

Texas Game Warden Is A Versatile Lawman

The following article, "The Texas Game Warden," by Game Warden Jim Reed of Fort Stockton and Stanley Brooks of Dallas, illustrates some of the law work done by game wardens and is reprinted, in part, for interest of our readers.

A vast majority of the public misperceive the unexcused and extensiveness of the Texas Game Warden's duties. Many fail to visualize beyond the verification of a hunting or fishing license.

Although his primary assignment is enforcing the game, fish and water safety laws, the Texas Game Warden's responsibilities continue far beyond these three areas.

He is a certified Texas Peace Officer and is legally obligated to enforce all state laws. The academic curriculum of the warden includes the many phases of law enforcement, involving wildlife, landowners and sportsmen.

Hunting seasons demand a 300, or more, hour month. Annually he averages a 200 plus hour month and finds his home and family life somewhat lacking. One day finds him assisting a Cub Scout seeking a Merit Badge, the following may see him aiding in the search for an escaped felon. A weekday morning may find him removing a squirrel from a widow's attic, the weekend involved in rescue and recovery operations of a tornado, flood or hurricane.

Presently 319 game wardens patrol for various types of violations in 254 counties, some 172 million acres of land. Additionally these wardens patrol 80,000 miles of public streams and 160 major lakes, plus three marine leagues of off-shore coastal waters. Land and water areas total 179,782,290 acres, or 563,581 acres per warden.

During the average year their combined efforts result in the removal of 139 miles of illegal line and 48 miles of illegal nets. Land and water misdeeds totaled 37,564 during 1978 (P. & W. Annual Report).

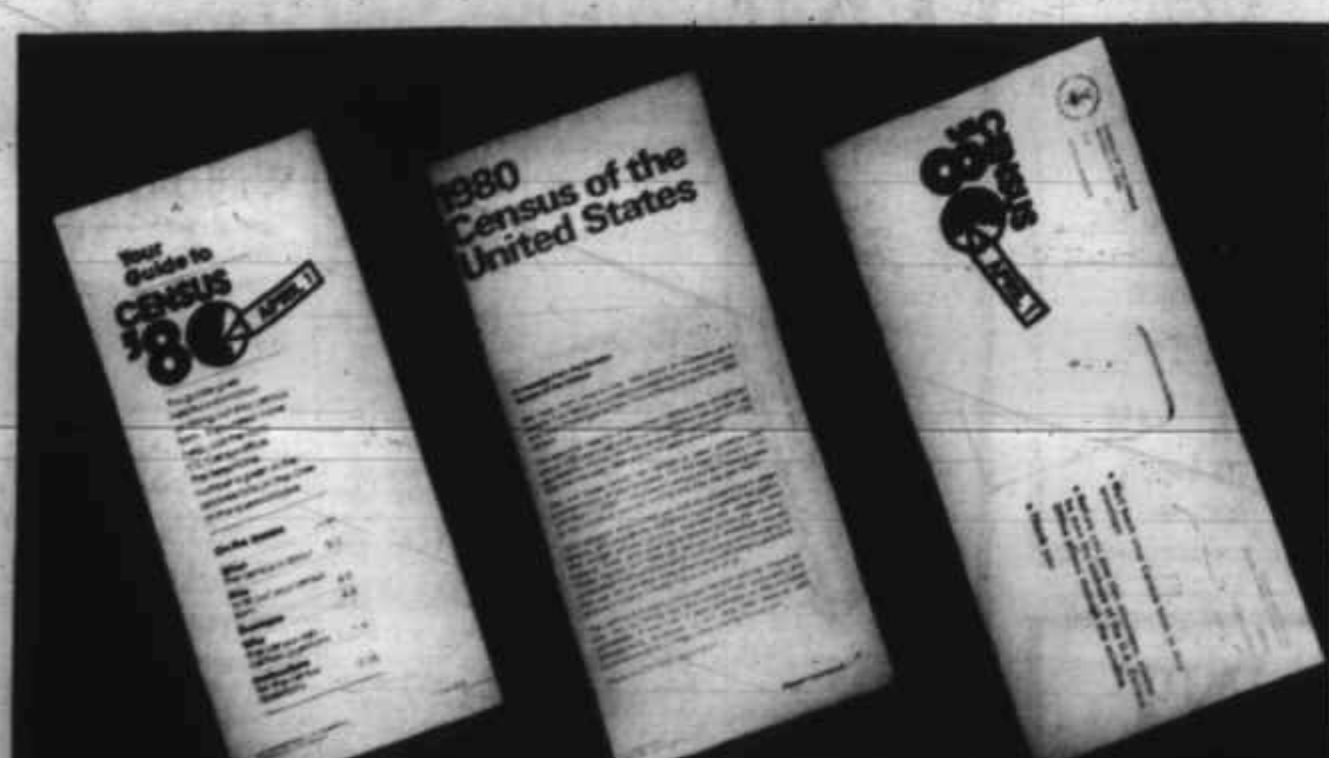
While being one of the lowest paid state peace officers, he remains on 24 hour call, keeps no specific hours and isn't accountable to a time clock. After a 24 to 36 hour stakout, he may see his bed only to receive a calling report. Unhesitatingly he responds to illegal hunting activity. Mid-1979 brought forth the newly founded Texas Game Warden Association. The organization is a non-profit, voluntary association, dedicated to the memory of the game wardens that have given their lives in the performance of their duties. In members, the association strives to attain the spirit of cooperation and the high regard of their calling. Striving to promote and intensify conservation efforts for the enjoyment of future generations are additional goals. With unity, the Association seeks to instill among the general populace the aesthetic value of the outdoors, and that all people have an obligation to preserve it for future generations. The Association's primary goal is "Conservation for Future Generations".

