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Briefly

Winters Dove Fest

The Winters Dove Fest Parade is slated for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 and organizers are seeking entries for the parade that are creative and interesting. The theme this year is "camo and hunting." Classic cars, old tractors and four wheelers are welcome to participate in the parade. The line-up begins at 9:30 a.m. at the West T Go parking lot. The parade route will begin there and go down Main Street to the Community Center. For more information, call Sandee Schnieder at 325-977-1036.

ON THE NET:
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Winters-Dove-Fest/269060963110872?sk=info&tab=page_info

Burn ban in effect

Hot dry and windy conditions in Runnels County recently, prompted the Runnels County Commissioners to reinstate the burn ban, which was lifted April, 23, 2013.

All outdoor burning is currently prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Runnels County. Burning is still allowed under certain conditions but it should be done with all necessary precautions and in compliance with the burn ban.

ON THE NET:
<http://www.co.runnels.tx.us/>

Uncontested races

No one filed to run for mayor in Winters, as the deadline passed Monday at 5 p.m. Mayor Lewis Bergman did not file to run for reelection while Council woman Lisa Yates and Place 3 Councilman Rene Woffenden, both filed and will run unopposed in the Nov. 3 election.

Winters ISD trustees Dan Killough, Place 3 and Charles Kidwell, Place 4 will run unopposed Nov. 3.

ON THE NET:
<http://www.winters-texas.us/TheCityofWintersindex.htm>

The last drop

The National Weather Service in San Angelo said residents in Runnels County can expect a hot and dry weather pattern for coming weeks with temperatures hovering around 100. It should be hot and dry through Sunday with temperatures expected to hit the century mark and above with a cooling trend expected Monday. No rainfall is in the forecast next week.

No rain was reported in Runnels County from Aug. 21-27.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 22.92 inches of rain while 24.68 inches has been reported in Wingate. The NWS reports 20.24 inches of rain has fallen in San Angelo, which is 6.84 inches over the normal annual amount.

Winters Dove Fest flying high

13th annual celebration set for Saturday, Sept. 5



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The 13th Annual Winters Dove Fest gets underway at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 at the Winters Community Center and includes the annual Hunters Appreciation Barbecue Lunch for \$10 per person. Last year, organizers cooked 750 pounds of brisket for the lunch and fed about 700.

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The 13th Annual Winters Dove Fest will get off the ground early Saturday, Sept. 5 with activities and events for hunters, visitors and the whole community.

Events kick off early Saturday, with dove hunts, a motorcycle Fun Run, a parade, followed by the Hunters Appreciation Barbecue, gun raffle, a gun show and the Clay Pigeon Fun Shoot.

Michael Mostad, chairman of the Winters Dove Fest, said there is something for everyone.

"We have a lot of visitors from the Big Country," Mostad said.

The Dove Hunts are being directed by Archie Jobe, who is organizing the hunts at locations all around Winters. The cost is \$70 per gun and includes a ticket to the Hunters Appreciation

If you go:

- What:** 13th Annual Winters Dove Fest
Where: Winters Community Center, 410 Novice Road, Winters
When: 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5
Events:
 9 a.m. Motorcycle Fun Run
 10 a.m. Parade
 10:30-1:30 p.m. Hunters Appreciation Barbecue \$10 per person
 1:30 p.m. Gun Raffle
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Arts and Crafts show, City Park
 1:30 p.m. Dove Fest Queen crowned

Barbecue. Jobe said the hunts will start at 6 a.m. Saturday with hunters taking a break mid-morning to attend the lunch

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What a difference a year makes



PHOTO COURTESY JOE GERHART

Winters Blizzards Quarterback Chris Diaz runs the ball during the scrimmage Saturday between the Blizzards and the Coleman Blue-cats. Tonight the Blizzards play the first game of the season as they face the Eldorado Eagles at San Angelo Stadium.

BY CHAD MCDUFFEE
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE SPORTS

Winters Blizzards football was the bright spot of the community last year. The town was covered in royal blue and white, fans lining the streets waving banners and flags as the buses left town. A

district championship after going undefeated in district play. There was a very impressive showing in the playoffs which saw the Blizzards lose in the Regional round against eventual state runner-up Albany. Their season was marked with many highlights. Until the playoffs, the biggest sign that times were changing was a win

against their Runnels County rival Ballinger Bearcats early in the year.

What a difference a year makes.

Gone is Coach Stan Caffey and with him the majority of the coaching staff, a rare occurrence after such a successful year. The lone holdover on the football staff is Coach Ronnie Ballard.

Speed and winning prime directives for 2015-16 season

Mainstays of the team have now graduated and moved on with their lives. Two time All-State selection Ethan Bredemeyer is now a freshman at Texas A&M University. Also gone are All-Big Country selections Taylor Hooper and Jake Brock. One might ask what's next.

Enter new Athletic Director and

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GateHouse welcomes photographer, sports writer

Veteran and teacher joins Ledger, Enterprise



Chad McDuffee

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A Ballinger native and veteran is joining the GateHouse Media family as a photographer and sports writer.

Chad McDuffee officially joined the staff Monday and he will serve as a part-time photographer and writer covering sports and other events in Runnels County.

McDuffee, who has his own photography business, is a Ballinger native,

graduating from Ballinger High School in 2000.

After graduation, he mulled over what he wanted to do and it would be the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 that changed his life forever.

"I joined the U.S. Army," McDuffee said.

But before he went to basic training, he married his sweetheart Jaslyn.

After finishing basic training in Fort Leonardwood, Missouri, McDuffee was deployed to the army base in Yong San, which is right in the middle of the city

of Sol, Korea. He was a military police officer in charge of protecting the base. He said it wasn't easy, because the sentiments of the Koreans were not particularly favorable to Americans at the time.

"My job was to secure the base, it was very hectic," McDuffee said. After Korea, he returned to Fort Leonardwood where he and Jaslyn were able to live for four years. Then in 2006, he was deployed to Iraq, and was stationed in Baghdad. He would serve two tours of duty there, as an MP, where he trained

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Adelle Todd

Adelle Todd, age 101 of Gatesville passed away on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at her home. She was born, April 18, 1914 in Caps, Texas. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, August 20, 2015 at Restland Cemetery.

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Mary Ellon Casey

Mary Ellon Casey, 72, of Abilene, formerly of Winters, died July 23, 2015. She was born October 20, 1942 to Cecil and Eula Stephens in Winters and grew up there attending Winters Schools. While in Winters she owned and operated Dot Dot's Diner, later Casey's Drive-In for several years. She lived in Odessa and later in Abilene where she was a cashier for Wal-Mart for a number of years.

She is survived by her husband: M.J. Casey of Abilene, three children: Todd Casey and wife Tammy of Abilene, Michelle Brannon of Abilene and Melinda Casey of San Angelo. two brothers: Troy Stephens of Winters and David Stephens of Levelland. seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

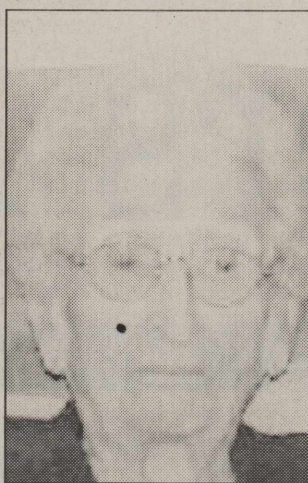
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Julie M. (Kudlacek) Lisso

Julie M. (Kudlacek) Lisso passed away in Ballinger on Friday, August 14, 2015 at the age of 104. She was born May 22, 1911 to Joseph and Marie (Bubenek) Kudlacek in Runnels County. She attended Groenwald School and played on the winning women's basketball team in 1928.

She married Arthur A. Lisso on November 2, 1929 in Rowena and they celebrated 62 years of marriage before he passed away on August 8, 1992. She was also preceded by her parents; her son, Erwin R. (Bud) Lisso; her daughter, Evelyn L. Richardson; and a brother, Ed Kudlacek and his wife, Ella.

Julie was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena as well as St. Ann's Altar Society. She was a long time and active member of the Lowake Home Demonstration Club. She was well known for her sewing abilities, making all of her daughter's clothes, with the exception of her wedding dress. She also made lots of dresses, shorts and jackets for her granddaughters. She enjoyed making kolaches and cream pies but would



have rather been outside, helping with the livestock and farming and gardening.

Julie is survived by her daughter-in-law and caregiver, Frances Lisso of Rowena; four granddaughters ("her girls", who spent so many weeks out on the farm and learned so much), Susan Harney and husband, Jerry, of Wolfforth, Paula Reed and husband, Raymond "Bubba," of San Angelo, Betty Johnson and husband, Clark, of Seguin, and Tricia Varquera and husband, Hector, of Saginaw; 8 great grandchildren; and 4 great-great granddaughters.

There was a visitation at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger on Sunday, August 16 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with a Rosary following at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, August 17, 2015 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena with Fr. Ariel Lagunilla celebrating. Burial followed at the Evergreen Cemetery in Rowena.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to the staff of Ballinger Healthcare and Rehab Center and to Ballinger Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the St. Joseph Building Fund, Lowake Community Center or a favorite charity.

Guests may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

4-H meeting Tuesday

The Winters 4-H Club will hold the first meeting of the year at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 1 at the Winters Senior Citizens Activity Center located at 601 Wood St. Students who are at least 8 years old and in the third grade are eligible to be a member of 4-H. For more information please contact Melissa Gerhart at 325-513-8908.

