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Dove seasons must meet federal guidelines

A number of Texas dove hunters have asked Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials why the 1987 mourning dove season in the South Zone will be opened on Sunday, Sept. 20, rather than Saturday, Sept. 19. Ron George, dove program leader, said the official season framework issued by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service prevents opening the South Zone season earlier than Sept. 20. "We (the department) wanted to open the season as early as possible, and most hunters probably would agree that opening it on Sunday is preferable to delaying opening day to the next weekend," George said. "This federal restriction is designed to protect late-nesting mourning doves in South Texas."

George also pointed out that the 10-bird aggregate bag limit for mourning and white-winged doves during the special whitening season (Sept. 5-6 and 12-13) likewise was mandated by the federal framework.

The regulations permit the taking of only two mourning doves per day during the four-day whitening season in the Special White-winged Dove Hunting Zone.

"The concurrent full bag limits of both species permitted during the whitening season from 1966 through 1983 ultimately resulted in an annual harvest of about a half-million mourning doves, or twice the number of whitewings," George said. "A harvest of this magnitude was deemed unacceptable in the mourning dove population where approximately 25 percent of the birds were still nesting on Sept. 1."

The 1987-88 dove seasons, adopted by the Parks and Wildlife Commission recently, are: mourning doves, North Zone, Sept. 1-Nov. 9; Central Zone, Sept. 1-Oct. 30 and Jan. 2-11; S. Zone, 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 is Jan. 2-11, 1988.

A's eighth annual tourney held

The A's held their eighth annual men's slow pitch tournament on July 25 and 26 in Eagle Lake.

First place was won by The Force of Columbus, coached by Ricky Niska. Ricky Niska was presented with the All Tournament and T-Man awards. Most valuable player went to Bobby Estrada and Robert Neundorff won the Golden Glove infield.

Second Place was captured by Golden of Eagle Lake, coached by Billy Salazar. John Wunderlich and Henry Gonzales shared in the All Tournament award. Golden Glove

1987-88 hunting, fishing license now available

Hunting, fishing and other licenses now are available for purchase at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department offices and many retail outlets across the state.

All hunting and fishing licenses are effective Sept. 1, 1987, and are valid through August 31, 1988.

Non-resident limitations
 Most licenses and fees are unchanged from the current year, but officials said non-resident hunters planning to take advantage of a new nonresident hunting license should be aware of certain limitations.

The non-resident special 5-day hunting license, which may be purchased for \$25, enables the holder to hunt in Texas for five consecutive days, and it is valid for hunting exotic animals, all game birds that may be legally taken except turkey, and all non-game animals except alligators and animals classified as furbearers. It is not valid for any game animals except squirrel and javelina.

A \$75 nonresident special hunting license allows the holder to hunt the same species as the 5-day nonresident license, but it is valid from Sept. 1 of one year to Aug. 31 the following year.

The general non-resident hunting license costs \$200, and is valid for any animal or bird that may be legally taken except alligators and furbearers. It also is an annual license.

The new non-resident banded bird hunting license, the fee of which is \$10, authorizes the holder to hunt privately-owned, pen-raised birds on licensed shooting resorts, private bird shooting areas and field trial areas.

Thanks to all who participated and helped with umpiring.

outfield went to Keith Penell and Honorable mention went to Dwayne Morales Lopez.

The Recca's Team won third place and was coached by Donald Ray Spears. Spears and Michael Davis won the all-tournament award.

The Last Minute Bunch of Eagle Lake coached by Freddie Walker walked away with fourth place. Brian Ellis and Anthony (Ned) Black received All Tournament awards.

From left to right, J'Ami McClanahan, Lisa Dromgoole, Stephanie Ferguson, Bonnie Bengie, Shanna Brunner, Jackie Dromgoole.

Fall registration for gymnastics Saturday

P&P Gymnastics announces fall registration for boys and girls gymnastics, ladies isolation exercises and ladies aerobic exercise classes will be held on Saturday, August 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McCrory Auction House, 201 South McCarty in Eagle Lake.

