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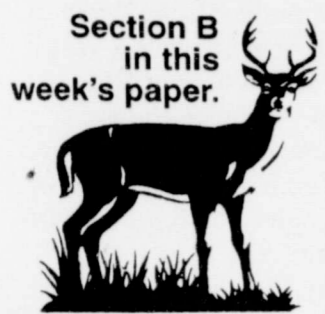
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Winters, Texas

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Pearls of Wisdom—
Children are a great comfort in your old age—and they help you reach it faster, too!



2002 Runnels Co. Hunter's Guide

Candidate Profiles...

Biographies for County Commissioner, Precinct 2, candidates Keith Collom and Freddie Grohman are featured.

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Jr. High math students earn awards

Winters Junior High math students of Cheryl Kruse receive awards for their efforts.

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Colburn named ARN Player of the Week

WHS quarterback Shane Colburn has been named the *Abilene Reporter News* All-Around Player of the Week. He was also named to the *San Angelo Standard-Times* Football Honor Roll for his performance in last Friday night's game vs. San Saba.

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NHS to host Family Fun Night Friday

Winters High School Chapter of the National Honor Society will host a Winters Blizzard Family Fun Night from 4-6:30 p.m. Friday prior to the Jim Ned football game. Giant inflatables will be available for everyone's enjoyment!

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Have a safe & Happy Halloween!

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County Commissioner spot only local contested race

On a local level, the general election of November 5 will highlight the only contested race for County Commissioner of Precinct 2 between incumbent Keith Collom and challenger Freddie Grohman. Voters in precincts 2 and 3 only are eligible to vote in this race. See candidate

profiles page 3.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Voting locations are listed on page 8.

Other incumbents running unopposed are Ricky Strube for County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Greg Lange, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1; and Richard

Hamilton, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2.

Also running unopposed are incumbents Marilyn Egan, Runnels County Judge; Loretta Michalewicz, District Clerk; Elesa Ocker, County Clerk; and Margarette Smith, County Treasurer.

Halloween Boo-tique and costume contest tonight for young trick-or-treaters

Ghost and goblins of the younger, sweeter kind are invited to participate in the annual Halloween Boo-tique tonight, October 31. The event is sponsored by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce and will take place at the Family Dollar Store parking lot from 5:15 to 6 p.m.

Costume contest judging will begin at 5:45 with awards presented at 6 p.m.

Youth age divisions include birth to one year; 2-4 year olds; 5-7 year olds; 8-10 year olds; and 11 years and older.

Candy will be provided for all the children. Parents are encouraged to join their children for the festivities.

For more information, please call the Chamber office at 754-5210.

Council gives final okay for new police cars; discusses properties

With only a few agenda items, the Winters City Council had a short meeting on Monday, October 28.

Present for the meeting were Aldermen Mike Meyer, Steve Esquivel, Jimmy Butler and

Hank Bourdo; City Attorney Ken Slimp; Mayor Dawson McGuffin; and City Manager Aref Hassan. Councilman Tommy Russell was absent.

Council members heard from Winters Police Chief

Brian McGonagill regarding the purchase of two new vehicles for the police department. The motion carried unanimously to purchase two Chevrolet Impalas from

See CITY COUNCIL, pg. 3

One precious punkin'



CLEOPATRA PERKINS-HUNTER, age 8 & 1/2 months, makes for a pretty cute pumpkin as she enjoys the annual Booster Club Halloween Carnival Saturday night. She is the daughter of Martha Perkins and Timothy Hunter.



DEREK TURNER, engineer with Jacob & Martin, Ltd. of Abilene, speaks before a large crowd of interested members, future members and guests at a planning meeting of North Runnels Water Supply Corporation held at the Community Center on October 22. NRWSC is considering entering into an agreement with the USDA Rural Utilities Service for upgrading existing water lines as well as providing water to new customers.

NRWSC customers meet to hear project plans

Approximately 60 concerned citizens gathered for an important meeting of North Runnels Water Supply Corporation (NRWSC) on Tuesday, October 22, at the Winters Community Center.

In a continuing effort to provide better service to existing customers as well as providing water to new customers, NRWSC is considering entering into an agreement with the USDA Rural Development.

During the meeting last week, the audience, comprised of 23 current members and 35 future members and guests, heard comments from Billy Jacob, Derek Turner and Kelvin Hinrichs, engineers

See NRWSC, page 7

WJLSA plans pre-game BBQ Sandwich Meal

The Winters Junior Livestock Show Association will hold a barbecue brisket sandwich supper on Friday November 1, in the school cafeteria.

The meal will be served before the Winters vs. Jim Ned football game from 5 to 7 p.m.

Breaking somewhat from tradition but not taste and quality, the meal will include a barbecued brisket sandwich, with all the trimmings, french fries, homemade chocolate cake, and iced tea.

Take-out plates will be available. Tickets are \$4.50 per plate and are available from any member or may be purchased at the door.

All proceeds from the meal will benefit the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Association for the 2003 County Show.



OFF AND RUNNING are these members of the Lady Blizzard Cross Country Team who, along with the boys' team from Winters, will compete at the regional meet in Arlington on Saturday. Both WHS teams finished third in district 9-2A. Running for Winters will be (l-r) Kari Walker, Lacey Meyer, Macy Hopson, Katy Wilkerson, Kindy Walker, and Briana Parramore. Both teams are coached by Deb Whittenburg (right). See boys' team picture on page 4.

Opinion

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles ©2002



I don't know about you, but I get plenty of e-mail these days.

In some of my recent read/think/discard category, I saw one of those mass-emailed pleas for help. But, unlike those "get \$5 for everybody that you forward this to" emails, this message professed a noble purpose.

It asked that everyone boycott certain oil companies who purchase oil from Saudi Arabia. The idea was to "stop sending money to those terrorists in Saudi Arabia" by spending your gas money somewhere else.

Unfortunately, there are many flaws to this theory.

The first: just because you buy your oil from one specific retail outlet (presumably one owned by an importer of Saudi oil), doesn't mean you are directly or indirectly purchasing gasoline made from Saudi oil. In fact, refiners sell oil to a myriad of retail outlets, including every generic-branded convenience store and sometimes excluding their own branded stations.

That's right—that Shell station on the corner may be selling gasoline that flowed through a Texaco refinery or a Citgo refinery or even somebody else you never heard of.

Another problem with the theory is the assumption that by not purchasing oil from that certain retailer will cause Saudi oil to not be bought. Not true. Right now, the world market of supply includes everything everybody (other than OPEC and Saudi Arabia) can produce and sell. That means all of the oil the world needs will include a certain amount of Saudi crude under any given condition.

If you don't buy it—somebody in Japan, Europe, or even China will have to because they won't be able to get oil from someplace else that you are buying from. The world oil market is always consuming everything on the market.

Finally, the only thing that can come from a boycott based purely on origin of a product like oil is inconvenience to the consumer. If oil were not a commodity consumed in bulk each day around the world, a boycott might have a chance. But, even if it were effective, it would hurt the retailers the most. And that retailer is your neighbor, usually a franchisee or independent contractor just

trying to make a living. Is that really who we would want as the target in a war on terrorism?

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Concho County

W.M. Guffey has completed the Hampton-Hardin Unit #1 in the West Millersview Field (4 miles SW of Millersview) at an initial rate of 31 BOPD in the Camar Sand (perfs 3042-50). Loc. is Sec. 324, Blk. 72, P. Anderson Sur.

LeClair Operating has completed the Winnie #2 in the West Millersview Field (2 miles W of Millersview) at an initial rate of 21 BOPD in the Tannehill (perfs 1232-1266). Loc. is Sec. 95, Blk. 71, H&GN Sur.

The Pickens Company has completed the Vera #4 also in the West Millersview Field (3 miles W of Millersview) at an initial rate of 45 BOPD & 20 BWPD in the Cross Cut Sand (perfs 2738-2754). Loc. is Sec. 126, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-1760.

Nolan County

Hawkins Oil, LLC has completed a re-entry of the Nolan Fee -D- #3 in the Northwest Hylton Field (5 miles SW of Nolan) at an initial rate of 15 BOPD & 41 BWPD in the Cambrian (perfs 6066-6090). Loc. is Sec. 15, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur.

L.C.S. Production Co. has completed the Brooks Ranch #2 in the Mulberry Canyon Field (6 miles NE of Nolan) at an initial rate of 21 BOPD in the Cisco formation (perfs 3986-87). Loc. is Sec. 76, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-1703.

Runnels County

St. Mary Energy Co. has completed three wells in the Fort Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit in the Fort Chadbourne Field (6 miles W of Wingate). Well #1708 potentialized at 18 BOPD & 432 BWPD in the Odom (perfs 5249-91). Loc. is G. Carroll Sur. No. 287, A-95. Well #1812 potentialized at 10 BOPD & 129 BWPD in the Odom (perfs 5256-80). Loc. is S.H. Luckie Sur. No. 288, A-350. Well #2714 potentialized at 28 BOPD & 194 BWPD in the Odom (perfs 5226-65). Loc. is G. Carroll Sur. 284, A-98.

Taylor County

Barbee, Inc. has completed the Shaw-Davis #4 in the Ledbetter Ranch Field (8 miles SW of View) at an initial rate of 10 BOPD & 12 BWPD in the Cook (perfs 3005-3007). Loc. is Sec. 16, Blk. 4, T&PRR Sur., A-1786.

Tom Graham Drilling Co. has completed the Graham #4 in the Taylor County Regular Field (3 miles N of Tuscola) at an initial rate of 10 BOPD & 21 BWPD in an unidentified zone (perfs 2162-69). Loc. is Sec. 43, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur.

Southern Exploration, Inc. has completed the White #1 in the Taylor County Regular Field (6 miles SW of View) at an initial rate of 15 BOPD & 17 BWPD in an unidentified zone (perfs 2681-84). Loc. is Sec. 10, GC&SF Sur., A-1521.

STAKINGS

Coke County

O.H.B., Inc. has staked the Webb #1 as a Wildcat, 3 miles SE of Bronte (Depth 5500). Loc. is 626 FSEL & 6254 FNEL of W.L. Coulson Sur. No. 326, A-54.

Coleman County

Fortuna Exploration, Inc. has staked the Rough Creek Ranch #8 as a Wildcat, 2 miles SW of Novice (Depth 3800). Loc. is 393 FSL & 2013 FNL of HT&B Sur. No. 40, A-1618.

Concho County

Bowman Energy has staked the Maggie -H- #5 as a Wildcat, 7 miles SE of Millersview (Depth 3000). Loc. is 2397 FNL & 2475 FSL of Sec. 1741, Blk. 70, L. Palitz Sur., A-677.

Bowman also staked the Mika #1 as a Wildcat, 2 miles E of Eden (Depth 3500). Loc. is 1776 FEL & 796 FNL of Sec. 2019, Blk. 72, J.A. Arnd Sur.

DBO Oil staked the M. Nutt #1044 in the Mozelle Nutt Field, 8 miles W of Eden (Depth 3995). Loc. is 800 FEL & 1200 FSL of Sec. 44, Blk. 9, H&TC Sur., A-1096.

PB&B Operating, Inc. has staked the Hartgrove-Rose #1A in the Bussey Field, 3 miles N of Millersview (Depth 1700). Loc. is 1327 FEL & 2608 FNL of Sec. 87, Blk. 71, H&GN Sur., A-493.

Ultra Oil & Gas, Inc. has staked the L. Taylor #1 as a Wildcat, 8 miles E of Eden (Depth 2700). Loc. is 600 FSL & 2500 FWL of Sec. 1905, Blk. 70, H. Bitters Sur., A-60.

Nolan County

Clear Fork, Inc. has staked the Boyd -B- #2057 in the EVB Field, 3 miles NW of Nolan (Depth 6900). Loc. is 2015 FSL & 820 FWL of Sec. 57, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur., A-429.

Trace Oil & Gas Co. has staked the E. Moore #1030 in the North Blackwell Field, 6 miles NE of Blackwell (Depth 6800). Loc. is 1070 FWL & 500 FSL of Sec. 30, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-1253.

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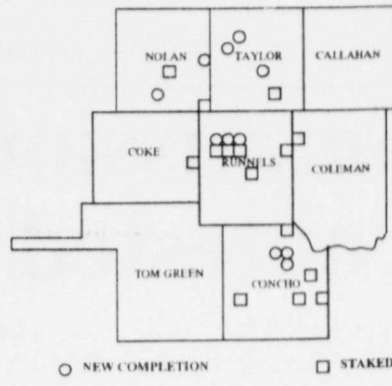
B&G Energy Corp. has staked the C. Poe #1A in the Poe Field, 2 miles W of Winters (Depth 5500). Loc. is 1823 FWL & 1925 FSL of Sec. 71, Blk. 63, CTRR Sur., A-107.

Benson Schoen Oil Co., Inc. has staked the Aldridge Brothers #1 in the Barco Field, 8 miles NE of Crews (Depth 4700). Loc. is 338 FNL & 991 FEL of GWT&PRR Sur. No. 25, A-586.

St. Mary Energy Co. has staked three wells in the Fort Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit in the Fort Chadbourne Field, 6 miles W of Wingate (Depth 5650). The #1406 is loc. 300 FSEL & 525 FSWL of G. Carroll Sur. No. 291, A-93. The #1814 is loc. 850 FSWL & 2300 FSEL of S. Luckie Sur. No. 288, A-350. The #2812 is loc. 433 FNL & 894 FWL of H. Rilely Sur. No. 448, A-175.

Taylor County

Maxim Resources Corp. has staked the Bettes #1 as a Wildcat, 3 miles E of Shepp (Depth 5500). Loc. is 590 FEL & 400 FNL of Sec. 135, Blk. 64, H&TC Sur.



Country Club Corner

by Sharon Kennedy, Ladies Golf Association President

Tuesday was the ladies last game. Mary Ellen Moore and Tina Smith won. Brenda Clough won closest to the pin. Don't forget the country club facilities when planning your holiday parties. We have really good prices.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

A special thanks to all who helped me when I was in need. Thanks to Jackie, Patsy, and Bettye Pinkerton for being with me. A special thanks to G. W., Terry and Princy Sneed for getting the help I needed. Also thanks to the nurses and doctors for their care given while I was in the hospital.

Maudie Bartee

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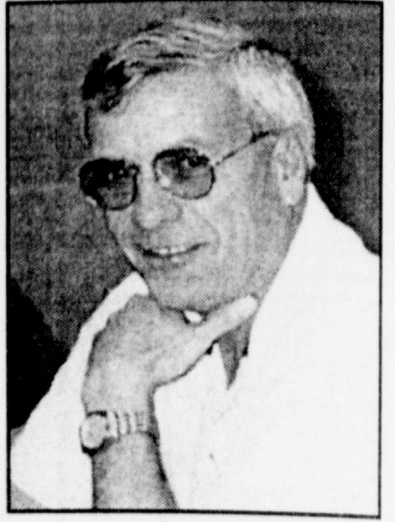
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Obituaries

George D. Wyatt



HERMISTON, OREGON—George D. Wyatt, 57, formerly of Winters, died Sunday, October 20, 2002, in Vancouver, Washington.

He was born October 5, 1945, in Early where he grew up and attended Early High School. He served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam and then as a Navy Reserve.

Mr. Wyatt then graduated from Tarleton University earning a degree in agriculture. He taught school at Novice and later was a Moormans Feed salesman and fertilizer distributor while in Winters.

He was a car salesman in Abilene, and recently moved to Hermiston, Oregon where he was a dispatcher for Atlantic Pacific Freightways.

He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Laura Wyatt and one brother, Rex Wyatt.

He is survived by three sons and their mother: Luke Wyatt of Plainview, Justin Hooper and wife Kristi of Whitesboro, Worth Hooper and wife Carla of Winters, and Jane Wyatt of Winters; four brothers, Bob Wyatt of Dallas, Gene Wyatt of Euless, Jim Wyatt of Ft. Worth, and Dan Wyatt of Vancouver, Washington; four sisters, Mary Jo Donahoo of Dallas, Myrtle Donahoo of San Angelo, Martha Ryman of Irving, and Pat Reynolds of Vancouver, Washington; and six grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2002, in the First Baptist Church in Winters with Reverend Bryan Donahoo officiating. Graveside services followed at 4 p.m. at the Santa Anna Cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Carroll "Todd" Douglas Simons

HUNTSVILLE—Carroll Douglas Simons, 72, died Tuesday, October 22, 2002, in Houston.

He was born March 26, 1930 in Runnels County to Marshall Simons and Eunice Puckett Simmons. He graduated cum laude from St. Edwards University in 1951. He served in the 10th Medical in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves. He retired from Shell Pipe Line Corporation after 39 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marshall and Eunice Simons, and brothers Bill and Marshall Simons.

He is survived by his wife Lillie Simons; two sons, Michael Simons of Houston and Steven D. Simons of Riverside; a daughter, Devran D. Wittenborn and husband Warren J. of Bee Cave; six grandchildren; and eight nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday, October 26, 2002 at 11 a.m. at the Huntsville Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jimmy Roguemoore of Bee Cave Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery under the direction of Huntsville Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Ron Simons, Randy Simons, Lee Ancona, Lynn Davis, M.J. Wade, and Jack Parker. Honorary pallbearers were Clarence Foyt, Floyd Busbee, and Clifton Poe.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Marla M. Lopez

BALLINGER—Marla M. Lopez, 78, passed away Saturday, October 26, 2002, in Ballinger.

Mrs. Lopez was born May 15, 1924 in Talpa, Texas to Jose Mendiola and Ricarda Armendarez Mendiola. She married Albinio Lopez on March 31, 1945 in Ballinger, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son-in-law, Reuben G. Flores.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Albinio Lopez. A son, Richard & Linda Lopez of McAllen. Three daughters, Emelia & Lee Curiel and Liza & Margarito Sanchez of Abilene; and Amelia Flores of Odessa. One brother, Manuel Mendiola and two sisters, Elia Jacques and Josepha Jacques, all of Ballinger.

Mrs. Lopez had 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

The family received visitors at the Rains-Seale Funeral Home on Monday, October 28, 2002 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Services were held Tuesday, October 29, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. at the Seventh Street Baptist Church with Reverend Tony King officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Ballinger.

Elmer Sheffield

BALLINGER—Elmer Sheffield, 87, passed away Sunday, October 27, 2002, at a Ballinger nursing home.

Mr. Sheffield was born March 27, 1915 in Talpa, Texas to James Thomas and Fannie Elizabeth Conner Sheffield.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Ed, Clyde, and Irvin; two sisters, Lela Thompson and Clara Conley and two grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Violet Lucille Herridge Sheffield; three sons, James & Elena Sheffield of El Paso; Jack & Linda Sheffield of Breckenridge; and Johnny & Lynette Sheffield of Merkel. Three daughters, Mozelle & John Eaves and Lee Hirsch of Abilene; and Janice & Delton Bailey of Paint Rock. One brother, David & Marjorie Sheffield of Grosvenor, Texas. One sister, Rena Jones of Novice. A brother-in-law, Frank & Joyce Herridge of Gail, Texas. Five sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Roberts of College Station; Almeda Conner and Vivian & Don Chrestensen of Berea, Ohio; Maxine & Sam Jamison of Clyde and Katy B & Walter Joiner of Paint Rock.

Mr. Sheffield had 19 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren 1 great, great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 29, 2002, in the Concho Cemetery in Concho County, with Dr. David Currie officiating.

Pallbearers were, Ricky Sheffield, John Evans Jr, Richard Sheffield, Robert Hirsch, Travis Bailey, Wesley Hirsch, Chad Sheffield, Colby Sheffield, Bobby Lafollette, Christopher Eaves and Danny Sheffield.

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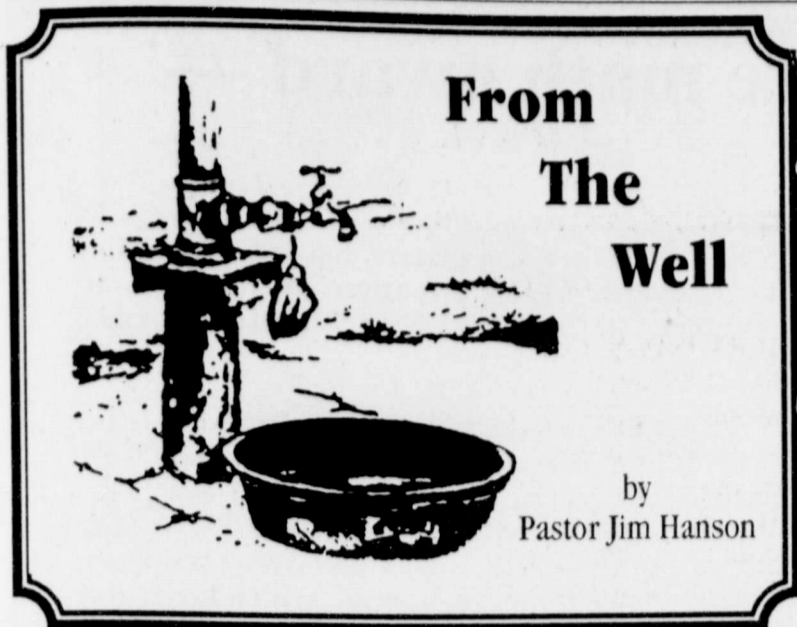
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Community Candidate Profiles



**From
The
Well**

by
Pastor Jim Hanson

Not available this week

CITY COUNCIL, continued

Bahlman Chevrolet of Winters. Charles Bahlman of Bahlman Chevrolet also addressed the Council, providing details of the lease/purchase plan which will include monthly payments of \$482.36 for each vehicle for four years. Delivery is expected around the first of the year.

Chief McGonagill reminded the Council that \$14,000 received from insurance claims for hail damage will go toward the payments for at least the first year.

The Council then discussed the demolition of property at 305 N. Main, the previous home of the Oscar Medina family. This structure was completely destroyed by fire earlier this year.

Charles Bahlman again addressed the Council with information about dumping the demolished materials on his "dump ground" property. Bahlman said the Texas Commission for Environment Qual-

ity (TCEQ) has not given approval for any future dumping.

Dr. Hassan said he has contacted David Kelly with Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI), the waste management system for the City. However, Mr. Kelly was not able to give a definite price for providing dumpsters and the removal of such dumpsters in a proper landfill.

This item was tabled until further information is received.

Two bids were received for leasing the City's sewer farm. However, both bids were unacceptably low and neither bidder offered to fence the property. Therefore, the bids were rejected.

Gordon Fenwick and Wes Hays, Jr., were approved as new board members for the Housing Finance Corporation, which handles the Lone Star Estates.

The meeting adjourned after approval of bills and minutes.

Keith Collom, seeking re-election for Runnels County Commissioner Precinct 2.

Personal background:

Married to Karen Rightmire Collom, a family physician at the Shannon Clinic in Ballinger. Two children, Amanda and Courtney. Amanda is a part-time student at Angelo State University and is employed in the quality assurance field for a major credit card company. Courtney is a self-employed stock farmer. My parents are Al and Jessie Collom of the Crew Community.

