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"Dedicated to educating the public about the need for protection, conservation and improvement of fish, game and other wildlife, grasslands, and forests and to safeguard the freedoms that enable these pursuits."

## TSA Fall Fund Raiser Sept. 26 at Mentz

This year is flying by like a bullet. TSA's Fall Fund Raiser is fast approaching. The big event will be held Sunday, Sept. 26 at St. Roch Church Hall in Mentz. The day's festivities kick off at 11 a.m. A barbecue beef and sausage meal with all the trimmings will be served from 11:30 to 1. Meal tickets will be \$7.50 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 6-12 and children younger than 6 eat free.

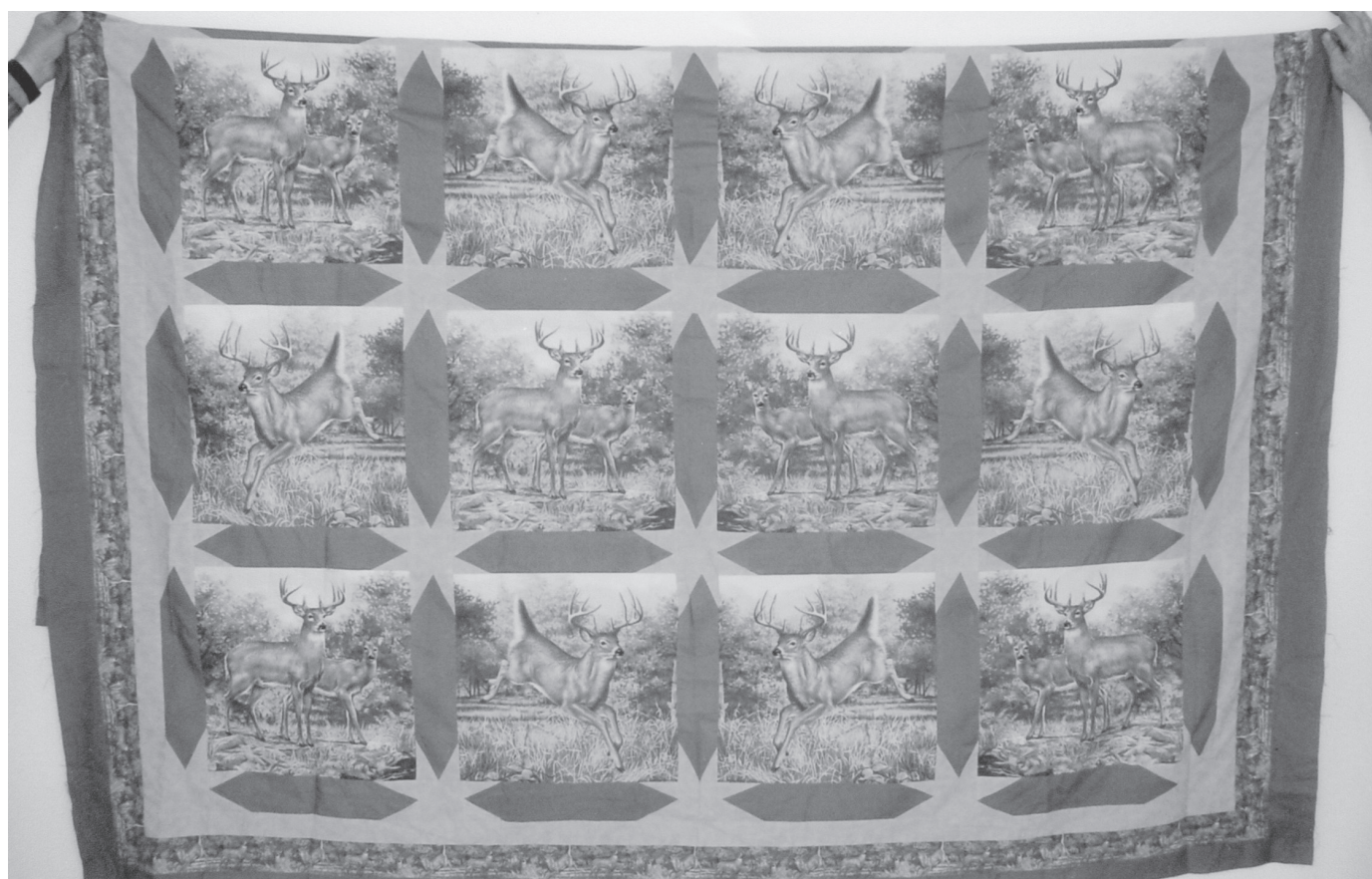
A short program will be presented by a Range team and a Wildlife team from the Bellville FFA. The Range team placed third in state competition and eighth in national competition.

