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Hunting, fishing regulation changes adopted

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has adopted regulations expanding special antlerless-only white-tailed deer seasons in two regions of the state.

The changes were additions to the 1987-88 hunting regulations adopted by the commission May 7.

One of the changes expands the special early antlerless-only white-tailed deer season in East Texas. The Oct. 24-Nov. 8 season will include all of Polk, Trinity, Houston and Angelina Counties, and the portion of Nacogdoches County south of State Highway 7. During last year's season, only portions of Polk and Trinity Counties had the special season.

A three-county expansion of the special late antlerless-only white-tailed deer season in South Texas also was adopted. Frio, LaSalle and McMullen Counties were added to those having the Jan. 9-24, 1988 season. Counties that already had the late season are Webb, Maverick, Duval, Zapata, Zavala and Dimmit.

Fishing yo-yo's banned

A statewide prohibition on the use of fishing yo-yo's was adopted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in its public hearing recently.

Yo-yo's are spring-loaded reeling devices used primarily on timelines.

They already were prohibited in salt water. The freshwater ban will go into effect September 1.

Nick Carter, chief of inland fisheries, told the commission the regulation is needed to prevent mortality of

fish that can be pulled above the water surface by the yo-yo's. Use of yo-yo's is especially harmful in waters where minimum or maximum length limits on certain game fish are in effect, Carter said.

Dove, teal seasons virtually remain the same

Hunting seasons and bag limits for mourning and white-winged doves for 1987-88 will be virtually the same as last year, but the special teal duck season will be one week later than in 1986.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted the early-season migratory bird hunting seasons and bag limits in a public hearing in Austin on July 23.

The commission accepted a recommendation by the department staff to set the nine-day teal duck season for Sept. 19-27. The change was made because department records indicate greater numbers of teal will be present in the state for the later season.

Teal bag limits will remain unchanged from 1986, at four teal in the aggregate per day and eight in possession. Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

No changes were made in season lengths or zone boundaries for mourning

and white-winged doves. The North Zone mourning dove season is Sept. 1-Nov. 9; the Central Zone season is Sept. 1-Oct. 30 and Jan. 2-11; the South zone mourning dove season is Sept. 20-Nov. 18, except in the Special White-winged Dove Area, where the season is Sept. 20-Nov. 14.

The winter season for mourning doves in the South Zone will be Jan. 2-11.

As in the past, the white-winged dove season is on the first two complete weekends in September, which this year is Sept. 5-6 and 12-13. Shooting hours during the four-day white-winged dove season are from sunrise to sunset. Shooting hours during the mourning dove season in all zones is one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

A \$6 white-winged dove stamp is required in addition to a valid hunting license to take white-wings anywhere in the state.

Dove bag limits also are un-

changed from last year, at 12 mourning, white-winged and white-tipped doves in the aggregate including no more than two white-winged and two white-tipped doves per day. Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit.

During the whitewing season, the bag limit is 10 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate including no more than two white-winged and two white-tipped doves; possession limits are twice the daily bag limit.

As in the past, one fully feathered wing is required on all dressed doves at all times in the South Zone and the Special White-winged Dove Area. The system of whitewing sanctuaries also remains unchanged during the 1987-88 season, with Sanctuaries "B" closed this year and Sanctuaries "A" open.

The season for rails and gallinules is Sept. 1-Nov. 9, and shooting hours

Alligator tag issuance boundaries, rates set

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have announced general boundaries within which alligators may be legally hunted during the September 4-20 hunting season. This September marks the fourth consecutive alligator harvest season since statewide alligator management planning was initiated in 1984.

Alligator tags for the 1987 season will be issued on a quota basis to landowners or their authorized agents. Tag quotas are based on estimated alligator populations. Some 1,760 tags will be available for issuance in 1987 — an increase of more than 600 tags from 1986 when 1,150 tags were available.

"The quota increases have resulted from inclusion of additional hunting areas, higher survey counts and full implementation of allowable quota rates under the management plan," said Bruce Thompson, TPWD alligator program.

