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## Getting closer, thanks to technical advances

By BRADLEY GOHLKE

How many times have you had the monster buck, boar, bull or gobbler that you have worked so hard for and put in countless hours for in your sight and have him walk away for no reason before you could get a shot? If you are an archery hunter it has happened a lot, and I am sure it has happened to many rifle hunters as well. Everyone has discussed the seemingly sixth sense that big trophy animals seem to possess. Everything seems right! You are as scent-free as possible, the wind is right, you don't move a muscle, and have good concealment; but all of sudden your trophy's eyes are fixed on your location and he slowly strolls away.

How do they do it? This question intrigued the team at HECS so much, that they sought out an answer and a way to defeat the sixth sense. Through extensive research and the review of existing research, the pieces finally started to come together. It is a proven fact that animals and especially migratory birds can pick up on the electromagnetic fields of the earth. This enables them to migrate long distances to the same destination year after year. The research funded by HECS found that the field that is produced by the earth is very similar to the electromagnetic field that is produced by all living things and that animals can pick up on this field as well.

All of your muscle movements are controlled by an electrical pulse. This energy travels outside the body every time you move a muscle or your heart beats. The medical field has known this for years. This explains how an EKG can measure your heartbeats through electrodes adhesively fastened to your chest. The electromagnetic field that your body emits spikes with every muscle movement and increasingly spikes when your heart begins to beat rapidly. It stands to reason that your electromagnetic field would be at its peak when every muscle shakes, your heart beats fast, and you breathe heavy; you know, that little thing called Buck Fever.

Once they knew what the sixth sense was, the challenge was defeating it. The scientific principles to block electromagnetic fields already existed in the Faraday Cage Principle. Conductive material that is formed into an enclosure or mesh can prevent specific energies from passing through it by redistributing the

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## A note from the President



Greetings Members,

With the help of a few dedicated board members and some very fine and loyal sponsors we have planned our Fall Fund-raiser and have put together a fine list of raffle prizes. We will be having our event at the Mentz Parish Pavilion on Sept. 23, beginning at noon. The hall is being refurbished and would not accommodate the crowd we are expecting. We made the decision to use the pavilion again and are studying several indoor locations for the future events. We had great weather last year and a good crowd. We hope to have a better turnout this year. We will have a silent auction so please bring something to donate for the cause. My wife found several items in the closet that at one time or another I just had to have and they have never been used. The cause is the continuance of the two scholarships, two youth camp trips, and the lifetime hunting or fishing license won by the check station drawing. It also contributes to our continued support of the various state and federal wildlife associations with our membership.

We have invited the two young women, who were chosen for the 2012 Doris and L.J. Rinn Memorial Scholarships, to the fundraiser and hope to make the presentation there. They are Kelsey Swonke of Brenham and Katie Sebesta of Cat Spring. Also, Anton Halveka of La Grange won the first prize drawing from the Texas Parks and Wildlife check station entries and we will be awarding his prize as well. We will have our youth camp winners there to talk about their experiences studying and learning about their choice of wildlife.

We will have our penny raffle again and the gun raffle is very good this year as well. I plan to have a guest speaker giving a lesson on aging the live whitetail buck and have invited the District Leader as well as the new biologists for Colorado and Lavaca/Jackson counties. We will also welcome anyone with a relevant hunting story to tell while we enjoy the catered meal.

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# GoBobby

BY KENDAL HEMPHILL

The PETA people never send me anything, and I'm getting sick and tired of it. You'd think, sooner or later, I'd get a letter or something from them, telling me what a horrible person I am, or offering to whack me with a stick, or say bad things about me on their website, or something. But no.

They seem to be ignoring me, and I don't understand why. I don't ignore them. I write scathing articles about their silly

campaigns and ridiculous demonstrations, and the way they have no idea what they're talking about. You'd think it wouldn't be too much trouble for them, just out of common courtesy, to acknowledge my efforts.

The Greenpeace people have been far nicer. I once wrote a column about their boat, the Rainbow or whatever, hitting a reef while protesting about boats hitting reefs, and I got a nice letter from their president. He even sent me a Greenpeace calendar. He thought the incident was pretty funny, himself.

But PETA seems to be a tough nut to crack. I'm beginning to wonder if they're afraid of me. I've tried to get them riled up, and offered to debate one or several of them, and called them names. I've even stuck my thumb on my nose and wiggled my fingers and given them the raspberry. Still they do nothing. About the only thing I haven't tried is to go to Africa and shoot an elephant. As it turns out, that may have done it.

