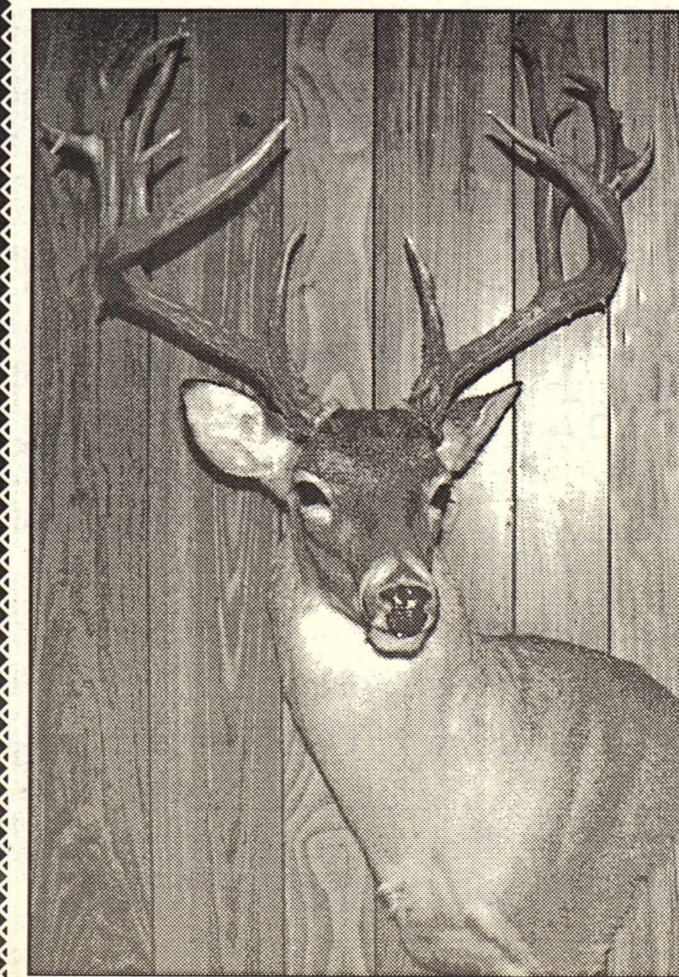
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TPW Biologists Forecast Hunting Prospects

AUSTIN, Texas -- Timely rain-fall coupled with adequate habitat conditions earlier this year should make for above-average hunting across much of Texas this fall, state wildlife biologists are predicting.

"Even in an average year, hunting in Texas is better than just about any place in the country," said Dr. Gary Graham, Texas Parks and Wildlife's director of wildlife. Perhaps that's why more than 900,000 hunters take to the field in Texas each fall.

Based on recent field census, TPW biologists suggest the following general outlook for the state's eight ecological regions during 2001-2002 hunting seasons in Texas.

Panhandle (North Texas)

Late winter and spring moisture provided great habitat conditions for many wildlife species during the first half of 2001, but the Panhandle also recorded its hottest July since 1934. "Generally speaking, most species appear to be looking good," reports Canyon-based biologist Danny Swepton. "We have had several reports of sightings of quail and turkey broods, and our staff in the southern part of the district (south of Lubbock) have reported a good scaled quail hatch. Turkeys in the northeast counties appear to have had a fair to good first hatch, but re-nesting by birds that lost their first clutch appears near zero."

Deer appear to be in good shape, Swepton says from personal observations. "I sighted several mule and white-tailed bucks during

the aerial pronghorn surveys (mid-June), and body conditions looked good, and horns were at or just past the ear tips." In counties north of Amarillo, both mule deer and whitetails may have been stressed by a lack of early winter wheat and extended periods of snow and ice. However, herd densities should remain about the same throughout the region in 2001.

Pronghorn populations should remain about the same as in 2001. Horn production in 2000 was average, Swepton says, but the additional moisture this winter should improve prospects for the coming season.

Waterfowl conditions had been very poor prior to recent rains, however, playa lakes are filling up and should provide adequate holding areas, Swepton offers.

The forecast for pheasants is not as bright. Lack of nesting cover over large areas is a problem. The major populations will continue to occur in those High Plains counties north of Plainview. An average hunting season for 2001 is the best that can be anticipated at this time. "I am not very hopeful on pheasants," Swepton says. "Last year was poor and conditions have not changed much. We have heard of a few broods, but really won't know much until we conduct our annual surveys in October and November."

Cross-Timbers/Blackland Prairies (North-Central Texas)

The western portion of the Possum Kingdom has suffered from almost continuous drought over the last nine years, and the rebound will

not be as quick. Deer cut deeply into the browse resource over much of 1999 and 2000. The rains played out pretty early in the summer in this region, says Stephen Jester, TPW biologist in Brownwood. But, overall, he says, conditions are pretty good. "Antler development, deer body conditions and this year's fawn crop should still be average to slightly above for white-tailed deer. Deer on leases managed for a limited harvest of older age class bucks should see better antler production this year than last. The downside to this scenario is hunter success. If native forage remains in good supply throughout the fall, hunting will likely be much harder around feeders or food plots.

"Conditions are not ideal for turkey and quail reproduction, but we should still see an improvement in numbers over last year," reports Jester. Drier than normal conditions have kept Rio Grande turkey reproduction well below average in much of the district since 1997. During the last three hunting seasons, hunters have seen good numbers of mature birds, but hunters should expect to see fewer birds during the fall and winter of 2001-2002.

