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Deer hunting regulations for the 1986-87 season

The white-tailed deer gun season will open on November 8, 1986 and close on January 4, 1987. These dates apply to all counties in Texas that have a white-tailed deer gun season. The season always opens on the second Saturday in November and closes on the first Sunday in January. Archery season runs from October 4 through November 2, 1986. This season always opens the first Saturday in October and closes on the first Sunday in November.

The statewide bag limit for white-tailed deer is four, not to include more than two bucks in some counties and one buck in others. A hunter must have in his possession a special antlerless deer tag received from a landowner or his agent to legally harvest an antlerless deer during the gun season. A hunter that kills a buck in a one buck limit county must take his second buck in a county with a two buck limit. One white-tailed buck tag on the Texas hunting license is valid only in a two buck county. The other buck tag is valid in a one buck or two buck limit county. Hunters in a two buck limit county should be careful not to use the buck tag valid for a one or two buck county on their first buck if they intend to hunt later in a county that has a one buck limit.

Hunters are reminded they cannot process deer in camp. A person may only quarter the carcass of a deer in the field. A quartered carcass is defined as not more than two forequarters with the leg portion to the knee attached to the shoulder blade; two hindquarters with leg bones to the hock attached; two backstraps and the trimmings from

Columbus Livestock Market

The market was this week was a little weaker in most areas from last week's strong sale. Demand was good, but larger runs and dry weather have caused a little pressure, says George Hagan and Don McAllister.

If we can be of any assistance in marketing or hauling your livestock, call collect 409-732-2622 or 409-732-5841. We have top market sales at Columbus Livestock Market every Thursday.

Cattle on hand, 1444; hogs, 25; sheep, 10; horses, 6.

Packer Cows: higher dressing utility and cutter cows, 38 to 41.5 cents per pound; lower dressing utility and cutter cows, 32 to 38 cents; light weight canner cows, 30 to 35 cents.

Packer Bulls: heavy weight bulls, 48 to 51.5 cents per pound; utility and cutter bulls, 44 to 48 cents; light weight canner bulls, 41 to 44 cents.

Butcher Yearlings: good and choice, 50 to 55 cents per pound; standard, 46 to 50 cents.

Stocker and Feeder Calves and Yearlings: steer and bull calves, 29-34 pounds, 80 cents to \$1 per pound; 300-400 pounds, 65 to 80 cents; 400-500 pounds, 57 to 68

cents. Heifer calves 200-300 pounds, 58 to 75 cents per pound; 300-400 pounds, 54 to 63 cents; 400-500 pounds, 50 to 58 cents; 500-600 pounds, 48 to 55 cents; replacement heifers, 55 to 60 cents.

Stocker Cows: good stocker cows and heifers, 40 to 46 cents per pound; medium stocker cows and heifers, 35 to 40 cents; good cow and calf pairs, \$525 to \$600; medium cow and calf pairs, \$475 to \$525; common cow and calf pairs, \$400 to \$475.

Hogs: No. 1 butchers, 55 to 57 cents per pound; No. 2 and 3 butchers, 53 to 55 cents; feeder pigs and shoots, 50 to 65 cents; sows, 38 to 45 cents.

Sheep: ewes, 20 to 22 cents per pound; lambs, 50 to 65 cents; bucks, 15 to 18 cents; pairs, \$25 to \$35 per pair.

The method of issuing antlerless deer permits will be different for many counties for the 1986-87 hunting season. Colorado

County, along with 84 other counties will have what is called an either sex season. Under this system every landowner within the antlerless deer hunting compartment will be eligible for a permit. The antlerless deer hunting compartment will be established by biologists after conducting the fall deer surveys.

This regulation will not be countywide. Permits will be issued only in areas of the county determined to have a surplus of antlerless deer. Landowners will be able to obtain a reasonable number of permits for their property. Departmental personnel will provide recommendations available at the time permits are issued.

The permits can be obtained by the landowner or his designated agent. The either sex season will provide more freedom for the landowner in determining the antlerless harvest on his property. The landowner will still have total control over the antlerless harvest on his property.