I am in my 8th year as Runnels County Commissioner Precinct 2. Prior to holding that office I was employed by the City of Winters as a Sergeant in the Police Department, by the Rio Concho Narcotic Task Force as a Narcotics Agent, and by the Runnels County Sheriff's Department as Chief Deputy Sheriff. Prior to that, I was a stock farmer and occasionally worked in the oil field and as a mechanic.

I graduated from Friendswood High School, attended San Jacinto Junior College and College of the Mainland. I have over 1,500 hours of continuing education in law enforcement and county commissioner education, as well as an additional 60-plus hours of Curriculum 2000, an advanced level of training designed specifically for county commissioners. I have also taken three courses in road maintenance safety presented by TEEEX.

What leadership skills or experience do you offer?

I have been a supervisor for local government (both city and county) for the past 14 years. Being elevated to these supervisory positions was based not only on my knowledge and training but also on my leadership skills.

What are your goals for the County?

If re-elected I will continue to make every effort to stretch your tax dollars. One of the largest expenses the County incurs is in labor. We need to continue to create a work environment in which the employees are the most productive. We need to keep the taxes as low as possible while continuing to provide needed services.

What is the one issue that you think the County must address during the next three years and how would you deal with it?

Right now, it appears that the most important issue is going to be water. The County and the Cities of Winters, Ballinger, and Miles will need to work together to do everything possible to ensure the citizens have an adequate water supply. This is one issue that cannot be ignored and a commodity that none of us can live without.

Other comments:

I have enjoyed representing the constituents of Commissioner Precinct 2 and the entire County. If re-elected, I will continue to work hard to earn the support of the Citizens and will do my best to make the best decisions on your behalf. Thank you.

Freddie Grohman, Candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 2.

Personal background:

I have been married 28 years to the former Landa Walker. We have four children: Tabatha Davis, a teacher at Hillsboro; Tamra, secretary for the Church of Christ in Winters; Travis, a freshman at Western Texas College; and Trenton, an 8th grader at WISD.

What leadership skills or experience do you offer?

I am experienced in bond construction with upkeep from working for the County and City of Winters. I have been a parent for 28 years.

What are your goals for the County?

Take local concerns to the County level by representing the voters of Precinct 2. I will try to stretch your tax dollars by using prisoners from the County Jail.

What is the one issue that you think the County must address during the next three years and how would you deal with it?

Spending taxpayers' money should not be some sort of challenge to see if it can all be spent. My tax dollars, like yours, are hard-earned. If tax monies need to be spent, we should take care of the matters at hand. We shouldn't go looking for a place or an object to spend the taxpayers' money on.

Other comments:

I will represent the voters of Precinct 2 at the county level. That includes all the taxpayers in Precinct 2, whether you live inside the city limits or outside the city limits. All the taxpayers should have the same representation.

Thank you.

Moms & dads should plan now for Parent Involvement Day luncheon

Winters parents will want to mark the following dates on their calendars and make arrangements at work to have lunch with their children on Wednesday, Nov. 13, and/or Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Winters ISD and the school cafeteria are making plans to host their annual Parent Involvement Day luncheon. Students in grades PK, 1, 3, and 5 will join their parents on November 13, while grades K, 2, 4, and 6 will invite parents to the December 11 lunch.

Janet Cason and her staff will prepare a delicious meal of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit salad, hot rolls, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie in November with pecan pie served in December.

VOTE
in the
November 5th
Election.

*If you
don't vote...
Don't
complain!*

Just one vote CAN
make a difference!

the right
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Oct. 31 - 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board Meeting, The Rock Hotel
- 5 & 6:30 p.m., Breezes 7th & 8th vs. Jim Ned, Blizzard Stadium
- 5:15-6 p.m., Boo-tique, Family Dollar Parking Lot
- 6 p.m., JV at Jim Ned
- Nov. 1 - 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 12:25 p.m., Fellowship Christian Athletes, Science Lab, Cafeteria
- 2:58 p.m., Pep Rally, WHS Gym
- 4-6:30 p.m., Winters Blizzard Family Fun Evening, Sticker Stadium
- 5-7 p.m., Stock Show Assoc. BBQ Sandwich Meal, Cafeteria
- 7:30 p.m., Blizzards vs. Jim Ned Indians, Blizzard Stadium
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Nov. 2 - Opening Day of Deer Season
- Cross Country Team @ Arlington for regional competition
- 6-9 p.m., Hunter's Appreciation Dinner, Ballinger Community Center
- Nov. 3 - Attend the church of your choice.
- Nov. 4 - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- Nov. 5 - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., General Election, See pg. 8 for Voting Locations
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 9 a.m., Ministerial Alliance, FBC
- 3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum, The Rock Hotel
- 7 p.m., Winters Fire Department, Fire Station
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Field
- 7 p.m., AA, FUMC
- 7 p.m., American Legion, Legion Hall
- Nov. 6 - 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprise Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizen Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Nov. 7 - 10 a.m. - Noon & 1:30 - 3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizen Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 & 6:30 p.m., Breezes 7th & 8th at Coleman
- 6 p.m., JV vs. Coleman, Blizzard Stadium
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office

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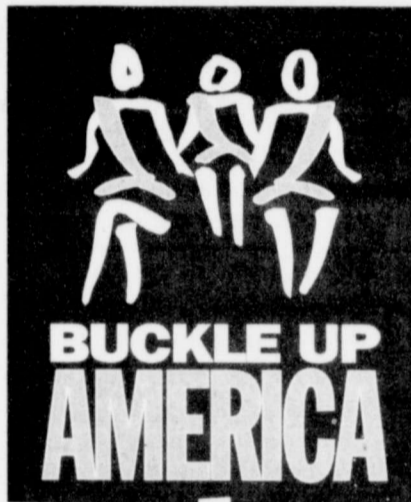
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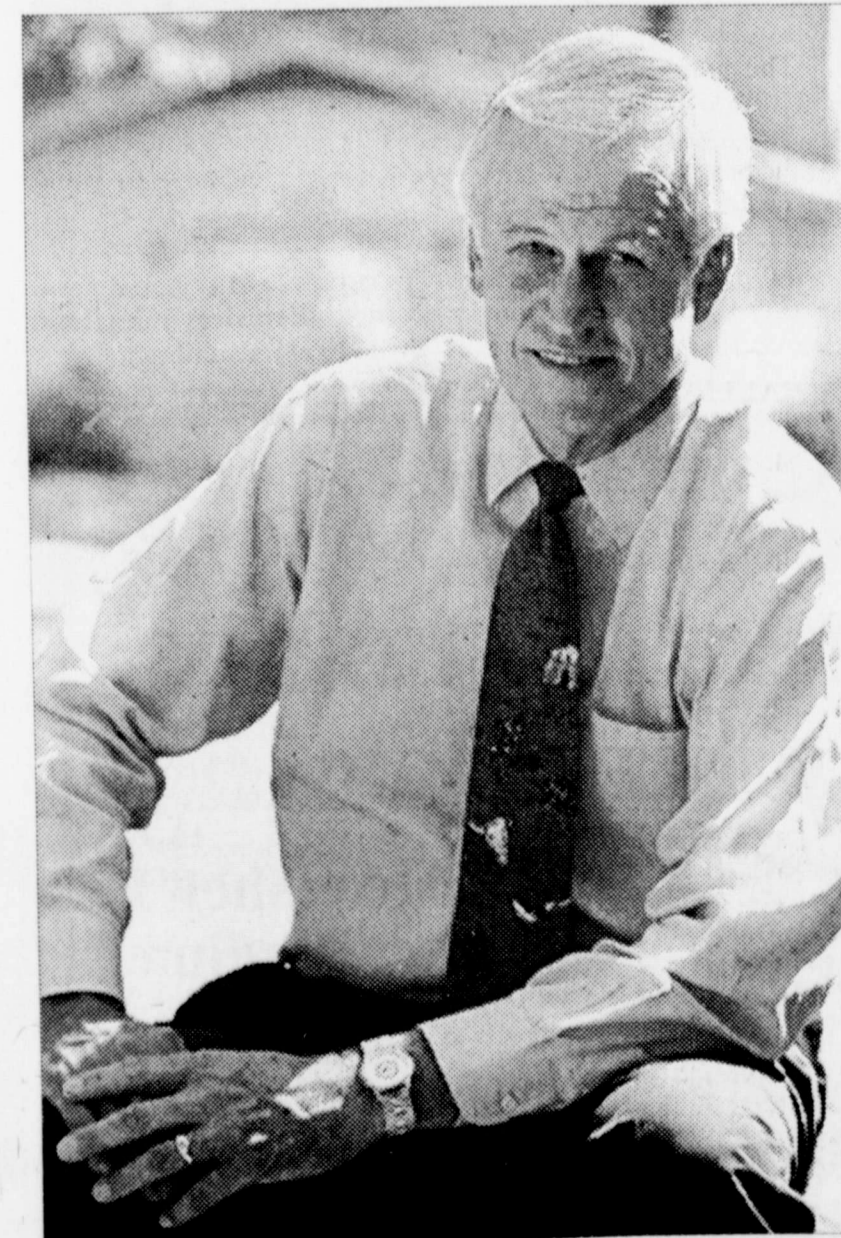


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Tuesday-Nov. 5
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Juice
Wednesday-Nov. 6
Banana Nut Muffins
Cereal
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Thursday-Nov. 7
Biscuits & Sausage
Juice
Friday-Nov. 8
Donuts
Cereal
Juice

Lunch
Monday-Nov. 4
Popcorn Chicken & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli with cheese
Hot Rolls
Pears
Tuesday-Nov. 5
Spaghetti with meat sauce
Tossed Salad
Green Beans
Garlic Bread
Blonde Brownies
Wednesday-Nov. 6
Tacos
Refried Beans
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Chocolate Cake
Thursday-Nov. 7
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Jr. High students receive math award —



8TH GRADERS are (top picture, top to bottom) Mark Ramus, Ashley Wynn, Heather Waldrop, Kody McCuiston, Charlie Dillard, Francis Reyes, and Ashley Gann.

7TH GRADERS are (bottom picture, first row, left to right) Addison Bergman, Assenette Vasquez, Kelci Gonzales, Tory Burns, Wiley Guy, (second row) Nissa Ontiveros, Susan Sneed, Kyli Knight, Shelby Walker, Cameron Burson (third row) Cassi Mendoza, Erica Roman, Juanita Simpson, Laura Armendariz, Roy Kendrick, Clint Schwartz, Christina Guerrero, (back row) Cattie Kitchen, Lillian Garcia, Aracelie Flores, Matthew Tucker, and Ben Trevino.

"I'm just trying to motivate the students to pass," says teacher Cheryl Kruse. "About 25% of the students improved their grade to above an 80 average. I hope to give out no less than 29 awards every six weeks."



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8th grade falls to San Saba; meets Jim Ned tonight at Blizzard Stadium

The 8th grade Breezes caught quite a chill as they dropped last week's game 34-0 against San Saba. The Armadillos scored 14 points in the first quarter, six in the second and third quarters, and eight in the fourth quarter.
Coach Zach Boxell said, "We went to San Saba a little short-handed. We had only twelve players after moving up two seventh graders. Kevin Cook played fullback and end and Andrew Blackerby played end and receiver for us. They both did a great job and helped us tremendously."
"Next week (Oct. 31) against Jim Ned, we'll have a few more players returning to us that we lost to grades, so I'm looking forward to a better game."
Kickoff for the 7th grade is at 5 p.m. followed by the eighth grade at 6:30 in Blizzard Stadium.

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Blizzards freeze Armadillos in 40-12 whoopin'

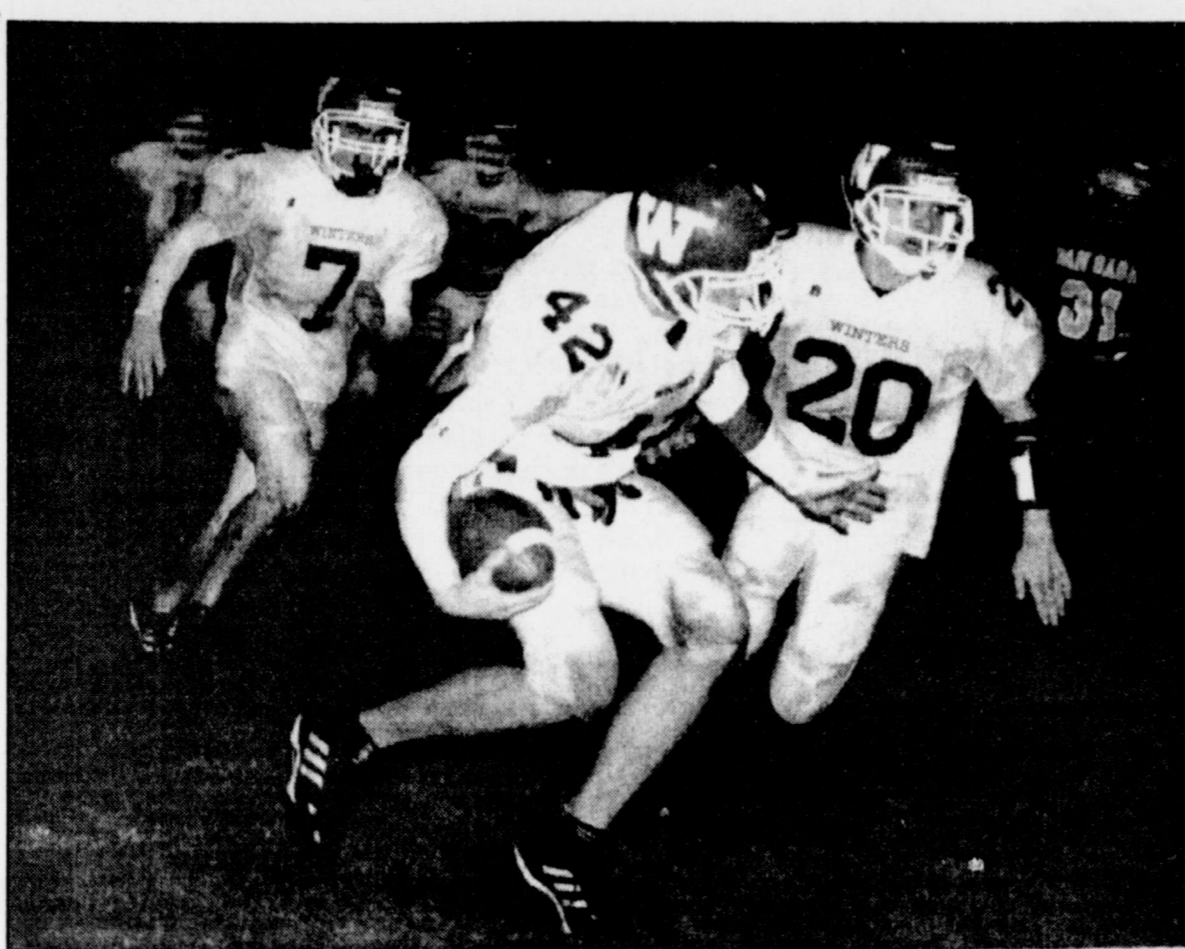
by Charles Murphy, Sports Writer
Special to The Winters Enterprise

A long road trip and playing in constant drizzle is always easier to tolerate when your team wins. And that's exactly what the Blizzards did Friday night at San Saba.

Winters won the toss and chose to defer to the second half. After receiving the kickoff, the Armadillos set up at their own 36 yard line and put together a 10-play drive covering the 64 yards entirely on the ground, giving San Saba an early lead. The two-point conversion was no good and with 7:53 left in the first quarter, the Dillos led 6-0.

An illegal block on the kickoff return nullified a Yul Gibbs return to the San Saba 40, and placed the ball at the Winters 10 yard line. The Blizzards answered with a 90 yard, 18-play drive, highlighted by Blizzard quarterback Shane Colburn's accuracy. Completions to Rusty Jackson for 18 and 9 yards, to Eric Lopez for 10 and 6 yards, and to Gibbs for 10 and 19 were aided by a strong running game.

Twice during the drive the Blizzards faced fourth down conversions. Colburn's completion to Gibbs for 19 came on 4th and five, and set the Blizzards up at the San Saba 11. On 3rd and four Colburn handed off to Mark Moreno for the five yard touchdown run. The extra point was blocked into the hands of Moreno, the kicker, who ran it into the end zone for two points. With 2:53 remaining in the first period, the Blizzards took the lead 8-



RUSTY JACKSON #42 scrambles for some of his 185 yards during the Blizzards' 40-12 romp over the Armadillos of San Saba Friday night. Jackson, who scored two touchdowns in the contest, has 24 catches for 523 yards and seven touchdowns for the season. Also shown are Brian Pritchard #7, who had 3 catches for 69 yards and 1 touchdown, and Eric Lopez #20, with 4 catches for 26 yards and 1 touchdown Friday night.

6. After the kickoff, the Dillos set up at their own 30. The Blizzard defense answered the call with a 3 and out.

The Dillo punt set up the Blue team at their own 22 yard line. The first quarter ended with the Blizzards facing 2nd and seven. After the break, Colburn hit Jackson with a short strike that would turn into a 75 yard touchdown. Moreno's extra point kick was

good and with 11:44 left in the half, the Blizzards led 15-6.

The kickoff return placed the ball at the San Saba 32 yard line. The Dillos put together an eight play drive only to have Shane Colburn come up with the interception at the Blizzard 32 yard line.

The teams exchanged punts on their next series and the Blizzards were at the San Saba 46 yard line with a first and ten. Completions to Brian Pritchard

for 13, and to Jackson for 21, coupled with runs by Lopez and Colburn and a holding penalty set up the Blizzards with a first and 14 from the 15 yard line. Colburn found Lopez in the end zone to cover the distance and give the Blizzards a 21-6 lead with 4:33 left as the extra point would not be successful.

The Blizzard defense answered again with a three and out after the kickoff. The punt set up the Blizzards at their own 14 yard line with 2:16 left in the half. A Colburn draw play netted nine yards and a 22 yard completion to Brian Pritchard set the stage for the Colburn-Jackson connection to cover the remaining 55 yards. With 1:05 left, the Blizzards took a 27-6 lead. The

STATISTICAL SUMMARY
Winters San Saba

First downs	21	11
Rushing yards	26-126	40-164
Passing yards	365	42
Total yards	491	206
Comp-Att-Int	20-31-0	4-11-1
Punts-Ave.	2-34	7-45
Fumbles-lost	2-0	2-0
Penalties-yards	9-81	7-50

SCORING SUMMARY
By Quarters

Winters	8	19	13	0-40
San Saba	6	0	6	0-12

FIRST QUARTER
San Saba
Carlos Galindo, 23 yd. run, (run failed)

Winters
Mark Moreno, 5 yd. run (Moreno run)

SECOND QUARTER
Winters
Rusty Jackson, 63 yd. pass from Shane Colburn, (Moreno kick)
Eric Lopez, 15 yd. pass from Colburn, (pass failed)
Jackson, 54 yd. pass from Colburn, (kick blocked)

THIRD QUARTER
Winters
Yul Gibbs, 43 yd. pass from Colburn, (Mark Moreno kick)
San Saba
Lee Murray, 7 yd. run, (pass failed)

Winters
Brian Pritchard, 34 yd. pass from Colburn, (kick failed)

INDIVIDUAL STATS
Rushing: Shane Colburn 2 for 11 yds; Brian Pritchard 4 for 20 yds; Mark Moreno 10 for 57 yds; Matt Moreno 3 for 12 yds; Eric Lopez 3 for 26 yds; 2 for 10 yds.
Passing: Shane Colburn, 20 of 30 for 365 yds; Brian Pritchard, 0 of 1.
Receiving: Brian Pritchard, 3 for 69 yds; Mark Moreno, 2 for 4 yds; Eric Lopez, 4 for 26 yds; Yul Gibbs, 3 for 78 yds; Rusty Jackson, 8 for 187 yds.

extra point was blocked, and the half ended with a 27-6 score.

Eric Lopez returned the second half kickoff to the midfield stripe. Gibbs covered the rest of the distance with a completion from Colburn. The extra point was good, and with 11:33 left, the Blizzards led 34-6.

After the kickoff, the Dillos set up at their own 26 yard line. See **BLIZZARDS**, page 6

Colburn named All-Around Player of the Week by ARN

Completing 20 of 30 passes for a career high 365 yards and five touchdowns, without an interception in last Friday's contest against San Saba, earned Blizzard quarterback Shane Colburn the honor of being named Big Country football All-Around Player of the Week by the Abilene Reporter-News and possibly a new school record.

As a rover on defense, the 6'2", 185 lb. senior also intercepted two passes and had seven tackles.

Head coach Chuck Lipsey said he can't remember seeing a better performance than the one Colburn turned in Friday night in the Blizzards' 40-12 district 9-2A win over San Saba.

Lipsey has been with the Winters coaching staff since 1990, and has seen the talents of such outstanding Blizzard quarterbacks as Josh Minzenmayer, Kenny Whittenburg, and John Paul Belew.

As reported in the Abilene Reporter-News, Lipsey said, "I don't remember any of them (Blizzard quarterbacks) throwing for 365 yards in one game — and especially (not) five touchdowns. It was just a night



where everything was clicking. The line blocked well, and he never got sacked. I'd like for it to be like that every Friday night. He did an excellent job, and the line and receivers also did a great job."

Rusty Jackson, who has been Colburn's top target for this season, snagged eight of Colburn's passes Friday night for 185 yards and two touchdowns. Jackson has 24 catches for 523

yards and seven touchdowns for the season. Another favorite receiver, Brian Pritchard, has caught 20 passes for 320 yards and four touchdowns.

Colburn's season totals include 86 of 172 passes for 1,600 yards, 18 touchdowns and only four interceptions.

For his performance against San Saba, Colburn was also named to the Football Honor Roll of the San Angelo Standard-Times.

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Last Week Overall

8-2	9-1	10-0	9-1	10-0
66-24	67-23	69-21	64-26	71-19

Jim Ned at Winters
Coleman at Bangs
Goldthwaite at San Saba
Ballinger at Comanche
Clyde at Early
Cooper at Abilene High
Sweetwater at Merkel
Hawley at Cisco
Anson at Stamford
Brady at Wylie

Brilla Magee	René Woffenden	George Mostad	Randall Conner	Mike Neal
Winters Bangs	Winters Bangs	Winters Bangs	Winters Bangs	Winters Bangs
Goldthwaite	San Saba	San Saba	Goldthwaite	San Saba
Ballinger	Ballinger	Ballinger	Ballinger	Ballinger
Clyde	Clyde	Clyde	Clyde	Clyde
Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Cooper
Sweetwater	Merkel	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater
Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco
Anson	Stamford	Stamford	Anson	Anson
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District 9-2A Season Standings

Team	DISTRICT	W	L	T	SEASON	W	L	T
Bangs	3	0	0	7	1	0		
Winters	2	1	0	7	1	0		
Jim Ned	2	1	0	7	1	0		
Coleman	2	1	0	4	4	0		
San Saba	0	3	0	2	6	0		
Goldthwaite	0	3	0	0	8	0		

Last Week's Scores
Winters 40, San Saba 12
Bangs 41, Jim Ned 12
Coleman 26, Goldthwaite 6

This Week's Games
Jim Ned at Winters
Coleman at Bangs
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Elementary making big plans for Veteran's Day celebration

Winters Elementary students would like to invite everyone in the community for a Veteran's Day performance on Monday, November 11, in the Yellow Activity Building. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Children in grades kindergarten through sixth will be performing a patriotic program and are asked to wear red, white, or blue T-shirts. The shirts should be plain with no writing or pictures on the front or back.