Debbie Powers and Mindee Porter, owners of P&P Gymnastics, just completed a successful one-week summer camp with 90 boys and girls attending from Eagle Lake, East Bernard, Columbus, Garwood, Altair and Weimar.

Mrs. Lois Jones, owner of Calhoun County Gymnastics, assisted with the camp. "I have been teaching gymnastics for 30 years and have never seen so many kids with so much gymnastics potential in one gym," said Mrs. Jones.

During the week each student received instruction in tumbling, vaulting, spring board, balance beam, girls uneven bars and boys parallel bars.

Kolek's entry was exhibited in the shelving division which was won by a Sioux entry from Concho County with a 59.40% kernel and weighed 51.08 nuts per pound.

The Brake variety category was won by O.C. Wimberly of Travis County with nuts weighing 41.54 pound and a 60.70% kernel. Kolek's entry weighed 42.19 pound and had a 59.64% kernel.

Weekly gymnastics classes are open to all boys and girls, ages 3 to 17 years. Classes will be arranged according to age, school grade and sex. Each student will be trained in tumbling, balance beam, girls uneven bars, vaulting, spring board, boys

parallel bars and the mini-trampoline. The aerobic program will be designed dance routines to concentrate on the cardiovascular system, flexibility, balance, coordination, posture, muscle tone and endurance. The routines allow for an appropriate warm-up period and during the course of the routines, students are advised to pace themselves. The routines are followed by a cool-down period.

The isolation exercises is a lower paced workout consisting of specific exercises for certain muscle groups. Isolations are exercises which develop muscle tone and flexibility, plus some increase in strength.

Classes for the isolation exercises are planned for Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. and the aerobic exercises will be held from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The fee for gymnastics class is \$22 per month per student with a 10% discount for families with two or more students registering for the class. The exercise classes are \$22 for an eight week session.

For further information or if you cannot register this Saturday, contact Debbie at 234-7451 or Mindee at 234-5158.

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Raider season football tickets now available

If you held season tickets for last year's Rice Raider home football games, those same seats may be purchased again beginning Monday, August 24 through Friday, August 28. Unsold tickets will be available to the general public Monday, August 31 through Friday, September 4.

The season package is \$15 per seat for the five home games. Tickets may be obtained at the Rice High School principal's office in Altair between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Raiders travel to Kincaid for scrimmage game

The Rice High School Raiders freshmen, JV and varsity football teams will travel to Kincaid this Friday, August 21 for their first scrimmage game this season. The games, starting at 5 p.m., will test the progress made by the Raiders from two weeks of workout.

Fans are encouraged to support the Raiders as they begin the season which looks promising!

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GOING BACK TO SCHOOL



Garwood School

Rice High School

Sheridan School

August 28 is freshman orientation day at Rice High School

Some students may take double loads of basic courses to catch up on education

Academics come first at Rice High School, and the facts show it. But even though 98 percent of the seniors last year passed the new state test required before a diploma is awarded, principal Fred Grahmann said this week the school will be working even harder on the bookwork.

As the 1987-88 school year nears opening day on September 1, Grahmann said counselor Guy Beane has scheduled the annual Freshman Orientation day for August 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The unstructured day is a time for the students to visit with teachers, try out their locker combination, and learn their way around the building.

Parents welcome
 Freshman orientation isn't just for the student though. Grahmann and Beane agree that parents are welcome too, since the parent-student relationship is so important in a child's successful completion of public school.

When asked about other ways a parent can help a child, the principal said that if the parent believes and remains aware of the progress of a child, a lot of possible problems could be eliminated.

"I recognize the fact that a kid is not going to tell a parent he is failing," Grahmann said. To improve that parent-student communication, the school mails "deficiency slips" directly to a parent, rather than send them home with the student. The deficiency

slip is prepared in the middle of each six-week grading period to alert a parent that the student's grade in a course or courses is below par, and that there is a danger of a failing grade.