Public interest in alligator hunting has similarly increased and a growing

number of interested hunters are finding it more and more difficult to arrange hunts or locate available tags. To help potential alligator hunters in 1987, the TPWD has prepared a list of contacts for possible alligator hunts that are available to the public. Copies of the list may be obtained by writing to: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or by calling 1-800-792-1112.

The areas to be hunted and numbers of permits in each are as follows: Aulacoosa County: Metate Creek — Harrison Ranch (1); Brazoria County: Manor Lake (23); Brazos River Club (8); Big Slough (9); Harris Reservoir (5); W.H. Black Lake Reservoir and Slough (7); Bar X Lakes Slough (4); Eagle Nest Lake (1); Tenocost Hunting Club (5); Mallard Lake (3); Austin Bayou Reservoir (3); Bell Lake (1); Bieri Lakes (2); Halls Bayou (1); Chubb Lake (1); Shubfield Lake (1) and Mojo Lake (5); Calhoun County: Guadalupe Delta Marsh (4), NW of Powderhorn Lake (8); Black & Jones Bayou (10) and Coloma Creek (3);

Colorado County: Eagle Lake (18) and Eagle Lake Gravel Pits (6); Fort Bend County: Dry Creek (9); Worthington Lake (7); Pecan Bend Subdivision Lake (2); Harrison and Anderson Oxbow Lakes

are one-half before sunrise to sunset. The bag limit for king and clapper rails is 15 daily and 30 in possession; Sora and Virginia rails, 25 per day and 25 in possession. The gallinule bag limit is 15 per day and 30 in possession.

Rice football

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1,110 yards last year and he'll be back with assistance from backs Sonny Baker and Robert Kennedy.

The Rice attack

Passing may figure into the Raider offensive game with quarterback Kevin Long. It appears he will have a lot of protection to allow passing plays to develop so backs Douglas Trillman and Clarence Weeks, with wide receiver Vance Corman, can get into position downfield. "Tackle Albert Lopez (6-0, 250) is an imposing sight on defense."

Tight end and line backer Johnnell Doyins and center and defensive tackle Michael Rhodes are imposing figures on either side of the line. Guard Twayman Boone and tackle Mark Kurcherka, both 230-pounders, will be an important factor too.

Practice for the teams can begin Monday, August 10. Later this month the teams will scrimmage before opening their five non-district games.

Job related moving costs tax deductible

Moving expenses directly associated with employment for wage earners or self-employed persons may be tax deductible, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) says.

Generally, to deduct the moving costs a person must start work at a new location that adds at least 35 miles to the distance from the former home to the work place.

Also, a wage earner must work full time at a new location for at least 39 weeks of the 12 months following the move. Self-employed individuals must work in the new location for at least 39 weeks of the first 12 months and a total of at least 78 weeks of the first 24 months to qualify for moving expense adjustments, the IRS says.

More information about moving expenses appears in the free IRS Publication 521, Moving Expenses. Call IRS toll-free 1-800-424-FORM or order a copy.

"It's too hot to cook," is heard more and more as summer temperatures climb, and people turn to convenient fast food restaurants. Fortunately, smart consumers can find good nutritional values in their quest to beat the heat. "The restaurant industry is responding to the consumer demand for more nutritional and lower calorie meals," says Dr. Dymple Cooksey, a nutritionist with Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Fast food chains are especially making an effort to attract health conscious people." Many fast food chains are trying to improve the nutritional value of their products by cutting back on sodium and fat. A few chains have switched to using polyunsaturated fats in their deep fryers in efforts to gain public approval and patronage, Cooksey points out.

Salad bars, pizza and a variety of ethnic foods can be nutritious and low calorie. According to Cooksey, "Eating fast food doesn't have to be a high-calorie, fatty experience."

Alligators must be taken from the area for which specific tags are issued. According to Thompson, "the quota of 1,760 tags for 1987 is calculated as a percentage of the estimated population of alligators four feet and longer within the designated hunting areas."

The alligator harvest is designed as a sustained yield harvest rather than a control program. Although alligators are numerous in much Texas habitat, alligators four feet and longer (legal harvest size) represent only an estimated 13.5 percent of the alligator population.