The Winters High School Student Council will assist in seating guests and will lead

the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elementary principal Brilla Magee asks those attending to bring blankets and lawn chairs for seating. Families planning to sit on blankets are asked to sit near the risers at the front of the audience. Those planning to use lawn chairs are asked to sit in the back half of the building.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a very special performance as Winters remembers our veterans and honor our present-day servicemen and women.

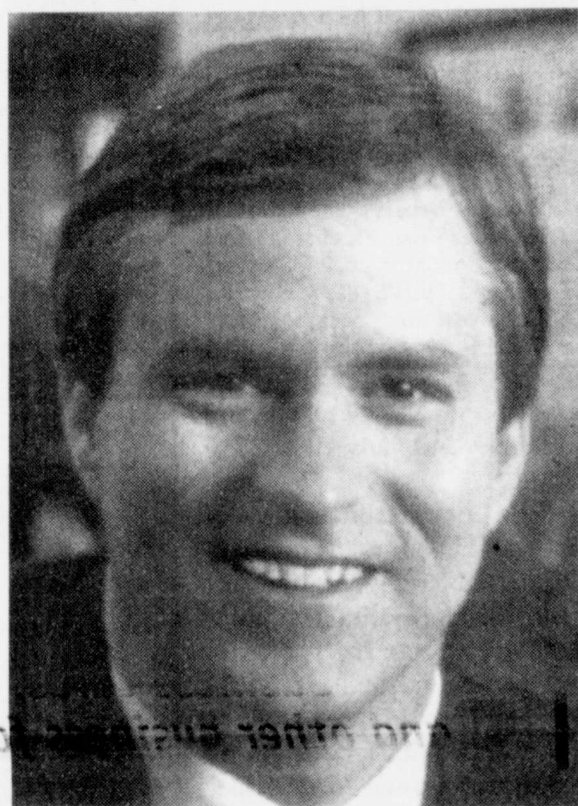
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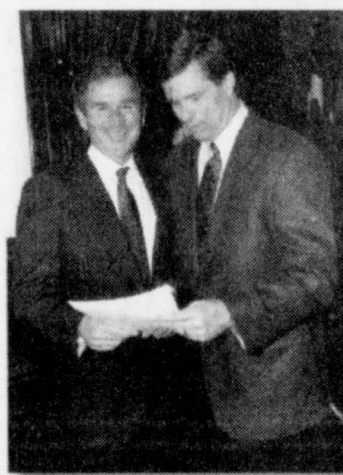
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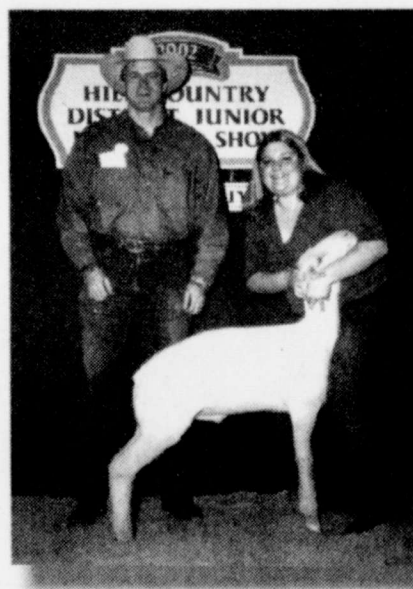
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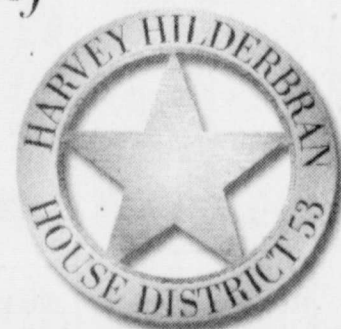
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BLIZZARDS, continued

This drive was a repeat of their first possession of the game as they covered 74 yards on 11 plays and scored from seven yards out with 6:43 left in the third quarter. The try for two was no good and the Blizzards led 34-12.

Winters set up at their own 30 yard line and drove to the San Saba 33 yard line for a 4th and nine. An incompleto to Brian Pritchard turned the ball over on downs. The Big Blue Wrecking Crew forced a three and out, and the punt set up the Blizzards at their own 24 yard line. This drive ended the scoring as Colburn found Pritchard with a 32 yard strike with 54 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Blizzard defense would shine again and the offense put together one more threat with a drive to the San Saba 16 yard line. This drive, which featured Pritchard at quarterback, ended with the Blizzards facing 4th and seven. An apparent 33 yard field goal attempt did not pan out, and the Blizzards turned the ball over on downs at the 20.

Punts were again exchanged and time expired on a 40-12 Winters victory.

The Blizzards are now 7-1 for the season and 2-1 in district play. Winters will meet the Jim Ned Indians in Blizzard Stadium this Friday night. Kickoff is at 7:30.

JV loses to San Saba

In a tough game under cold, drizzly conditions, the Blizzard Junior Varsity dropped a district game 21-14 to San Saba last Thursday evening at Blizzard Stadium.

The Armadillos opened the scoring with a 50-yard run by the San Saba fullback. The extra point kick was good and the score was 7-0.

A slippery football provided the second quarter scoring for San Saba when the middle linebacker picked up the Blizzard fumble and returned it for a 20-yard run and six more points. The extra point attempt failed, and the score was San Saba 13, Winters 0.

Winters got on the board also in the second quarter when Pete Griffin scrambled 70 yards down the field on a veer right play for the touchdown. The 2-point conversion was good and the contest was San Saba 13, Winters 8.

Third quarter play brought another San Saba score from 32 yards out. The 2-point conversion was good, and San Saba jumped to a 21-8 lead.

But the Blizzards fought back and scored in the fourth quarter when Griffin found Jeremy Mendoza on a 20-yard touchdown pass. The 2-point conversion fell inches short and the final score was San Saba 21, Winters 14.

Stats:

Pete Griffin
8 rushes for 59 yds. & 1 TD
Passing: 4 for 9 for 49 yds. & 1 TD.

David Scates
13 rushes for 40 yds.

James Vasquez
7 rushes for 8 yds.
1 catch for 2 yds.

Jose Hernandez
2 catches for 20 yds.

Jeremy Mendoza
1 catch for 20 yds. & 1 TD.

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WHS PEP RALLY
2:58 p.m. • Friday

Life

NRWSC, continued

with Jacob & Martin, Ltd., of Abilene.

Also present were NRWSC directors Lanny England, Gary Bryan, Dennis McBeth, Ed Bredemeyer, Duane Geistmann, Lynn Billups, Ted Ahrens, and Jerry Chambliss, Manager Keith Martin and secretary Brenda Anderson. Director Raymond Lindsey was absent.

The proposed project consists of constructing 87 miles of 2-inch through 8-inch water lines along U.S. Highways 83 and 277, State Highway 153, FM Roads 382, 1086, 1677, 1770, 2111, 2405, and 2887, as well as numerous county roads.

Other improvements will include a standpipe, one new pump station, upgrading six of seven existing pump stations and adding three new in-line pump stations.

NRWSC has the opportunity to receive approximately \$3,100,000 of more than \$18 million in loans and grants

from the USDA.

With the current information, engineers and directors estimate an impact fee of \$1,400 per meter for NRWSC customers.

England says, "As a board, we hear both sides. We're debt free right now and I understand some customers are concerned about going into debt. We're committed to try to do what we can for our customers."

Four stages of improvements were planned as far back as 1976 but only three were completed due to lack of interest and lack of money, reports England. Many of the outlying areas have 2-inch pipe which is too small to service additional customers.

According to England, the process for this improvement project was started in 1998, with a timetable as follows:

- 4-21-98 Engineering Service Agreement with Jacob & Martin signed by Billy Jacob
- 7-13-98 First public meeting, Winters Community Center
- 8-03-98 Notice of Intent to file application with USDA Rural Development (RD)

5-13-99 Engineering Service Agreement signed by NRWSC (\$10,000)

6-01-99 Approval of application from West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG)

6-23-99 Engineering Report approved by Rural Development

10-14-99 Approval of environmental study from WCTCOG

12-27-99 Archaeological Survey (\$2,350)

1-01-01 Environmental Study - Rural Development (\$10,265.10)

8-14-02 Signed Letter of Conditions & Letter of Intent to meet conditions with RD

8-20-02 Approval for \$2,200,000 grant and \$90,000 loan from Rural Development

Completing the Letter of Conditions (collecting easements, drafting maps, etc. - approx. 1-2 yrs)

Closing of the Loan (approx. 2 months)

Construction of project (approx. 1-1&1/2 yrs)

England says, "We hope to have the project completed prior to 2005."

Audience members had several questions so no vote was made at the October 22 meeting. The next regular meeting of the NRWSC Directors will be November 13, at 7 p.m.

Selling pizza kits—

NHS involved with a number of service projects

The Winters High School Chapter of the National Honor Society is busy with a number of community service projects.

Friday evening before the Winters vs. Jim Ned football game, NHS will be sponsoring "Winters Blizzards Family Fun Evening" at Sticker Stadium just east of the football field.

Billed as "fun for all ages", Adventure Recreation will be on hand with their INFLATABLES. For just \$5 per person, young and old alike can enjoy two and one-half hours of fun on the Giant Slide and Adrenalin Rush, and possibly more!

All proceeds from the event will go towards the purchase of new playground equipment for the west side of Winters Elementary.

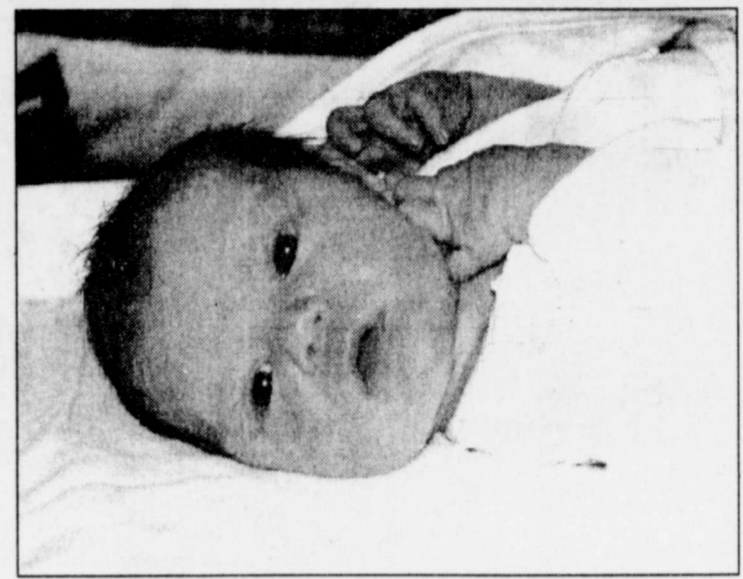
In addition, the organization will be taking orders for Little Caesar Pizza Kits for the next two weeks. They will offer kits of three medium/large sized pizzas for a price of \$13 to \$18. A breadstick kit will also be available.

Pizza Kits will arrive Monday, November 18 and be delivered shortly thereafter. Anyone wishing to purchase a kit may contact any National Honor Society member or may leave a message for Mandie England at Winters High School, 754-5516.

The NHS will earn \$5 for each Pizza Kit they sell. All proceeds will benefit the society to be used for scholarships and other operating expenses.

Members of the National Honor Society are currently serving as reading mentors for elementary students. Members are either reading to or being read to by elementary students who need the assistance.

Town Crier



Kate Leighanne Adams

Jennifer and Cole Adams are proud to announce the blessed arrival of their daughter, Kate Leighanne. She was born October 7, 2002, at 9:38 a.m. at Round Rock Medical Center in Round Rock, Texas. She weighed 6 lbs. and was 18 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Randall and Jean Boles of Winters. Maternal great-grandparents are Arlene and Monroe Boles, also of Winters.

Paternal grandparents are Sandra Adams of Lamesa, and Mike and Kelly Adams of Lampasas. Paternal great-grandparents are Bert and Kenneth Snyder of Lamesa and Polly Adams of Kingsland.

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Registration available for YMCA Youth Basketball

Applications are being accepted for a 2003 YMCA Youth Basketball League. Boys and girls in the first through sixth grades are eligible to play.

Registration is being taken now through Saturday, November 9, with forms available at Video Hut, 122 South Main. Parents should watch for registration forms in their children's Tuesday folders as well.

Youth will practice with their teams in Winters and play games in San Angelo every Saturday from January 11 through February 22. One tournament will be held in Ballinger. A girls and boys team will be accepted in each of the following age divisions: first and second grade, third and fourth grade, fifth grade, and sixth grade.

Fee for the basketball program is \$55 and includes the cost of the T-shirt and a trophy. The YMCA will not deny any youth the right to participate due to an inability to pay. Financial aid is available to those who qualify.

Once again, the success of beginning the program, relies entirely on parent/adult volunteers to coach the teams.

Deadline for Thanksgiving baskets is Wednesday, Nov. 14

The Winters Ministerial Alliance will provide Thanksgiving Baskets this year to those who will not enjoy a nice Thanksgiving meal due to health or income restrictions.

These will be provided through the Winters Outreach Center at 117 North Church, Winters. A family does not

have to utilize the Food Pantry in order to be eligible for a basket.

Applications may be made by returning the application form to the Winters Outreach Center or mailing it to P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas, 79567. Deadline for application is Thursday, November 14.

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- 7 TXism: "_____ light he squeaks when he walks" (miser)
- 8 O.J.'s judge
- 9 chili flavorers
- 15 fishing method: "_____ line"
- 16 environment scientist
- 19 Italian artist POW who painted mural in Castro Co. chapel
- 21 TXism: "dangerous as _____ a sailor"
- 22 1st US military flight took place at Fort Sam Houston by Lt. Benjamin _____
- 27 _____ Star State
- 28 TXism: "_____ a hen, she'll cluck"
- 29 TXism: "running around like a chicken with its head _____"
- 30 TX pink granite with interspersed sky blue quartz
- 32 _____ Pleasant, TX (abbr.)
- 33 state flower so. of the border (2 wds.)
- 36 ice cream holder
- 37 Irving is home to nat. council of this scouting org. (abbr.)
- 38 in Victoria Co. on hwy. 87
- 39 great wickedness

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- 41 stat. for Astro R. Oswalt or Ranger K. Rogers
- 42 savoring smells
- 45 LBJ took _____ of office on Air Force One
- 46 _____ Rio, TX
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- 48 S-shaped molding
- 49 cutting remark
- 52 TXism: "so many you couldn't _____ 'em with a stick"
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- 14 weary exhale
- 15 triple strong specs
- 16 Jackson Co. seat
- 17 Buchanan Dam _____ flow of the Colorado River
- 18 "I told you _____ out of it!"
- 20 storytelling King Ranch cowboy _____ Trevino
- 22 this Couples won '87 Byron Nelson Golf Classic (init.)
- 23 UT foe for "Red River Shootout"
- 34 dir. to Dallas from Llano (abbr.)
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- 37 TXism: "wouldn't _____ a biscuit" (harmless dog)
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IN OBSERVANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, firefighters Rene' Woffenden, Jason Young, and Chuck Cravens of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department made presentations on fire safety to classes Pre-K (pictured) through sixth grade at Winters Elementary.



WINTERS FIREFIGHTER, Jason Young, demonstrates to kindergarten students how the firefighters search for people in house fires. Other department members Chuck Cravens and Rene' Woffenden (not pictured) asked the children who has a smoke detector in their home and if they would know what to do in the event that it sounds.



RUNNELS COUNTY VOTING LOCATIONS
November 5th Election

VOTING PRECINCT 1 —	Ballinger Runnels County Courthouse 613 Courthouse Square
VOTING PRECINCT 2 —	Ballinger Runnels Co. Appraisal District Office 406 Hutchings
VOTING PRECINCT 3 —	Winters Housing Authority Building 300 N. Grant
VOTING PRECINCT 4 —	Winters Runnels County Tax Branch Office 143 W. Dale
VOTING PRECINCT 5 —	Wingate Lions Club Building 108 Smithson Street
VOTING PRECINCT 6 —	Norton Community Center 215 Holloway Avenue
VOTING PRECINCT 7 —	Ballinger Community Center 200 Crosson Avenue
VOTING PRECINCT 8 —	Ballinger City Hall 7th & Railroad Avenue
VOTING PRECINCT 9 —	Miles City Hall 110 Robinson Street
VOTING PRECINCT 10 —	Rowena Fire Station 504 Mary Street

**Museum needs
WHS rosters
and yearbooks**

The Z. I. Hale Museum is looking for several WHS yearbooks to complete its collection.

These are available for visitors to look at when the Museum is open. The yearbooks needed are 1931-1944, 1947-1949, 1955-1961, 1963, 1964, 1967, 1970-1974, 1994, and 2000.

If you have one of these yearbooks to donate, please contact Genevieve Spill at 754-5263, or Randall Conner at 754-4542, or you can leave it at 221 West Dale in Winters.

Any WHS class which has an updated class roster with addresses is asked to provide a copy to the Museum. These can be sent to the Z.I. Hale Museum, P. O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567, or given to Theresa Patterson at State National Bank.

**DPS reminds Texans to be safe
and responsible on Halloween**

With scary ghouls and goblins on the way, the Texas Department of Public Safety is reminding Texans to be safe and responsible this coming Halloween.

"Halloween is a fun time for both children and adults, but often times people act or drive carelessly or are not aware of their surroundings," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS.

On Halloween of 2000, there were 546 injury accidents and 11 fatality accident in Texas.

Motorists are urged to drive slowly in neighborhoods and to be on the lookout for trick-or-treaters.

Safety tips for pedestrians include:

- *Look both ways before crossing roadways. Always walk, don't run.
- *Cross the roadway at intersec-

tions and crosswalks when possible.

*Avoid toy guns and knives--they could be mistaken for the real thing.

*Wear costumes that are light in color, and short enough to avoid tripping.

*Reflective material of some kind on the costume is strongly encouraged.

*Avoid masks—use face paint instead for better visibility and peripheral vision.

*Travel in groups with adult supervision.

*Do not enter the cars and homes of strangers. Avoid homes without visible porch lights.

*Carry a flashlight and make sure an adult accompanies small children. Exercise caution when crossing streets.

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Outdoors

Extension News & Views

by Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM

Fall lawn care—

Now is the time to think spring in considering timely lawn care. Many homeowners are too involved in mowing grass to think about fertilizing turf in the fall and, if the truth be known, most are ready for the grass to go dormant. However, should the gardener have to choose one time to feed the lawn during the year, the fall application is the most important application.

Traditionally, fall application of nitrogen was avoided because it was thought to reduce cold hardiness. However, turf research has given us reason to consider some new findings in regard to fall fertilization.

Contrary to earlier beliefs, high nitrogen content in the foliage actually may increase the cold hardiness of turfgrass. Nitrogen levels show little effect on winterkill, but have a great influence on the uptake of phosphorus and potassium. Also, it is not so much the nitrogen content as the ratio between nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium that affect

cold hardiness. Thus a fertilizer high in nitrogen and potassium and low in phosphorus should be used for the fall application. A 3-2-1 slow release formula such as 15-5-10 or 21-7-14 is recommended.

Fall applications of properly balanced fertilizer will prolong color retention and extend the usefulness of the turf. Throughout the south, athletic fields and golf courses are used year round and a green foliage is more attractive and resilient than a semi-dormant turf. Likewise, in a landscape situation, green foliage is more attractive than dormant turf and helps the turf respond more quickly come spring.

Research has shown that due to favorable environmental conditions in late fall, fertilization actually increases root growth and energy reserves. This allows grass to resume growth earlier in the spring than grass not receiving a late application of fertilizer. In addition, the timing of spring fertilization is not as critical when a late fall application of fertil-

izer was made. Spring application may be delayed until late April more in keeping with warming temperatures and best grass growth response.

Nitrogen must be available to the grass in late fall and winter in order to obtain the benefits of fall fertilizer. Soluble sources such as ammonium sulfate that are not dependent on temperature should be used for late fall fertilization. The rate of application of nitrogen should not exceed two pounds per 1,000 square feet for the fall months.

Grasses are not the only plants that benefit from fall fertilization. Although trees and shrubs may appear dormant, their roots absorb nutrients very readily in fall and winter. Foliage retains color and remains on the plant longer when fall applications of fertilizer are made. Spring growth of trees that receive fall application of fertilizer is far superior to that of plants not fertilized in fall. Tree height and trunk diameter also respond to fall applications of fertilizer.

TDA extends Family Land Heritage application deadline

The Texas Department of Agriculture has extended the deadline for accepting applications for the 2002 Family Land Heritage Program to November 15. The extended deadline gives families who were busy with summer ranching and farming operations extra time to submit their applications.

The Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in con-

tinuous agricultural production by the same family for 100, 150, and 200 years.

"These individuals along with their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents laid down a solid foundation that helped build Texas agriculture into what it is today—the state's second-largest industry," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. "I don't want any of these families to miss an opportunity to

be honored for their contributions to Texas agriculture."

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's website at www.agr.state.tx.us. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Burns-Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or (512) 463-2631.

Stenholm encourages students to apply for academy applications

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm has announced that he is currently seeking applicants for nominations to the United States Service Academies. Applications for nomination to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York; the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado; the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; and the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, may be obtained by writing to Congressman Stenholm's Washington, D.C. office.

Nominations are available to young men and women who

will be at least 17, and not past their 23rd birthday, upon entry into the academy in July 2002. Nominees are selected by a competitive process, judged on scholastic aptitude, moral character, leadership ability, and community involvement.

The academies offer a four-year degree in a variety of areas ranging from civil engineering and physics, to American studies and behavioral science. While attending the academies, cadets and midshipmen will earn an annual salary from which expenses for books, uniforms, and incidentals are taken. Tuition, room, board, medical, and dental expenses

are paid for by the academies. Upon graduation from the academies, the cadets and midshipmen will serve as officers in the service for a minimum of six years.

Any persons who may be interested in applying for a nomination or who would like to obtain additional information, should write to Congressman Charles W. Stenholm, 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Applications must be submitted, and files completed, no later than December 1, 2002. Nominations will be made toward the end of December.