The Wildlife team also qualified for state competition.

Cary Dietzmann, a director of the Texas Wildlife Resources, will also present more information concerning water rights, etc. Those of you who attended the annual Business Meeting in March will remember how Mr. Dietzmann woke us all up to some very alarming issues we are going to face in the future.

The highlight of the afternoon will be the drawing for the raffle prizes. A list of the raffle prizes can be found in this newsletter.

We feel we have a day full of interest for you to enjoy on Sept. 26 at the Fall Fund Raiser in Mentz. Come on over and join us!!



**WHAT WILL YOU GIVE?** — This beautiful deer quilt can you yours. It is one of the many quality items that will be auctioned off at the TSA's Fall Fund Raiser on Sept. 26 at Mentz.

## A note from the President

Greetings TSA members:

As we move into the long days of summer 2010 our area has been blessed with ample rainfall so far this year. This is a welcomed contrast to the past several years, when we saw our stock tanks dry and forage at a minimum. My personal visits to the field have revealed great improvements in the habitat so far and hopefully our wildlife should be in better condition this year. The surveys will be conducted and we hope to see an improvement in the deer herd that has been stressed during the drought.

The TSA Board of Directors and hard work-

ing members have completed plans for the Fall Fund Raiser September 26, 2010 at noon, and we hope to see you there.

We have been really focusing on keeping our youth involved in the outdoors and we will have a presentation by the Bellville FFA, at our event. We are planning for a large turn out and hope to see you there for some good food and fellowship. Also, remember to spend some time teaching our children and grandchildren to be stewards of the outdoors.

Thanks,

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**Visit TSA On Line!**

The TSA web site is up and running, and members are encouraged to visit:

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The website is maintained by  
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# Deer Tax

BY WALT GLASSCOCK

One thing we all probably agree on is that we thoroughly dislike paying taxes. However, we do become accustomed to paying taxes, like sales taxes, where here is 8 percent or so. As for all the other taxes heaped upon us, well, that is fuel for another fire.

I was recently reviewing some notes taken from TP&W statistics gathered from the most recent survey from our original six-county antler restriction program, which ultimately allowed the taking of two whitetail bucks provided only one had at least a 13-inch inside spread. The thing that caught my attention was that only eight percent were spike bucks. Now I know the "naysayers" will argue that some considerable number of folk just will not register a spike. Well, that may be true, but there were some really nice prizes offered as inducements to get people to register any and all legal bucks that were harvested, including spikes.

"Eight percent, you say; well I don't think any spike bucks should be taken." I agree completely, but remember this: before we had antler restrictions, 70 to 80 percent of the deer harvested were 2-1/2 ears or younger. Eight percent is only a tithe of the total number taken before we received our antler restrictions. No, I don't like it, but it's just another tax and we have come a long way since our TSA founders started us on this remarkable program, which has now spread to 113 other counties statewide. There is still work to do, so keep up the good work.

## Thank You

Thank you for the \$5,000 scholarship. This money will help me pursue a career at TSTC in Waco this fall.

Thanks you again for considering me for this honor.

*Garrett Rinn*

## You could be a winner!

If you haven't already received raffle tickets in the mail for the Fall Fund Raiser, keep a close check on your mail box.

Each TSA member has been mailed two books of raffle tickets. These tickets may be purchased by the member, or sold to someone else by the member.