On behalf of the Texas Game Warden Association, the writers wish to thank the people of the great State of Texas for recognizing the game warden's efforts. More importantly, however, it is to express their gratitude to the warden's silent, unpaid partner, his wife. Rarely does he see a 40-hour workweek and his busiest times are weekends and holidays. A recent survey revealed that state and federal game wardens are eight times more likely to be killed in the line of duty than any other law enforcement officer in the United States (W. & G.F. Dept.). It takes a one-in-a-million wife to cope with the hazards, the long, odd hours and low pay.

In concluding, the game warden personally finds his position is more than a job. It's the nucleus of his environment. An environment enthusiastically chosen, rather than assigned. Most wardens take extreme pride in their profession and few would barter for any other.

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SPORTS

Jeff Franks, Sports Editor

Dostal Leads Blinn J.C. Into Regional Playoffs

Jane Dostal will lead the Blinn Junior College Lady Buses into the Regional Tournament against Panola Junior College this Thursday at San Jacinto College Gym at 4:00 p.m. Eight teams will be battling for the Region title with a chance to advance in the women's junior college competition at stakes. Blinn finished conference play with a 6-2 record, second only to Temple Junior College with a 7-1 mark. For the season, Blinn was the top team with a 67 percent winning record; with Temple, 57 percent, and Schreiner, 56 percent, finishing second and third. Dostal, a 6'1" sophomore center, led scoring on the Blinn team and finished second in the conference with 21.3 points per game average. She was the second leading

All Pinned In



Jane Dostal, wearing number 34, and a teammate pin in an opponent during a recent conference game. Jane and the Blinn Junior College Lady Buses move into Regional play against Panola Junior College at San Jacinto College this Thursday at 4:00 p.m. Brethman Banner Press Photo.

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RICE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK SCHEDULE

- 1980 VARSITY March 7 Royal 15 Palacios 22 Friendswood 29 Hallettsville April 5 East Bernard 12 Needville 15 District (Brehami) 19 Open 25 Region (Brehami) May 3 State Qualifiers 9 State Meet JR. VARSITY March 15 Rice/W/fooli 28 La Grange 28 Palacios April 15 District (w/fooli) FRESHMEN March 15 Rice (w/JV) 22 Belville 29 Hallettsville April 12 Wharton 15 Dist. (w/JV)