Predator contest and raffle to be held

The Runnels County Livestock & Wildlife Protection Committee and the Sheep and Goat Commodity Board are sponsoring a predator contest from October 15, 2002 through May 11, 2003. The contest will be in the same format as last year with the exception of continuing the contest through Spring turkey season which ends on May 11, 2003. The contest will award points for predators taken in Runnels County and prizes will be given to the hunter who turns in the highest points. Points will be awarded as follows: coyotes, 100 points each; bobcats, 20 points each; red or gray

fox, 10 points each; feral hogs, 10 points each; raccoons, 5 points each. Hunters will take their catches to Star Stop Texaco or Ballinger Feed and Seed where an employee will observe and ear mark each animal and record points. Points will be rewarded to the person registering the animal.

Prizes for the contest consist of: 1st place—\$400.00, 2nd place—\$300.00, 3rd place—\$200.00 and 4th place—\$100.00. The contest will run from October 15, 2002 through May 11, 2003. Individuals must be 18 years of age to participate.

A gun raffle with proceeds

to benefit the trapper fund is also sponsored again this year and will run the same time as the predator contest with the winning ticket drawn on May 11, 2003. Tickets will be \$5.00 each and are available at the extension office or from a member of the Livestock & Wildlife Protection Committee. Please notify your hunters and neighbors of this contest and raffle and encourage them to participate. These programs assist the Runnels County Trapper and help fund the trapper program in the county. For more information, contact Marty Gibbs at (915) 365-2219.

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North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary	P.O. Box 211	Winters, TX 79567
The Rock Hotel	P.O. Box 211	Winters, TX 79567
Winters Food Pantry	610 State	Winters, TX 79567
Winters Ministerial Alliance	P.O. Box 211	Winters, TX 79567
Winters Public Library	120 N. Main	Winters, TX 79567
Winters Relief Fund	P.O. Box 211	Winters, TX 79567
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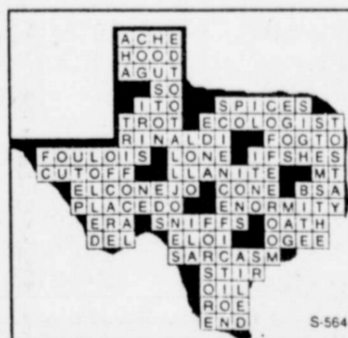


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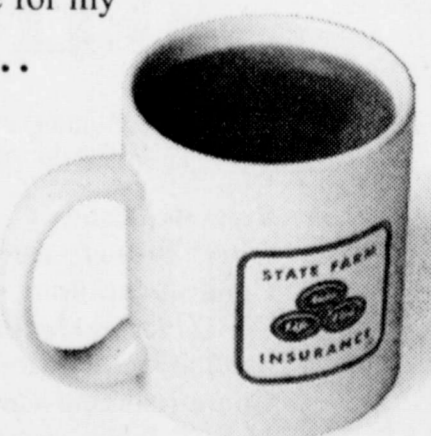
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Law & Order

Financial Focus

by Jim Woodruff

What does it mean to be a "long-term" investor?

During times of market turbulence, you may hear how important it is to stay focused on the long term. But what, exactly, does it mean to be a long-term investor? And what can you do to become one?

To begin with, you need to set your long-term goals. For most people, these goals revolve around retirement. What sort of retirement lifestyle have you envisioned for yourself? Will you work part-time? Travel? Live in a vacation home for part of the year?

After you've clarified your goals, you need to quantify them. How much money will you need? You don't need to know the precise amount, of course, but you should come up with a good estimate. And, once you've got a number in mind, you'll need to determine how much you have to save and invest each year to reach that figure.

A qualified financial professional can help you develop an investment strategy that meets your individual needs, goals, tolerance for risk and time horizon. But if you're going to be a successful long-term investor, you need more than that. You need discipline. You need patience. And you need the ability to persevere in the face of adversity.

What actions can you take to develop these traits? Consider the following suggestions:

Always keep your goals in mind. Every time you make an investment decision - no matter how seemingly insignificant - think about why you're investing. You may even want to use some visual "cues." For example, if you want to retire early, print your projected year of retirement on a card - and keep it on your desk. If you want to own a vacation home, cut out a picture of a house on a beach, and paste it on a folder containing your investment information. These types of

things may sound simplistic, but they can serve as valuable reminders of what you want to accomplish.

Ignore distractions. Basically, once you've established your personalized investment strategy, everything else is a distraction. Headlines about corporate accounting scandals are a distraction. Steep, short-term market plunges are a distraction. Your neighbor's tip on a "hot" stock is a distraction. They're all distractions - and there are hundreds and thousands more of them out there, too. If you can train yourself to ignore all these annoyances and focus exclusively on what you need to do to meet your goals, you will be putting yourself in the strongest possible position to get the results you want.

Chart your progress - but not too often. Clearly, it's essential that you know the headway you're making toward your objectives. But many people make the mistake of "checking their progress" far too often. Unless you're constantly buying and selling - which you wouldn't do if you were a true long-term investor - there's really not much point in reviewing your portfolio every day, week or month. If you're always studying your investments' performance, you are unquestionably going to see things you don't like - and you might be tempted to make unwise changes. In other words, don't waste time studying reams of "snapshots." Instead, give the "big picture" time to develop. However, you may want to meet with your investment professional for a portfolio review at least once a year, or whenever you face a major change in your life or your financial situation.

As you can see, it's not always so easy to be a long-term investor. But, in the final analysis, the effort is well worth it.

County Court Dispositions

Alfredo (Bibi) Castaneda, Jr., theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to six months, fined \$100, plus \$236 court costs, \$29.17 restitution, \$25 hot check fees, assigned 24 hours community service

Pedro Saucedo, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 50 hours community service

Pedro Saucedo, driving while license invalid, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Richard Ornelaz, Jr., driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 24 hours community service

Mark Lebeau Hawkins, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 24 hours community service

Paul Linsley, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$100, plus \$236 court costs, \$710.06 restitution, and \$190 hot check fees

Silverre Salazar, assault (family violence), pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 24 hours community service

If you would be remembered, do one thing superbly well.
—Saunders Norvell

Joey Manuel Saldana, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$251 court costs, assigned 50 hours community service

Marriage Licenses Filed October 23
Bobby Don Rainwater and Frances Burson Gray

District Court Divorces Granted October 10
Charles Leon Farr and Darlene Marie Farr

October 24
Justin Edward Busenlehner and Kristi Hope Busenlehner

Divorce Cases Filed October 21
Teresa Marie Ogle vs. Stace Charles Ogle

October 23
Deborah Kay Hart vs. Donald Allan Hart

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed October 17

Cory Tarrant, filed for manufacturing a controlled substance

Criminal Cases Filed October 24
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Jerrold Klaras, filed for theft by check

Steven D. Herridge, filed for theft by check

Jackie Mercer, filed for theft by check

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Legal Notices

BID NOTICE
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All bids must be delivered to the office of the Administrator, North Runnels Hospital, 7821 East Highway 153, Winters, Texas, on or before November 14, 2002, by 5:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

13-44 (1tc)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Sec. 59.044 of the Texas Property Code, notice is hereby given that the contents of storage unit #13 (Judy Crouch) in Miller Storage, 611 N. Heights, Winters, Texas, will be sold to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien. The sale will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the above named location on Friday, November 15, 2002. Miller Storage 611 N. Heights, Winters, Texas 79567.

13-43(2tc)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EMILY B. PARKS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of EMILY B. PARKS were issued to the undersigned on the 21st day of October, 2002, in the proceeding indicated below, which is still pending, and that we now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time prescribed by law. Please forward all claims to CARLTON PARKS, c/o Kenneth H. Slimp, P.O. Box 157, Winters, TX 79567.

CARLTON PARKS
Independent Executor of the Estate of Emily B. Parks, Deceased, Cause #6358, County Court of Runnels County, Texas

13-44(1tc)

Police Beat

The information below is taken from reports on file with the Winters Police Department. Some cases may still be under investigation. These reports make up a small percentage of the total calls the Department receives and responds to each week.

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, October 20, 2002, through Saturday, October 26, 2002. Winters Police Officers:

- officers working a security detail at the Winters Community Center observed a male subject repeatedly shove a female subject knocking her into the wall of the community center. The male, Jose Vega of Winters, was arrested for Assault Class A Family Violence and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- officers observed a known warrant subject in the 600 block W. Parsonage St. The 20-year-old male was contacted and the warrant confirmed. Luis Llanas of Winters was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail for Ballinger Municipal Warrant for No Driver's License.

- officers investigating a prowler call contacted a 35-year-old Winters male in the 600 block W. Dale Street. The male subject was found to have an outstanding DPS warrant totaling \$259.25. The male paid the fine and was released.

- received report of a burglary in the 200 block N. Melwood Street. A 25-year-old Winters male alleged that a 16-year-old Winters male entered his home without consent and removed a DVD player. Officers were contacted the following day by the victim who advised he returned home from work and found the missing DVD player in his living room. The victim declined to pursue the matter.

- received report of a theft in the 500 block Van Ness Street. A 58-year-old Winters female reported that between the hours of 2 p.m. October 18, and 11 a.m. October 19, persons unknown removed cash from her wallet while it was kept in a locker at her work. This is under investigation as Class B Theft.

- Officers observed a 200 Ford passenger car commit a traffic violation in the 700 block N. Rogers Street. As officers attempted to stop the vehicle it initially sped up then abruptly stopped three blocks later. Officers contacted the occupants and an odor of burning marijuana was detected from within the vehicle. A search of the vehicle and it's occupants revealed under two ounces of marijuana and drug paraphernalia hidden on two of the vehicle's occupants. Two 14-year-old Winters males were arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The remaining occupants were not charged.

- The Winters Police Department invites the public to view their website at www.winterspd.com.

Runnels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:

Winters Police Department—754-4121
Ballinger Police Department—365-3591

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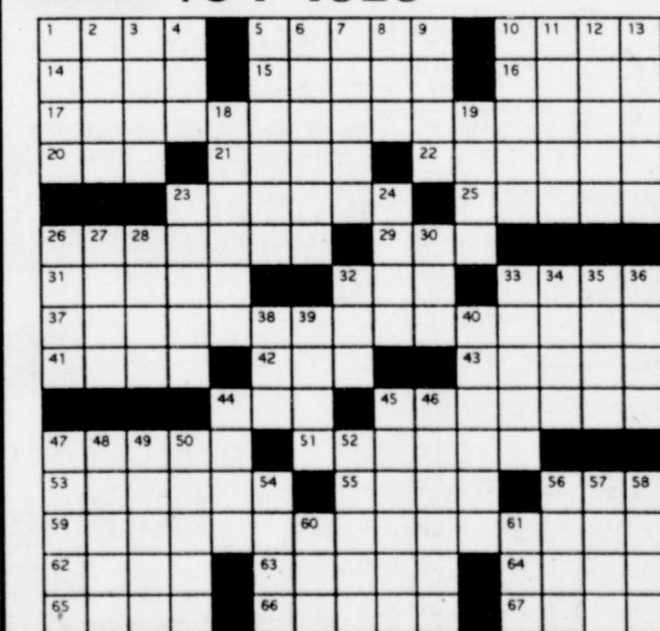
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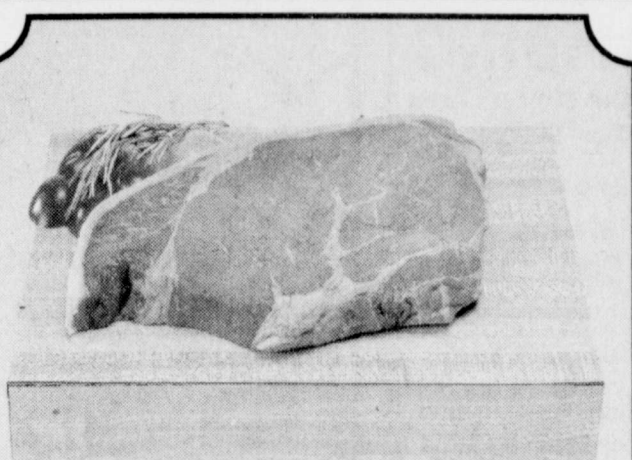
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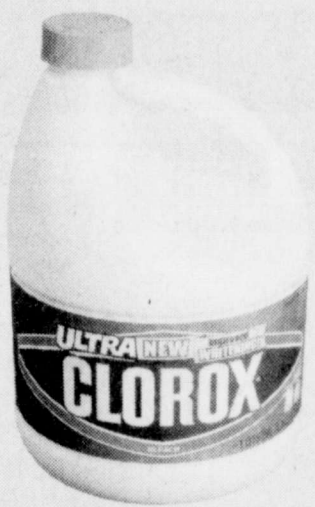
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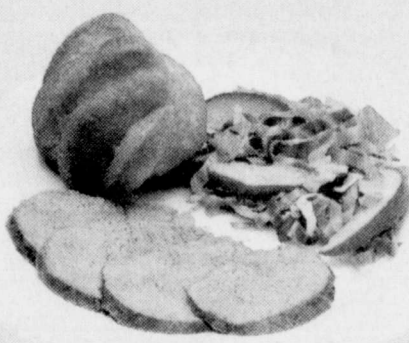
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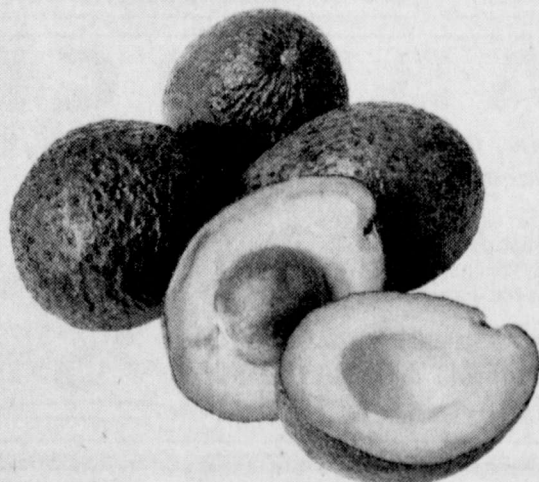
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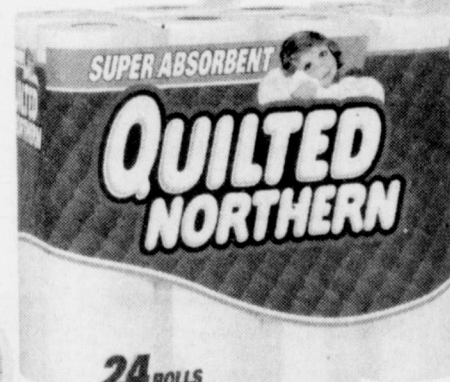
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CHUCK LIPSEY OF WINTERS, an avid hunter and fisherman, bagged this 8-point buck with a 20-inch spread the last day of the season in 2002 in southern Runnels County near Lake Ivie.



THIS PAIR OF OUT-OF-TOWN HUNTERS found Runnels County to be bountiful hunting as they admire these Toms taken south of Ballinger near Lake Ivie.

2002-03 Hunter's Guide

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Timely spring & summer rains in parts of county enhance populations— Hunting forecast in Runnels County looks inviting for 2002-03 season

by Ralph Suarez, TPWD wildlife biologist

DEER—We have recently completed our annual census efforts for white-tailed deer in Runnels County. I am happy to report that the outlook for deer hunting this year is very good. We observed many large antlered buck deer, as well as recorded a very large number of fawns born this summer.

Deer numbers were up slightly from last year, but the overall quality in all age classes was up considerably. This is mainly due to timely rains that fell this spring and summer. Also, with the limited number of deer harvested around feeders the past two winters, many buck deer were able to move up into older age classes.

The older the buck the larger his rack. This holds true up to around 6.5 years of age, at which time tooth wear begins to take its toll on the amount

of forage the animal can consume for body maintenance and antler production.

Due to the very large fawn crop this year and with the large fawn crop last year, some areas of the county may need to harvest several doe deer in order to keep deer numbers in balance with the native food supply.

Deer numbers vary greatly throughout the county and thus require some knowledge of deer densities for the area or your ranch before harvesting large numbers of deer. You can contact your local TPWD biologist for general harvest recommendations for your area.

Saturday, November 2, 2002 and continue through January 5, 2003. The legal bag limit in Runnels County is 5 deer, no more than 2 bucks.

Good luck and good hunting.

QUAIL—We have recently completed our annual census efforts for quail in Runnels County. I am very pleased to report that quail numbers were way up in many areas of the county. Quail hunters should be treated to the best quail hunting we have seen in many years. Quail season opened October 26 and will run through February 23, 2002.

I have seen many large coveys of 15 birds and more. I have also seen and had reported to me many quail of varying size, which indicate nesting conditions were favorable for much of the summer. There are also plenty of grasshoppers that will feed young quail and possibly enhance their chance of survival.

Those areas that had plenty of ground cover to help promote nesting and brood rearing this spring and summer will

most likely see the best hunting.

TURKEY—The annual summer hen/poult surveys conducted by TPWD wildlife biologist, showed Runnels County having good reproductive success this year. Tirlu season opens November 2, 2002 and runs through January 5, 2003.

The number of young turkey produced this year was not as many as produced last year, but last year was an exceptional hatch. The survival rate of young turkey was also up due to the number of grasshoppers and other insects available as food sources. Two years of good reproduction will surely go a long way to replenishing turkey flocks, which had began to dwindle over the past several drought stricken years.

There should still be plenty of mature birds for hunters to

harvest this year. Good reproduction in turkey flocks will ensure good hunting for future generations. Those properties that are fortunate enough to have turkey roosts should protect these areas from disturbance.

Turkey hunted at roost sites will cause them to abandon those areas. Good habitat is essential for promoting healthy turkey populations. For more reading and information on this topic, contact your local TPWD biologist for literature and assistance.

DOVE—Dove are plentiful and are scattered over much of

the county. Many hunters reported shooting their limits on a regular basis. The best hunting has been found on food sources such as sunflower fields, cut milo fields and areas with an abundance of native croton plants.

Dove season ended October 29, 2002 in the central zone. The second season will run from December 26, 2002 to January 5, 2003.

With the cooler weather arriving we can also expect good numbers of migrating northern dove. This will allow for continued good dove hunting in the county.



JENNIFER YATES, 12, took this five-point buck northwest of Winters. This was Yate's first buck in her young career. Jennifer and other area hunters can look forward to a promising deer crop for the 2002-03 season.

**2002-2003
HUNTING SEASONS
CALENDAR
RUNNELS COUNTY**

WHITETAIL DEER—General Season, November 2, 2002-January 5, 2003; Special Late General Season, January 6-19, 2003 (antlerless and spike bucks only). **Bag limit for all seasons combines: 5 deer, no more than 2 bucks.**

JAVELINA—October 1, 2002-February 23, 2003. **Bag limit 2 per person.**

SQUIRREL—No closed season. No bag limit.

TURKEY—General Season, November 2, 2002-January 5, 2003 (either sex). Spring Season, April 5-May 11, 2003 (gobblers only). **Bag limit for all seasons combined: 4 per license year.**

QUAIL—October 26, 2002-February 23, 2003. **Daily bag limit: 15, 45 in possession.**

DOVE—December 26, 2002-January 5, 2003. **Daily bag limit: 12 mourning, white-winged, and white-doves to include not more than 2 white-tipped.**

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BOB BRIDGES OF AUSTIN is proud of this majestic 14-point buck he took in Runnels County while on a guided hunt with Dave Caudle of Ballinger. Runnels County reports a good deer crop for 2002-03 after timely summer rains.

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REMINDER:

Big Buck Contest Deadline is 10 PM Saturday, November 2.
 Call 365-2333 or 365-5611 FML.

Venison Roast



1. Sear all sides of Venison Roast in hot oil in a frying pan until lightly browned all around the outside as best as possible.
2. Place roast into baking dish or roaster pan with some quartered onions, 2 or 3 depending upon the size of the roast.
3. Place on cover and place in a 250 degree oven for about 3-5 hrs. That's it. So simple.

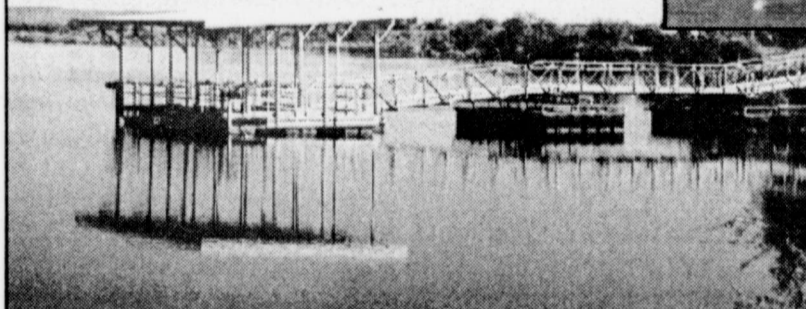
note Many folks like to put in some carrots and potatoes during the last hour or so of a pot roast type meal. This does not work here well as to keep the meat moist, the temperature is too low to properly cook these vegetables. Turning up the heat to cook the vegetables will dry out the roast. It is best to cook them separately for this meal.

This will make for as good a meal as there is. The slow baking with low heat will prevent your Venison Roast from becoming dry which is the biggest complaint of Venison Roasts.