Winters Public Library

The next creative writing program hosted by the Winters Public Library will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14 in the Lois West Conference Room at the Library. Nancy Robinson Masters will be the speaker and instructor, who will lead a discussion titled "Writing When It Hurts." The program is free and is provided by the library through a personal donation.

Dove Fest royalty wanted

It is that time of year again for the annual Winters Dove Fest and organizers are seeking nominees for Dove Fest Queen for the pageant to be held Saturday, Sept. 5. The deadline to nominate is Friday, Aug. 28.

Nominees must be enrolled in Winters ISD as a junior or senior in the 2015-16 school year and must maintain UIL eligibility with passing grades the entire

school year.

Basic hunting and gun safety knowledge is a plus. Contestants must participate in the Dove Fest Parade and use an assigned sponsor as their float sponsor. Dove Fest officials say that there is no extra cost to the contestant for a sponsor.

Judging begins the early Saturday morning at the Rock Hotel before the annual parade gets underway at 9:30 a.m. Prior to the parade, each contestant will be individually interviewed by the panel of judges.

All of the contestants will be required to wear Sunday dress clothes for the interview and camo attire for the parade. The contestants will be required to participate in the Dove Fest celebrations throughout the day. The Dove Fest Queen will be crowned that day and will make her debut at the Dove Fest Dance Saturday night.

Applications are available the Winters High School counselors office and at Bee's Quilting, Bedford Norman Insurance, Heidenheimer's and The Attic.

City Council Meetings

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

Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer's Sup-

port Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month from. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and caregiver perspective.

There is no charge for this public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer's Association.

Sobriety First AA Group

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The group will meet Saturday with prior arrangements. Please use the Avenue A and Seventh Street entrance. For more information please contact the church at 325-365-2323.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger at 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday night. Enter on the Avenue A and Seventh Street side. Alanon is open to all family and friends of alcoholics or drug users. For more information call 325-365 2323.

Preserving our hunting heritage in the wake of CWD

We have long known certain deer breeding practices threaten native wildlife and hunting on a number of levels and the movement of captive deer around the state in livestock trailers creates significant risk to our wild deer population.

Texas hunters are still reeling from the June discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), an always fatal, highly contagious brain disease similar to Mad Cow disease, in a deer breeding facility in Medina County. The shocking reality is that deer from this one breeder have been shipped to 66 Texas counties, and during that time, CWD went undetected in his pens. There are approximately 100 animals in this

facility that remain to be tested, while the source of the disease is still unknown. With 4 million wild deer in Texas, and a disease with no cure, we must ask ourselves—is the deer breeding industry worth the added risk?

Deer breeders represent a self-centered, short-sighted industry that has been allowed to hide under the veil of legitimate wildlife management for far too long. They treat wild animals like livestock, and operate in a no-man's land where neither wildlife nor livestock rules apply. Deer breeders have only been compelled to conform to a more appropriate regulatory framework upon the discovery of CWD in a breeding facility.

Recently, a plan was approved that will lift the ban on movement of breeder deer, allowing hooves to hit the trailers and the canned shooting industry to have cash-flow for yet another year. How will this new reality of CWD in Texas white-tailed deer impact our wild herd, hunting, rural economies and land values, and when will the concerns of the overwhelming majority of hunters and landowners be addressed? The squeaky wheel always gets the grease, and as long as the silent majority of hunters do not speak up, deer breeder voices are the only ones that are heard.

The professionals at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) are to be commended for their response to date, and commitment to the safety of both wild and captive deer in our state. Deer breeders have thrown up roadblocks and used political shenanigans to slow the process of detection and containment of this disease, illustrating their lack of concern for the public resource (white-tailed deer),

the future of hunting, and even the long-term sustainability of their own industry.

The largest and most respected hunting, wildlife management and conservation groups in Texas and the nation are calling for an aggressive approach to detection and containment of this disease. Texas is the 22nd state to document cases of CWD, positioning us to learn from other experiences and develop a unique approach that could inform the future handling of CWD nationwide.

Texas is the only state in the U.S. that allows captive-raised deer to be liberated into the wild, and on top of that, no visible external identification, such as an ear tag, is required to differentiate them from wild deer and aid in disease tracking. These unique factors elevate the risk deer breeding poses to wild deer and therefore, legislation is needed to protect wild deer and hunting in Texas.

I encourage you to join our community on Facebook and share your support: <https://www.facebook.com/texans-huntingheritage>.

With hunting season just weeks away and the potential burden of CWD only beginning to unfold, I hope you will speak up. Hunters, wildlife enthusiasts, and responsible land stewards must stand together and advocate for OUR wildlife and OUR hunting heritage.

"The wildlife and its habitat cannot speak. So we must and we will." - President Theodore Roosevelt

Jenny Sanders is the executive director of *Texans for Saving Our Hunting Heritage*. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/texanshuntingheritage>.



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Winters ISD menu Aug. 27 to Sept. 3

Breakfast

Aug. 27
French toast
Cereal w/Grahams
Banana
Fruit Juice
Choice of milk
Friday, Aug. 28
Cinnamon roll or
Cereal w/grahams
Mixed fruit
Fruit juice
Choice of milk

Aug. 31
Biscuit & sausage w/gravy
Pop Tart
Cereal w/grahams
Pineapple

Fruit juice
Choice of milk
Cereal w/grahams
Raisins
Fruit juice
Choice of milk

Sept. 1
Breakfast pizza
Cereal w/grahams
Raisins
Fruit juice
Choice of milk
Wed. Sept. 2
Sausage roll
Cereal w/grahams
Orange slices
Fruit juice
Choice of milk

Sept. 3

Pancakes
Cereal w/grahams
Tropical fruit
Fruit juice
Choice of milk

Lunch

Aug. 27
Chef salad or
Steak fingers or
PB&J sandwich
Mashed potatoes
Salad/carrot sticks
Tropical fruit
Choice of milk

Aug. 28
Chef salad or
Cheeseburger or
Hot dog

Doritos
Lettuce with pickles
Orange slices
Choice of milk

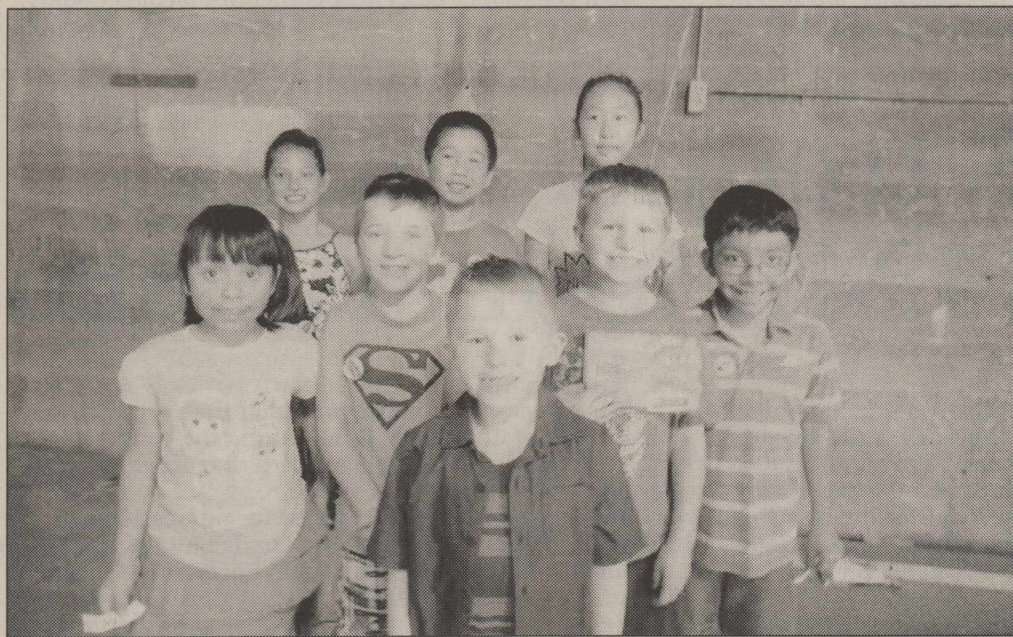
Aug. 31
Chef salad or
Spaghetti or
Chicken/bun
Italian green beans
Salad/carrot sticks
Choice of milk

Sept. 1
Chef salad or
Bean & cheese chalupa or
Chicken fajita
Corn
Salad/carrot sticks
Apple
Choice of milk

Sept. 2
Chef salad or
Steak fingers or
Chicken nuggets
Pretzels
Mashed potatoes/gravy
Salad/broccoli
Peaches
Choice of milk

Sept. 3
Chef salad or
Peanut butter/jelly
sandwich or
Chicken tenders
Mac 'n cheese
Salad/carrot sticks
Fruit cup
Raisins
Choice of milk

Winters ISD menu Aug. 27 to Sept. 3



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Children pictured in these two photos received awards for reading 12 books this summer during the Winters Public Library Reading Program. Left: Pictured from left to right, in the back row are Sahalee Curry, Avison Lin and Winni Lin; middle row Divya Moreno Gannon Wade, Brian Gray, and Christopher Moreno, front row Wyatt Spill. Right: Pictured from left to right are Austyn Gray, Sophie Hubbard and MJ Hubbard.

Membership drive underway: Artist Guild seeks new members

STAFF REPORTS

The Mid-West Texas Artists Guild currently has a membership drive underway.

For the first time ever dues are being offered at a half-price rate of only \$50. Regular dues are \$100 per year. This annual fee gives members the ability to participate in meetings, voting privileges, the annual

art show, the Hunters Dinner, and the annual art camp. There are many other community activities that the guild participates in.

