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Nature Club to visit Attwater Refuge

The Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club (TWONC) plans its Sept. outing as an experience in nature as well as in native plant gardening.

This field event will occur beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, about five miles NE of Eagle Lake to northwest turnoff of Hwy. 3013.

Members, potential members and guests will enjoy prairie and wetlands

vegetation and associated wildlife while curating exhibit beds of wild plants characteristic of this coastal prairie area.

Cultivating these plantings, located near the refuge headquarters is a priority mission for this outing but should not detract from the participant also viewing newly-arriving migrant bird life.

Wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes and bring field guides

to the birds and flowers plus binoculars and/or spotting scopes plus garden gloves and a hand tool useful for curating the native plant garden.

For additional information, call TWONC President Fannie Merle Welch in Wharton at 409-532-3195, Susan Tomcheson in East Bernard at 409-335-4883, Mae Ashby in Eagle Lake at 234-2019 or Doris Laughlin in Columbus at 409-732-8875.

Fair

The Freddie Prez Show will hold its performance on the grounds Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The times will be posted on the grounds. The Freddie Prez Show is brought to you by Farm and Ranch Aerial Service of Eagle Lake and Wharton. This year, from 5 to 7 p.m., the Freddie Prez Show will hold a Karaoke Time for all. The Karaoke Time is sponsored by Wal Mart.

Everyday the CCF is providing a county-made up Petting Zoo. Safety-Kleen Inc. (formerly Laidlaw) will help provide this special activity for young and old.

This year will be the first annual open BBQ Cook-Off. For details, please call 409-732-3691.

At 2 p.m., the Livestock Arena will hold the Junior Sale. Everyone is encouraged to attend this special time.

Here is where the youth are given the opportunity to sell and show their projects to all. The County youth work hard on these projects and the dollars

earned are well deserved.

This is the time for you to buy the projects. CCF supports the youth of this County and this is one of the most important activities of the Fair.

The IPRA/CPRA Rodeo will once again be in the arena at 7:30 p.m. Many great sponsors help put on this three-day activity. What excitement!

The Main Stage on Saturday, Sept. 12, is proud to bring you one of our own back to Colorado County. At 7 p.m., Ryan Thomas and his band will heat up the stage.

Ryan grew up in the Eagle Lake area, helping with his parents Wildseed Farm. He's now making his own way and proving to be one of Central Texas' top performers.

A pure and simple, full speed ahead, not to be forgotten by those he passes by. As Ryan heats up the stage, he will open the David Ball Show, known for his hit, "Thinkin' Problem".

The David Ball Show will hit the stage at 10 p.m., brought to you by Columbus Ford Mercury. Ball has been off the radio scene working on a new album, writing music and touring the nation with a great show. Ball's style, hard-country, honeysweet drawl is liked by all. Ball is a unique country performer who hails from

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South Carolina, but has spent many years on the Texas Circuit. He puts on a great show.

Ryan Thomas and band will be back on stage after the David Ball Show.

Sunday is Tejano Day at the CCF. Max Cantu of 98.3 KULM, Texas Eagle Radio Station in Columbus, is proud to say the stage will heat up on Sunday evening with two bands performing; Alma Tejana, known for entertaining their audience will start the Main Stage entertainment at 2 p.m.

Following will be Grupo Vida, voted the Most Promising Band of the year in 1997 by the Tejano Association. Much is focused on the accordion player, with his signature "Nike" gloves. The leading vocalist Art Tijerina is helped by the entire band to bring you a great show.

The Rodeo Arena will have invitational roping Sunday.

The Alamo Attraction Carnival will have two Armband times. Thursday, 7 to 11 p.m., for \$8; and again on Saturday, 12 noon to 3 p.m., for \$5.

Throughout the four-day event, there will be lots to do and see: exhibits, music, fun, food and drinks for the entire family.

For more information, call the CCF at 409-732-9266.

Teal

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Bluewings migrate early, coming through Texas from late Aug. through Oct. The early teal season was established to provide hunting opportunity on a species that was lightly harvested because its migration chronology is earlier than other ducks.