"There has been a positive response to those mailings, but what we need now is to have even more parents call and find out what is going on."

Also, Grahmann said, if a student is planning on participating in extra-curricular activities, the principal said that the student and parents should make an extra effort to understand the rules and regulations involved with that activity.

"If they (the students) want to be in some of these (extra) things, they better realize they are required when the school-opening general student assembly is held. The student handbook doesn't include all the requirements and rules governing all activities, but they are available from the principal and the activity sponsor."

"So, a parent and student need to be aware. By doing so, they can head off a whole myriad of problems, and stop them before they occur," Grahmann said.

He added that if you know the requirements, and sense a problem developing in any course which might jeopardize the standards for participation, don't wait for a report card to be issued. "Head it off in advance; call the school, explain the problem, and go out to school" and talk with the teacher and other

school officials to see how improvements and better understandings can be achieved.

Recently the Rice Consolidated school board did make changes in some standards for an activity, and Grahmann said that shows the system is flexible. He did emphasize though that problem solving done before a crisis exists is a smoother way to work out differences.

Academic emphasis
 Since the state has put emphasis on the basics of math and language arts, the school also is emphasizing those areas. Throughout their scholastic career, public school students must take a Texas Assessment of Minimum Skills. Also, an exit test is given in the 11th grade. Results of that test must show the student has mastery of the basic skills before a diploma can be awarded.

"The school has done a lot of things in these areas to help students," Grahmann said. "We concentrate a lot; if a student has trouble in math (or English or science), we stay with him and work with him."

"Personally, on this campus this year we will put a lot of emphasis on spending a lot more time on writing." A student has to be able to take a thought from his mind and put it on paper in logical order so someone else can understand it, he said.

"Closely tied with that is reading; this is an area where there are weaknesses." Electives and all those things are nice, Grahmann

said; not that anyone means to downplay electives, but they don't mean much if a student can't read.

Double doses
 "If you can't handle the reading, you ought to have two doses of it..." If you are behind in English this year, or other basics, a student may be scheduled for two classes to help him or her catch up.

Some of the other changes in school are occurring naturally. Fewer students are participating in the vocational agriculture program and the number of teachers previously was cut from three to two.

Grahmann said some people think lower enrollment in the program can be blamed on the school for not doing its job. "That's not true," he said. For instance, the freshman class this year is only about 89 students, compared to a normal size class of about 130. There are fewer students to participate.

Grahmann said a proposed state change in the program for the 1988-89 school year may make vocational agriculture more attractive. Rather than forcing a student to commit for a course for a full year, they will be able to take a semester of one vo-ag subject then take a different course during the next semester.

More 'hands on' courses
 Grahmann also said he would like to see more "hands on" courses for the students in the freshman and sophomore classes. As it stands now, programs such as auto me-

chanics, cosmetology and vocational office education are available only to juniors and seniors. If you lose a student before the junior year, those classes don't help much.

Other programs at the school are doing well. Band is flourishing under the direction of second year band teacher Debbie Harhai. Grahmann compliments her for re-introducing discipline in the band program.

Several new courses are being offered this year. World Geography is an elective, but can be substituted for world history. Shorthand is being taught again and engineering graphics (a second-year drafting course) is available. Introductory biology and introductory physical science are being offered for those students needing them.

There is no change in the bell schedule, with the first bell at 8:15 a.m. If a student is on a six-period day, classes are excused at 2:45 p.m. and buses run five minutes later. Students on the seven-period day, such as those in band or athletics, remain in school at least until 3:45 p.m.

Only two personnel changes have been made. Don Wild, who was a teacher and coach at the school for the 1985-86 school year, returns. He is taking the place of coach Kirk Ellis who took a position in West Texas. Wild will teach typing and business organizational management.

Robin Meyer is a new teacher, replacing Jimmy Petrash. She will be teaching math.

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