Shirley Minzenmayer, vice president of the Mid-West Texas Artists Guild, said this is a great time to join.

"If you have ever thought about joining the guild or have an interest

in art, this is an excellent opportunity to become a member," she said.

The first meeting of the year will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 1 at the Do-Art Studio at 108 South 9th St. New members may pay the fee at that time. For more information, please call Queba at 325-365-3770 or Shirley at 325-754-4216 or contact any guild member.

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Across

- 1 Barbershop item
- 5 Token taker
- 9 Open, as an envelope
- 13 Outdoor party
- 14 Fuss
- 15 New moon, e.g.
- 16 One to grow on?
- 17 In a while
- 18 Comic Mandel
- 19 Start of a quote
- 22 Tolkien creature
- 23 Polly, to Tom
- 24 Uneven?
- 27 Art collectibles
- 30 Olympic prizes
- 34 Autostrada sights
- 36 Dodge model of the 1980s
- 38 Village Voice award
- 39 Quote, part 2
- 40 Writer Mark who said the quotation
- 41 Quote, part 3
- 42 Writer Buchanan
- 43 "Damn it!"
- 44 Hoity-toity sorts
- 45 Stop working
- 47 Dole's running mate, 1996
- 49 Deli bread
- 50 Bill
- 52 Battery size
- 54 End of the quotation
- 61 Copycat
- 62 Reddish-brown
- 63 Combine
- 64 Put up with
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- 66 "Exodus" author
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- 68 Nair competitor
- 69 Garret

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- 1 Scratch
- 2 "That hurt!"
- 3 Filly's mother
- 4 Good, in Guadalajara
- 5 Attitude
- 6 Marathon
- 7 Stink
- 8 Skater Harding
- 9 Overpower verbally
- 10 Croquet site
- 11 "What ___?"
- 12 Course requirement?
- 15 Ring
- 20 Spherical triangle sides
- 21 Herb in curry powder
- 24 Proposal
- 25 Part of LED
- 26 Frighten
- 28 "Parks and Rec" actor Rob
- 29 Impact sound
- 31 Loathe
- 32 Recline next to
- 33 Pick up
- 35 Track event?
- 37 Big name in sneakers
- 40 Letter before iota
- 44 Luxury home features
- 46 Rolls ___ (pricey auto)
- 48 Is forbidden to
- 51 Scandal-plagued energy giant
- 53 Horrible
- 54 Feeling
- 55 Give off, as light
- 56 Blood's partner
- 57 Bring down
- 58 Money in Spain
- 59 "Oh, right!"
- 60 Others
- 61 Blueprint

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

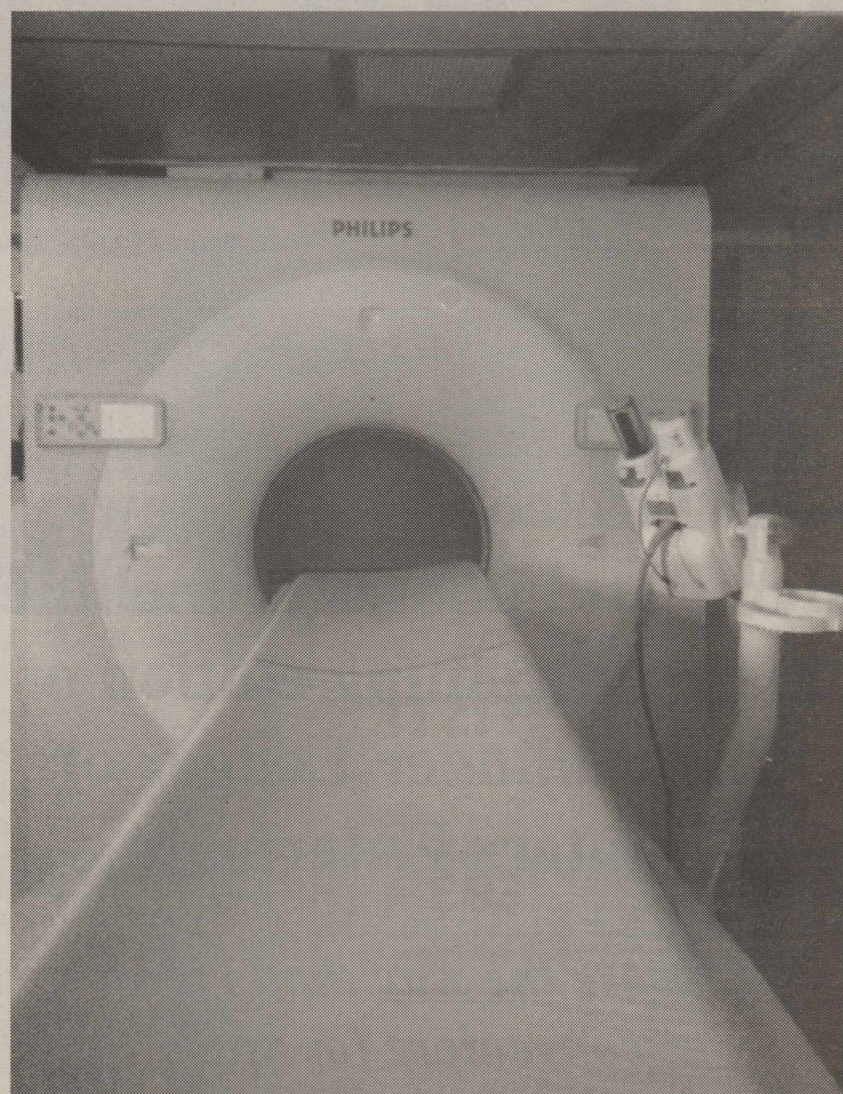
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Weather Whys

Q: Why are the hottest days called the "dog days of summer?"

A: It's a slang term for the hottest time of the year, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "In general terms, it's the time between early July and early September when the highest temperatures occur in the Northern Hemisphere," he says. "The ancient Egyptians named the brightest star in the sky Sirius, which they labeled the 'dog star' after one of their mythic gods. Sirius could be seen in the sky during this time and they believed it was responsible for the intense summer heat."

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Disorderly conduct		
Nicanne Hernandez	29	Menard
MTR-terroristic threat		
Constancio R. Gerardo	29	Concho
MTR-license invalid		
David T. Ferguson	30	RCSO
Unauthorized use of motor vehicle		
Kelly D West	43	RCSO
MTR-MDWI		
Summer D. Martin-Hernandez	22	BPD
DWLI-previous conviction		
Andrew M. Jacquez	19	DPS San Angelo
Report to police		
Jay B Martinez	37	RCSO
Theft by check		
Raul Lopez Jr.	53	RCSO
Condition of probation		
Jose Quiroga	32	RCSO
Pre judgment		
Juan Cenantez	23	DPS
Possession of a prohibited weapon switch blade		
Candelario M Macias	63	Miles
DWI 2nd		

Hello To All:

From Maureen:

We enjoyed the study of Joseph again this week and church on Sunday. We also had lunch at the DQ.

It has been a quiet week out here. The heat is trying to let up some. But some will argue that 95 degrees is not significantly less than 101 degrees. That may be true. We went to Voss for Friday night Bible study with Jim Wahl prepared for the lesson. I asked again about the critter that he said looks like an alligator that is living in his barn. My exterminator from Ballinger was out one day to inspect for termites and told him about it. He is very interested and wants to go over and have a look at it. He was thinking that an alligator would want a river or pond to live in and that it may be a large iguana. Jim said no, he knows what an iguana looks like. Jim said that he

TALPA TALK

would put out one of those night cameras that are activated by motion and see if he can get a better look at it. He wasn't really wanting to go in the barn and stir around to find it. That is probably a good idea. Just be quiet and let the critter continue with its rat control.

Our neighbor, Ann Mount, has had her son Brandon here for a few days visiting. He is helping to repair the fence in the small corral and the sides to the shed. Ann has two new pups and one is going to stay out there for a while. Brandon will take one with him back to Lubbock.

The post office still does not have a flag pole up. The other one had to be taken down because the pulley at the top got out of wack and the rope broke. The guy from the Ballinger P.O. is supposed to bring it out I think. We had another lady from the Ballinger P.O. fill in one day, I think her name was Sarah but will check on that.

So it goes in our quiet little corner of Coleman County.
Talpa Bob

DPS trooper seizes over \$424K in marijuana

AMARILLO - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop Tuesday on IH-40, yielding 70 pounds of marijuana valued at over \$424,000.

At approximately 12:34 p.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2015 Chevrolet Malibu traveling eastbound on IH-40, for a traffic violation, near Conway in Carson County.

The driver of the Malibu was identified as Darrell E Baker, 59, of Columbus, Ohio. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered six bundles of marijuana in the trunk.

Baker was placed under arrest for possession and delivery of marijuana over 50 pounds but less than 2000 pounds, a first-degree felony, and booked into the Car-

DPS enhances patrols through Labor Day

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is increasing DWI patrols from now through Sept. 7, which includes the Labor Day holiday weekend. During this period, DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"Impaired drivers who take to the roadways put other travelers in harm's way, and these increased patrols during the

Labor Day holiday are designed to save lives by getting these dangerous drivers off the road," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "The department urges all drivers to do their part to keep our road and highways safe by obeying traffic laws and not drinking and driving."

The increased patrols that target impaired driving are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Labor Day holiday:

- Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab.
- Eliminate distractions, including the usage of mobile devices.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it's the law.
- Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

■ Slow down or move over for police, fire and EMS vehicles as well as tow trucks and TxDOT vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the law.