Should you need more tickets (which we hope you will), contact one of the following officers or directors: Ginger Friemel, 979-968-6376; Terrel Maertz, 979-732-5339; Brandee Froebel, 979-877-4824; Doris Rinn, 979-357-2220; or C.F. (Buck) Kollmann, 979-865-3811.

Be sure to mail your ticket stubs along with the money by Sept. 20 or even better yet, bring them in person to the Fall Fund Raiser.

## TSA Calendar

**Aug. 31** — Fish and Hunting Licenses expire

**Sept. 26** — Fall Fund Raiser at Mentz

**Oct. 12** — Deadline for news in the Nov. 1 newsletter

**Oct. 24** — Austin Co. TSA Unit Variety Shoot, New Ulm Firemen's Park

**Nov. 6** — Deer Season opens

**Dec. 5** — Austin County TSA Unit Christmas Party, New Ulm Firemen's Park, 2 p.m.

**Nov. 1** — Date for the last 2010 Newsletter.



# Looking Down From the Saddle

By HERMAN W. BRUNE

*This article was transcribed from a radio interview with LCRA Executive Manager of Corporate Communications Robert Cullick. The interview aired on "The News From The Camphouse" on KULM 98.3 FM.*

**Brune:** Setting the premise, when government agencies are non-productive we question their existence. When agencies are productive we question whether their mission should belong to the private sector. Now, how much wholesale electricity is supplied by the private sector and how much by state entities?

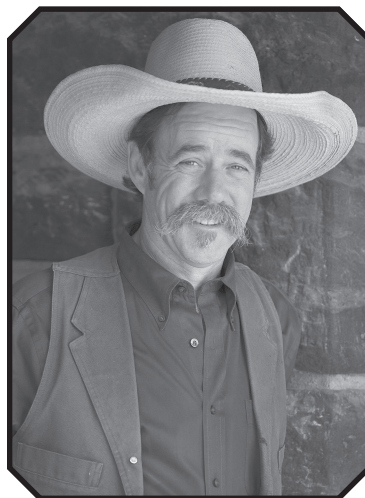
**Cullick:** About three-quarters of Texas electricity is produced by private companies and one-quarter is produced by cities, cooperatives, or organizations like the LCRA. In 1928, a private company tried to put a dam on the Colorado River. That company went broke. The property came under the control of Alvin Wirtz and he borrowed the money from the federal government by creating a river authority at the state level. So, the LCRA was faced with repaying for the dams and the revenue source was electricity. That makes it safe to say that the first responsibility was to manage the Colorado River and the production of power was the way we paid for that.

The reason we're still producing electricity is because we do it well and our customers like the service we provide. Our customers are cities and cooperatives – organizations that sell electricity at no profit. The LCRA is also a cost-based non-profit organization. Our customer contracts end in 2016 and the overwhelming percentage of our load has re-signed through 2041. They also have the option to take less electricity from us and more from the market. In general, public power delivers a service not at a market price but at a cost-price that is very competitive and our customers say they like having the choice between a private supplier and a public supplier.

**Brune:** What is the LCRA position since there is an anti-coal administration in Washington and environmental groups such as the Sierra Club brag they put more than 100 coal burning plants out of business?

**Cullick:** Coal is a critical part of our power. We produce power that is used by 1-¼ million people, and about 50 percent comes from coal. We invested 446 million dollars to install scrubbers and we'll be able to knock out 95 percent of the sulfur pollutants. We think coal can be handled in a clean fashion and we're setting that example. If at some time the U.S. government wants to participate in a carbon reduction program, that's a horse of a different color. We, and other utilities, are trying to figure out what to do with the carbon dioxide that comes out of the stacks.

And we're also keeping a diverse portfolio. We're not abandoning coal, but we're buying more wind power and natural gas power which uses less carbon for every kilowatt hour. We've



been here for 75 years and have seen a variety of regulatory standards.