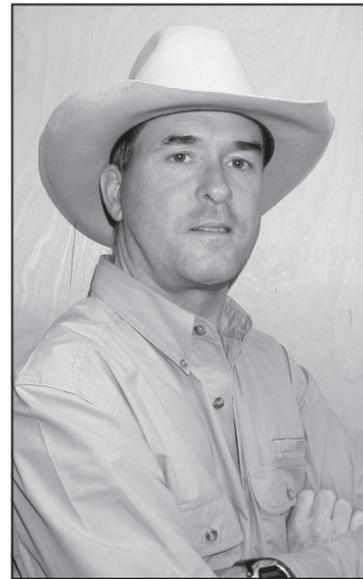
I say that because Bob Parsons recently went to Zimbabwe and shot an elephant, and PETA is all over him like a cheap suit. Bob is the CEO of some internet thing called GoDaddy.com. Being computer illiterate, I have no idea what GoDaddy.com does, and when I tried to care, I failed. All I know is that Bob evidently has lots of money, and he managed to get PETA's nose all out of joint, just because he shot an elephant.

Now, let me point out here that people have been shooting elephants for a long time. Not here in Mason County, of course. You won't find many pachyderms purpling the majesties and fruiting the plains of Central Texas. But in places where elephants fruit, people shoot them. That's what God put them there for.

So shooting an elephant is no heinous crime, except in those places where hunting them is illegal, but Zimbabwe is not one of those places. And Zimbabwe is where Bob shot the elephant. So as far as doing something wrong or illegal, Bob is totally innocent.

To make matters better, Zimbabwe has so many elephants they're destroying crops, and causing more damage than you can shake a GoDaddy at. According to the World Wildlife Fund, itself a PETA-type group, elephants eat up to 450 kilograms of food a day, and destroy that much more, what with their large feet and all. I have no idea how much a kilogram is, but 450 of them sounds like a lot.

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# Looking Down From the Saddle

By HERMAN W. BRUNE

## Amateurs and redbfish

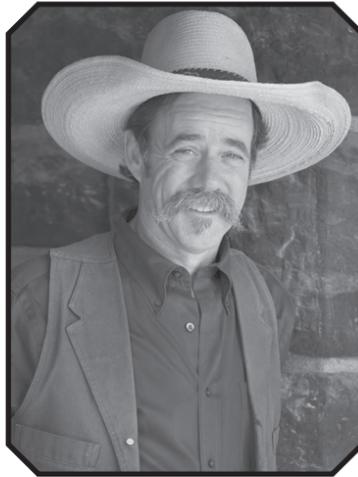
For the second year in a row the Rockport Chamber of Commerce invited me to their annual Spring Fling fishing event. This event is an exercise during which the Chamber commissions outdoor writers to tell everyone within their influence ranges to spend all their money in Rockport, Texas.

The Rockport folks have a good plan. The lady in charge is a particularly cute gal named Sandy Jumper. A woman with a big smile, bubbly personality, and all the attributes that should make a gentleman ... remember he's a gentleman. She wines us and dines us; we eat crawfish, shrimp, corn on the cob, red beans and rice, and soak up more suds than what is prescribed as survivable by the USDA. Then Ms. Jumper sends us bay fishing with the finest guides on the Texas Gulf Coast. After two days of being treated like royalty on vacation we're sent home to tell all our readers the good news about Rockport. My personal problem with this arrangement is that I'm a fake. Nobody reads my stories and my Mom is the only person that listens to my radio program. Nevertheless, through sly maneuvering I've infiltrated the industry that perpetuates communicators to attain free stuff from manufacturers and paychecks from less than intelligent editors. Though I've raised myself to an existence that is fractionally above homeless, my skills don't rate any comparison to those of my colleagues.

You see, it is a social phenomenon that fishing is an iconic cultural activity that mandates participants to be at least amateur liars. The better a fisherman the better a liar; to the extent that fisherman who aspire to be professionals must also be expert at revisiting the old saga of the "one that got away." Now, contemplate the assignment of rendering these tales into believable newspaper and magazine columns. The writers accepting these tasks are absolute geniuses. They have mastered the art known as outdoor writing. And they are the greatest liars not living on Congressional wages. Many of them, after suffering cruel childhoods being the butt-end of school yard chants, "Liar, liar, pants on fire!" now command public forums from which they expound and swear their published inventions are gospel. And the scribes that engage the Rockport Spring Fling are famous.