Pineywoods - (North/East Texas)

The woods look good this year, according to Jasper-based biologist Clayton Wolf. "I don't see any big changes in our deer population. There's plenty of forage out there, so we should have a decent fawn crop and good antler production," Wolf offers. "We're set up for a good mast crop if we can hold onto our

moisture, which may not bode well for those who hunt over a food plot or corn bucket, but it should be good for the critters."

While East Texas has garnered some attention for production of trophy deer in recent years, squirrel hunting is still king in the Pineywoods. For those dedicated hunters who pursue the bushytail instead of the whitetail, this year may not live up to standards. "I suspect our squirrel harvest will be off some because we lost our mast crop last year so recruitment will be off," Wolf explains. "After populations recover, things should rebound next year."

South Texas

Just when you think range conditions in South Texas have reached a critical point because of the dry, hot summer months, tropical storms come to the rescue. This year is a prime example. "South Texas did not receive late spring and early summer rains, and until recently we were in the middle of a brown out," says Pleasanton biologist Joe Herrera. "The only saving grace was the wet fall and winter last year that set up spring range conditions and that has carried us over until now."

Hunters should not be surprised if their feeders remain full for a while, according to Herrera. Because of recent new plant growth, deer may not be relying on unnatural food supplies.

Herrera notes that habitat conditions in the spring have provided excellent screening and nesting

conditions for quail and turkey. These conditions also provided a good forage base for all wildlife species in the form of seed production and insects. Soft mast produced by woody plants may carry us through the summer stress period (now through mid-September). Wildlife biologists have reported good numbers of both turkey poults and quail coveys in South Texas. All things point to a fair to good production year despite earlier drought conditions.

Mourning and white-winged doves have also benefited from the good forb and grass seed production year. Doves will be attracted to waterholes if dry conditions persist, Herrera says.

White-tailed deer production should be fair to good even with fading cover at this stage of the summer. Wildlife field staff continues to report deer in fairly good body condition despite the drought, Herrera says. Good nutrition from spring forbs and woody plants during the first half of the antler growing season should produce fair to good antler development for buck deer. "This has been an excellent year for prickly pear tunas (fruits) and mesquite beans," he notes. "Conditions have improved tremendously and there should be less movement by deer foraging for food."

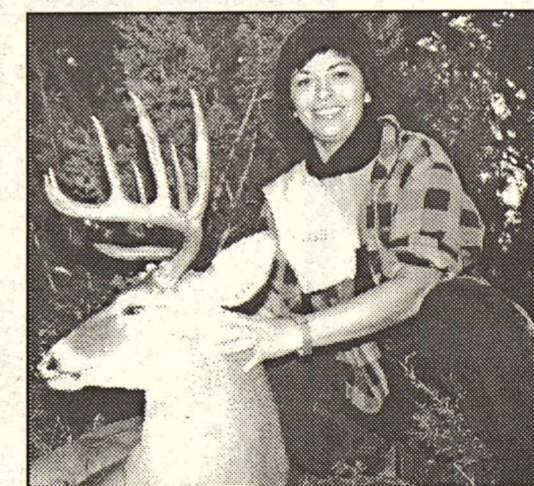
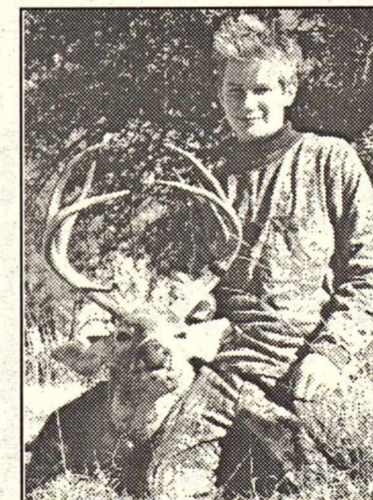
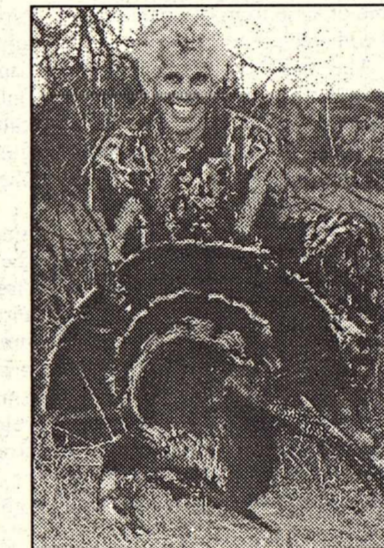
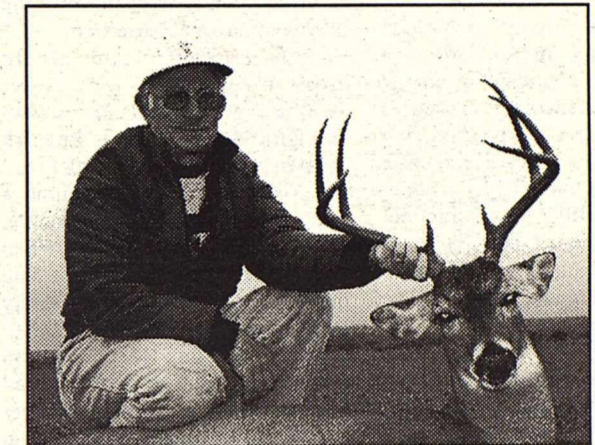
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