Columbus Meets Boling Girls Open In State AA Cage Play Track Season In Needville

Brenham advancing to the State meet in Needville, Texas, on Friday night, defeated Rockdale in a close game 52-50 and then on Saturday utilized a second half comeback rally to whip Hardin Jefferson 60 to 50 for the Region III crown. The Cardinals lost a close ball game earlier in the year to Boling in the finish of the 'Needville' Tournament. However, both teams have shown much improvement since that meeting and officials say its tough to pick a winner. It is Columbus taking year coach Cliff Wilkins taking a much improved team against a veteran Boling team coached by C. M. "Bud" Carter. Boling made it to the State semi-finals last season but was eliminated by having three starters from that 27-3 team back this season. Finals for the Class AA division will be played on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. All games are played in the Special Events Center (Super Drome) just off I.H. 35 in Austin. Last weekend the Cards won two tough contests in

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Sports

Registration For L.L. Girls' S'Ball Starts Thurs.

Little League President Arthur Gutierrez urges all interested or eligible for this summer's program to register as soon as possible. Tryouts for teams will be held Saturday, March 22, at the Little League Field, says Gutierrez. Children must have been registered prior to the March 14th deadline to be eligible to tryout. "We ask the cooperation of parents during this registration period so that no one will be left out of this summer's activities," urged the league president. "We ask for continued cooperation during the entire summer program so that continued success can be enjoyed."

Rice Reats Gonzales In Baseball Opener

Rex Glover, closed his college basketball career at Texas Lutheran College last Saturday night with his team losing to Abilene Christian University 90 to 69 in Seguin. TFC finished the year as co-champion with Southwestern University in the Big State Conference but lost in the first round of the NAIJA Dist IV playoffs to Abilene Southwestern also in the playoffs. Glover was named to the All-State University in San Marcos 90 to 69. Abilene beat Southwest 84 to 82 in the playoffs. Glover was named the winner advancing to the 32 team NAIJA Championship Tournament in Kansas City, Missouri, beginning on Monday.

Oldtimers' Baseball Assn. Meet In Schulenburg Mar. 16

The South Central Texas Old Timers Baseball Association, the only such organization known to exist in the state, will hold its 11th annual reunion on Sunday, March 16th, at the American Legion Hall in Walters Park in Schulenburg, announces Al Kasparik of Weimar, president of the association. Last year's meeting was held in Hallettsville. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. The business session at 3:00 p.m. followed by a barbecue at 4:00 p.m. Since the meal will be served, it is essential that reservations be mailed in advance to Fred Scheek, secretary-treasurer, P. O. Box 75 or Bill Midkiff, Hall of Fame Committee Chairman, 1222 St. Louis St., Gonzales, Texas 78025. If you plan to attend, the cost is \$100 per person. Midkiff reports that some 60 individuals will be recognized this year in the 25 county area extending from the District IV playoff area to Victoria and Wharton counties and from Guadalupe county east to Washington County. "The business session will include memorials, awarding of Hall of Fame certificates, presentation of trophies to league champions in the area, and individual trophies to the oldest member present and to the one who travelled the farthest distance. Other 1979 officers are: Austin, E. (Dutch) Voelkel, Austin, vice president; Heine Harmsen, Schulenburg, association coordinator; and M.C. (Pussami) Shelby, Edna, immediate past president. "Supporters of baseball, especially families and friends of the Hall of Fame honorees, are invited to attend."

Rice To Host Track Meet Sat., Mar. 15

The Rice Raiders will host a Junior High and Junior Varsity Boys Track Meet on Saturday, March 15 at Rice High School in Altair. Six teams are currently scheduled for the Junior High School division including Rice, made up of Eagle Lake, Garwood and Sheridan, Columbus, Belville, Schulenburg, La Grange and Braunton. The seven teams will make up the JV division including two Rice teams, Columbus, Belville, Schulenburg, Edna and Wharton. Coaches Dale Norris, Michael Machae and Mike McHale are directing the Raider Junior High teams while Coach Mike Rice and Finest Axel head up the Freshman and JV teams at the high school.