Thompson reminds hunters that alligators must be taken and retrieved only with devices that have line of at least 300-pound-test strength, attached to help retrieval. Legal devices include hook-and-line, harpoon, gig, archery tackle and hand-held snare. Firearms may not be used except to dispatch the animals after being secured.

Regulations and substantial explanatory information will be provided to hunters at the time licenses are issued.

Fink's Variety closes doors Saturday

Fink's Variety Store, 215 East Main, in Eagle Lake will be closing its doors this Saturday, August 8.

Bill and Betty Fink are trying to sell the building and its contents to anyone interested because they want to start traveling again. Every item is on sale for 50% off the regular price.

That information was revealed Monday during the regular, two-monthly meeting of Colorado County Commissioners Court. After long "debate" on whether commissioners were being fiscally responsible, or were trying to block the case by not approving about \$2,500 in payments for a special investigator, county judge Lester Cranek broke a deadlock by voting to pay the investigator.

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newsbriefs

Rice High School student schedules

On Monday, August 17, Rice High School student schedules will be available to students or an adult member of their family at one of the following places: Sheridan school library, 8 to 9:30 a.m.; Garwood school library, 10 a.m. to noon; Eagle Lake Middle School lobby, 1 to 3 p.m. Students unable to meet this schedule may receive them at Rice High School on August 20 or 21.

Students needing schedule changes are asked to appear in person to meet with their counselor at Rice High School on August 20 or 21 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. to discuss their needs and initiate needed changes. No other schedule changes will be made until the second school day.

Wilcox Minimax now open 12 hours a day

Robert Wilcox and Mike Henry of Wilcox Minimax announced they have changed their store hours "to better serve our valued customers."

The new store hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. "We are continuously trying to meet our customers' needs," Robert and Mike pointed out. "Besides the new store hours, we also offer double coupon redemption daily."

Providence Baptist Church revival set

Rev. Coby Shorter Jr., pastor, and congregation of Providence Baptist Church of Eagle Lake invite the public to a revival scheduled for August 17-21.

Evangelist Rev. O.C. Johnson, pastor of Lyons Unity Missionary Baptist Church of Houston, will be the guest speaker for the revival which will be held nightly at eight o'clock during the week of August 17-21.

Immunization shots at Ugarte Clinic

Immunization clinic will be held this Thursday, August 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Ugarte's Clinic located at 706 S. McCarty in Eagle Lake. The clinic is sponsored by the Texas Department of Health on the second Thursday of each month.

Immunizations for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP), polio, measles, mumps and rubella will be given to infants, pre-schoolers and school-age children. Tetanus and/or diphtheria will be given to adults.

St. Mary's student registration today

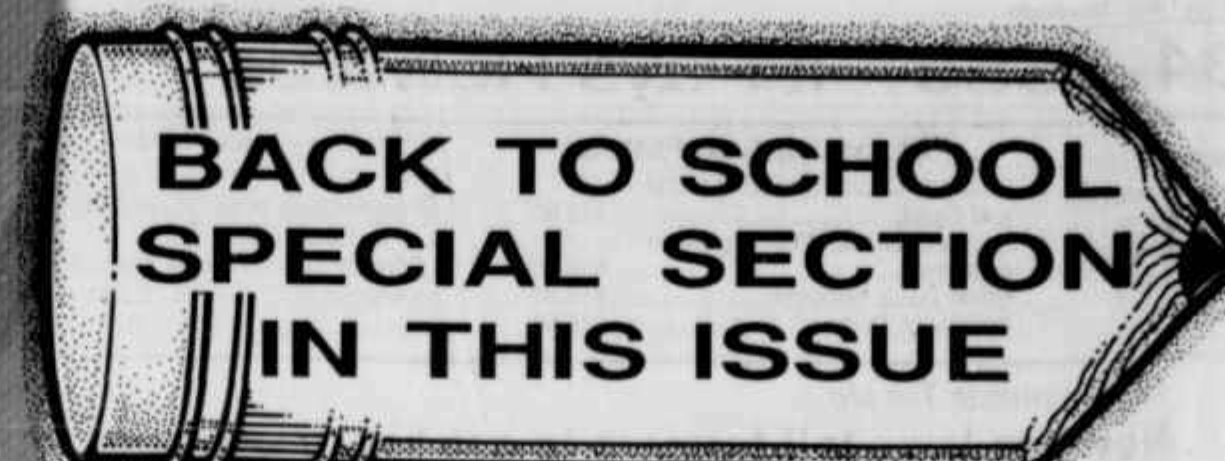
Registration for all students who will attend St. Mary's School in Nada during the 1987-88 school year is scheduled for Thursday, August 13 in St. Mary's Parish Hall from 8 to 11 a.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration fees and tuition will be collected at that time.