As in the past, spike bucks are considered legal buck deer. A legal buck is defined as a deer having a harden antler protruding through the skin and is polished. There apparently is some confusion on the part of the landowner or his designated agent. The either sex season will provide more freedom for the landowner in determining the antlerless harvest on his property. The landowner will still have total control over the antlerless harvest on his property.

A high incidence of spikes in a deer herd is a symptom of a problem. The problem is usually poor nutrition. Poor nutrition often occurs when deer numbers are not excessive.

Mr. and Mrs. O.H. Spittler spent several days last week in Ahommet near Georgetown. They were there to attend the funeral of C.A. Baker, brother-in-law of Mrs. Spittler.

Mr. Spittler, who is president of the Cheatham Cemetery Association, announces that a flag raising ceremony will be held at the local cemetery on Saturday morning, August 2 at 8 a.m.

For several years now Herbert Kinloch, of Baytown, has placed individual flags on graves of veterans at the cemetery. Now through Herbert's efforts, the VFW Post he is associated with has offered to place a flag at the cemetery.

Herbert, along with several other ex-marines, will present a plaque to the cemetery association and will conduct the flag raising ceremony. Everyone is invited to attend this impressive ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Ashley enjoyed spending last Friday at LCRA, Lake Bastrop. They attended a CCA picnic and staff meeting which hosted a barbecue.

Visiting with the Ashleys during the weekend was John Ashley who is employed in Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lee Jackson were in Houston Tuesday night to meet relatives at the airport. Mrs. Ebel Potter, Chris Brucker and Chris and Leigh Jackson returned after spending a month in El Centro, California with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brucker.

Bradens, Hattermanns tour Colorado

Earl and Ruby Braden of Eagle Lake and Paul and Melba Hattermann of Weimar have recently returned from a two-week vacation in Colorado. They spent some time in Estes Park and sightseeing in the Rocky Mountain National Park.

They reported seeing a lot of snow on the "Trail Ridge Drive." They also attended the Country Music Dinner Theatre in Estes Park which is owned and operated by TV, radio and recording artist, The Barlen Family.

While camping with their travel trailers at the KOA campground in Estes Park, in uncle, James Weaver of Englewood, Colorado and a brother to Elizabeth Walker of this city, came to visit with them for the day.

In Denver, Colorado, they toured the Denver Museum of Natural History, one of the nation's greatest museums. While there, they attended the Innox Theatre to see "The Dream is Alive," filmed by 14 Astronauts on three 1961 shuttle missions.

Innox, the world's largest movie projection system, is presented on a giant 4 1/2 story tall and 6 1/2 stories wide Innox screen. This unique movie captures everything from the drama of a satellite rescue operation to the thrill of weightlessness. You travel on a three million mile journey through space at 17,000 miles per hour. The view of planet earth is magnificent. "The Dream is Alive" is shown in tribute

to those exploring the world of space.

While in Pueblo, Colorado, the Bradens enjoyed visiting with some camping buddies, who spend their winter months at their home in the Valley at Mission, Texas and also camping with friends at Lake Somerville.

Other interesting stops were at the Royal George, riding the Inclined Railway and the Aerial Tram, Twin Lakes, Salida and Rye, Colorado. The group visited with Sophie Zoeller and also had a wonderful visit with Pearl Lee Campbell at Lake Isabel in Rye, Colorado.

A few days was spent at Fredericksburg, Texas at the Lady Bird Johnson Park sightseeing and getting fresh peaches from the hill country. A wonderful trip was enjoyed by both families.

Hunters extravaganza planned August 8-10

The "Hunters Extravaganza" produced by the Texas Trophy Hunters Association will be held at Houston's Albert Thomas Convention Center, August 8 through 10. Not only will the show offer visitors hundreds of hunting products, accessories, plus guides and outfitters, it also offers a unique array of educational seminars on bass, goose and duck calling, wildlife cooking, horn rattling plus more.

It's time to spend the weekend in a hunting atmosphere. Bring the wife and the kids to the Albert Thomas Convention Center August 8 through 10. Doors open: 6-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

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