****Remember to cook Wild Game Meats at no more than 250°.**

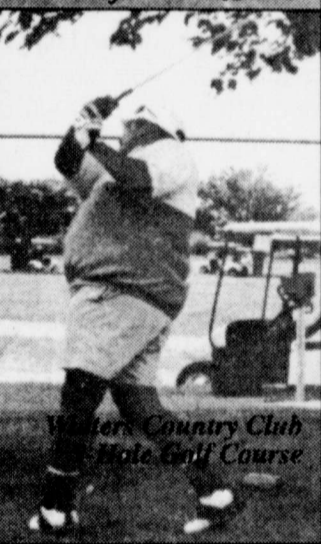
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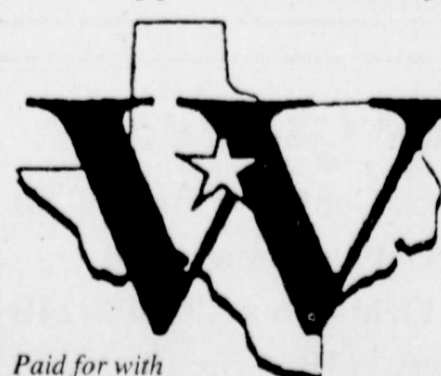


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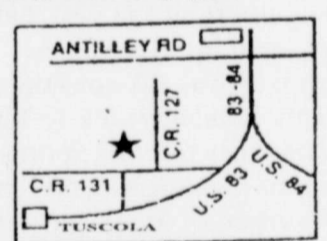
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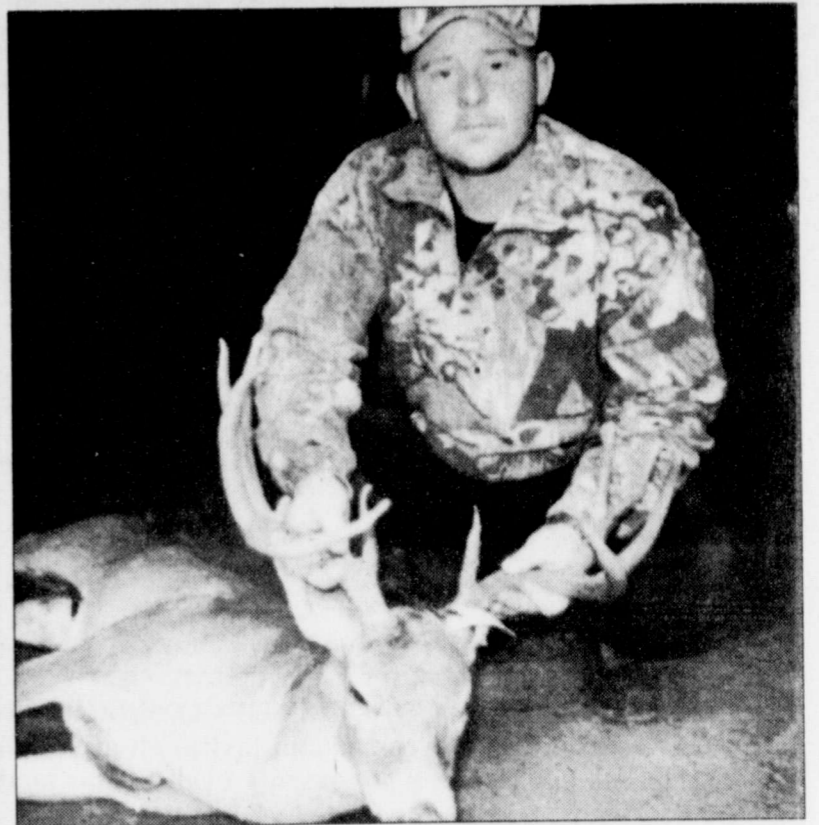
2001-02 Big Buck Contest Winners



Scott Dye
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1st-Adult Division



Wade Clifton
11 pts. 19 1/2" 4 1/2 yrs.
2nd-Adult Division



Paul Donawho
11 pts. 16 7/8" 4 1/2 yrs.
3rd-Adult Division



Stacey Good
8 pts. 17 3/8" 3 1/2 yrs.
1st-Youth Division



Haylee Abbott
8 pts. 16" 3 1/2 yrs.
2nd-Youth Division



Cody Good
6 pts. 13 7/8" 2 1/2 yrs.
3rd-Youth Division

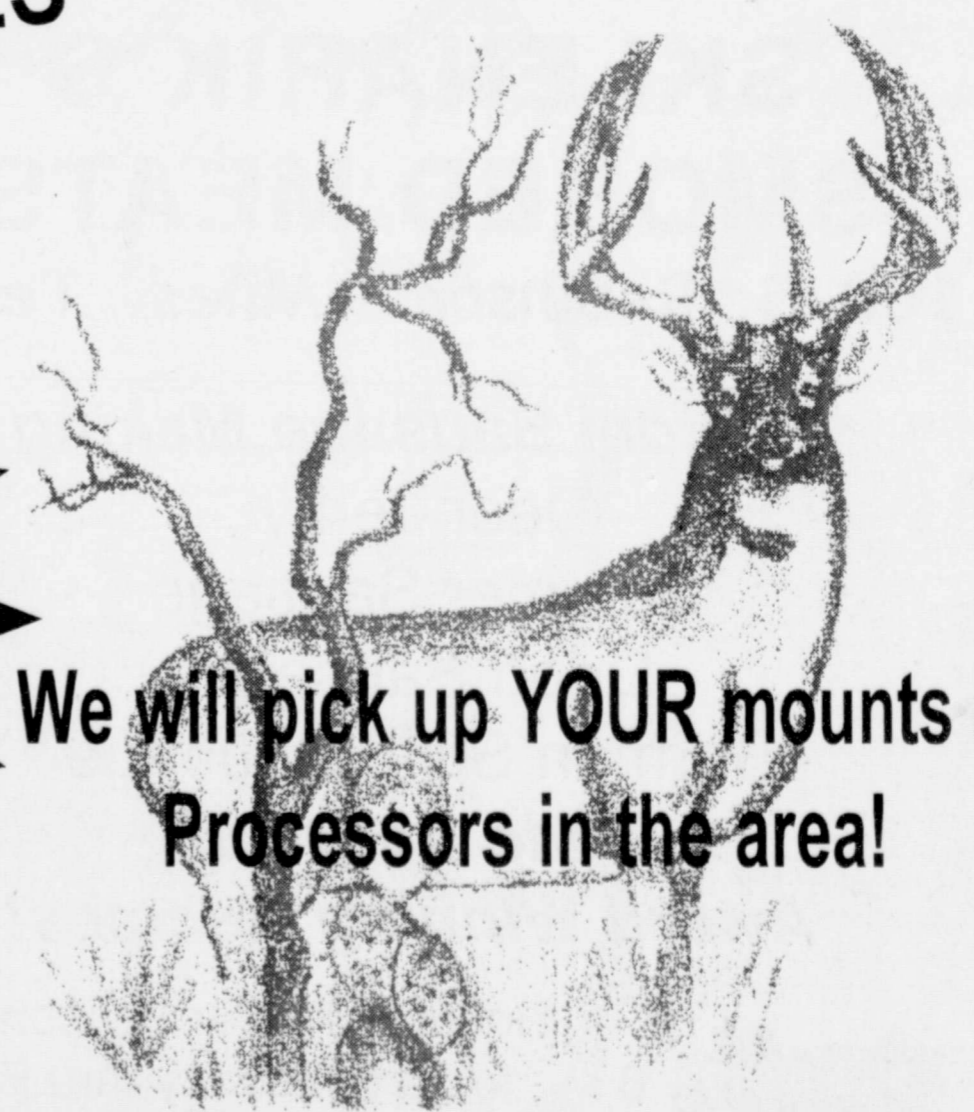
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THE BALLINGER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE fed over 800 hunters on opening day of deer season last November and invites all area hunters to this year's meal. The dinner is free to any hunter who presents a valid Texas hunter's license.

Prevention and awareness are the keys to a safe hunting season

Last year, 43 total hunting accidents were reported in Texas, three of which were fatal. Of the total number of accidents, seven occurred in the West Texas and Concho Valley areas. Most were caused by careless or improper use of a firearm.

Rod Gardner, director of Shannon Medical Center's AirMed 1 Air Ambulance Service in San Angelo, says while his crew is equipped to handle such emergencies, he hopes AirMed 1 will not have to respond to a hunting-related accident this season.

"Each year, AirMed 1 usually picks up at least one or two serious hunting injuries," said Gardner. "The concerning factor is that usually the incident could have been prevented if the individuals had taken precautions more seriously."

Gardner lists the following guidelines as the top three hunter safety precautions:

- Always point the muzzle in a safe direction, and treat every firearm as if it is loaded and dangerous.

- "I've seen individuals killed by guns others thought were toys or unloaded guns," said Gardner.

- Be sure of your target and what is in front of and beyond it, and be aware of your safe zone of fire.

"We see individuals with shotgun pellets in them almost every season," said Gardner. "Smaller caliber bullet injuries, such as those from a 22, are also common. People do not realize these types of ammunition can travel up to a mile unobstructed."

- Don't drink alcohol or take drugs before or while handling

firearms or bow and arrows.

"Alcohol is a factor in many hunting accidents," said Gardner. "One example I've seen is a first time hunter on the last day of hunting season. He was drunk and dropped his gun while climbing down from a tree. The bullet almost completely shot the man's leg off, but he luckily survived."

Additional safety tips include handle firearms, arrows, and ammunition carefully, unload firearms and unstring conventional bows when not in use, control your emotions, wear hearing and eye protection and be aware of additional circumstances that require more vigilant safety precautions.

"We encourage everyone to have an enjoyable, but safe, hunting season," said Gardner.

Hunter's Appreciation Dinner Saturday, Nov. 2

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will have a Hunter's Appreciation Dinner on the first day of deer season, November 2, 2002, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Ballinger Community Center.

There will be door prizes and a GREAT barbecue plate with sausage, brisket, beans and potato salad. The Chamber will furnish the meal at no charge to the hunters with a valid Texas Hunting License and children under 12 years of age can get in free. Present your valid Texas Hunting License at the door and receive your free meal and door prize entry. This is the Chamber's way of promoting Runnels County and the Ballinger area. It is also a small way of saying "Thank You" to the hunters for their business. Local individuals without a hunting license may purchase

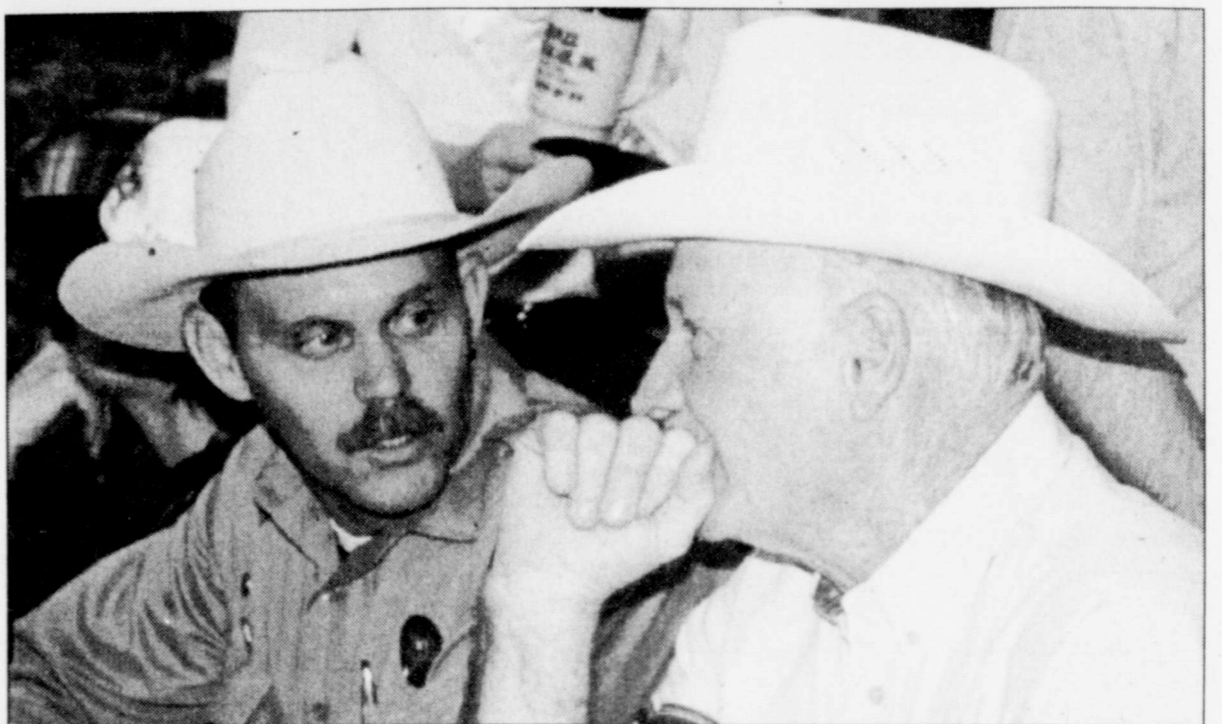
tickets for a \$5.00 donation at the Chamber office or that night at the door. Everyone is encouraged to help make this a successful event for Runnels County.

The Chamber will be holding a raffle for a Ruger Blackhawk 357 Magnum donated by Toliver Brothers, Willingham Insurance and Realty and Rains-Seale Funeral Home; a 300 lb. Sweeney deer feeder donated by Shoppin' Basket IGA; a .22 Rifle donated by the Big Buck contest; a hunting knife/sheath donated by Si Smith and Jimmy Caughron; a Ruger M77 Mk 11 270 Winchester & Leupold 3x9 Vx11 Scope and Mounts donated by Ballinger National Bank, Paske Shell and Galvan Automotive; a Remington BDL 7mm Ultra Mag and Leupold 3x9 Vx11 Scope and Mounts

donated by First National Bank and Executive Inn; a pallet of corn donated by Dixie Hardware; Crickett 22 LR Youth Rifle donated by Edward Jones; a Shoulder Mount donated by Wildlife Trophy Taxidermy; a Mossberg 835 Ultimig Camouflage 12 ga. Shotgun donated by Buddy's Plant Plus and a 12' Tripod donated by First State Bank of Paint Rock and Rough Country Accessories the night of the dinner. Tickets for the raffle may be purchased from any member of the Board of Directors or the Chamber office for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

Master of Ceremonies for this year's Hunter's Dinner will be David Wagner.

For more information, please contact the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce at 915-365-2333 or 365-5611.



LANE PINCKNEY, (left) Texas Parks & Wildlife Game Warden, Region 7, visits with a diner at the Hunters Appreciation Dinner in Ballinger last fall.

General hunting season for white-tailed deer

Landowners and hunters are reminded that the general hunting season for white-tailed deer in Runnels County will open Saturday, November 2, 2002 and continue through January 5, 2003. The legal bag limit in Runnels County is 5 deer, no more than 2 bucks.

No special permits are required for harvesting antlerless deer, however, both bucks and antlerless deer must be properly tagged with an appropriate tag from a valid hunting license. There will be a special late general season; January 6-19. The bag limit for this special late season is restricted to antlerless and spike deer only. The bag limit on buck deer is

2, all seasons combined.

Deer populations vary from area to area and even from ranch to ranch. The either sex regulation allows landowners and hunters the flexibility to harvest antlerless deer on his/her property in order to keep deer numbers in balance with available food supply.

It does not automatically mean that a heavy antlerless deer harvest is needed. The recommended harvest rates for both bucks and antlerless deer, provided by the department, should be used only as a general guideline for harvesting deer.

If more intense management is desired, we suggest that land

managers survey their own properties. This will allow for a more accurate representation of deer numbers on their ranch. Please note that in most cases the department recommends more antlerless deer to be harvested than bucks.

The recommended guideline for harvesting antlerless deer throughout most of Runnels County is 1 antlerless deer per 160 acres. The recommended harvest rate on bucks is 1 per 350 acres.

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

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Operaton Game Thief... Texas Wildlife Crime Stoppers

by Lane Pinckney, Runnels County Game Warden

Operation game thief is Texas' Wildlife Crime Stoppers program, offering rewards of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction for a wildlife crime. The program began in 1981 and has been highly successful—responsible for the payment of over \$150,000 in rewards.

Texas as we all know, is a huge state with an ever growing population. Currently, approximately 450 game wardens patrol 254 counties that encompass 262,017 square miles of land and over three million surface acres of water.

Wardens need all the eyes and ears that they can get to assist in the apprehension of the illegal hunter and fisherman. There are numerous examples of the exploitation of our natural resources.

Trophy bucks are killed on

midnight runs, then beheaded, leaving the meat behind. Fresh and saltwater fish including white bass, crappie, yellow catfish, redfish, flounder, and black drum are being taken in large quantities through the use of illegal nets and shockers. What can you do to help save this problem? Get involved!!!

Alert observation by concerned citizens followed by the immediate reporting of the violation gives the local warden a much needed edge in catching the bad guys. Receiving a tip on illegal activity while it is occurring can make a difference in whether or not the violator is apprehended.

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Pick up the phone and call **1-800-792-GAME (4263)**. The number is on your hunting or fishing license. Then provide the following information to the TPW police communications officer:

- the nature of the violation
- the location of the violation
- the name and/or description of the violator
- a description of any vehicle or boat involved in the violation
- any other important information which will assist in apprehending the violator.

If you wish to remain anonymous, a code number will be assigned to you. **You do not have to give your name.**

Remember you can make a difference! The hotline is manned 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Predator contest and raffle to be held

The Runnels County Livestock & Wildlife Protection Committee and the Sheep and Goat Commodity Board are sponsoring a predator contest from October 15, 2002 through May 11, 2003. The contest will be in the same format as last year with the exception of continuing the contest through Spring turkey season which ends on May 11, 2003. The contest will award points for predators taken in Runnels County and prizes will be given to the hunter who turns in the highest points. Points will be awarded as follows: coyotes, 100 points each; bobcats, 20 points each; red or gray

fox, 10 points each; feral hogs, 10 points each; raccoons, 5 points each. Hunters will take their catches to Star Stop Texaco or Ballinger Feed and Seed where an employee will observe and ear mark each animal and record points. Points will be rewarded to the person registering the animal.

Prizes for the contest consist of: 1st place—\$400.00, 2nd place—\$300.00, 3rd place—\$200.00 and 4th place—\$100.00. The contest will run from October 15, 2002 through May 11, 2003. Individuals must be 18 years of age to participate.

A gun raffle with proceeds

to benefit the trapper fund is also sponsored again this year and will run the same time as the predator contest with the winning ticket drawn on May 11, 2003. Tickets will be \$5.00 each and are available at the extension office or from a member of the Livestock & Wildlife Protection Committee. Please notify your hunters and neighbors of this contest and raffle and encourage them to participate. These programs assist the Runnels County Trapper and help fund the trapper program in the county. For more information, contact Marty Gibbs at (915) 365-2219.

- 5 lbs. venison sliced w/grain
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Quail Dumplings

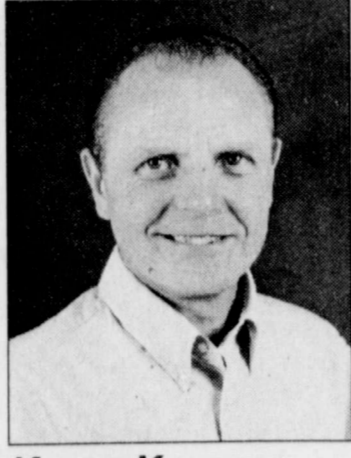
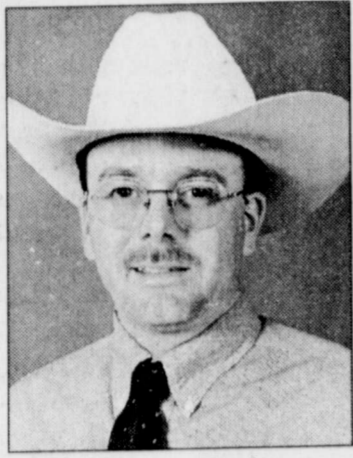
- 10-12 quail or dove breasts
- 1/4 c. vegetable oil
- Salt, pepper & onion to taste
- 2 c. flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 c. shortening
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 c. milk
- 2 cubes chicken bouillon

Rinse quail well; pat dry. Brown in skillet with oil; drain. Place quail in a stock pot and barely cover with water. Add salt, pepper, and onion. Simmer, covered, until meat is tender.

Combine flour and salt in mixing bowl. Add in shortening, mixing until crumbly. Stir in eggs and enough milk to form a soft dough. Roll the dough out on a floured surface to about 1/8 inch thickness. Cut into 2-inch squares.

Remove quail from stockpot. Add chicken bouillon to the stock and bring to a boil. Drop in dumplings one at a time. Cook for about 20 minutes or until tender. Return quail to stockpot and simmer covered for about 5 minutes.

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SPIKES: 5 pts. for each inch of total length of both tines. Tines less than one inch will not disqualify the deer for a spike entry. Weight will only count as a tie breaker.

DEER MANAGEMENT AWARD: 4 doe, 3 doe, 2 doe, and 1 doe. Deer management awards decided by drawings.

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FMI or to check-in deer, contact Johnny Hurt at 365-2078 or 365-6624.

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Youth are considered 12 years old and under (as of 12/31/02). An individual can only win one category. Final weigh-in deadline is 9 a.m. on January 6, 2003.

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THIS 225 LBS. FERAL HOG was bagged by Mike Belitz northeast of Winters. Over 220 counties in the State of Texas report feral hog populations. Local trapper Freddie Grohman has caught over 780 of the wild hogs in Runnels County in the past three years. There is no closed season on feral hogs in the state, however, hunting license are required by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to harvest a hog.

Frequently asked questions and their answers

- Q:** Lane Pinckney of Ballinger, Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden Region 7, shares these frequently asked questions and their answers.
- Q:** If I shot a deer and it jumps the fence onto the neighbor's property, can I go and get it if I leave my rifle on my side of the fence?
A: No. Under the game laws a person has the responsibility of making a reasonable effort to retrieve his game. On the other hand, the trespass statute does not allow a person to enter another's property for any reason without consent of the landowner or his agent. The best suggestion would be to contact the landowner, rancher, or hunters on the property and explain the situation. 99.9 percent of the time they will allow you to retrieve your game.
- Q:** We have white wing dove in our area, do I have to leave a fully feathered wing on dressed birds until I get home?
A: No. Several years ago hunters in the south zone were required to leave a wing on dressed birds until reaching their final destination. This is no longer a requirement in Texas.
- Q:** I was told that I did not need a fishing license to fish in a stock tank, is that true?
A: Yes. A fishing license is only required for a person 17 years of age or older to fish in public waters of Texas.
- Q:** Does a person's stand or feeder have to be a certain distance from a boundary fence?
A: There are no laws pertaining to the proximity of stands or feeders to another's fence line. From a safety standpoint, and to keep a good rapport with neighbors, it is advisable to place stands and feeders a reasonable distance from other property lines.
- Q:** Can I consume part of my deer while in camp?
A: Yes, provided all tagging and evidence of sex requirements are met and you only bone out what you intend to consume at that point and time. Everything else may not be taken beyond quartering.
- Q:** I am 30 years old. Am I exempt from the Hunter Education requirements?
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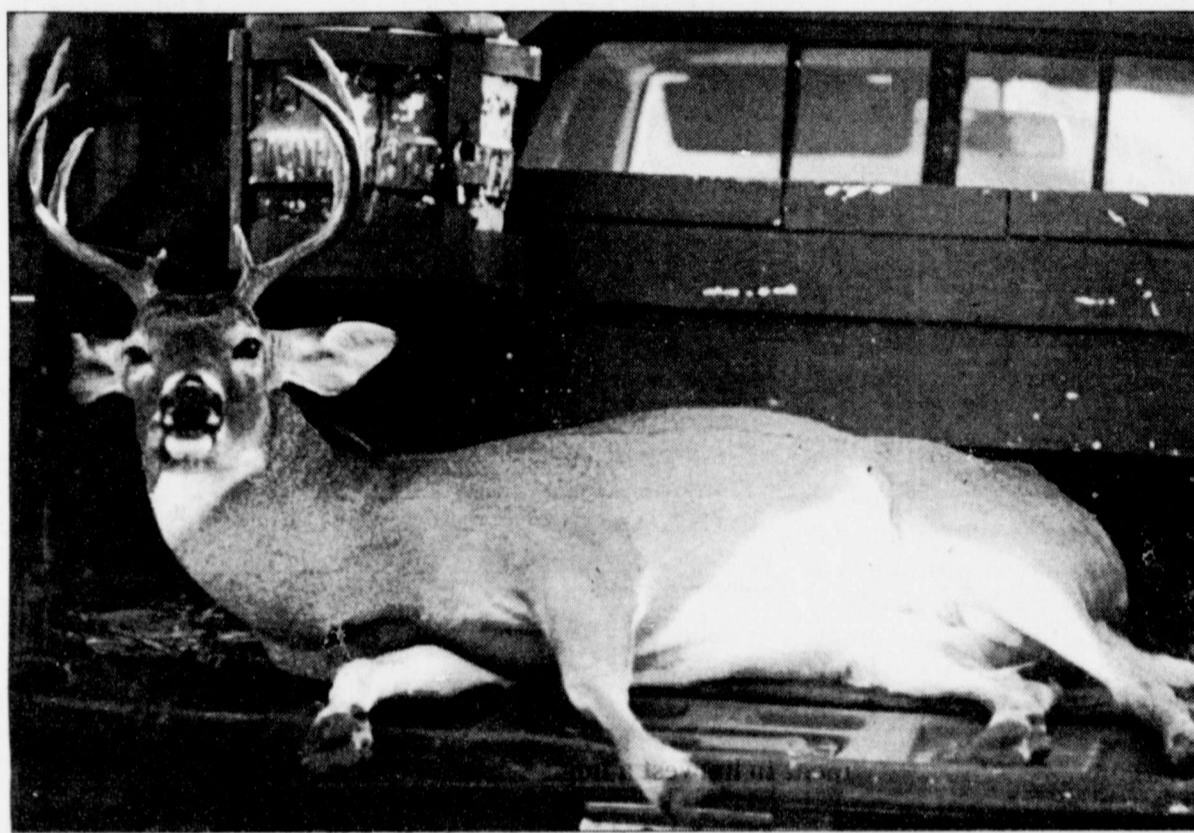
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Chronic Wasting Disease confirmed in neighboring states: Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado

by Lane Pinckney, TPW Game Warden Region 7

Chronic wasting disease is an untreatable, fatal, neurological (brain and nervous system) disease found in deer and elk in certain locations in North America.