However, do not let this tale about the platoon of artistic prevaricators diminish your imaginings of the charm, hospitality, and beauty of this home away from home seaside burg. Rockport is legendary for more than the Babes on the Bay and the Saltwater Sweeties fishing tournaments. It's also known for summertime music festivals and the magnificent hummingbird migration every fall. It's an ocean view village with all the accompanying motels, shops, pubs, eateries, museums, and a bayside drive — but the best characteristic of all is that it's a Texas town.

The Rockport Spring Fling, to me, stirs anxieties. It's a weekend that is marked on the calendar months in advance.



But upon entering the meeting hall and walking amongst my cohorts an icy realization freezes my anticipation. Fifty pairs of eyes look into my soul and they know I'm a fraud. I can hear the whispers, "that dumb cowboy doesn't know how to fish." Then they snicker and turn away. They hate me.

Ms. Jumper approaches and smiles. She has a list in her hand and asks my name. I answer and she runs a finger up and down the page, purses her lips and scrunches her brow. Obviously, my name has been left off. Another chill pierces me.

"We'll just pencil you in to fish with David Yikes and John Thompson," she says.

A shriek clogged in my throat. These are two of the biggest names in the business. David Yikes writes for the Corpus Christi Caller and is the Grand Poobah fibster of the Texas outdoor writers. He's their leader and he leads by setting award-winning examples. He's a short man with a wide shadow. Then everybody knows Big John Thompson. Big John runs Fort Worth. Some call him the Godfather and he's written for the *Star-Telegram* since Custer lost his Last Stand. Nothing happens in Fort Worth without Big John's approval.

Then Ms. Jumper points out another fellow. "This is Raymond Appel your fishing guide," she said.

Raymond is a tall blonde young man with an easy manner. His calm assurances and steady countenance settled my nerves and soon had me looking forward to the next day's excursion.

"I don't know how to fish," I said.

"It'll be alright," said Raymond. Raymond would be my confidante and that emboldened me.

The next morning broke clear and windy. Everyone was ready and it was my notion to watch the two Fishing Greats, David Yikes and Big John, in action. Hopefully, they wouldn't mind me trying to learn if I remained quiet. Everybody's lines hit the water and — BAM — David stuck the first redbfish in the box. My line kept falling off my reel before I cast and Big John was kind enough to show me how to operate the spin casting reel.

Then for awhile nothing happened. David Yikes was occupying Raymond with the differences between a G. Loomis and an Ugly Stick when I felt a tug. My line began towing towards starboard. Then it tugged again, moved, and with a firm jerk the hook was set. My first fish was in the box.

Big John related all the virtues of the bait casting reel vs. the spin casting reel, and then upon the next cast whiffed a bird's nest worthy of a bald eagle. David was telling Raymond about his Von Staal when another redbfish hit my hook and in short order my second fish was in the box.

Again nothing happened for awhile and then Big John caught a little one that we had to throw back. David was smelling his fingers and looking up at the sky while telling Raymond that the weather was cool, the wind was blowing too hard, and that

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**Misguided**

Llano County game warden and a Lampasas County game warden were patrolling Lake LBJ when they stopped a fishing guide. The guide has been known to keep undersized fish in the past, and after a quick water safety inspection the wardens inspected an ice chest full of fish which included some that were undersized.

**Game Warden notes ...**

The wardens took the guide and fish onto their boat and measured all the fish. They found eight undersized crappie and one undersized black bass. Citations were issued and all the fish were seized.

**Photo Finish**

A Guadalupe County game

warden was called out at around 10 p.m. for a boat wreck/hit-and-run on Lake Dunlap. Comal County wardens got the original call and called Guadalupe County for assistance. It was reported that around dark, a ski boat ran over the front of a kayak. Fortunately, the man

on the kayak suffered only minor injuries and the impact put both boats against the bank in some trees. The kayaker attempted to get the ski boat operator's identification and insurance information and had no luck. The kayaker was holding on to the ski boat as he tried to reason with the driver. The ski boat driver took a swing at the kayaker who then took a picture of the operator and the Texas boat registration number with his iPhone. The ski boat operator then sped off dragging the kayaker more than 100 yards before he let go. A Comal County game warden ran the TX number and it came back to a resident on the lake. The game warden provided the Guadalupe County game warden with the information and he went to the residence. After a brief interview, the ski boat operator was placed under arrest for assault causing bodily injury. Other charges may follow pending further investigation. The ski boat did have transfer marks from hitting the kayak.