"I'm glad they extended the season," offered Carl Frentress, a TPW waterfowl biologist in Athens. "This is a population of birds that we have a very small opportunity at hunting. The extension is definitely a plus and we should be getting it as long as the populations remain high."

Frentress noted that throughout much of the migration flight path for teal in northeast Texas, the drought has taken its toll on much of the traditional waterfowl haunts. "Most of the natural wetlands that have had a little water in years past have dried up. The drought has damaged more wetland plants this year than in 1996 and that's a big concern right now. We've had some draw downs on the big reservoirs, but I think the big impact this year has come from extended high temperatures. We're experiencing sort of a false fall right now with leaves dropping, and trees dying."

With less water, Frentress predicts most of the hunting opportunity will be on open water in the larger reservoirs, oxbows and riverbottoms.

"We're already seeing some bluewings and it probably won't be upcoming to see 20 or more birds on a stock tank," he said. "I wouldn't spend a lot of time this season brushing out a permanent blind. I'd try to stay portable; go to the big, wide mud bars and set up a spot to hide where its shallow and open. If you've got a place to go in East Texas, its worth getting out, but remember, the birds are just migrating through and any excuse to leave, such as a front, they'll take it."

He went on to note, however, that tropical depressions leading into the season could change things. Enough rainfall to bring lake levels up or spread some water into wetland areas where levees have been constructed means more teal will hang around.

In areas where land managers can control water, especially in conjunction with grain crops, teal hunting prospects can be excellent this season, says Beville. "If you've got food and water, you're going to be in the birds this year. I'd suggest that those landowners who have the capability to pump water begin doing so around the first of Sept. and that should make for ideal conditions on into the regular waterfowl season."

Teal hunters are reminded that TPW will fully implement the Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) in Texas this year. This is a nationwide program administered by the USFWS in cooperation game birds. All states are required to participate in HIP beginning in the 1998 fall hunting season. License vendors will certify migratory game bird hunters at the time of license purchase. Hunters will be asked a few simple questions about their hunting activity for migratory birds (doves, ducks, geese and sandhill cranes). If you're a migratory bird hunter buying your license, ask the vendor for a license form and complete it before buying your license. The form will speed up the process and assure that you are HIP certified, said Beville.

In order to legally hunt migratory birds this Sept. in Texas, hunters must have HIP printed on their license to show they are certified.

Legal shooting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit for teal is four. The possession limit is eight.

Did You Know...

•The Chinese once believed that eating from golden dishes prolonged life.

•The Pony Express station in Hanover, Kansas, which served the famous western mail riders in 1860-61, is the only one on the entire route to still stand unchanged.



Go Texan Champion Sr. Washer Pitchers were Stephen and Doug Bradford, Columbus brothers who won 4th in Houston in 1998.



Men's Open Horseshoe Reserve Champions were Dwyane Henneke of Bernardo and Tony Grafe of Columbus.



Go Texan Pork and Beef BBQ Champions were Craig and Kevin and Harris Kainer of Weimar.



Pork BBQ Reserve Champions were, kneeling, from left, Mark Klesel and Bryon Wagner. Standing, Donald and Donnie Vanicek, Emil Kunchick Jr., Marvin Johnson and Mark Vanicek, all of Weimar.



Men's Go Texan Reserve Champion Horseshoe pitchers were Jerry Smid-ovec Jr. of and Randy Knesek of Garwood.



Beef BBQ Reserve Champions were Kim Elstner and Jim Helton of Weimar.

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Kid's Health Briefs

From the Baylor College of Medicine
Young athletes: eat right to win
Packing good nutrition into their busy days can help young athletes improve their performance.
"A high-carbohydrate diet will provide the energy young athletes need," said Dr. Debby Demory-Luce, nutritionist with the Children's Nutrition Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Carbohydrates stored in the body provide the energy muscles need for a quick start.
Iron and calcium are of particular importance for young female athletes to prevent anemia and build strong bones. Also, don't forget the water. Four ounces of water every 15-20 minutes during practice will head off dehydration.
"A good diet is critical for young athletes," said Demory-Luce. "It affects their strength and endurance, as well as growth and development."



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