- Don't drive fatigued.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

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VETERAN'S CORNER



Sandra G. Van Zant

I want to personally thank everyone in the community for supporting the Honor Flight. Because of your generous donations, I have raised the \$1,600 for Daniel Fischer's guardian to accompany him to Washington D.C. if he is selected. The Texas Permian Basin Honor Flight is slated for Sept. 17-19.

Unfortunately, his wife Harriet cannot attend. Their daughter, Amy Hoffman will be Daniel's guardian for the trip.

For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 325-365-3612.

-Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer

BROTHER J

My Little Square

I think I first got the idea one Sunday evening in a church fellowship hall while listening to a speaker tell of how God was using him. As he was speaking I noticed that the fellowship hall had a tile floor and each tile was about one foot square. Looking at the tiles I imagined that one of those squares represented my life. It was like a clean chalkboard and I was asking God if he could or would use me (Isaiah 55:6, Matthew 7:7&8).

I wanted to surrender and commit my life and time to Him (Psalms 10:17&37:4&5). I wanted Him to fill or put things (ways of serving Him) in that little square. I had no idea what would be involved but after that prayer I am very careful not to say no when I am asked to do something for the Lord. I think God is more interested in the attitude of our heart than what we are able to do.

I also think we have to be very careful in our materialistic culture today where we can have so many nice things, so many pleasure all around us and wealth maybe attainable with two working or eighty-hour work week that if we are not careful they will occupy all of our time and there won't be any time left for God. What's in your little area or square? See you in church next Sunday.

Brother J

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Local students awarded scholarships

STAFF REPORTS

North Runnels Hospital recently provided two scholarships to Mary Rocha and Amanda Halfmann to be used to pursue studies toward a career in an allied health care profession. Judy Espitia, CEO of NRH, presented Rocha and Halfmann the scholarship award, of which North Runnels Hospital provided \$500 in matching funds for each scholarship. The additional \$500 was provided by the Northwest Texas Hospital Association.

Both students are studying nursing to pursue a career in a rural area of Texas. Rocha is attending

Cisco College of Nursing. She will complete her LVN studies in August 2015. Halfmann is studying nursing through Excelior to obtain her RN license. The Northwest Texas Hospital Association established the scholarship program in order to assist small communities in the state in their efforts to recruit health care professionals to work in rural hospitals. The NTHA awarded a total of \$10,000 this year for students nominated by member hospitals. Each hospital provides the matching scholarship amount for a total of \$500 per student.



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Amanda Halfmann, left, and Mary Rocha, right, received scholarships from North Runnels Hospital and the Northwest Texas Hospital Association.

THE MARKET PERSPECTIVE

Oil prices drop to fresh lows

"Canada's high-cost oil-sands producers are struggling as oil prices sink to fresh six-year lows, and even the most efficient drillers are losing money on every barrel they produce at current prices."

Wall Street Journal 8/20/2015
As discussed in this space the last few weeks, oil has now taken out the previous March low of \$42.41 closing Wednesday at \$40.94. Today we provide a 'road map' of what to expect in the unfolding bear market for crude oil and the early unfolding of the bear move in world-wide stock markets.

Bull markets move up while bear markets move down. Prices fall seven times as fast in bear markets as they rise in bull markets. Accountant Ralph Nelson Elliott described markets as moving in three steps interrupted by two corrective steps. We can identify the mood of the three down steps or waves as Denial, Acceptance, and finally Capitulation.

Indeed the weekly continuation chart for crude oil is quite clear now as how this has unfolded. Oil peaked at just over \$110 in the Fall of 2013. Since then the pattern is clear.

Wave One - Price fell from \$110 in

2013 to \$95 in early 2014

Wave Two - Price rebounded to a lower high of \$107 by summer 2014

Wave Three - Price collapsed from \$107 to the \$42.41 cited above

Wave Four - Price rebounded 50 percent to \$61; we suggested that would be the line in the sand that oil would not cross

Wave Five - Now underway has already given back the \$20 rise and is likely headed much lower

No one in the industry was worried in the Denial Phase of Wave One. In fact on the rebound, most 'experts' were looking for oil to take out the previous \$110 high. Indeed building in the Eagle Ford and Permian Basin was still proceeding at a frantic pace during this denial phase. We noted a fifty story building was planned for Midland, TX, just as First National Bank had expanded its building in 1979. As always we were assured that 'this time it's different.'

When price did not exceed \$110, party was over. As prices fell we moved to the Acceptance Phase. Then headlines like 'Producers can Still be Profitable at \$60' began to appear. That might be true but only if such producers are debt

free. As price dropped supply continued unabated.

The bounce from \$42 to \$61 convinced even the CEO of Valero to declare that "prices would percolate up to \$80." Wrong again! Indeed this is the typical mood of a fourth wave which causes most to believe the worst has been seen.

The purpose of a bear market is to wipe out the over optimistic excess of the previous bull markets. This is now occurring. Hercules Offshore HERO added rigs during the boom of 2010 and borrowed to do so. Sandridge Energy SD borrowed to buy into the Mississippi Lime Shale Play. Now both firms have been downgraded to extreme junk, Hercules has filed for bankruptcy and SD will likely follow.

The 2008 low of \$35 oil is nearby. We suggested last week that if the same percentage moves hold prices could easily take out that level. The Energy Service XES index registered a new low at \$20. That makes a return to the 2008 low of \$12 likely.

Shares of large producers of course

have held up much better, so far. But just yesterday Exxon Mobil XOM, Conoco Phillips COP, and Chevron CVX all fell leading the stock market lower.

But the nonsense continues. Just today Jim Cramer at CNBC declared that low oil prices are just great. It means interest rates will likely stay low he says. Well Jim, show me one stock market in the world that has gone up since oil prices have gone down!

We began this year in the space predicting a deflationary wave would collapse various markets. Shanghai has collapsed from 5200 to 3600. France, Germany, and Hong Kong, are all falling. Brazil and Russia have collapsed as well.

The stock market bear is following his oil bear cousin. The Dow Industrials, Composite 65, and Transports are all under their 200 day moving averages. As with oil in 2013-2014, the major media is ignoring these important clues.

But there is no need for our readers to do so.

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NRH Employee of the Quarter



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Lorretta Graham, right, was voted by fellow employees of North Runnels Hospital as Employee of the Quarter. Graham has been employed at North Runnels Hospital for three years as a clinic LVN. North Runnels Hospital CEO Judy Espitia, left, presented Graham with a plaque in appreciation of her work at the hospital.

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Men's City Championship Golf Tournament Results



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Connie Mac Gibbs won first place in the Men's City Championship Golf Tournament held Aug. 22-23 at the Winter Country Club. Gibbs took first place in the Championship Flight along with Rick Dry who won second place and Robyn Bird who won third place. In the First Flight, Jim Ventress took first place while Kenny Gibbs took second and Armando Tamez took third. In the Second Flight, Jerry B. Whitlow took first place, followed by Gary Schwartz for second and Jerry Sims for third place.



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The 13th Annual Winters Dove Fest will kick off at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 with a parade through downtown Winters. The theme this year is "Guns and Camo." Those who wish to participate in the parade can start lining up at the community center at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with the parade beginning at 10 a.m.

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and then resuming the hunts later in the afternoon. To sign up and register, call Jobe at 325-660-8334. Proceeds from the hunts benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Organizers expect to feed at least 700 during the Hunters Appreciation Barbecue.

Ace Polk, who has a massive barbecue pit, will be cooking the brisket as he has done in years past. The lunch is \$10 per person and will include brisket, potato salad, beans, tea and dessert, Mostad said.

"We cooked 750 pounds of brisket last year," Mostad said.

And once again this year "Elvis" will be in the building as Winters' own Harvey McFadden provides live entertainment from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the stage at the Community Center. McFadden will be performing his Tribute to Elvis throughout the event.

The Motorcycle Fun Run will take off from the Winters Community Center at 9 a.m. Riders will tour historic sites around Winters and then have the option to be in the Dove Fest Parade, which gets rolling at 9:30 a.m. The cost to enter the Fun Run is a \$25 donation to West Texas Rehabilitation Center. There will be a \$10 charge for each passenger. And the cost includes a ticket to the lunch.

The Clay Pigeon Fun Shoot will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. and will feature various competition shoots. The cost is \$5 for 25 clays. Those who wish to participate, call Johnny Bob Pritchard 325-977-0766 or Colby

Pritchard at 325-977-0174.

This year, seven guns, valued at over \$8,000 will be raffled off including a Browning Citori White Lightning 12 gauge shotgun, a Bushmaster AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, a Remington 700 BDL bolt action rifle, a Mossberg Patriot .22 bolt action rifle, a Remington 700 VTR 22-250 bolt action rifle, a Winchester Super X-Pump 12 gauge shotgun and a Remington 870 Pink-Camo 20 gauge pump shotgun.

A live and silent auction will be ongoing throughout the day at the Community Center with plenty of items donated for the event. Whitley May Auctioneers from Sweetwater will be overseeing the auction.

Plus, visitors can enjoy the Gun and Knife Show at the Community and downtown shopping with local merchants. Visitors can also shop at the Arts and Crafts Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at City Park.

For the second year in a row, a Dove Fest Queen will be crowned. Organizers will be taking entries through Friday, Aug. 28. The 2015-16 Dove Fest Queen will take over from Gabriella Jimenez, who was crowned last year. Queen nominees must be enrolled as a junior or senior this year and must have passing grades. And they must have basic hunting and gun safety knowledge. All queen contestants will ride in the parade and the winner will be crowned that afternoon and presented with a \$1,000 scholarship.