**Brune:** How is LCRA involved with wind power and the transmission lines proposed to cross the hill country?

**Cullick:** LCRA was involved in the first commercial wind plant in Texas during the 1990s. We've recently purchased more wind power from the area around Corpus Christi. We also have an arm that builds transmissions lines and we've been charged by the Public Utility Commission to build an 80-mile line between McCamey and the facility in Lampasas County. That is across the hill country

and it has become a very significant challenge.

**Brune:** Folks in the hill country don't want another transmission line.

**Cullick:** There are 450 miles of transmission lines in the hill country. So, it's not the first transmission line to come through. But ... they have been very energetic about not wanting it. We're between a rock and a hard place.

**Brune:** Wind power only produces two percent of electricity needs. It was also subsidized. Is it worth the trouble and will it ever pay for itself?

**Cullick:** It's essentially the cheapest electricity you can get. Part of that is because it was subsidized. But ... you don't want to put all your eggs in one basket. Especially with more and more concern about carbon emissions. So, having a source of electricity that is also a source of revenue to folks in West Texas makes a lot of sense to people.

**Brune:** What about homesteads that were bought but never used by the LCRA at the power plant property? And then, should the sale of LCRA property to the Hyatt Regency be considered land speculation?

**Cullick:** LCRA buys land for basic missions. For the Fayette project there was land needed for the project and then land that was needed for a coal mine that was later abandoned. Most of the land from the abandoned lignite mine went back to the original owners. We did keep the 300-acre Cooper Farm Wildlife demonstration area. The rest was given back. There is a fair amount of land around the Fayette power project because you need that buffer zone for homeland security purposes. So, the land is in use by LCRA or been sold back to folks.

We bought 1,350 acres from a foundation between Austin and Bastrop. They were going to develop it into a mobile home development, but folks thought it was a unique area that tied together the Brush Country, the Cross Timbers, and the Blackland Prairies. It also had five miles of river frontage. So we bought it and made it available to the public, and have put thousands of kids on the river every summer. An Austin attorney had the

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## 2010-11 Texas dove, teal seasons announced

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service SRC (Service Regulation Committee) has approved the 2010-11 Texas dove season, including a 70-day season and 15-bird daily bag statewide, and a 16-day

early teal season.

Texas dove season in the North and Central Dove Zones will run from Wednesday, Sept. 1 through Sunday, Oct. 24 and reopen Saturday, Dec. 25 through Sunday, Jan. 9,

with a 15-bird daily bag and not more than two white-tipped doves.

The South Zone dove season will run Friday, Sept. 17 through Sunday, Oct. 31, reopening Saturday, Dec. 25 through Tuesday, Jan. 18 with a 15-bird daily bag and not more than two white-tipped doves.

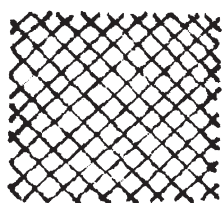
Possession limit is twice the daily bag for all migratory game birds except light geese and sora and Virginia rails.

The Special White-winged Dove Area will open to white-winged dove afternoon-only (noon to sunset) hunting the first two full weekends in September running from Sept. 4-5 and 11-12 and reopen when the regular South Zone season begins on Friday, Sept. 17 through Sunday, Oct. 31 and again from Saturday, Dec. 25 through Friday, Jan. 14. The Special White-winged Dove Area season takes four of the allowable 70 days, so when the regular season opens, this area must close four days earlier than the rest of the South Zone. During the early two weekends, the daily bag limit is 15 birds, to include not more than four mourning doves and 2 white-tipped doves. Once the general season opens, the aggregate bag limit will be 15.

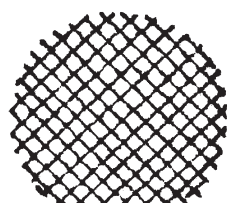
Texas' 16-day September teal season will run Sept. 11-26.

### Steps To Build a Dove Nest

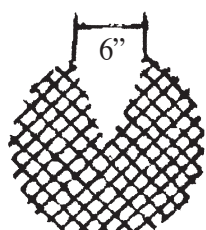
1. Cut mesh with tin snips (see steps 1-3 below).
2. See steps 4 and 5.
3. Bend edges down slight before attaching to branch.
4. Attach nest to tree with wire or nylon wire ties (see pictures A and B).