The disease belongs to a family of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies or prion diseases. Chronic wasting disease is similar to mad cow disease in cattle and scrapie in sheep. Although there is no known relationship between CWD and other transmissible spongiform encephalopathies or prion diseases.

It is not clear how CWD is spread although it is believed to be spread both through animal to animal contact and through animal to soil or other surface contact.

CWD has not been confirmed in Texas but has been confirmed in two neighboring states, New Mexico and Oklahoma, as well as Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, South

Dakota, Wisconsin, Saskatchewan, and most recently Minnesota. A large number of deer and elk have been slaughtered in Wisconsin and Colorado in an effort to control the spread of the disease.

Infected animals will display abnormal behavior such as staggering, poor posture, loss of bodily functions, drooling, or excessive salivation, and very poor body condition or weight loss. Some may also consume large amounts of water or stand near watering areas.

Anyone who observes a deer with these symptoms should not disturb, touch, or kill the animal but should contact their local game warden, wildlife biologist, or any Texas Parks and Wildlife office immediately.

Studies have found no evidence that CWD poses a threat to humans or domestic animals. However, persons are advised not to consume any

part of a deer that shows symptoms of CWD. If a deer appears healthy then most likely it is.

To combat the spread of the disease, Texas officials have closed the state to the importation of live deer and elk. Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas Animal Health Commission are working with deer and elk breeders to set up a voluntary CWD monitoring program. TPW has begun testing suspected animals and this fall will begin testing hunter killed animals from the various ecological regions in the state.

Hunters should be well informed about CWD and be vigilant when afield for deer that display its symptoms. Again this disease HAS NOT been found in Texas and hunters should not become alarmed or been found in Texas and hunters should not become alarmed or be leery of handling or consuming their game. Just use good common sense and take a few simple precautions.

Dove season starts with a "bang"—second half of season should be good

The first half of dove season finished out with mixed reviews in Runnels County as northers and rain in mid-season hurt hunting around watering holes.

The season started out with a "bang" (literally and figuratively) as hunters arrived in Runnels County to limit-out the first two to three weekends, beginning on Labor Day.

In fact, due to good rains in July, area wildlife biologists saw a "tremendous" amount of dove in the area.

But alas, as rains and cooler weather swept the area in mid-to-late October, dove dispersed

and hunting was not nearly as prosperous as at the start of the season.

The second half of dove season begins the day after Christmas and runs through January 5, 2003. The bag limit is 12 birds per day.

Depending on how the the rain situation continues, forecasters predict the second half

of the season could provide good hunting. "The second half usually has a good run for hunters—if they know where to go," said Wildlife Biologist Don Davis. "There's not normally the interest in the late season as there is at the start," which should allow avid dove hunters the opportunity for some prime hunting.

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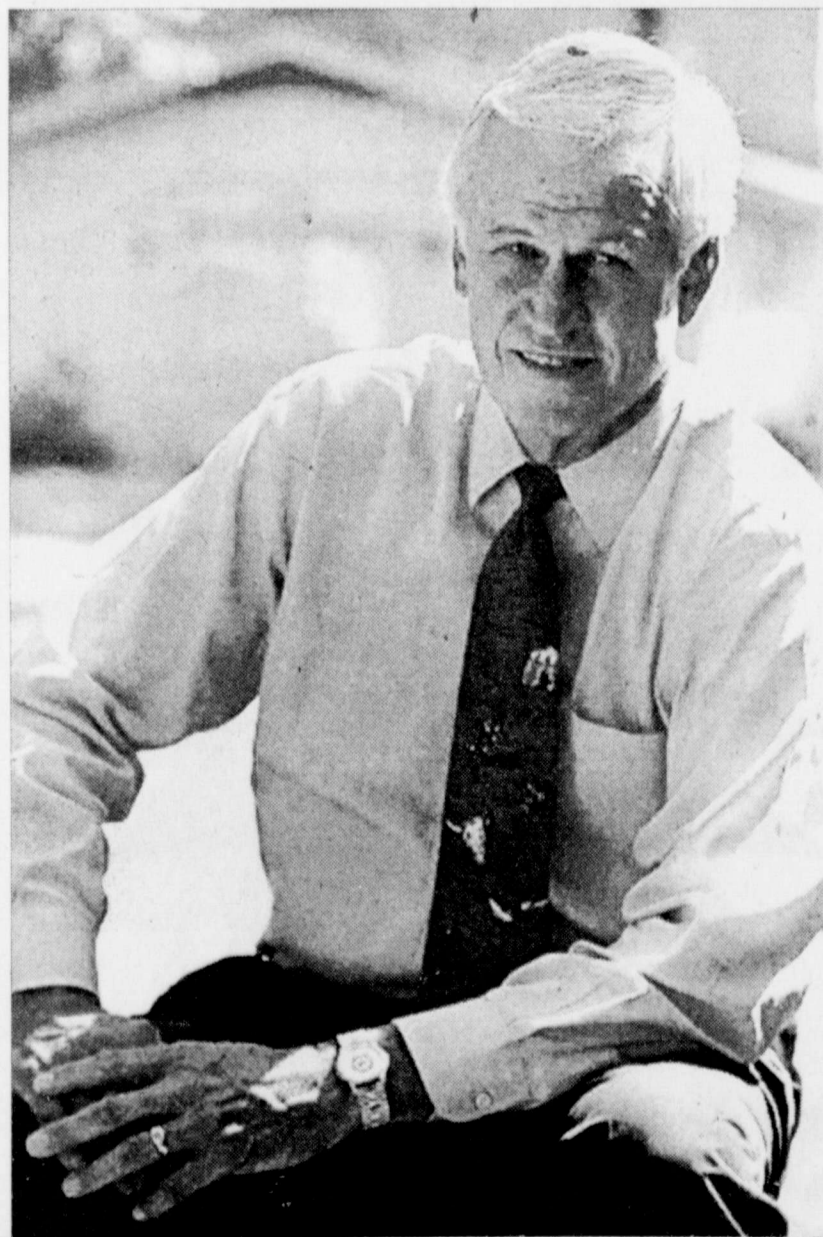
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General biology of the turkey

by Ralph Suarez, Wildlife biologist, TPWD



THESE HUNTERS FOUND plenty of turkeys in Southern Runnels County near Lake Ivie. Charles Kidwell (bottom right) reports plenty of turkeys in this area for the 2002-03 season.

The gobbler is usually easily identified by its larger size, darker color, and by the presence of a beard. Gobblers appear darker because they have black-tipped breast feathers, whereas hens (females) have buff-tipped breast feathers and appear drab brown.

Turkey hens are roughly half the size of gobblers weighing an average of 10 to 12 pounds. Like the gobbler, some hens (~15%) also have beards that increase in size and thickness with age and are as productive as hens without beards.

The way to differentiate between sexes is by the coloration and features of the head and neck. With the exception of sparse covering black bristles, the gobbler's head and neck is featherless while the hen's neck and head is covered with small buff colored feathers. The coloration of the gobbler's head is white on top,

with blue cheeks, and a red neck while the hen's head is drab blue/gray.

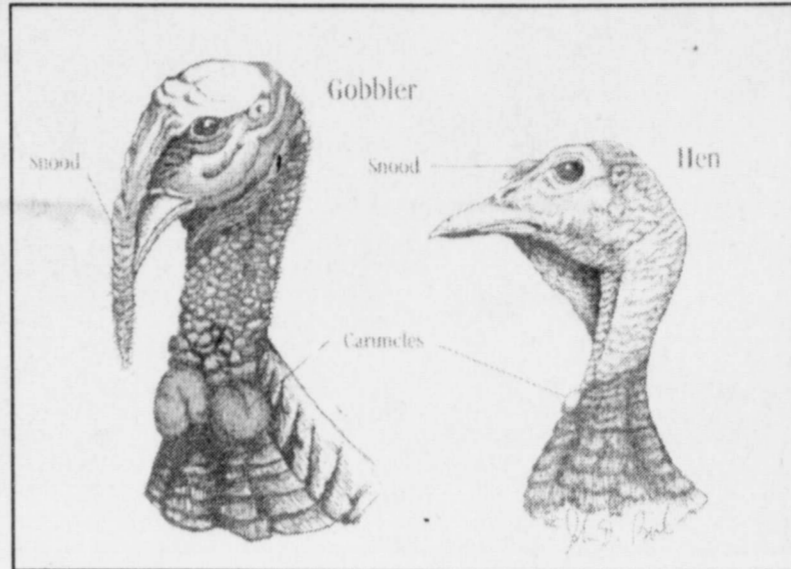
The snood (the fleshy protrusion between the turkeys eyes) is pink or red and elongates and hangs down next to the gobblers face while the snood of a hen is conspicuous and covered with small black hair-like feathers.

tion of the hens, and the quality of the nesting and brood rearing habitat. Wet winters and springs enhance the "spring green-up" which provides high protein forages and insects important for egg production. Vegetation will mature and provide nesting cover and foraging areas for poults as spring advances.

snails, and other invertebrates. Major food items during the spring and summer include green grasses and weeds, buds, flowers, seeds, and insects. Insects are especially important for the development of young turkeys by providing them with a high protein food item.

In the fall and winter, turkeys eat fruits, mast such as pecans and acorns and green forage such as Texas winter grass, oats, wheat, and clovers depending upon their availability.

Turkeys breed during the spring of each year, with nesting success and poult survival directly dependent upon environmental conditions. Hens need to breed only once each spring in order to fertilize their entire clutch of eggs. On average, dominant gobblers can mate with as many as ten hens during the spring breeding season.



The caruncles, the fleshy wart-like growths at the base of the neck, are large and red on the gobbler and small and pink to flesh colored on the hen.

The turkey has no wattles (which in the domestic chicken are the paired appendages of the comb that hang down from either side of the bill).

Spurs are a secondary sexual characteristic of the male turkey and rarely exceed 1-3/4 inches even in old birds. Spurs are made of horn, similar to human fingernails, around a core of bone and occur occasionally on hens.

Turkeys live an average of two to three years. However, a few birds have been known to live ten years. Most mortality occurs to the eggs and poults (young of the year). Turkey populations and their annual fluctuations are largely dependent on reproductive success.

Annual recruitment is related to the pre-nesting condi-

In order for turkeys to survive and flourish, certain habitat requirements must be met. As knee-high grasses and weeds are important in providing nesting and brood rearing cover, turkeys also require ample numbers of mature trees and a variety of shrubs to provide food (pecans, acorn, berries, seeds) as well as cover and roosting areas.

It is important that roosting areas be protected from disturbances. No one should be allowed to camp, hunt, or otherwise disturb turkey (day or night) within one-quarter mile of a roost site.

Turkeys are very mobile and utilize a large geographic winter and summer range. Seasonal movement occurs up to 10 miles from wintering areas to summer nesting areas. Food, cover, and protection must, therefore, be provided over an area of several thousand acres.

Turkeys are primarily her-

After breeding takes place, a turkey hen will begin to look for suitable nesting habitat. Ideal nesting habitat is described as an area where a higher percentage of the eggs will result in adult turkeys. Turkeys will usually nest in vegetative communities that support knee-high grasses and weeds. On properly managed ranges, nesting habit is rarely a limiting factor.

Overall, turkey-nesting success is similar to that of other ground-nesting birds.

Some studies indicate that predators destroy almost one-half of all turkey nests. If weather conditions are good, however, a reasonably good turkey hatch can be expected in spite of predators and other limiting factors.

The hen and newly hatched poults will stay around the nest for about one day. Poults can fly well for short distances, and begin to roost in trees at two weeks of age.



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Texas Game Warden Field Notes

ILLEGAL HUNTING

Wharton and Jackson County game wardens recently discovered an alligator and 9-point white-tailed deer that were killed by a Granbury resident. The person came down from Granbury for a dove hunt on a relative's property in Wharton County. The deer scored more than 100 Boone and Crockett points. Criminal and civil charges are pending.

KILLING 'TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE'

Palo Pinto County game wardens were patrolling a local ranch and caught four men hunting dove in closed season. Upon further investigation, the wardens found that the people had killed two turkeys earlier the same day.

HIGH ON ANTLERS

Smith County game wardens recently checked a vehicle and discovered the people in it had marijuana and a marijuana pipe. The pipe was homemade, constructed from a hollowed out deer antler. Cases are pending.

"LOOKING FOR MY GOATS"

Recently, a warden in central Texas was asked to check out a vehicle driving through a hunting pasture after trespass reports had been filed by the land owner. When the warden stopped the person, he said he was looking for his goats. He had a loaded .242, and a .22-magnum rifle on the front seat. He was charged with hunting without consent.

WIDE OPEN SPACES

Recently, a Jefferson County game warden received information that someone was starting the South Zone dove season early at one of the public hunting areas. The warden made contact with the person who did not have a hunting license, had not taken Hunter Education, and had an unplugged shotgun. When told that he was hunting out of season, he stated, "I was wondering why I had not seen anybody else out here." The only thing he did have was his Annual Public Hunting Permit. Cases pending.

EVIDENCE ON TAPE...

Wardens from Delta and Marion counties stopped a vehicle for spotlight hunting recently in Delta County. It had four males in it and the wardens determined they were hunting rabbit. They also had a video camera and the wardens got permission to view the tape. On the tape, when the men made a kill, they toasted their success with a jug of whiskey. Several charges were filed for hunting from a public roadway.

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"I'm sorry sir, but we don't care mink coats."

"Well, how 'bout chinchilla, she might like that just about as good."

"No sir, we don't handle fur coats, I'm sorry."

"That's might disappointin', cause I had my heart set on gettin' her one 'a them furs. Guess I shouldn't have waited fer the sale."

"I'm very sorry, sir, but you would have to go to a larger town to find a mink or even a mink stole."

"Whoa...now hold on a minute ma'am, I thank you got the wrong idea. I don't aim to buy nothin' stole. I got close to fifty dollars here and I ant to get her somethin' nice from a real store."

"That's very sweet, sir, I'm sorry we could not help you..."

"When do you reckon you'll get in another batch of them fur coats?"

"We won't be getting in any fur coats, sir."

"Dang...I wonder if that 'ole government trapper has got any furs left. But there ain't many minks or chinchillas in these parts. He might have some coyote though and coyotes got fur. Do you thank my wife would like a coyote coat?"

"I hear some guys talkin' once about a sable mink, so I reckon I could ask that trapper to set some snares around the horse barn...but I ain't never seen no minks around the stable. Do you reckon them sable minks only move about at night?"

"That's sable mink sir, not stable."

"Sable...OK...where would a feller find them sable minks?"

"You could probably get them from Neiman-Marcus."

"Neiman Marcus...I don't know no Neiman Marcus. What's his daddy's name, maybe I could recollect him then?"

"Sir, Neiman-Marcus is in Dallas."

"Well, heck-fire, no wonder I don't know him. Couldn't never find him way up there even if I did."

"Sir, there's a hyphen between the names."

"Huh...what's a hyphen?"

"It's like a dash, sir... Neiman Dash Marcus. Do you understand?"

"Ye, I reckon I do. It's like a little nickname. Neiman musta been on the track team. They got one 'a them guys in the NFL. His name's Cordell Stewart on the Pittsburg Steelers. Only, instead of Dash, they call him Slash, cause he usta play Quarterback/Runnin' back. Get it? Slash..."

Click.

"Good afternoon, Wal-Mart."

"Yes, ma'am, could you put Darlene in the fur department back on the line, we somehow got disconnected..."

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More... Texas Game Warden Field Notes

PAY UP

A game warden in McMullen County worked a case involving two people convicted of hunting deer from a public road. They pleaded guilty to deer hunting from a vehicle from a public road after shooting a 14-point white-tailed buck that scored 165 Boone and Crockett points. Each person was fined \$1,000. They got

two years probation and their hunting licenses were revoked for two years. Their weapons were forfeited to the state and they owe TPWD \$5,000 in restitution for the value of the deer.

THE THINGS GAME WARDENS HEAR...HONESTY

Recently, a Van Zandt County game warden was no-

tified by the local sheriff's department about spotlighting, or using headlights from the road to find deer. The warden was able to track down the suspects the next day and the driver admitted to shooting at deer from the roadway. There were six people in the vehicle. When questioned about how many times they shot the deer the night before, one person said, "I really can't remember because I had smoked too much weed." Charges are pending.

TURNUED IN BY GRAMMA

Recently, a Gillespie County game warden received a call from the reservation area west of Harper in reference to three people in a truck shooting turkeys from the road. After about a two-hour search, he and an-

other warden apprehended three local teenagers. The three had killed two turkeys from the road and two of the teens had no hunting licenses or Hunter Safety certifications. They did not know how to clean the birds, so they had discarded them. The three were cited for waste of game. Ironically, the warden had received a complaint from the grandmother of one of the young hunters about an increase in suspicious vehicles and possible road hunting on the very same road.

TELL IT TO THE JUDGE, SON...

A Comanche County warden received a call from a landowner who witnessed a teenager drive an all-terrain vehicle onto his property and kill a deer behind his house. The teenager told the landowner that it was all right because his father was an attorney. The landowner filed a complaint of hunting without landowner consent.

IF IT LOOKS LIKE A DUCK AND SOUNDS LIKE A DUCK...

A Hockley County warden witnessed a vehicle working a spotlight in a pasture. When the vehicle returned to the road, the warden stopped it and asked for the occupants' hunting licenses. The five people inside said they were not hunting and did not even have a gun. The warden saw a rifle on the floorboard and retrieved it. The passengers then said they had no bullets. The warden opened the chamber and ejected a live round. The passengers continued to plead their case, saying they had no flashlight. The warden retrieved one from the floorboard. Cases are pending.

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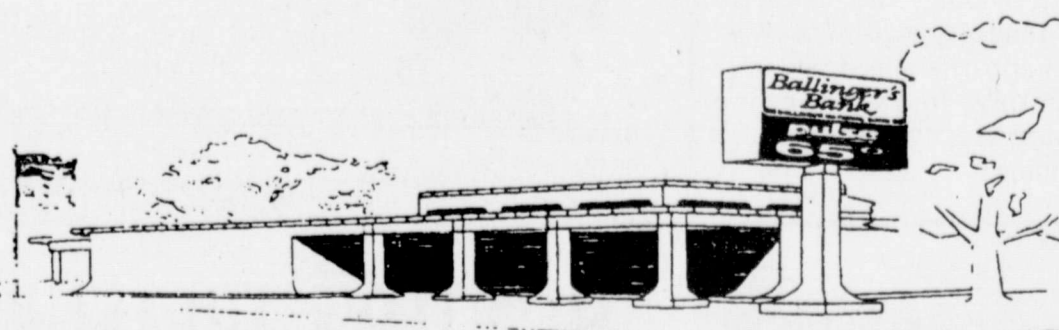
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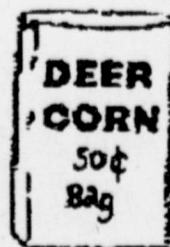
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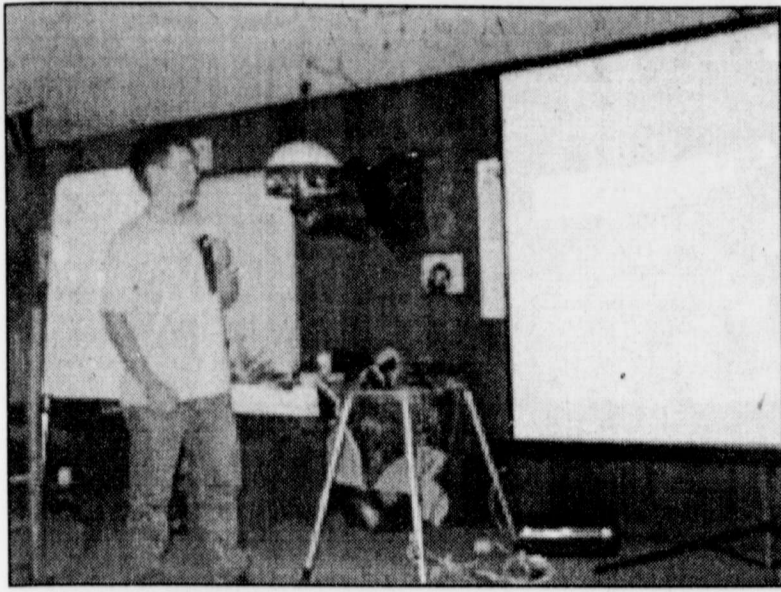
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by Russell Pelzel



BUCKSKIN BRIGADE graduate Russell Pelzel of Ballinger is available to give presentations and programs to Runnels County organizations and clubs.

This summer I attended the North Texas Buckskin Brigade. It took place from July 21-26 at Krooked River Ranch in Lueders, Texas.

The camp is designed for youth ages 13-18, both male and female. It is a five-day wildlife/leadership seminar.

During this camp our mental and physical capabilities were put to the test. For ex-

ample, the most sleep received during the five-day period by one Cadet was 12 hours. Although we didn't get much sleep, we all had a good time at the camp and made many new friends who we'll keep in touch with for a long time.