Organizers are looking forward to a great turnout for this year's Dove Fest.

"I'm looking forward to a fun and exciting year to show our hunting heritage," Mostad said. "We expect a lot of folks to show up and have a good old West Texas time."

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Iraqi police in law enforcement. He remembered the day, he landed in the U.S. returning from his first tour - it was the day, Saddam Hussein, was hung in Iraq, after being captured by U.S. troops there. "We were on the bus and someone got a phone call - and we all started cheering," McDuffie said. "It was like what we had done was worthwhile."

While in Iraq, he injured his foot in a non-combat incident. In the beginning doctors looked at it as a break, but years would go by and it would not heal. After leaving Iraq, he was stationed in Hawaii, where he and his wife would welcome three of their children from 2007 until 2011. The family returned home to Ballinger in 2013. Meanwhile, McDuffie had earned a Bachelor's degree in sports and health science from the American Military University, and once he returned home he would get his

teaching certificate. "I put my mind to it that I was going to get my education," he said. Meanwhile, he was undergoing numerous surgeries on his foot and it continued to get worse. But he soldiered on, and was hired in 2014-15 teaching 8th grade science at Winters ISD. He also volunteered as a coach. "Teaching was something I could do physically," he said. But his foot was still bothering him. To date, he has had five surgeries and the last one in June, when doctors amputated his right leg below the knee. A self-avowed computer nerd, McDuffie said he did not get bitten by the competitive bug until he was in the Army. As his foot became worse, he had to take to a wheel-

chair, but that did not stop him. He became heavily involved in Paralympics through the Warrior Transition Unit in Hawaii. He competed in events like wheelchair basketball, volleyball, seated discus and shot put. "I was never competitive until then," he said. Now, after his surgery this summer in Abilene, he is anxiously awaiting the fitting of his prosthesis and plans to be running down the sidelines during Bearcat and Blizzard football games in a few weeks. And he is looking forward to covering both teams and sharing his photography skills and his love of sports with readers. The McDuffies have four children, Alana, 6, Chaz, 4, Cade, 3 and Amaya, 8 months. They reside in Ballinger.

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Brendon Mikeska blocks on a run play during the scrimmage Saturday between the Winters Blizzards and the Coleman Bluecats. The Blizzards face the Eldorado Eagles tonight at San Angelo Stadium during their first game of the season.

SEASON,
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Head Football Coach Matt McCarty. His philosophy is quite simple - he wants to be fast and he wants to win. Although he plans on using a spread offense that runs 50/50 split run and pass offense, his matchups will dictate the strategy. "If we're playing a team that we feel is susceptible to the run we will run as much as we need to," McCarty said. During the preseason his main focus was getting the players ready for the games that count. Against Cross Plains in their first scrimmage the players were focusing

on getting the new system down, but McCarty wanted to see them be more physical, something he said they accomplished in their second scrimmage against the Coleman Bluecats. "They were much bigger than we were, but our players weren't intimidated," McCarty said. "We were aggressive and physical throughout the scrimmage." Although the Blizzards lost a lot of starters the team is not overly young and once the players are coached up to what the coaching staff wants there are expected to be many more wins in their future. Winters is looking to start the new year off on a good note Thursday night as they face the Eldorado Eagles at San Angelo Stadium.

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Welcome to the wild side of Texas!

Texas is synonymous with football and hunting. This edition of Central Texas Outdoors is going to look into the aspects of bird hunting, and also the laws and limits that outdoorsmen and women can enjoy in Brown, Erath, Runnels and Somervell counties.

Bird hunting is an intricate part of the landscape of Texas hunting. With its flat, rolling land and low-lying vegetation, the perfect backdrop is drawn for hunting our feathered friends.

Doves are the main attraction in central Texas, but also migratory birds including ducks and geese allow for prominent hunting.

This issue will take a look into the various hunting seasons and bag limits you are permitted to harvest. From three kinds of doves to quail to geese to ducks to Wilson's snipe to rails, we will have you covered.

The bird hunting season is about to open and this issue will inform you about the necessary steps to acquire

a license and what types of gun you should utilize for each hunt.

We will give you information about where you can purchase a hunting license locally, and other methods to acquire the right to hunt in Texas, whether it is on public or private lands.



**Brent
Addleman**

This guide will also provide you with information as to how many of each animal you can harvest a day, along with how many you can possess at one time.

Believe it or not, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department may take issue with you if you are trying to bogart all the game.

Population numbers are in good shape around Texas, and if you possess the required skills necessary with a rifle then you should be able to enjoy an ample harvest.

• Hunting safety is an aspect of the sport that everyone should consider -from the time you even plan your hunt.

Proper handling of firearms and ammunition are a must for any safe

hunt. Remember, you are not the only one you are protecting when you take care of yourself.

You are also taking care of your fellow hunter, who could just happen to be your father, mother, son, daughter, cousin or relative.

Ensuring the proper safety methods is vital to a safe hunt, and vital to creating great hunting memories.

Make sure that when you are preparing for a hunt that you have thoroughly cleaned your rifles with proper tools and oil to ensure your rifle will work as well as it is supposed to.

Remember to make sure to handle your ammunition properly, store it in a safe place and make sure you have the proper ammunition for your rifle, or shotgun.

When you are out on your hunt, make sure you identify your target. Make sure what you are shooting at is the intended animal of choice for the hunt.

Also, make sure you check the background of the area you are hunting. You wouldn't want to have a fellow hunter get caught up in the spray of your shot should you miss your

intended target.

Always make sure you know where your fellow hunters are in your group, and also make sure you know what is in the background of the area you are shooting.

Knowing your surroundings will only ensure the safety of everyone and keep everyone safe.

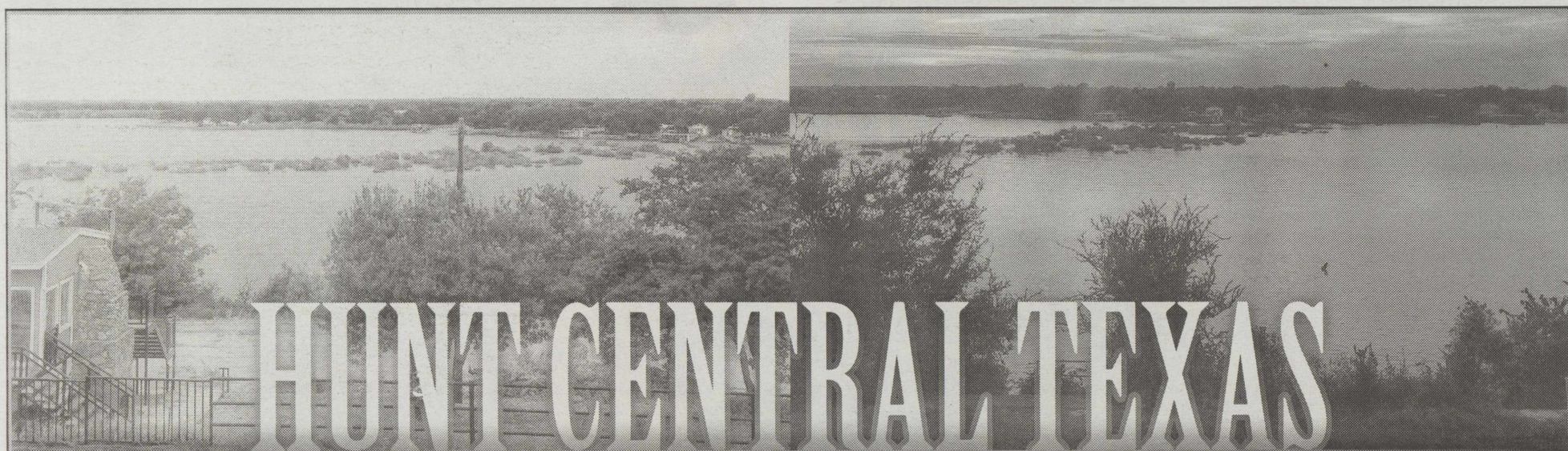
Make sure you know the area you are hunting in as well. Hand-held GPS units, such as the one in your cellphone, along with a compass, will aid you in making sure you are in the proper area.

Plus, it will prevent you from getting lost in the wilderness.

Make sure you also have the proper foods and water to drink while on the hunt. Health is just as important as safety when you are out in the wild.

After all, you want an enjoyable hunting experience that you can relive over and over at future hunts.

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Are you looking to get out in the field and score some dove? If you are there is one longtime Brown County business that can help you with your dove hunting desires.

Executive Outfitters Inc., conveniently located at the Texas 4-H Center, at 5600 FM 3021 in Lake Brownwood, has been serving the needs of dove hunters near and far since 1968.

The outfitter offers two-day hunting package that include meals and lodging on 40 various private-land fields that give hunters the opportunity to shoot at live birds.

Executive Outfitters Inc. doesn't just serve Central Texas; they serve the world, according to Taylor.

"We get hunters from all over the United States, including as far away as Washington State, the United Kingdom and St. Thomas," Taylor said. "We also have some that come in from Canada.

"We get probably and 80- to 85-percent return each year on our hunters."

Hunts are available on Friday-Saturday or Monday-Tuesday, according to Taylor.

However, with the Sept. 1 start of dove season, Executive Outfitters Inc. will offer hunts on Friday-Saturday, Tuesday-Wednesday and Sunday-Monday, because of Labor Day, Taylor said.

After Labor Day, hunts will return to the Friday-Saturday and Monday-Tuesday format, according to Taylor.

While no harvest guarantees are made, Taylor said the hunters can expect a good time to create hunting memories that will remain with the hunters the rest of their lives.