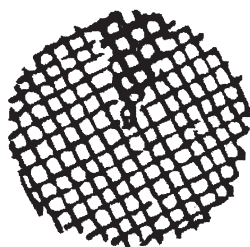
(1) Cut out 12-inch square pieces of 1/2-inch mesh cloth.



(2) Trim 12-inch square to form a circle.



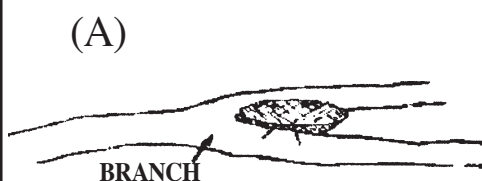
(3) Cut out wedge-shaped piece of mesh



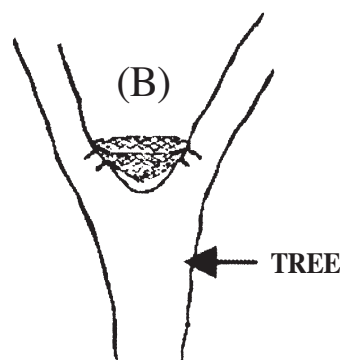
(4) Close pie cut by overlapping cut edges about 1 inch.



(5) Side view of Cone Nest ready for attaching in trees.



(1) 1-1/2 inch diameter branches  
(2) At least 8 feet above ground



(1) At least 8 feet above ground

*"The more the merrier!"*



**I WON!** — Bobby Strauss won these tomato plants as a door prize at the Business Meeting meeting in March. They were donated by M-G in Weimar. Who knows, someone may win some more of these at the Fall Fund Raiser on Sept. 26 in Mentz!

### Sweet ending to any meal

No meal is complete unless you have a delicious dessert to top it off! We could certainly use some for our Fall Fund Raiser.

So, if any of you gals or guys would stir up some goodies, they would sure be appreciated.

### Editorial policy

Editorials published in the TSA newsletter may contain opinions of the author not necessarily endorsed by the Texas Sportsman's Association.

TSA members are encouraged to submit stories, a photo or editorials for possible inclusion in future newsletters.

## Variety Shoot SUNDAY, OCT. 24

**Firemen's Park - New Ulm - 1 p.m.**

Sign-In — 12:30 p.m. Shoot Begins — 1:00 p.m.

\$1.50 per shot - shells furnished (12, 16 & 20 gauge)

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# ON THE EDGE: *Our local wildlife*

BY CARY DIETZMANN

*"What is the nature of the process by which men destroy land?"*

—Aldo Leopold

HOWDY!

Do you know that Texas leads all other states in the loss of rural land? Surprised? Trends in property ownership in our area definitely reflect this fact. Most land purchases in our surrounding counties are bought primarily for recreational, not agricultural purposes. Parcelization of land tracts of all sizes is resulting in biological fragmentation, impacting wildlife, you and your neighbors.

Recently attention has been directed toward the potential use of depredation permits by a local landowner in protection of an agricultural crop in Austin County. Whitetail deer and grapes in the landowner's vineyard are the points of concern in the current situation.

Ultimately more and more of these situations are going to arise as the population of people and deer and the apparent competing demand for acreage in our areas continue. Is it possible to manage a growing deer herd and decreasing habitat base? The answer is absolutely, or should I say MANAGEMENT.

Over the last 40-50 years the deer population in the state has increased dramatically, while the amount of quality habitat continues to decline.

To start managing anything you need to determine how much of it exists. August is the month to conduct Whitetail Deer population surveys. Various methods can be utilized and can be coordinated with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Biologist for your location. I like spotlight surveying a designated route with a couple of neighbors. Gives me first hand input as to the deer herd density and sex ratios in my area.