For further information call Bea Schoellmann (758-3488) or Grace Kornek (758-3642). St. Mary's offers quality education at reasonable prices in grades 1-8.

Waterfowl Festival scheduled Sept. 18-20

Raffle tickets for the Eagle Lake Waterfowl Festival are available at Johnny's Sport Shop and the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce. There will only be 350 tickets printed at \$25 each.

The festival will be held September 18, 19 and 20 with many activities planned.



Eagle Lake Headlight

Commissioners vote funds to continue investigation

Broussard case going back to grand jury

New evidence indicates cash involved with bonds also will be presented

The state's investigation of Colorado County sheriff Jim Broussard will be presented to the next term of the new county grand jury scheduled to be seated next week, according to Jim Vollers, special prosecutor.

Vollers said Monday afternoon — after he and district attorney Bud Kirkendall met with commissioners — there are insufficient funds to the possession of the sheriff to cover at least one bond for \$10,000. That bond was posted five years ago when a man named Harwell was arrested on U.S. 90-A between Altair and Sheridan. He was accused of hauling a load of marijuana which had been flown into a field near Garwood, but that case has never been prosecuted.

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Interested discussion

The discussion about payment of the investigator held the interest of the audience for well over an hour. Judge Cranek began by providing a historical review of the case starting with an October 13, 1986, discussion he had with former county auditor Lee Briscoe. Cranek explained why he was speaking for himself and the other commissioners when he wrote Broussard a letter Nov. 4. (That letter was published in The Headlight earlier this summer.)

Spaniel comments

Commissioner Spaniel told Kirkendall he couldn't understand why the DA didn't approach commissioners not to reveal the findings in the case, but to say there would be a need for a special prosecutor. "It really turned me off when we were told by a special judge that handled the case, who instructed the court to pay, rather than you coming to the court to give us some reasoning... When it comes to money, I think we are entitled to know prior to when you go to a judge asking that he instruct us to pay."

Spaniel also said that he "was just trying to give you (Kirkendall) some impression of why I am concerned about approving some of this." He said he has been in business for many years and that he requires a trust, itemized statement. "I certainly don't want to interfere with the case," Spaniel said.

Another comment by the Eagle Lake commissioner was that he took "objection that you (Kirkendall) indicate the judge (Cranek) leads the court. No one leads Mr. Spaniel. I am my own man."

Executive session

When prosecutor Vollers began explaining why he needed the work of

the investigator, he began to distribute information developed for the case. One sheet given to commissioners and Cranek listed checks written on the sheriff's account; it was titled "Expenditures appearing to be for other than county business."

Another sheet listed items Vollers said the sheriff purchased with his personal money, then took reimbursement from county funds. It totaled \$16,264.99.

Vollers explained that the items which need investigation are out of the realm of a regular CPA, and need the experience and expertise that his investigator has.

Commissioner Otto Loessin

agreed, and made a motion at 12:10 p.m. that the court declare an emergency meeting and post an agenda for a closed-door session that would begin in two hours.

After that motion was approved, county tax assessor-collector Evelyn Thomas questioned whether the court should have a closed-door session. She told the judge, "I felt like for some reason you are trying to stop these people from investigating... how are we protected as citizens against people if the (investigation) is blocked?"

Kirkendall also told the court he felt an emergency executive session could not be called. Cranek said the closed-door would be called under the Texas Open Meetings Act that allows the public to be excluded from discussion about personnel matters.

When the emergency agenda was posted, it was clear that it was improper in that the Open Meetings Act requires the act's exclusion paragraph to be stated and that an explanatory topic also be included. The emergency agenda only said "Executive Session," with no topic.