**Drive-up Service**

A Polk County game warden was checking boat ramps on Lake Livingston when he saw someone motor his pontoon boat up to a local boat ramp at a high rate of speed. The warden watched as the subject got out of his boat and staggered up through the parking lot to retrieve his truck. The warden stopped the subject and conducted standard field sobriety tests. The subject failed the test and was placed under arrest for BWI.

**Beer Can Leads to Arrest**

Two Comal County game wardens were working water safety enforcement on Canyon Lake when they saw a man who was not wearing a life jacket while he was operating his personal watercraft inside the no wake area near a boat ramp. As the wardens approached they observed a can of beer fall from the PWC

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The Texas Wildlife Association Foundation (TWAF) and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. (SALE) have joined forces to offer five \$10,000 Natural Resource-Excellence in Education Scholarships in the fall of 2012.

The scholarships will be awarded to five freshmen at Texas universities who are majoring in natural resource related field such as agricultural science, wildlife science, forestry, range science, or similar majors.

Completed applications must be postmarked by Sept. 30 and are available at [www.texas-wildlife.org](http://www.texas-wildlife.org).

This is the sixth time that TWAF and SALE have teamed up to offer scholarships to future natural resource professionals. To date, \$210,000 in scholarships have been awarded through this partnership.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be:

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- A citizen of the United States and provide a valid Social Security number if chosen.

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# Managing fish populations in small ponds

By **BRAD KIESCHNICK**  
NRCS District Conservationist

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will often provide help to farmers and ranchers when it comes to designing small ponds. Many of these ponds are almost always used as a source of water for livestock.

But one thing that isn't usually taken into consideration is fish management. It is when the pond is full of water that the landowner becomes interested in stocking the pond with fish. I would like to discuss some of the basics of pond management which include things like: proper species to stock, stocking rates

and harvest management.

Choosing the right species of fish to stock in your pond is a very important decision. Stocking the wrong fish or wrong combination of fish can lead to overpopulation of one species and hurt the overall health of the pond. Some excellent species to stock in your pond are: channel catfish, bluegill and fathead minnows. Largemouth bass can be stocked but are recommended for ponds larger than 1 acre, due to the fact that they will eat all of your forage fish in a short amount of time.

Channel catfish do well in most all pond environments and can be stocked alone in ponds of any

size or as a supplement to bass and forage fish populations in ponds larger than one acre. They can also be fed with commercial feed to reach a harvestable size relatively quickly.

Largemouth bass are the most sought after species, and are the primary predator in most ponds. Bass should not be stocked in ponds less than 1 acre. Bass will consume most of the forage in a pond of this size and it is difficult to keep up with the nutritional demands of the fish once this has occurred. For these reasons, I won't be discussing stocking rates and management recommendations for largemouth bass in this article.

Bluegills are an excellent sport fish that provide a lot of exciting harvest opportunities. These fish are very aggressive and readily take a variety of baits. Bluegill can be stocked with channel catfish without any problems of competition. They can also be fed with commercial feed, which will help them grow quickly. This is a great fish for kids or children to learn to how to fish, mainly because they are easy to catch. They also taste pretty good too.

The fathead minnow is an excellent forage fish due to it being a relatively slow swimming fish. The fathead minnow

has a 14-month lifespan and is almost impossible to overstock. They are very useful when they are stocked with catfish and bluegill to increase first year growth of catfish and bluegill. The fathead should be the most important fish in any management program.

Knowing how many fish to stock is also a very important step in proper pond management. The three species previously mentioned can be stocked at the same time, but for best results, fathead minnows should be stocked six months to one year before stocking bluegills and catfish so that they are able to establish a sizeable population. You can stock up to 150 catfish, 250 bluegill and a minimum of 31 lbs. of fathead minnow per acre.

Fish should be stocked in the early fall or in the spring when the water temperatures are somewhat cooler and when there is plenty of oxygen. This will give the fish the best possible chance of survival in their new environment.