Working with TP&W, these surveys enable the potential for Doe permits via Managed Lands Deer Program to be issued to associated landowners for use in managing the deer herd. The primary reason for harvesting does is to prevent overpopulation and the resulting habitat abuse. If you are thinking we should not be harvesting does because we don't have a deer population problem I would say

you are correct if and only if you have survey data from your location to prove it! Our area has the soils, average rainfall and native plant diversity to produce abundant deer forage, depending!

Habitat is in a constant state of change being affected by rainfall or lack of at specific times, early or late freezes that kill deer forbs, agricultural practices like livestock grazing rates, loss of neighboring habitat due to human development, etc.



CARY DIETZMANN

Your area habitat has a specific carrying capacity depending on these circumstances, and habitat and carrying capacity in your area can vary greatly within short distances.

I would argue that most deer in our areas do not or rarely acquire optimum nutrition from the habitat alone. Whitetails are selective feeders and will consistently feed on their most desired foods, passing on other sources of less palatable foods. Herein lies the reason deer can destroy not only their own food sources but those of other wildlife species. Over time continued defoliation and seed consumption inhibit reproduction for those selected plants. Certain plants that don't get to mature, seed, reproduce are gone from the habitat. So the deer go to the next desirable food source and the cycle repeats itself.

Unfortunately it takes the habitat much longer to recover than most think. Now that the habitat has been degraded its carrying capacity has been reduced. This unfortunately is why I think the deer in our area are not in their optimum "potential" condition. I am talking about body weights of both bucks and does not just antler size.

I'll end with these questions: Can you walk a property in your area with a bucket and fill it with enough native forage to feed a single deer for a day? Do you know how much it will take? How long would it take you to do it? What if there were 3, 9, 20 deer utilizing that property to survive? Lastly, what might you be able to do

economically to the land to enhance your success at this challenge in the future?

## First-Timers

The Texas Wildlife Association co-sponsors with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department the popular Texas Big Game Awards program, which honors successful hunters and recognizes achievements by habitat managers and landowners. The TBGA Youth Division recognizes young hunters every year they are successful, and also welcomes "first-timers" into the fraternity of ethical hunters. If you have a youth who harvests their first whitetail deer in the upcoming season you can submit their first harvest and have them recognized at the 2010-11 Texas Big Game Awards program, and they will receive an award certificate that they can get at the awards ceremony in College Station or have it mailed to them. I recommend attending the event your kid will love it! Contact David Brimager at (800) 839-9453 or [dbrimager@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:dbrimager@texas-wildlife.org).

## EVENTS

**Aug. 20-21** — Texas Wildlife Short Course and Regions 5 Post Oak Savannah, 6 Pineywoods and 7 Coastal Prairies (we are part of region 7 in our area) Texas Big Game Awards Sportsman's Celebration, Brazos County Exposition Complex, College Station. Contact David Brimager at (800) 839-9453 or [dbrimager@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:dbrimager@texas-wildlife.org).

**Sept. 25** — South Central Texas Water Conservation Conference, Washington County Extension Center, Brenham. Contact Justin Dreibelbis (512) 551-3004 or [jdreibelbis@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:jdreibelbis@texas-wildlife.org).

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# Texas Brigades

## Fayette County youth participate in wildlife camp

Ryan Janda and Charlie Neuendorff of Fayette County are participating in the Texas Brigades program this summer. They were selected based on their academic records, interest in wildlife and natural resources, and leadership abilities.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team building, communication, and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained

wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations. This is the 18th year of the Brigades.

There are five Brigade camps being held this summer: two Buckskin brigades, two Bobwhite Brigades and a Bass Brigade.

Anyone who would like to receive emails regarding next year's camps, contact Helen Holdsworth, executive director, at 800-839-9453 or (210) 826-2904, ext. 120 or email [h\\_holdsworth@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:h_holdsworth@texas-wildlife.org).

## *A lot of learning, and a plenty of fun in summer adventure*

**BY CHARLIE NEUENDORFF**

Only in the Texas Brigades will a young person learn about Bobwhite Quail and their habitat. The Texas Brigade hosts three choices of camps you can apply for and attend. They are Bobwhite Brigades, Bass Brigade, and Buckskin Brigades.