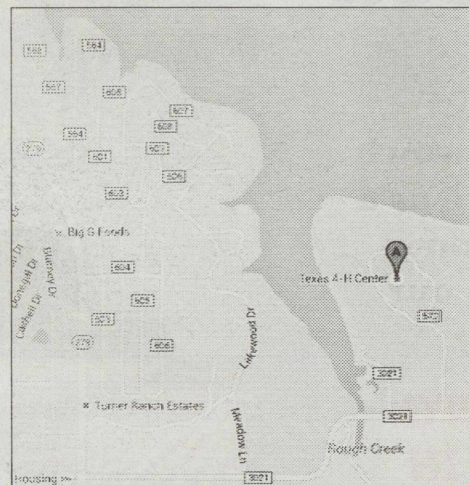
"Hunters can expect a good time," Taylor said. "That is our main deal - a good time with good meals."

The cuisine furnished by Executive Outfitters Inc., Taylor feels, is the same quality as a five-star restaurant.

"We have barbecue the first day," Taylor said. "We give them brisket, ribs and turkey. That night we give them Mexican. The next morning is a full breakfast with eggs, pancakes, fresh fruit, bacon and cereal."

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The real treat is the noontime meal the second day, according to Taylor.

"That day at noon we have fried catfish," Taylor said. "That night we serve boiled shrimp in the field as an appetizer and then when they get back we give them rib-eye steak. The last day they have a continental breakfast, and then they can pick up their birds and leave."

Hunting in large groups is something Executive Outfitters Inc. can handle with ease, according to Taylor.

"Normally, on the weekends we'll go up to 120 to 130 hunters," Taylor said. "The Monday-Tuesday hunts are generally around 40.

"Nothing is guaranteed except the opportunity to shoot birds. It depends entirely on their shooting skills. Definitely, we get shooters of all skill levels."

The living quarters Executive Outfitters Inc. offers are at Lake Brownwood at the Texas 4-H Center. "We feed and house them there," Taylor said.

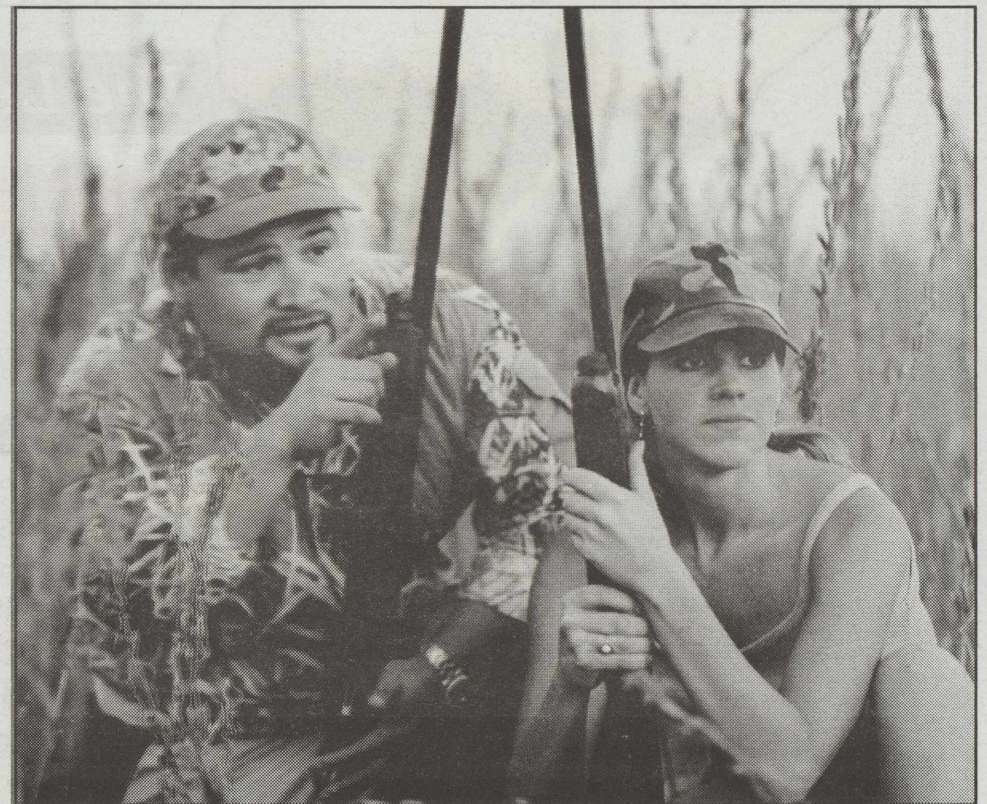


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Executive Outfitters Inc., located in Brown County, offers dove hunting for all skill levels of hunters. The outfitter has been in operation since 1968. For more information, visit www.txdovehunting.com.

"The facility is part of a combination of rooms," Taylor said. "We can put two people in a room with a private bath, with two double beds. We have 24 rooms like that. We also have a dormitory setting with six to eight to a room with a bath for each room."

Plus, Executive Outfitters Inc. cleans and packages the hunters' harvests for travel.

"We have about 14 guides," Taylor said. "We have two guides that have been here a long time, dating back to the 1970s."

In addition to the hunt, Executive Outfitters Inc. offers a skeet shoot on the second morning "so they have something fun to do then," according to Taylor.

"It is a good time for the hunters to come together and enjoy each other," Taylor said.

Camaraderie is a big aspect of what Executive Outfitters Inc. offers.

"We've got a couple companies that bring about 100 employees that show up," Taylor said. "There is something

they offer their clients. We take big groups like that, and pairs of ones and two, family groups. We will accommodate anyone the best way we can."

As part of the package offered by Executive Outfitters Inc., hunters receive a camp stool, which has a compartment for cold drinks and an ammunition box that is capable of holding three to four boxes of shells. Personnel can also supply additional shells and cold drinks in the field.

Executive Outfitters Inc. will supply shotgun shells for 12-, 16- and 20-gauges, but hunters are required to bring their own gun, high top boots, a rain slicker and bird bag.

Plus, hunters must be able to secure a Texas hunting license.

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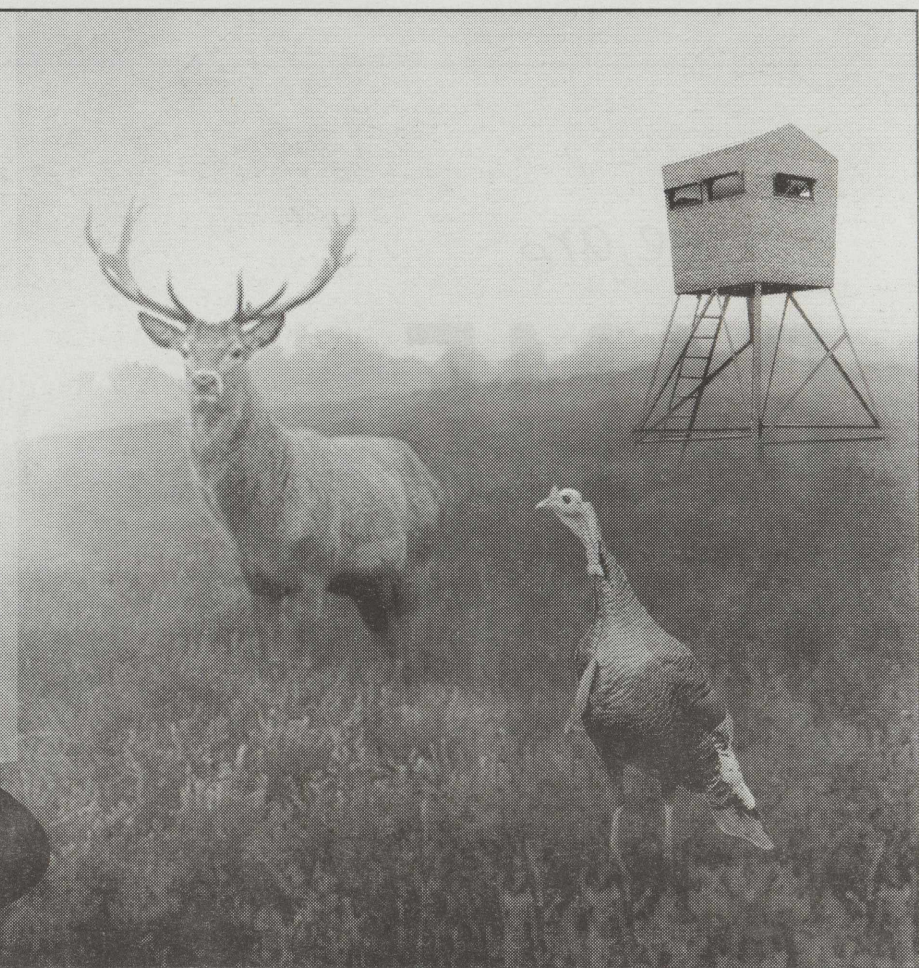
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There are three simple ways to purchase a hunting license in Texas, and with two methods you don't even have to leave the comforts of your home.

Licenses are available for sale at certain stores, by phone and the Internet.

For recreational hunting and fishing licenses, and various stamp endorsements, there are 1,700 locations throughout Texas and that includes several local options.

To purchase your hunting license in person, hunters can go to the following locations:

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Parkway Drive In - 7501 Park Rd 15, (325) 784-5704.

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Licenses can also be purchased over the phone or the Internet utilizing an approved VISA, MasterCard or Discover card. There is a \$5 administrative fee associated with purchases made via telephone or the Internet. Of the licenses that can be purchased, several are available to be used immediately, except when tags are necessary, such as deer and turkey hunting.