Harvesting your fish is one of the most important parts of fish management, and probably the most fun too. Not harvesting fish will result in unhealthy populations and stunted growth. You

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## Small Ponds

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may begin harvesting catfish once they reach an edible size. Once they have been caught, check catfish for size and body condition; they should be plump and healthy looking.

Long, skinny catfish indicate overpopulation and they should be harvested immediately and supplemental feed applied to your remaining fish. They are tedious, but catch records are an important tool for determining health and population changes for your pond. It will help you keep track of the number of fish that are remaining and helps determine when restocking may be necessary. As a rule of thumb, the total weight of catfish should not exceed 1000 lbs. per acre.

Harvesting bluegill is a must to keep them from becoming stunted in a pond. Harvesting should begin no sooner than one year after pond has been stocked. This will give the bluegill an adequate chance to establish and gain some size before harvesting.

After the initial year, a good recommendation to follow is to keep any bluegill that are 6-9 inches and release anything else caught. This will ensure that you will have some bluegill that will be trophies and you have smaller fish to replace those that have been caught.

I have tried to put together some general thoughts that will help you manage your farm pond, and tried to be concise about it. This information should be a basic place to get started in effectively managing your pond under most conditions. If you will actively monitor and manage your fish populations, you will have a successful small pond that you and your family will be able to enjoy for many years.

For more information about stocking your farm pond, please contact the NRCS Field Offices in Bellville or Brenham.

## Getting closer with new technology

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energy into the cage itself. Faraday cages are a part of our daily lives from protecting electrical equipment from lightning strikes to protecting us from the radiofrequency (RF) radiation produced from our microwave ovens. The grid pattern in your microwave oven door is a Faraday cage that is properly sized to prevent the potentially harmful RF energy from leaving the microwave oven.

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I had the great privilege to wear one of the pre-production prototype suits in the fall of 2009 on a whitetail hunt in Kansas. On that hunt I successfully arrowed a mature 6-1/2-year-old trophy that walked directly beneath me. Since then, I have not hunted without a HECS suit. I have witnessed things that I would never have believed ... from jumping whitetails out of their beds that actually ran towards me to taking a Merriam's turkey with my bow in Nebraska this past spring without a blind. While wearing HECS, I have seen all animals, from squirrels to cattle, act much more relaxed in the woods. I have seen the most noticeable effectiveness of the suit while hunting turkeys. It is actually possible to spot and stalk turkeys with a bow when wearing the suit. You may remember



**TSA MEMBER** Bradley Gohlke took this Merriam Turkey with his bow in Nebraska in May. It had a 10-inch beard, 1-1/8 spurs.

seeing my good friend, Steve Alleman, on the cover of the June 2011 TSA Newsletter. He shot the number 2 bird for the state of Texas with his bow on our property in Lavaca County in the spring of 2011 while standing in the wide open and calling the bird up a road.

Sure there are many gimmicks out there, and everybody has heard that a hunter will buy anything in camouflage, but this technology is scientifically proven to work. HECS has already received three

## Field Notes

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into the water. During a water safety inspection, the game wardens located two more empty beer cans. Due to the man's confused demeanor, slurred speech, and the strong odor of alcohol on his breath, the game wardens decided to conduct sobriety tests on him. The operator was arrested for boating while intoxicated and taken to jail.

patents on the technology with several others pending and has received a full endorsement from the Pelagic Shark Research Foundation. Sharks are known to rely heavily on electromagnetic fields during the final stages of their attack on prey. Xcel is producing a line of wetsuits that includes Stealthscreen to benefit surfers and divers.

There is no doubt in my mind that HECS has made me more successful in the field and I have videoed others it has helped as well. It is proven technology that will give you an edge on getting closer to more relaxed animals. It is not magic and it won't make you invisible, but you will hunt calmer game by blocking your electromagnetic field.

If you are interested in learning more or ordering a suit, check out their website at [www.hecsllc.com](http://www.hecsllc.com). Mike Slinkard, president and founder of HECS, has graciously offered TSA members a \$30 discount when ordering from the website. Enter the promo code TSA when ordering.

## Herman Brune

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his aunt had given him a black and yellow striped sweater for Christmas when the third red-fish swallowed my bait.

That was it. My limit was in the box. And the Great Ones glared at me. Maybe it was luck, maybe it was the bountiful fishing offered in Rockport. Or maybe, I'm a better fisherman than anybody thought. Now, if only it were so simple to become an outdoor writer.