Each Texas Brigade is a five-day program for students ages 13–17 years. The camps are held in June and July each summer. Texas Brigades allows you to sharpen your communication skills, increase your critical thinking skills, and it promotes and leadership development. The Texas Sportsman's Association sponsored my trip and I am very grateful for their interest and support of the Brigades programs.

I am Charlie Neuendorff and this year I was enrolled in the Bobwhite Brigades camp held at the 74 Ranch, a 27,000-acre ranch in Cambellton, Tex. During my five days at the camp, I learned about the preservation of quail and their habitat, what they eat, what eats them, and how they survive.

I also learned leadership skills, how to work together, and how to create and give a presentation. My favorite part about the Bobwhite Brigades camp was tracking my quail. I had to put a radio collar on a live quail, release it and track it three to five days later.


One of my other favorite activities was the skeet shooting. My covey, which was one of six "coveys" of cadets at the camp, won first place in skeet shooting.

Another interesting thing about Brigades is that you are introduced to taxidermy. We each "stuffed" our own quail and created a habitat presentation.

I also had the opportunity to complete the Hunter Safety Education Course. I arrived earlier than the other campers and completed the necessary hours at camp. I passed the course and now have my certificate.

The camp was life changing; it was the best experience of my life. I made wonderful friends and I am excited to hopefully see them next year when we all return as Assistant Covey Leaders.

The Texas Sportsman's Association sponsored my trip and I am very grateful for their interest and support of the Brigades programs.

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### ***Natural born hunters***

Steven Inman, top photo, poses with a doe taken on a private land permit. His grandpa, Walt Glasscock. In bottom photo is Ben Caleb Inman, shown with a hog that charged him after it had been shot by "Papa" Glasscock, who then finished him off with his handgun. The experience didn't bother Ben Caleb, as he was ready to go again the next day.

## **Texas Wildlife Short Course set Aug. 20-21 at Bryan-C.S.**

Jim Cathey, Extension Wildlife Specialist with the Texas AgriLife Ext. Service, is teaming up with David Brimager and Texas Wildlife Association to stage a new Texas AgriLife Extension Service event, the Texas Wildlife Short Course, on Aug. 20-21 in Bryan-College Station.

There will be a day and a half of educational programs which will merge into the Texas Big Game Awards Banquet for Regions 5, 6, 7 (Post Oak Savannah, Pineywoods and Coastal Prairies).

There will also be youth activities such as archery, air guns, laser shot and more.

Educational topics covering while-tailed deer management, the use of infrared cameras for scouting, and what forages to plant for deer and doves will be discussed.

Feral hog and farm pond management, and marketing wildlife on the landowner's piece of Texas will also be covered.

A special session will be devoted to managing wildlife for the 1-d-1 Open Space Lands taxes valuation.

Also, exhibitor space and sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information, contact Cathey at 979-845-7471.

## **AC Unit quarterly meeting Sept. 14**

The Austin County Unit of TSA will hold its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at the Cat Spring Hall.

If you have never made one of these meetings, you don't know what a good thing you

are missing. Everyone brings some sort of food for the social at 7 p.m. and then a short business meeting follows.

Mark your calendar, and come out and see what Austin County is doing for TSA.

### ***Let's see, we could use ...***

You have probably heard this so many times, but you are going to read about it again. We would appreciate desserts, silent auction items and attendance prizes for the Fall Fund Raiser.

You have all answered the call in the past and hope will do so again this year.