Happy Birthday "Barbie" From Your Family Vote For James Schilling For Constable of J.P. Precinct 2, Colorado County, in the Democratic Primary May 3, 1980 - A Full-Time Constable - Ph. 465

Former Raiders In Playoffs

Two of four former Raider basketball players are still in post season play with their college teams following action this past week. Jane Dostal and the Blinn Jr. College Lady Buses open play in the Jr. College Regional Tournament at San Jacinto College this Thursday. Blinn meets Panola Jr. College at 4:00 p.m. in first-round action. Mary Jo Spanhell, senior captain for Sam Houston State University Lady Kats, will lead her team into action in the Southwest AIAW Tournament in Durant, Oklahoma, this Thursday. The Lady Kats will the Texas AIAW Div. II State Championship in San Marcos two weeks ago to advance to Durant. John Grammer, freshman guard for San Jacinto College, saw his team lose their bid for the TJAC South Zone title with a first round tournament loss to WJCC Monday at San Jacinto. The loss came in double overtime with WJCC hitting a bucket with four seconds left in the game. "I will lead and the win San Jac finished their conference play with a perfect 14-0 record, including two previous wins over WJCC."

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First Place Winners In Houston Art Show



First place ribbon winners from Rice High School in the Houston Livestock Art Show are shown above: front row, l. to r. Johnny Gonzales, Louis Kocurek, Julie Clippson, Kathy Terry, Sharron Schneider, Pam Kallina, Vickie Eberhart, and Lisa Frazier; middle row, l. to r. Darrel Appelt, Alfred C. Shownier, Madonna Hamilton, Brian Koczek, Bridget Beyette, Debbie Perry, William Semora, Rene Rene, Keith

Sharron Schneider Wins Top Scholastic Art Show Awards

The Southeastern Texas Scholastic Art Award winners were announced Saturday, Feb. 16th at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts with a Rice High School student, Sharron Schneider, being named to many high awards; and two others, Julie Clippson and Darrel Appelt, also award winners. Among the 250 junior and senior high school works selected from more than 3,406 entries from 30 counties of Southeastern Texas was a watercolor painting entitled "Wilbur" done by Sharron Schneider, Rice High School senior from Nada. Sharron's entry was named as the district level as a Key Award winner and as a Gold Medal winner to be exhibited and displayed at the Alfred C. Glassell School of Art in Houston from Feb. 16th through March 6th. Further judging resulted in Sharron's entry being named the best watercolor of these

Police Check on Thefts, Mischief Reports

Eagle Lake police department was called during the past week to investigate the theft of a battery from a car, a theft of a bicycle from a lake, and the theft of a Normandy clarinet left by a school girl overnight in the Eagle Lake Middle School gym. Owner of the clarinet was Lynn Mota and the theft was reported to Chief of Police Lynn Villarreal by her mother, Mrs. Beatrice Mota. Also Chief Villarreal investigated a case of malicious mischief in which holes were slashed into three tires on a car owned by Charles Rickett and parked on Postoffice Street.

Support National Heart Week Mar. 3-9

Chris Barker, vice-president of San Marcos State Bank and Trust, concert sponsor, Vickie Hlucaek, president of Alpha Phi sorority at Southwest Texas State University, Dr. Kenneth Long, president of San Marcos Heart Association and local cardiologist and Chip Rayburn, president of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity at Southwest Texas State University, (pictured from left to right), support March 3-9 as National Heart Week. The two Greek organizations are working with the local American Heart Association on a benefit concert starring Michael Murphy and Hank Thompson on March 30 at Hays County Civic Center in San Marcos. All proceeds and donations to this function will go directly to the National Heart Fund. Donations may be made by phone to 512-392-7954 or may be directed to County Chairman Mrs. Raymond R. [Ellie] Thomas of Eagle Lake. Hlucaek states, "The Greek system at Southwest Texas is very strong, and Alpha Phi and my organization, being within the Greek system, are trying fund-raising techniques that have never been tried before." These two organizations are staging a Live Outdoor Concert starring Michael Murphy and Hank Thompson in behalf of the American Heart Association and plan to raise funds in the several thousands. Both organizations would like to stress the importance of heart disease and hope that they will get support and help to make a contribution to the American Heart Fund Association that will certainly be worthy of all the many hours they have spent in putting this concert together. Contributions to the concert may be made by calling 512-392-7954 or by sending them to Colorado County Heart Assn. Chairman Mrs. Raymond R. [Ellie] Thomas of Eagle Lake.

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