But first, I must learn how to lie.

## Venison meat loaf

2 lbs. ground venison  
 1/2 lb. ground beef  
 1 tbsp. butter or margarine  
 1/2 cup minced onion  
 1/2 cup minced celery  
 2 eggs  
 1 cup quick oatmeal  
 1/2 cup sherry, red wine or milk  
 2 tsps. salt  
 1 tsp. pepper  
 1 tbsp. sugar  
 2 tsps. garlic powder  
 2 tsps. thyme leave  
 1 tsp. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In 8-inch skillet over medium heat, in hot butter or margarine, cook onion and celery until tender, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, in large bowl, with fork, beat eggs slightly. Stir in bread crumbs and all other ingredients.

Add venison, beef and onion mixture; mix well. Place mixture in 9x5-inch loaf pan and bake 1-1/2 hours. Pour off pan juices. Serve hot or cold. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

## President's Message

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We might even have a local celebrity or two on hand as well.

We have always asked our members to bring a small door prize and a dessert and we have never been disappointed. We will have brisket, beans, potatoes, tea/water and dessert. Adults \$8.00, Children 6-12 \$4.00, and under 6 will be free. Bring those young ones out for some fun! Also, sodas and beer will be available for a free will donation.

Now we will talk about what we are seeing in the woods. Several years after the restrictions went into effect we would see an occasional 10-point buck as well as some mature 8-point bucks. I will share the results from two trail cameras from the same locations for the last four years. We went from two 10-point bucks in 2009 to four in 2010 and we had six last year and there are seven this year. This is from two locations that are always great bow stands. Now these bucks do not all meet the 13-inch rule and some are only 2-1/2 years old, but the fact that we have that many 10-point bucks on these two small places can be attributed to the success of the program. And oh yes, we do have a couple of whopper 5-1/2-year-old 8's that will crowd 125 inches. The year after

the drought is supposed to show some decline in antler development as well and taking all things into account, we have improved the age structure in this area of Lavaca county.

That \$20-\$22 dollar/per hundred corn is going to be left to the hogs when this bumper crop of acorns start falling. Those aggravating hogs are fun with a bow for a while until you think about every time you trigger the release, you just lost \$18 to \$25 dollars on a premium arrow and broad head. It shapes up to be a very good year for the deer hunter as far as numbers of legal bucks but may be very challenging if you are set up to hunt on a feeder.

Some very important dates for you to remember are: Sept. 23, TSA Fall Fundraiser; Sept. 29, Archery deer; October 27-28, Youth Gun deer; Nov. 3, General gun deer and probably the most important date will be Tuesday, Nov. 6 which will be the national election. Please do your part by supporting those candidates that support our interests. Teach respect for the outdoors to your children and grandchildren and Please come to the celebration on Sept. 23, 2012.

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*David Gohlke*

## GoBobby

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Now, there are a great many of these elephants, so they're doing an awful lot of damage. And this is happening in an area where the folks can't afford that kind of devastation. They're pretty short of food there already, so the elephants are decidedly unwelcome.

So they asked Bob to shoot one of these elephants, and he went out at night and shot one, which is perfectly legal. And the next day the local villagers came and butchered the carcass and took the meat home to eat. Some came from up to 20 miles away. None of the meat was wasted.

But Bob made a video of the whole affair, and put it on the internet, thinking, I guess, that folks would appreciate his humanitarian efforts. Which was a big mistake. Plenty of people took offense, especially at the part where the villagers are butchering the elephant. As if plenty worse hasn't been shown on National Geographic for years.

I took offense, too. I'm not happy about Bob going over there to shoot problem elephants without inviting me to come along. And I'm going to send him a copy of this column, so

if he decides to go again he won't be able to say, "Oh, I'm sorry Kendal. Did you want to go? I just didn't think to ask you." Yes, Bob, I want to go next time.

And I don't know when you're going, but I'm free that week.

The bottom line is that Bob did a very nice thing for some folks who needed it done. He killed two elephants with one shot, so to speak. Not only did that elephant quit destroying crops, it also fed a good many people who badly needed a meal.

There is a campaign to get people to quit doing business with GoDaddy because of this. Me, I'm thinking the opposite should be happening. I still don't know what a GoDaddy is, and I still don't care. I'm thinking of getting one for my office, as long as it comes in a nice camouflage pattern.

Maybe then I can get a rise out of PETA ...

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