### **REPORT GAME VIOLATIONS:**

**Texas:**

**1-800-792-GAME**

**Nationwide:**

**1-800-800-9273**

***Mark your calendar for the  
TSA Fall Fund Raiser  
Sunday, Sept. 26  
St. Roch Church Hall  
in Mentz***



## Turkey tidbits

- The typical range of a Rio Grande turkey is about 2,400 to 6,600 acres.
- Both male and female turkeys are covered with about 5,000 to 6,000 feathers.
- A turkey hen will lay from 8 to 16 eggs at a rate of one per day, with an incubation period of 28 days. Turkey chicks will develop flight feathers 10 days after they hatch.
- The success rate of a hen producing a hatch from a nest is about 39 percent. While nesting normally takes place during March, if weather conditions are favorable, hens can make nesting attempts as late as July.
- Turkeys only drink one time a day and will attempt to roost and nest within one-quarter mile of a water source. If undisturbed, turkeys will return to the same roost year after year.
- Contrary to popular opinion, researchers do not believe that fire ants pose a significant problem for nesting birds, their eggs or young poults. However, eggs and poults do fall victim to a wide variety of walking, crawling and aerial predators. In the Edwards Plateau region, the turkey survival rate is about 66 percent.

## Hamburgers from scratch?

"To all you hunters who kill animals for food, shame on you; you ought to go the store and buy the meat that was made there, where no animals were harmed."

*(The preceding item has been circulating on the Internet. It originally appeared in a newspaper column containing responses from readers.)*

## Herman Brune

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property next door for speculation and we bought that land; then the Hyatt folks became interested. Our directors sold to them to give us a buffer from development.

**Brune:** What divisions of LCRA pay taxes and which don't?

**Cullick:** The Transmission Service Corps provides 4,000 miles of service lines and that is taxable. The power plants are used by municipalities and non-profit co-ops, so those plants don't pay property taxes.



**HARD AT WORK** — Directors of the Texas Sportsman's Association are shown working on the organization's history brochure during the latest director's meeting in July.

## TSA always welcomes new members

The Texas Sportsman's Association welcomes new memberships.

Dues are only \$5 per year, and memberships run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of each year except for lifetime memberships. All TSA memberships expire on Dec. 31 each year.

Simply cut out the application form on at the bottom of page six, enclose the fee, address an envelope to TSA, P.O. Box 26, Columbus, TX 78934, stamp it and put it in the mail! You may also sign up online at <http://www.texassportsmansassociation.org>.

## TEXAS SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION RAFFLE

Drawing to be held Sunday, September 26, 2010 - St. Roch's Hall, Mentz

### PRIZE

### DONOR

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Savage 116-243 Stainless .....                   | T.S.A.                             |
| 2. Mossberg Silver Reserve 20 ga. Over/Under .....  | T.S.A.                             |
| 3. Weatherby Vanguard 270 .....                     | T.S.A.                             |
| 4. Barrett Wildcat Crossbow - Red Dot Package ..... | T.S.A.                             |
| 5. Remington 870 Express 12 ga. ....                | T.S.A.                             |
| 6. Savage 93 17 HMR Heavy Barrel .....              | T.S.A.                             |
| 7. Leupold Vari-X 1 3x9 Scope .....                 | T.S.A.                             |
| 8. Hand-made Quilt .....                            | T.S.A.                             |
| 9. Ruger 10-22 .....                                | T.S.A.                             |
| 10. Rod & Reel Combo .....                          | T.S.A.                             |
| 11. \$100 Gift Card-Academy .....                   | Trafco - Eagle Lake                |
| 12. \$100 Savings Bond .....                        | Carmine State Bank                 |
| 13. Lifetime Membership .....                       | T.S.A.                             |
| 14. \$100 Savings Bond .....                        | Columbus State Bank                |
| 15. \$100 Savings Bond .....                        | Wells Fargo-Bellville              |
| 16. 4 Bag Chairs .....                              | Industry State Bank-Ind. & New Ulm |
| 17. \$50 WalMart Gift Card .....                    | J.W.V. Services-Sealy              |
| 18. 2 Sets of TSA Dominoes .....                    | Buck & Ora Dell Kollman            |
| 19. \$50 Bass Pro Gift Card .....                   | Citizens State Bank-Sealy          |
| 20. 2 Bag Chairs .....                              | 1st State Bank-Columbus            |
| 21. \$25 Gift Certificate .....                     | Lindemann Store                    |
| 22. Assorted Tools .....                            | Washington Co. Tractor Outdoor     |