Online purchases can be made by visiting the website www.txfgsales.com, and purchases can be made for licenses, permits, drawings and entries.

Licenses can be purchased by phone by calling 1-800-895-4248, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Resident hunting licenses are avail-

able for \$25 and senior resident hunting license is just \$7. For waterfowl hunting, a Federal Duck Stamp (resident and nonresident) are \$27.50, while Upland Game Bird and Migratory Game Bird endorsements are just \$7. Both endorsements are for resident and nonresident hunters.

Hunters also have the opportunity to purchase a lifetime license. The license exempts the holder from requirements for stamp endorsements, excluding reptile and amphibian stamps. The Federal Duck Stamp is not exempt on the lifetime license.

There are two ways to obtain a lifetime license. Hunters may apply in person at Texas Parks and Wildlife District law enforcement offices, or by printing the application off Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's website or by calling 1-800-792-1112.

The cost of a lifetime resident combination hunting and fishing license is \$1,800. Lifetime resident hunting is \$1,000, as is the lifetime resident fishing license.

The upgrades from each license to the combination hunting and fishing license will carry a cost of \$800.

For general license questions, please call TPWD Headquarters in Austin at (800) 792-1112 or (512) 389-4800. Staff is available to help answer questions Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m, Central Standard Time.

- Information from Texas Parks and Wildlife was used in this report.

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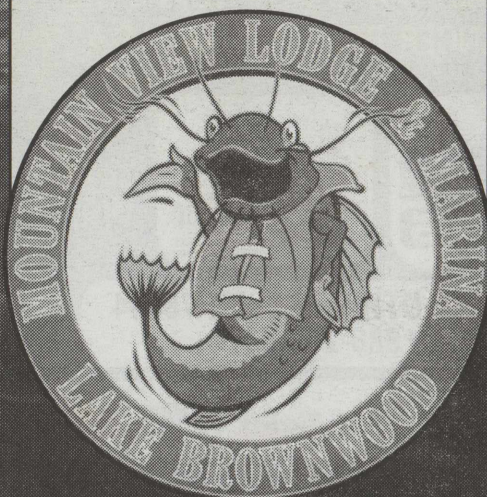
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Don't forget about bag limits when in the field

BY BRENT ADDLEMAN
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Texas Parks and Wildlife has set bag limits for the upcoming bird hunting seasons.

In Brown County, for dove the daily limits are 15 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves. Hunters cannot have more than two white-tipped doves. Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit, which would be 45 birds.

For falconry for dove, the daily bag limit is three and the possession limit is three times the daily bag limit, or nine total.

For duck hunting, the daily bag limit with a gun is six. However, hunter may not harvest more than five mallards, only two hens; three wood ducks; three scaup; two redheads; two pintail; one canvasback; and one "dusky" duck, which is a mottled duck, Mexican-like duck, black duck or hybrids.

For all other species of duck, the bag limit is six per day. "Dusky" ducks may not be hunted on the first five days of the season. For Mergansers, the daily limit is five, including two hooded mergansers. The coot daily bag limit is 15. Possession limit with gun is three times the daily bag limit, or 18 ducks.

For goose hunting, the daily limit is set at five dark geese, including one white-fronted goose and a total of 20 light geese in the aggregate. The possession limit is three times the daily limit, or a total of 15 geese.

Light geese do not have a bag or possession limit.

For quail, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is no more than 45 birds. There is no open season on the Mearn's (Montezuma) Quail.

For rails, gallinules and moorhens, the daily bag limit is 15 king and clapper rails, 25 Sora and Virginia Rails. The possession limit for the three birds are three times the daily bag limit. For falconry, the daily bag limit is three and the possession limit is nine.

For teal, the daily bag limit is six and the possession limit is 18.

For turkey, the bag limit is four, and there can't be more than one Eastern turkey. For Wilson's snipe, the daily bag limit is eight and the possession limit is 24.

ERATH COUNTY

For regular-season dove hunting, the bag limit is 15 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped dove, but not more than two white-tipped. The possession limit is 45.

The bag limit for duck hunting with a gun is six, including five mallards, two can be hens; three wood ducks; three scaup; two redheads; two pintail; one canvasback; and one "dusky" duck, including Mottled duck, Mexican-like duck, black duck and all hybrids.

For any other species of duck, the limit is six. However, the first five days of the season are closed for "dusky" ducks. There is a limit to five Merganser ducks per day, including two hooded Mergansers. The coot daily bag limit is 15 birds, and the possession limit is 18. The daily bag limit for falconry is three migratory game birds and the possession limit is nine.

For goose, the daily bag limit is five, including no more than one white-fronted goose and 20 light geese. The possession limit for dark geese is three times the bag limit. There is no possession limit on light geese.

For quail, the bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 45. There is no open season on Mearn's (Montezuma) Quail.

For Rails, Gallinules and Moorhens, the daily bag limit for King and Clapper Rails is 15 and 25 for Sora and Virginia Rails. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit. For falconry, the limit is three for the daily bag limit and the possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

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For Teal, the daily bag limit is six and the possession limit is 18.

For turkey season, the bag limit is four, and only one can be an Eastern turkey. The same limits are for the fall season as well.

For Wilson's Snipe, the daily bag limit is eight and the possession limit is 24.

SOMERVELL COUNTY

The daily limit during dove season is 15 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped dove, including not more than two white-tipped doves. The possession limit is set at three times the daily limit. For falconry, the limit is three and the bag limit is nine.

For duck season, the daily bag limit is six, including no more than five mallards, two of which may be hens; three wood ducks; two redheads; two pintail; one canvasback; and one "dusky" duck, which is the Mottled duck, Mexican-like duck, black duck and all hybrids. The coot daily bag limit is 15, and the possession limit is set at three times the daily bag limit. For falconry, the daily limit is three migratory birds and the possession limit is nine.

The daily bag limit for goose is five dark geese, including one white-fronted goose and 20 light geese. The possession limit for dark geese is set at three times the daily bag limit. There is no possession limit on light geese.

For quail, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 45. There is no open season on Mearn's (Montezuma) Quail.

For Rails, Gallinules and Moorhens, the daily bag limit for King and Clapper Rails is 15 and for Sora and Virginia Rails the limit is 25. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit.

For Teal, the daily bag limit is six and the possession limit is 18.

The bag limit for turkey is four, and no more than one Eastern turkey.

The daily bag limit for Wilson's Snipe is eight and the possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

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For regular-season dove hunting, the daily limit is 15 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped, including no more than two white-tipped. The possession limit is 45. For falconry, the daily bag limit is three and the possession limit is nine.

For duck, the limits are set in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit, located northwest of U.S. 277. The

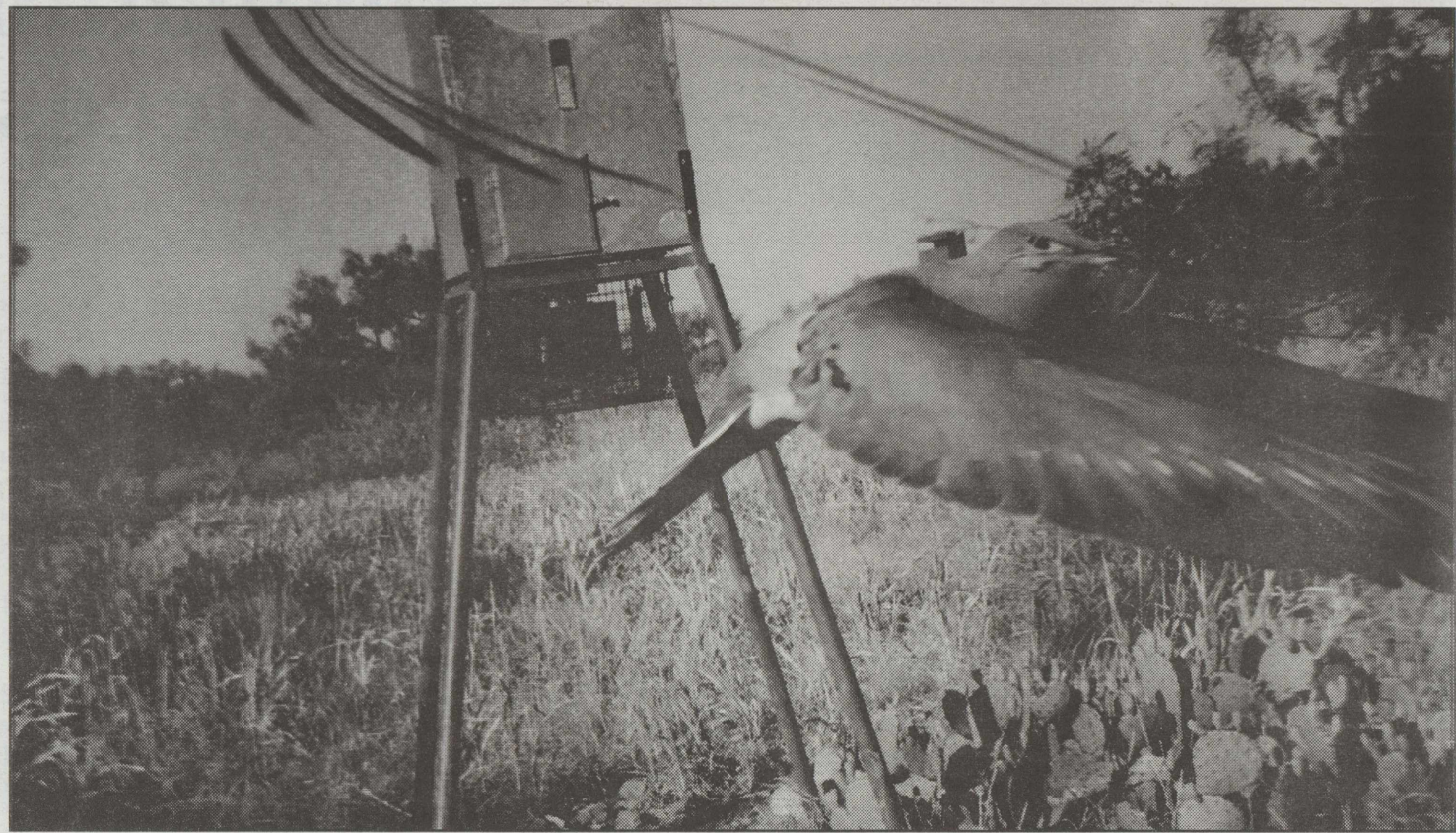


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Marty Baker submitted this photo of a bird flying past his trail cam near his deer stand in Brown County.

daily bag limit is six, including no more than five mallards, including two hens; three wood ducks; three scaup; two redheads; two pintail; one canvasback; and one "dusky" duck, which includes Mottled duck, Mexican-like duck, black duck and all related species. The first five days of the season is closed to "dusky" ducks.