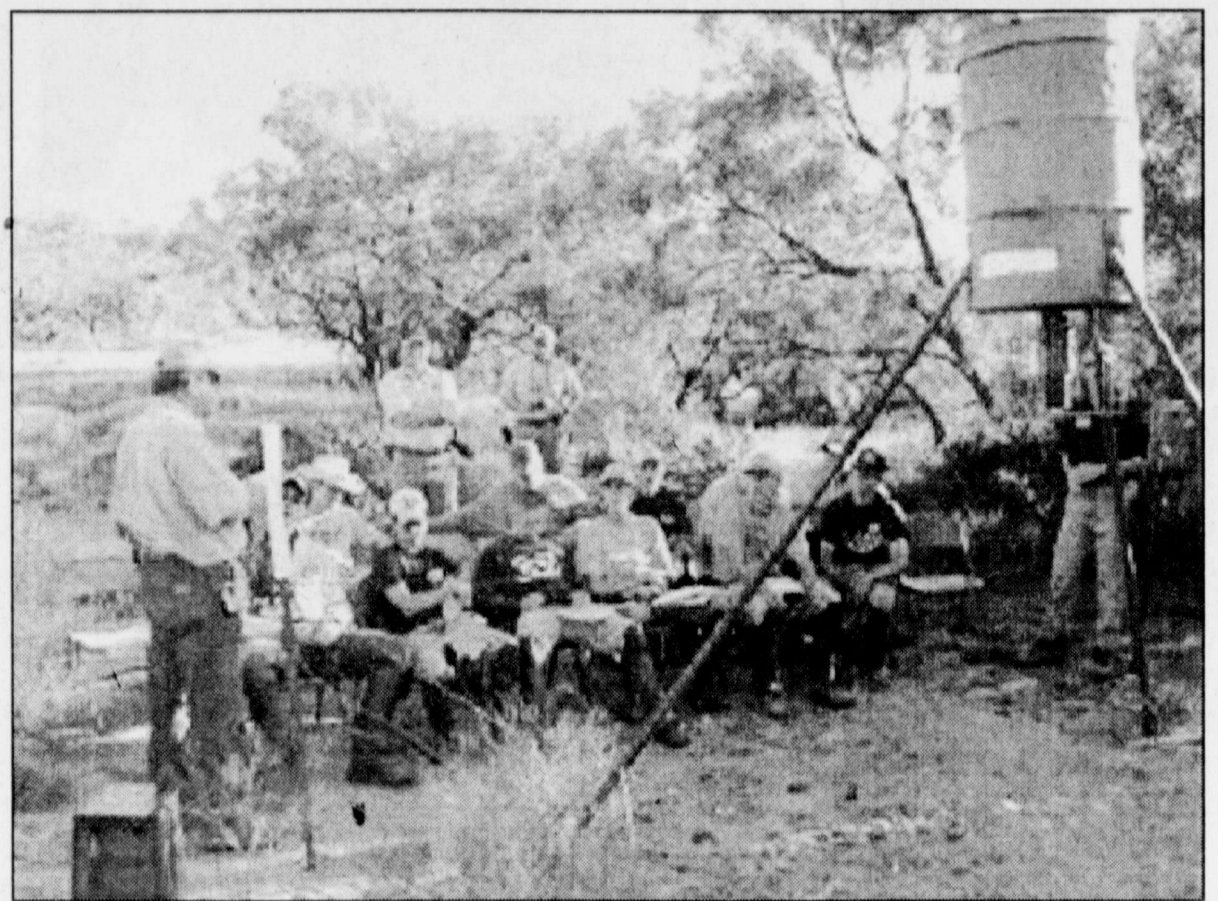
Throughout the day we went through a series of different activities and presentations. They included: the anatomy

and behavior of a deer; key plants and nutrition; habitat management; census techniques (spot light, camera, and helicopter); aging; harvest records; scoring; hunter's responsibility and role in conservation; and mastering the media.

Some of the activities we completed were: making plant presses; photography; deer trivia; a lap sit; Oh, Deer!; a shooting contest; swimming; deer surveys; marching; rattling contest; taxidermy; plus an aging and scoring competition.

At this camp we also realized how much we are able to handle. We were surprised at how much we could learn when we pushed ourselves to do more and more. That is why, this summer, I am going to try to go back as an Assistant Herd Leader (assistant group leader).

In order to go back as an assistant herd leader, I have to make a number of presentations in order to gain points which will be totaled up later



STUDYING A DEER'S HABITAT was a valuable learning process for Pelzel as he joins other cadets in learning about pre-season feeding practices.

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Contact Russell Pelzel at 518 CR 399, Miles, TX, 76861 or call (915) 442-4001. My e-mail address is: <russellpelzel@netscape.com>.



PELZEL looks over several racks of antlers at a Buckskin Brigade workshop.



MARKSMANSHIP was a popular seminar at the 2002 Bucksin Brigade at Krooked River Ranch in Lueders. Russell Pelzel of Ballinger hones his skills at the range.

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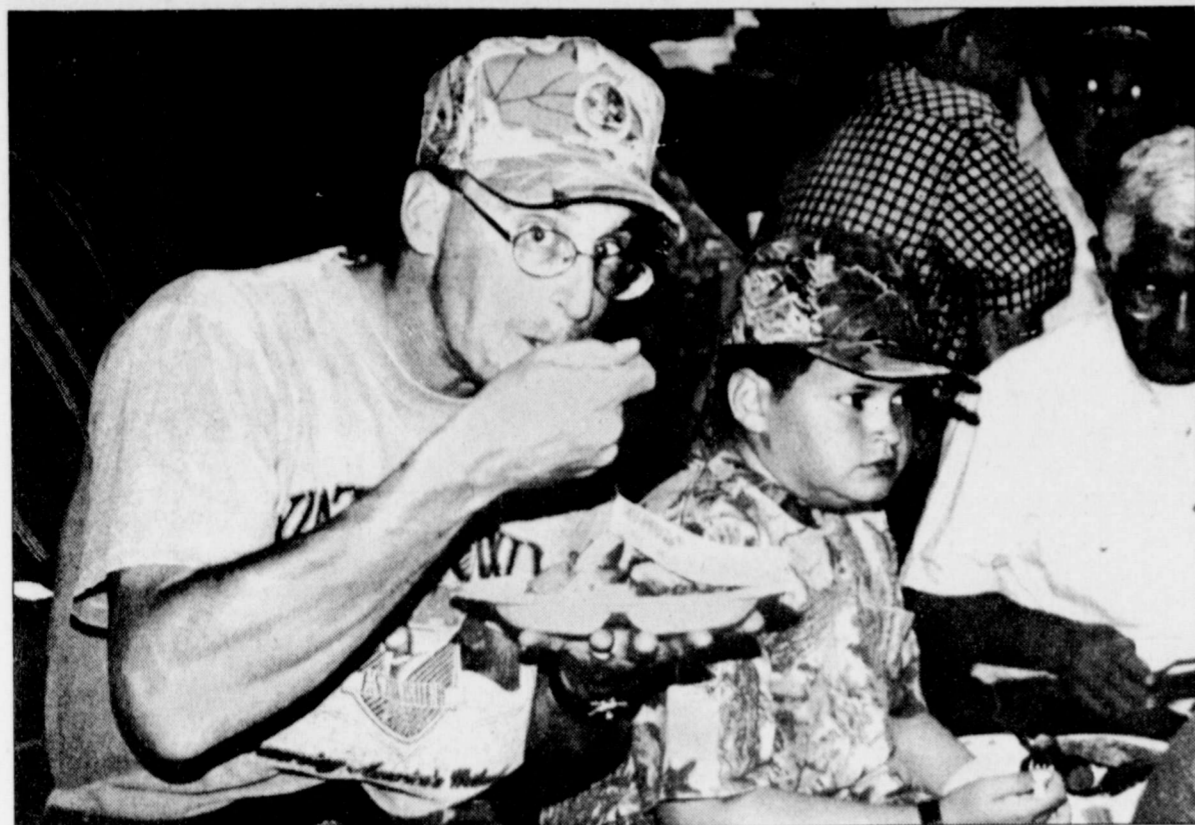
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Some Pritchard memorable moments in hunting...

by Deb Pritchard, assistant editor

Hunting has always been an influence on my life. While I don't hunt myself, my brothers and dad always did when I was younger, and my husband and boys do now. The best part of their hunting expeditions, in my opinion, was listening to their tales around the kitchen table once they had returned from the great hunt.

Take for instance when our son Colby was nine-years-old and came home with four turkey toms. Now that's not the best part, he got all four of them with only two shots! "Oh, mom...it was just like on TNN. I got buck fever really bad. (Even though there wasn't a deer in site.) I was breathin' hard and foggin' up and my knees were shakin'" (you can better appreciate this in person with the surround sound reen-

actment, and of course the story began from the moment they got out of the truck and...)

It seems they were in the deer blind and dad was asleep on the cot (this is a major part of the hunting ritual), when Bubba looks out the window and within five feet, 25 or more turkeys are ambling by. After quietly waking dad, he got the gun up and shot...BOOM! BOOM again!

Turkey feathers flew everywhere and chaos prevailed. When the dust cleared and Bubba's hammering heart steadied (and his dad's too!) you could have lit Dallas with Bub's smile. It went from ear to ear and stayed there a week or more.

After reading an enjoyable article about "My Most Memorable Hunt" in one of his hunting magazines not too long ago, my husband Johnny asked our boys "What was your most memorable hunt?" Of course the turkey story was Colby's, but little baby Corey's (Hootie, age 6, for those of you who know him as such) piped right up with this tale.

"Mine is when me and papaw went dove hunting last year." Now isn't that sweet? "Yeah, all those dove were flyin' over and papaw didn't even get any 'cause he was peeing!"

It seems Hootie got disgusted with papaw, after not seeing any dove all afternoon, as he had to answer the call of

nature in the middle of the brush, when a covey of dove flew directly overhead.

"PAPAW SHOOT!!!!!!!" Papawwww...you didn't git any of 'em." It seems papaw couldn't take care of both situations at the same time!

Speaking of Papaw...on another hunting adventure here in West Texas a few years back, he and my brother Dave were down from Indiana, and quail hunting with Johnny near Wingate. Johnny and Dave were on one side of the fence while Dad walked the other.

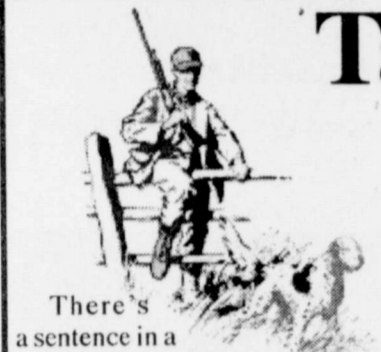
Johnny and my brother kicked up a covey of quail and as Dad whirled his gun barrel around, he stood face to face with an emu!

Dad took off running with the emu snorting after him like a bull in a china shop, while my brother Dave, not one to ever miss a shot, was firing away at the covey of quail. Of course, Johnny was laughing so hard he was in tears!

Dad finally crossed the fence huffing and puffing and looked and Johnny and said, "I know they grow everything bigger in Texas—but this is ridiculous! I oughta shoot it and take it back to Indiana and tell 'em THIS is a Texas quail!"

When we're all sitting around the supper table as hunting season approaches, we can't help but laugh at the old tales and wonder what we'll come up with this year!

Take ten for safety



There's a sentence in a pilot's flight manual that goes something like this: "When you enter the cockpit of this aircraft, you become part of a system over which you have control—both in terms of operation and safe handling. You are the only one who can make

the system safe or unsafe."

Think about the statement for a moment. The same is true of the shooter, whether a hunter, target shooter or casual weekend plinker. From the time he picks up a firearm, the shooter becomes a part of a system over which he has complete control. He is the only part of the system that can make a gun safe or unsafe.

Hunting and target shooting are among the safest of all sports, and we can keep them that way if we adopt 10 basic rules of con-

duct as our resolutions for 2002 and beyond. They're mostly basic common sense.

Here they are:

1. Don't rely on your gun's safety. Treat every gun as if it were loaded and ready to fire.
2. Never cross a fence, climb a tree, or jump a ditch with a loaded gun.
3. Never load or carry a loaded gun until you are ready to use it.
4. Watch your muzzle so the other fellow doesn't have to.
5. Keep guns and ammunition

separate and in locked storage.

6. Don't shoot unless absolutely sure of your target and what is beyond it.

7. Know the range of your gun. Remember, even a .22 rimfire can travel over one mile.

8. Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting.

9. Always be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions. Only carry ammunition of the proper size for the gun you are using.

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The Slob Hunter

By J.C. Romines, Retired Texas Game Warden

The old man sat quietly in the cool evening air. The sun, weary from the day's travel, finally gave up its efforts to keep the earth warm and slipped behind the horizon. The last feeble rays were pushed aside by the cold night air and the first hint of the frost that would come, sprang up. Diurnal creatures, satiated by the day's feeding, meandered towards their beds. They were met by the nocturnes just now beginning to stir.

A doe and her fawn stirred from their beds. Stretching, they walked slowly into the clearing where the old man sat. The old doe twitched her ears and tested the air with her nose. Ever alert, she searched for the danger that is always present. The fawn bounded away, only to come scampering back. Delighted with the cool air and life itself, it pranced around the watchful mother. The old man watched the antics with a smile on his face. He loved these animals. He was a hunter, but to him, it was a sport he had developed into a science. He owned property and it had taken him all his life to pay for it. He knew its inhabitants and studied their movements. He had learned to watch for buck scrapes and their established territories. He fed the deer as he fed his cattle and to him, they were as much his property as were his cattle when they were on his place. Even now he sat with his scarred old deer rifle across his knees. He had not killed a deer this year and should a buck come along that suited him he would harvest it, just as he did every year.

Suddenly the roar of a man made machine violated the stillness. The vehicle was shiny black with twin chrome exhaust pipes. It roared down the highway which bordered the old man's place and he chaffed at the noise and disturbance of the bucolic setting. As he listened, the exhaust pipes wracked back as the pickup slowed. Then, with a squeal of tires, it made a u-turn and came back up the road. It slowed, and then stopped even with the

clearing where the doe and fawn grazed. The old doe's head shot up and then she bounded away. Quizzical the fawn watched for just a moment longer, curious of these strange intruders. The curious innocent die first.

In horror the old man started to rise and even as a strangled "No" escaped his lips, the fawn literally exploded before his eyes. Shot with a 7MM magnum rifle, it never knew what hit it, the monstrous shot tearing it nearly into. The image of the magnificent buck it might have been was instantly reduced to a lifeless form of mangled flesh. The victim of a slob hunter.

The slob hunter, we all know him, he's the one everyone knows about. He's the road hunter, game hog, and poacher. The fawn deer that died by his hand was not killed with a good clean shot to the neck. No, the slob hunter simply puts the cross hairs of his scope on the deer, it makes no difference where. The fact that a 7MM magnum is a complete overkill on a white tail completely escapes him. He shoots turkeys with the same gun. Whether the deer is a buck or doe is unimportant. He doesn't understand the sport anyway. He had never known the joy of stalking a deer on opening morning of the season. To him there is no season, anything that gets close to the road is routinely killed whether he needs it or not. The slob hunter robs us of the heritage of our children every year. Yes, we know him, he is the subject of conversation around the coffee shop and the feed store daily. Each of us secretly hope he will get caught and when he does occasionally, there is something new to talk about at the coffee shop. But how many of us every really try to help in his apprehension.

The old man stood staring at the dead fawn. The vehicle had roared away after the shot, but he knew it would be back. His initial shock turned slowly to anger. Yes, they would be back and he would be waiting. Backing up behind a tree he sat

down and placed the old rifle across his knees again. This time with a new purpose.

Twenty minutes later the vehicle roared to a stop once more and two young men bounded over the fence and ran to the deer. Grabbing a leg apiece they started back to the vehicle. The old man stood up, "Oh no you don't." The startled men dropped the deer and started to run but something in the look of the old man and the gun made them stop. Apologies turned to belligerence when the old man asked for identification. They mentally evaluated this frail figure with the white hair. There were two of them and but one of him, but something about him checked any aggression. Displaying the courage of the pioneers that settled this land, the old man clicked the safety off the rifle and again asked for identification. Suddenly the young men were more than glad to give him what he asked for including a third subject still in the vehicle. Obtaining the information the old man let them leave. This information and the resulting warrants culminated with three men being taken before the court and more than six hundred dollars in fines paid.

This story is true. Will they return to seek vengeance? Will they burn his pasture or kill his cattle? These are the common excuses used by most people for not getting involved. No one can guarantee they won't, but if we permit others to take what is rightfully ours, then we are undeserving of the privileges of ownership and so they will.

Only the strong survive. The courageous people that settled this state did so with great privations and danger. The chance their farms might be burned or their cattle killed was a daily expectation. Yet, they stayed, and some of them died for the right to win this land and the wildlife on it. The blood that flowed through the veins of those early day Texans now flows through ours. Surely we inherited some of their cour-

age. We can be no less responsible to future generations of Texans than they were to us. We must be involved in the protection of our wildlife resources. Game wardens cannot do it alone.

Ironically, a game warden stopped the three men a mile down the road from the old man but did not know of the carnage they had just committed. Game wardens can only protect the wildlife in their immediate presence at any one time. They cannot be in more than one place at a time. One warden stationed in a county for twenty years calculated he had driven more than a half million miles in that county. This is the equivalent of around the world twenty times.

In the same twenty years he had worked more than sixty thousand hours. Yet for all his effort, at no time was he able to protect more than a mile radius around him at any given moment. He must have help from the public, the same public that pays the cost of his efforts.

Yes, we all know the slob hunter. Daily we afford him the courtesy of other members of our society. Yet if we knew him as a burglar or a thief, would we feel the same responsibility to accept him as a productive member of our society? He is no more than a criminal than a burglar, because he robs us of the life around us rather than material things. Material things are replaceable but a single species, decimated to the point of extinction, can never be replaced.

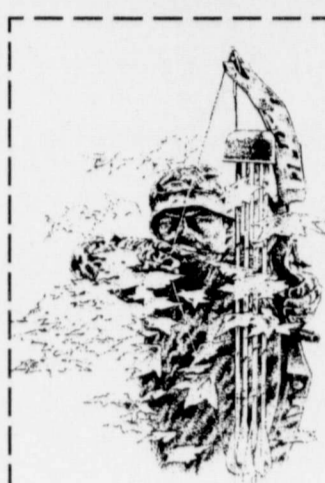
The actions of a slob hunter adds fuel to the fires raging for gun control. Their misguided, but fervent cry for a stop to all hunting is totally unjustified in its application to legal hunting and laws of nature. They seldom give credit or recognize the contributions made by legal sportsmen in the preservation of our wildlife resources. Their single best argument is the indiscriminate killings by slob hunters. Yet, what these misguided few cannot visualize is that an end to legal hunt-

ing will not stop the illegal hunters. We have laws prohibiting their type of hunting now but it hasn't stopped them. The next step would be to take away everyone's gun. The constitution guarantees us the right to bear arms but the irresponsible actions of slob hunters may jeopardize that right. If you are not concerned for the future of wildlife in Texas, then be concerned the slob hunter

may someday deny you your constitutional rights.

The law states the wildlife in Texas belongs to the people of Texas. The next time you see a slob hunter, muster the inherent courage that is yours by birthright and become involved. All you have to do is gather good sound information, the game warden will do the rest.

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Brown in a hot skillet with oil or bacon grease. Brown both sides well.

Place into a casserole dish large enough for all the steaks. Mix the following ingredients together and pour over the prepared steaks in the dish:

- 1 can onion soup made with beef stock
 - 1 can water
 - 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
 - 1/4 cup mustard of choice
- (if this does not cover the meat, add just enough water to cover the meat)

Top this with the slices of one medium onion. Place the cover on the dish and bake for 4 hours at a temperature not to exceed 250 degrees F.