"During the lunch break, The Headlight consulted with an attorney in the Dallas-Fort Worth area with the Freedom of Information Foundation. That attorney said that the court should not hold such a meeting because of the improper agenda, but that it also was his opinion that the court could not claim the 'personnel' exclusion under the Open Meetings Act. He said the sheriff was not answerable to the commissioners as an employee, that he was hired directly by the public, and thus did not qualify as personnel. The attorney said a temporary restraining

order could have been sought to prevent the meeting, or that if it was held, each member of the court could be charged with a misdemeanor violation that carries a penalty of up to \$500 and/or a short county jail term.

Commissioners resumed their regular meeting at 1:15 p.m., tackling other agenda items.

At 2:15 p.m. judge Cranek said that the meeting then would go into its executive session.

John Fearing, Headlight editor,

asked to speak. He suggested the court not hold such a session, citing the two violations of the law. Cranek replied that he too had spent the lunch hour reading the law, and that the court would not hold an executive session.

After additional discussion, that did not include additional evidence in the case, Spaniel made a motion that the bills be paid, and that the county pay the time of the investigator needed to get the case to the grand jury. Cranek called three times for a second to the motion, but there was none, so Spaniel's motion died. After additional discussion, commissioner Jerome Wickes made a similar motion, including that the bills presented to the court be better itemized before being paid. Spaniel seconded that, and the court split 2-2. Cranek cast the deciding "aye" vote.

Additional sales tax approved by 2-vote margin

County voters Saturday approved increasing by one-half cent the sales tax charged on goods sold in the county.

By a vote of 550 for and 548 against, voters are switching some of the burden of taxation from the property owner to the retail purchaser. State law allows the switch if the county will reduce property taxes by the amount of revenue the sales tax will generate.

The additional one-half cent will be collected starting January 1, 1988, on items where sales tax applies. However, there will not be a change in the county property taxes until next year. Commissioners will make a decision in August of 1988 on how much the property tax can be decreased.

Of the three major cities in the county, only Eagle Lake voters approved the proposition by a wide margin. In the Weimar, voters were against the tax by a three-to-one margin. Columbus voters were against the proposal, but not overwhelmingly.

Here are the official election results by voting precinct:

Area	For	Against	Buocher	17	28
Columbus	34	59	Shaw's Bend	12	6
Glidden	25	33	Brushy	12	6
Altair	4	0	Freiburg	26	25
Garwood	28	2	Mentz	25	5
Nada	41	2	Bernardo	26	10
Rock Island	11	16	Alleyton	4	3
Sheridan	23	13	Eagle Lake	126	29
Oakland	17	8	No. Columbus	59	65
Weimar	68	220	Absentee	10	8
			Total	550	548

Another from Valentine drug arrests sentenced

Harrell Montgomery Jr. was sentenced last Friday to six years in the Texas Department of Correction on a charge of delivery of marijuana.

Hightower, Freeman, Brandon to highlight development conference

Eagle Lake civic and business leaders will host a ten-county economic and business development conference on Friday, August 28 in the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Along with the Eagle Lake Industrial Development Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce, the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will serve as co-hosts for the day-long event.

Invited will be business, civic and government leaders from Waller, Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Lavaca, Wharton, Matagorda, Jackson, Victoria and Dewitt counties.

Keynoting the conference will be Agricultural Commissioner Jim Hightower, whose remarks will cover the opportunities in increased agricultural diversification and processing. S. David Freeman, general manager

of LCRA, will present a discussion on how state agencies — his in particular — can be of assistance to rural communities in their efforts to prosper.

David B. Brandon, executive director of the Texas Economic Development Commission, will inform the gathering of the restructuring of the state development apparatus, with many agencies merging into the newly created Department of Commerce.

Other speakers will discuss in an open forum development incentives, opportunities and efforts. The role of education in development will be discussed, as well as the upcoming constitutional amendment votes on per capita income and the "Build Texas" initiatives.

Montgomery's case was the last

to be decided from several arrests made by the Eagle Lake Police Dept. (Continued on Back Page)

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