The Merganser daily bag limit is five, and includes two hooded Mergansers. The coot daily bag limit is 15 birds and the possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

In the North Zone, located southeast of U.S. 277, the daily bag limit is six, including no more than five mallards, including two hens; three wood ducks; three scaup; two redheads; two pintail; one canvasback; and one "dusky" duck, which includes the Mottled Duck, Mexican-like duck, black duck and their hybrids. The Merganser daily bag limit is five and that includes not more than a pair of hooded Mergansers.

The Coot Daily Bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 45.

For goose hunting, the daily bag limit is five dark geese, and no more than one white-fronted goose and 20 light geese. The possession limit for dark geese is three times the daily bag limit. There is

no possession limit on light geese.

For quail, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 45. There is no open season on Mearn's (Montezuma) Quail.

For Rails, Gallinules and Moorhens, the regular season daily bag limit for King and Clapper Rails is 15 and for Sora and Virginia Rails the limit is 25. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit. For falconry, the daily bag limit is three and the possession limit is nine.

For teal, the daily bag limit is six and the possession limit is 18.

For turkey, hunters are limited to one Eastern turkey and the daily bag limit is four.

For Wilson's Snipe, the daily bag limit is eight and the possession limit is 24.

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Hunting seasons

Dove

Sept. 1 through Oct. 25 and Dec. 18 through Jan. 1, 2016.
Falconry - Nov. 7 through Dec. 13.

Duck

Youth only - Oct. 31 through Nov. 5.
Regular season - Nov. 7-29 and Dec. 12 through Jan. 31, 2016.
"Dusky" Duck - Nov. 12-29 and Dec. 12 through Jan. 31, 2016.
Falconry - Feb. 1-14, 2016.

Goose

Light and Dark Geese - Oct. 31 through Jan. 31, 2016.
Light Geese (Conservation Order) - Feb. 1 through March 20, 2016.
Quail - Oct. 31 through Feb. 28, 2016.

Rails, Gallinules and Moorhens
Sept. 12-27 and Oct. 31 through Dec. 23

Teal

Sept. 12-27

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Knowing all the regulations is key to successful hunt

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While many head out into the wilderness in the search of harvesting wildlife, those looking for that harvest need a hunting license.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife, regardless of a person's age, anyone who hunts any animal, bird, frog or turtle in Texas needs a hunting license. A trapper's license is needed to trap animals.

However, no license is required for those hunting nuisance animals such as furbearing animals, hogs or coyotes. Non-residents who are under the age of 17 are able to hunt with the purchase of a youth hunting license.

Each animal has its own season in Texas, and when that season is closed hunting is not permitted for that species.

Visibility is an important component for hunters, and while hunting on private property hunters are not required to wear hunter orange, even though it is highly recommended.

On public hunting lands, it is required that each hunter wear 400-square inches of florescent orange with 144 inches appearing on the upper body.

The period one-half hour before sunrise and one half-hour after sunset are the legal shooting hours for all game animals and nonmigratory game birds.

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These blue-winged teal gather near a pond. Blue-winged teal are long-distance migrants, with some birds heading all the way to South America for the winter. Therefore, they take off early on spring and fall migration, leaving their breeding grounds in the United States and Canada well before other species in the fall.

REGULATIONS

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Open season occurs during scheduled approved hunting times for each animal. Those dates can be found by visiting the Texas Parks and Wildlife website at tpwd.texas.gov.

Firearms, and firearm safety, are an important aspect of hunting, as well as hunting with approved legal firearms.

White-tailed deer, mule deer, desert bighorn sheep and pronghorn antelope may not be hunted with rimfire ammunition of any caliber, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The only legal firearm for Eastern turkey hunting is the shotgun. Rifles and handguns may not be used during turkey season.

The only legal animal that can be harvested with a pellet gun is the squirrel. To harvest a squirrel, an air rifle must be designed to be fired from the shoulder and use the force of springs, air or non-ignited compressed gas.

In the state of Texas, fully automatic firearms are not legal.

Shotguns are only legal for hunting migratory game birds, and silencers may be used to take any animal. Those animals that are not protected may be hunted with any lawful firearm.

In the state of Texas there are no restrictions on magazine capacity, and muzzleloaders are restricted to muzzleloader deer season.

Convicted felons are not permitted to possess or use a firearm to hunt in the state of Texas.

Archery and crossbow equipment

are permitted for taking certain game animals and birds, but may not be used to hunt deer during the muzzleloader deer season. However, animals that are not protected or classified as game animals may be hunted with archery and crossbows.

For longbows, compound bows or recurved bows, there is not a minimum draw requirements. Locks on bows may be used during any archery season.

Arrows and crossbow bolts can be used in hunting but may not be poisoned, drugged or contain and explosive. The requirements for the structure of the projectile are that the broadhead must be at least 7/8-inch wide and have two cutting edges. Mechanical broadheads must begin to open upon impact and be a minimum of 7/8-inch wide.

Calling devices may be used to hunt migratory game birds. These devices include manual and mouth-operated devices or recordings.

Decoys can be used, but live decoys are not permitted. Baiting is permitted on private property, except turkey in East Texas and migratory birds statewide.

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Migratory game bird general rules

Documentation

All harvested migratory game birds not in the immediate possession of the person who killed them must be tagged with a wildlife resource document until the birds reach the possessor's personal residence and are finally processed. If a hunter's personal birds have been finally processed at a cold storage or processing facility and the hunter transports someone else's birds, then a WRD must accompany those birds until they reach the possessor's permanent residence.

Emergency Rule Changes

These rules may be modified to make them consistent with federal regulations or to protect the wildlife resource through emergency action by the TPWD executive director.

Hunting Hours

One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except during the Light Goose Conservation Order. During the Special White-winged Dove Season: noon to sunset.

Doves

Migratory game bird endorsement required to hunt any doves in any season. There is no closed season or bag limit restrictions for Eurasian collared-doves or common pigeons (rock doves); however, it is recommended that plumage be left on these birds for identification purposes.

Hunters are asked to report leg bands by calling 1-800-327-BAND, or visit www.reportband.gov.

Species Identification

Except for migratory game birds processed at a cold storage or processing facility, or doves, one fully-feathered wing or the head must remain attached to migratory game birds while the birds are being transported between the place where taken and the permanent residence of the possessor.

Migratory game birds may be dressed for immediate cooking at a place other than a permanent residence, such as a hunting camp. This does not include placing dressed birds in a cooler/refrigerator for later consumption while at a place other than a permanent residence.

Hunters are encouraged to leave plumage on all doves other than mourning dove, white-winged dove and white-tipped dove (e.g., exotic collared-dove) for species identification. One

fully feathered wing or head must remain attached to all migratory game birds imported from Mexico.

Transfer

A person may not transfer or give migratory game birds to another person while in the field. After leaving the field, a person must have a wildlife resource document for any migratory game bird not in the immediate possession of the person who killed them - see Daily Bag and Possession. Migratory game birds may be shipped, provided a wildlife resource document accompanies the package.

Shipping

When shipping migratory game birds the package must be marked with the name and address of the sender, the name and address of the persons to whom the birds are being shipped and the number of birds of each species contained in the package.

Importation Limit

It is illegal to import into the United States migratory game birds belonging to another person. The number of migratory game birds imported from Mexico may not exceed the export limit set by the Mexican state from which they were taken.

Violation and Penalty

Violation of state migratory game bird regulations also is a violation of federal regulations. A person who violates any state migratory game bird regulation is subject to:

- a criminal penalty from \$25 to \$500 for each bird unlawfully taken or possessed;
- civil restitution fee for each bird unlawfully taken or possessed; and
- license suspension for up to 60 days or license revocation for one year.

No person may import into this state or possess a migratory game bird taken outside this state, unless the person possessing the migratory game bird produces upon demand by a game warden a valid hunting license, endorsement, tag, permit or document for the state or country in which the migratory game bird was legally taken.

A person possessing a migratory game bird under this section must produce, upon demand by a game warden, a valid driver's license or personal identification certificate.

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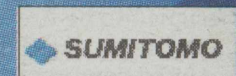
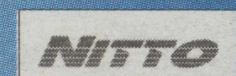
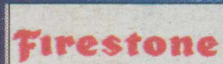
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