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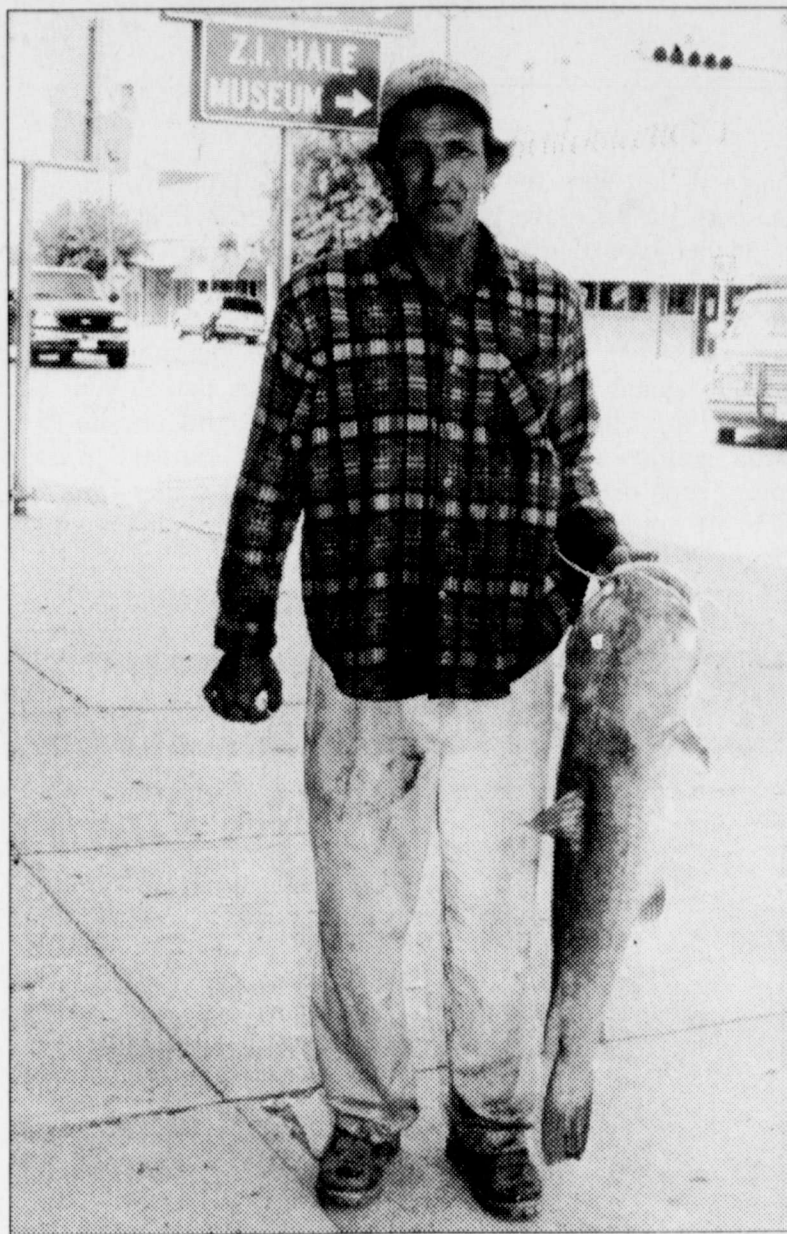
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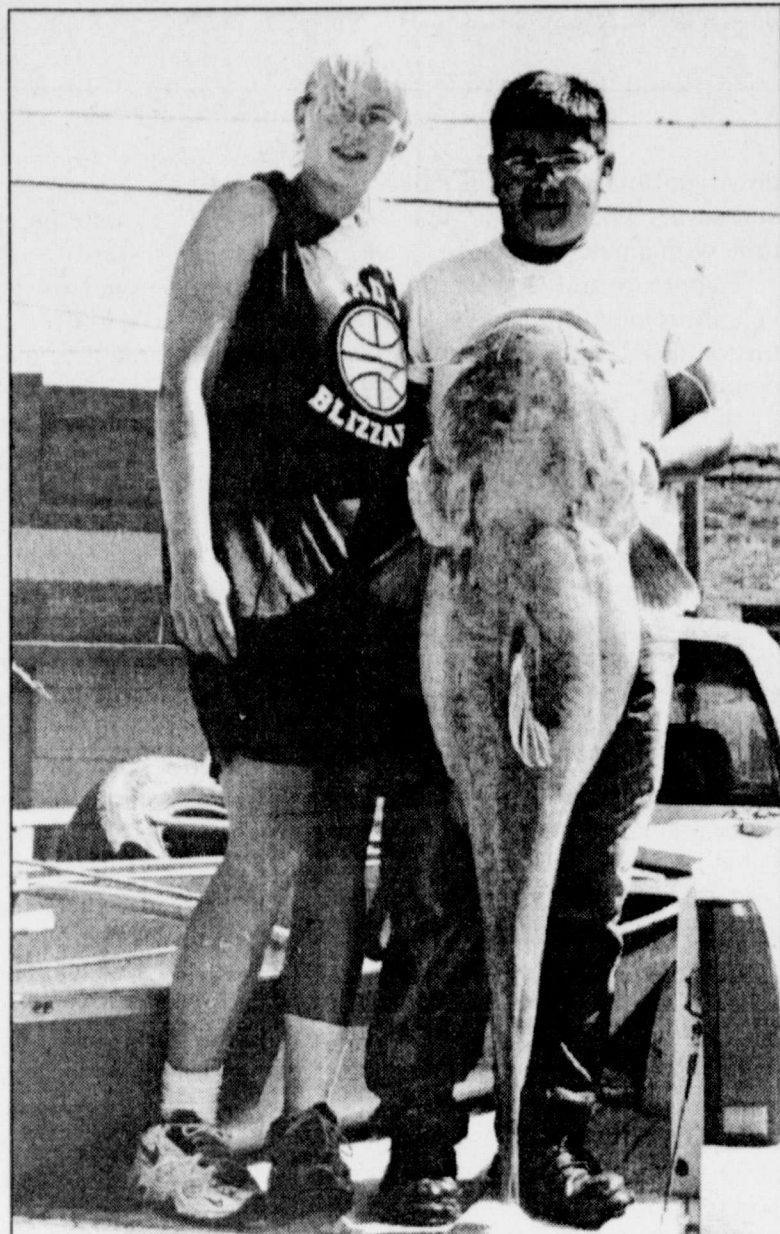
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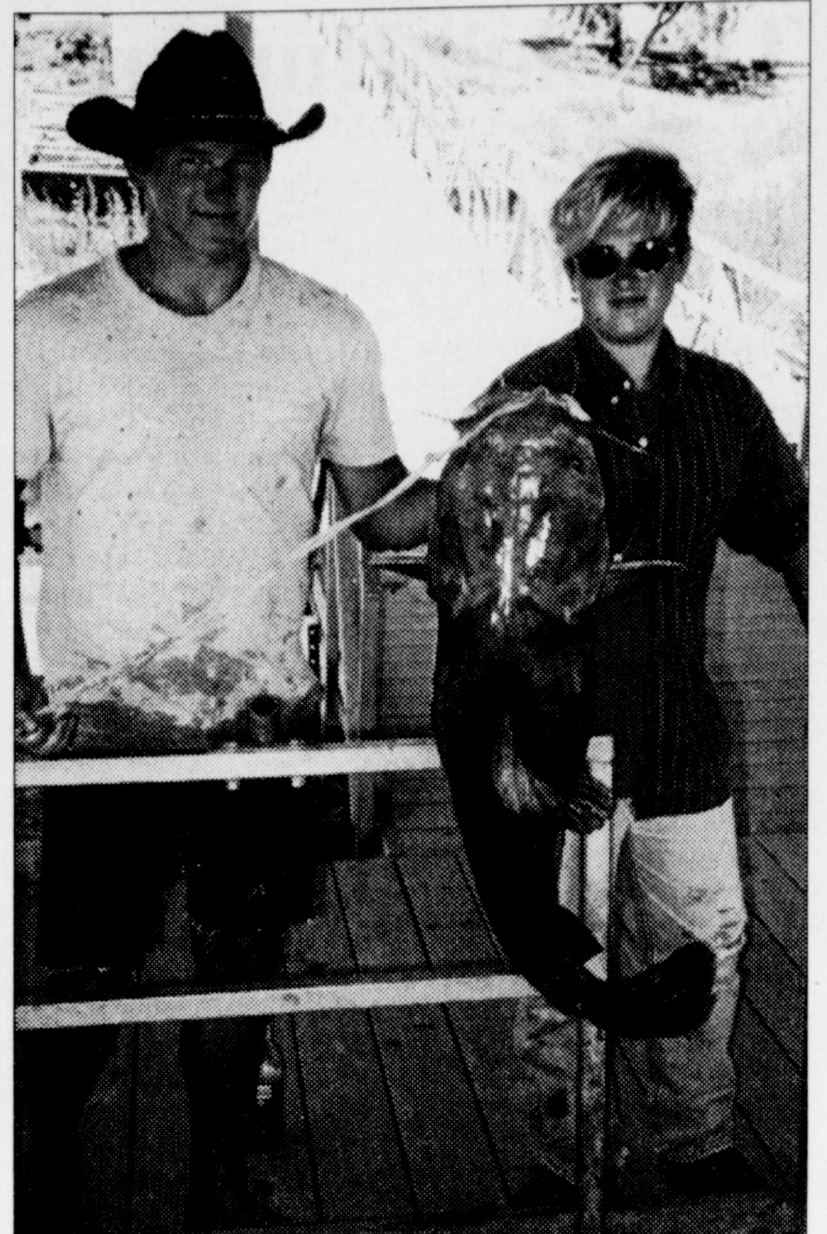
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Still more Texas Game Warden Field Notes...

ILLEGAL, & CHATTY, TOO

A San Augustine County game warden filed two cases against a San Augustine County man for possession of undersize crappie. The fisherman had 10 undersize crappie, some of which were seven inches long. The fisherman said that he would have had more, but the mosquitoes were too bad.

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS?

Van Zandt County Game Warden Steve Stapleton received a call about someone who might have killed a deer illegally. When the warden questioned the person about the remains, the person said, "Son, that deer is none of your business," according to TPWD law enforcement reports. Charges were filed against the person for felon in possession of a firearm and possession of

a deer with no Wildlife Resource Document.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK...

Recently, Refugio County game wardens filed disorderly conduct charges against two men. Both were water skiing in the "birthday suits" along the Aransas River and passed near a very populated river camp.

THE WRONG SIDE OF THE FENCE...

A Schleicher County game warden investigated a report that someone from a neighboring lease had poached a deer by shooting across a fence. The complainant and his non-hunting brother-in-law told the game warden that someone in a black pickup had shot the deer and sped off, leaving the dead deer behind. After checking the deer and the blood trail that led back to the complainant's feeder, the warden determined that the deer

could not have been shot from across the fence. Further questioning led to an admission by the brother-in-law of taking the deer after the complainant had left the blind to take his son to the restroom. He made up the story to avoid getting into trouble because he was under strict instructions not to hunt since he did not have his hunter safety certification or a hunting license.

RETURNING TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME...

In early December, a DeWitt County game warden caught two men shooting from the road. They were arrested, their rifles confiscated and vehicle impounded. The next day, the warden returned to where the shot was fired to try to locate the deer.

Returning to town empty-handed, the warden happened upon the same vehicle he had impounded the night before. The vehicle was parked next to a bridge with the hazard lights flashing. Under the bridge, he discovered two men hacking a doe carcass with a machete. The warden also found a second deer in an ice chest nearby.

The two admitted to being friends of the poachers and had gotten the truck out of impoundment to retrieve the deer. Neither of the men had identification nor hunting licenses and were arrested. For the second time that day the truck was impounded. Fines were assessed and the guns awarded to TPW.

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Species	Date	Weight	Length	Caught By
Black Bass	02/09/00	14.59 lbs		Butch Gayle Plains, Tx
Smallmouth Bass	10/31/95	4.55 lbs	20-3/4"	Rosea Malone Ft. Worth, Tx
White Crappie	03/11/93	2 lbs 10 oz		Nina Brewer Robert Lee, Tx
Black Crappie	02/05/99	1.52 lbs		Ray Cline Lake Ivie, Tx
White Bass	04/01/97	2.84 lbs	19"	Austin Terry San Angelo, Tx
Striped Bass (not stocked)	02/10/95	13.25 lbs		Sam Keel San Angelo, Tx
Hybrid Striped Bass (not stocked)	06/03/00	9.11 lbs		Mike Hayes Brownwood, Tx
Walleye	03/18/99	8.15 lbs		Jim Graham
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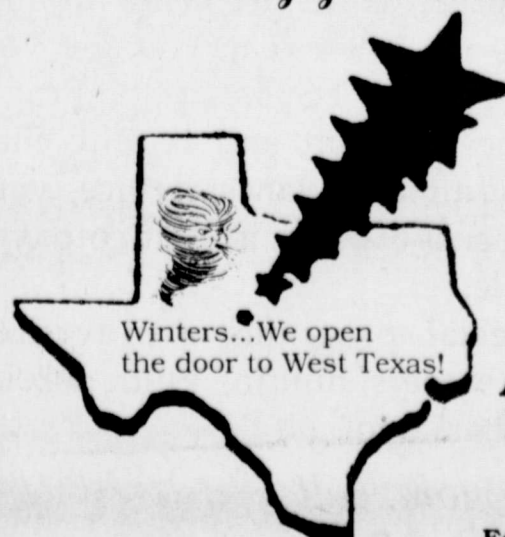
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Hunting and Fishing Report...



ROBERT BUTLER of Lubbock (left) is shown with guide Dave Caudle as he exhibits this 17 lbs. channel cat he took on a rod and reel on Lake Ivie.

This time of year, especially just after the first cool spell, we all begin to feel the call. When I walk outside in the morning and find temperatures in the 50-degree range, I begin to think of deer season. What will come of the season doesn't seem so important anymore; it's just its coming that's important. I've hunted every opening day for the past 35 years or so. Some of these hunts lately were from the living room of my fishing camp, which overlooks a feeder just off Lake Ivie. I have yet to shoot a deer from a rest on the TV, but I'm ready for the right one.

This year the hunting should be good. The few rains that came seemed to be at the right time for horn development and for turkey and quail nesting. Most of the deer I've seen and what ranchers tell me is that the horns are well developed and the deer appear fat. This is due largely to the spring rains and some summer rain; however, since mid-summer the rains have gone elsewhere. The deer will be hitting the feeders in increasing numbers as the dry conditions and lack of browse continue.

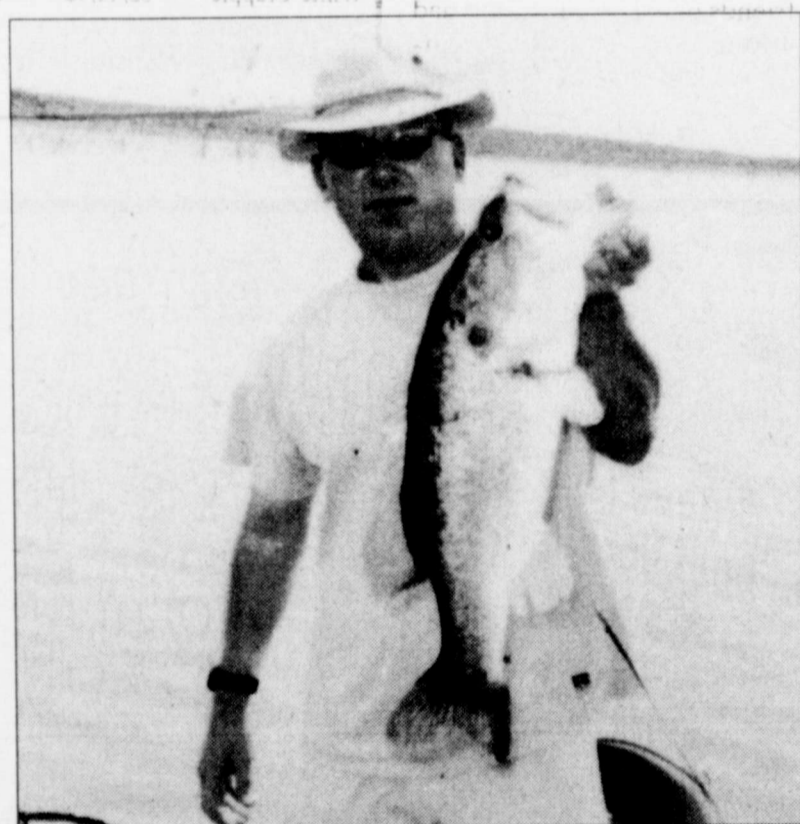
With populations in the Runnels County area at a high, five deer are allowed with no more than two bucks. Because of the overall situation in the county, I suggest that we all take advantage of the liberal limits and add a couple of does to the antlers. Taking some does will only help the rest of the herd and allow this county to produce better quality deer.

While hunting normally takes center stage in the fall, one should remember that the Runnels County area also sports one of the best bass lakes in the state. Lake O.H. Ivie has become a premier bass lake with numerous bass over the 13-pound range and has a lake record of well over 14 pounds.

We're certainly closing in on that 15+ black bass.

While Ivie gets more attention because of the black bass, I don't pass up the excellent white bass fishing, catfishing, perch fishing, and crappie fishing. On a recent trip we boated over 40 white bass and nine black bass up to five pounds. You fishermen or women should also remember that the retention limit on black bass is five fish, two of which can be under 18 inches. While some

Lake Ivie Black Bass—



CHUCK LIPSEY of Winters caught this 7 lbs. black bass while slipping a brush hog on Ivie this past spring.

bass persons I know practice only catch and release, the guys with all the degrees indicate that the bass fishery will be improved if some of the smaller bass are removed. It should also be noted that the lake is below forty percent capacity, which puts the fish closer together and makes the

forage an easier target. So as the lake goes down, it becomes more important for all of us to reduce the numbers of all species of fish. Then when the lake comes back up, the new growth will fertilize the lake and once again we'll have fishing like a new lake. The exception will be that we'll also have those double-digit bass still there.

While Ivie is below 40%, one has to remember that 40% of Ivie is still much larger than anything else in West Texas. Last week my depth finder showed over 96 feet of water in front of the dam. All we've done is move our fishing down the lake into the same depths as years before.

Don't be scared to get off shore into 25+ water and spoon fish. We catch all kinds of fish, so get that deer hung up and head to Ivie for a mess of fish. And you hunters should remember it's always easier to catch and release a fish than it is to release a deer.

See you on the lake.



BOBBY TOM BAILEY of Ballinger was Fishin' With Dave (Caudle) in February when he brought in this 10.51 lbs. bass on Lake Ivie. Fishing reports remain good to excellent on the lake for Runnels County enthusiasts.

BE SAFE on the water this season!
 Obey all fishing & boating rules of safety and be considerate to landowners & the environment.
REMEMBER drinking and boating don't mix. It is illegal to operate a water sport vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Elm Creek Lake back to capacity and reports say fishing is good

Cecil Sudduth, an avid fisherman on Elm Creek Lake, says fishing has been good since the lake filled with significant rainfall in July. After nearly three years below capacity, at least half of which were dangerously low, the numbers and sizes of fish being reported are encouraging.

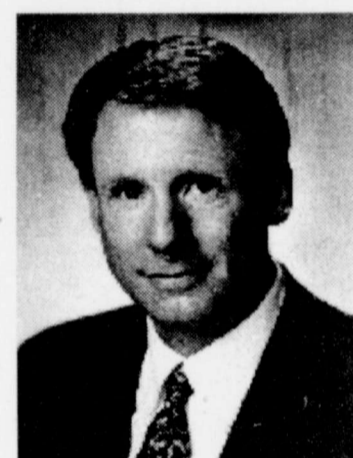
Sudduth reports some crappie catches with particularly good luck at the Crappie Dock on minnows.

Large white bass are being reported, in excess of 2 lbs., caught on slab spoons or jigs. There are some black bass, but not nearly the success with them as the whites.

Blue cats are fairly abundant, being caught on shad.

Early this month, Sudduth caught a 50 lbs. yellow cat on a rod and reel with shad, and had brought in a 10-pounder earlier in the day and another 10 lbs. and a 22 lbs. yellow cat all in the same week.

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Meals, Lodging, Guide, Groups



CECIL SUDDUTH OF WINTERS took this 50 lbs. yellow cat on a rod and reel at Elm Creek Lake near Winters on October 5, 2002. He reported catching a 10 lbs. yellow cat earlier in the day and 10 and 22 lbs. yellow cats earlier that week. Sudduth reported that fishing is good on the lake, which filled back to capacity in July after heavy rains.

Fishin' with Dave
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Absolute essentials...

A reminder to those who go to the deer camp: there are certain items that are absolute essentials. The first is chili powder. How anyone can cook without chili powder in camp is beyond me. It properly seasons eggs, steak, gravy, ground meat, and is even good on lettuce.

A trip to hunt in the mountains of southeast New Mexico allowed me to introduce the culinary treat of chili powder to about twelve guys who were camping with me. Cooking for these hunters means a big bucket of chili adequately seasoned with the red powder.

Throw in some crackers, biscuits, bread, or whatever, and you have a full meal deal.

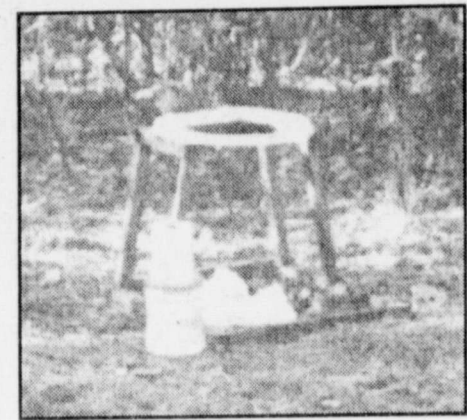
After trying to eat the large amount of chili for two nights, I advised the guys unless it was finished I'd have an additional surprise meal for them. Having a couple of pounds of the mixture left, I stirred it into the eggs the following morning. Since chili gets better with age, this was pure delight. All the guys took big helpings of the chili-eggs, quickly ate, and left camp. I did note a large amount of trash.

The ingestion of chili powder causes gastric movement, which brings us to the most important camping item. That item is the camp stool (potty, toilet, commode chair), complete with attachments. I made a free standing one using an old

toilet seat and angle iron, strong enough to support any camper. While many hunting days and much hunting happiness have been saved by such an item, this one actually saved a life or at least prevented serious injury.

The story goes that a local pharmacist, who is an avid hunter, was hunting in northern New Mexico with me along with a bald headed probation officer. You will notice that I'm being discrete in not mentioning the names of the nearly injured. It seems these two outdoorsmen had secured the potty on the back of a four-

wheeler and were in the process of loading the four-wheeler into the bed of the pickup. They were using ramps, and the four-



wheeler, as they sometimes do, reared up and began to go over backwards. Now this is a bad feeling, as these vehicles weigh over 400 pounds, and injury thirty miles from any pavement can prove to be quite a serious situation.

The driver of the four-wheeler had no where to go and could only hold onto the handle bars. The backward motion was stopped by the toilet that was securely tied on the rear of the four-wheeler. A grateful life saved by this important item, which left a roll of white paper and trotted off into the sunset.

See you on the lake.

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Camping skills, reminders & other suggestions...

While fishing Lake Ivie is my claim to a very small amount of fame, camping has also been in my blood for some 55 years. I started way back there in the 50's. Some of you might realize that's more than half a century ago. For you who don't understand, it was before space travel, color TV (at least in my house), fat-free or Easy Mac, if history goes back that far. With these qualifications and background, I'll try to put some of my vast camping knowledge in print for posterity.

Back in the 50's we went to the mountains of New Mexico to hunt mule deer. Most of the time we would just camp in the back of a pickup and use tarps for protection. If more than two were in the truck, a cot and poncho would do for wind and rain protection. One night in the Guadalupe we got to our area just after 10:00 p.m. and decided we would just throw the tarp on the ground and sleep there

for the night. It is best advised that you check your tarp for leaks, rips, and/or tears prior to believing that it will repel rain and snow. It took three days of hanging our bedding in the pinons to once again have warm sleeping bags. It was hard to believe that this tarp, only 30 years old and made of the finest canvas, would leak.

As time progressed we realized that the Indians had a good deal of smarts to construct tepees with which to thwart the elements. Therefore, we bought tents of canvas fabric complete with tent poles and buckets of stakes. We soon learned the necessity of a water trench around the tent and a floor in the tent. There was a trip that turned out to be the last time we took our bread, chips, and toilet paper in a cardboard box. We were some 70 miles from a paved road and relief was light years away. But once again we weathered the storm and began the long process of improving

our camping skills. Soon water repellent tents were purchased, and cook boxes, waterproof bags, and plastic were gathered to improve conditions. To this day I still put my clothes bag off the floor.

One hunt in the recent past was in the sandhills of southeastern New Mexico. We were camped in the sand dunes hunting mule deer, which are plentiful in this desert area 90 miles from any type of mountain or pine tree. One night a Norther came in from Canada, and the winds increased, moving the sand from dune to dune. We had set our tent and equipment to be ready for the north wind and just after the wind hit, we did the only thing possible under the circumstances we were facing. We camped the rest of that night and part of the next day in the Holiday Inn Express in Hobbs, New Mexico. I highly recommend this campsite in a sandstorm. I guess it means I'm getting old when a warm, soft bed, a shower, and

other amenities look better than roughing it in deer country. I did check with the front desk to learn the location of the hanging pole just in case we stumbled onto a deer with massive horns and very near the road, preferably uphill. However, it's likely there would have been some tree-huggers staying at the Inn who might have been offended at the sight of a deer hanging under the canopy.

It took mankind thousands of years to learn the fine art of staying warm and dry in the wild. My buddies and I have acquired this skill in a short 50 or so years. I've learned that to best insure a warm, dry camp, pack your gun, shells, knife, clothes, and credit card. Sign a credit slip, and camp is set. Besides, it takes cable TV to see the Cowboys. But then they weren't around 50 years ago.

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