

Discussion On Fawn Production And Abandoned Fawns

It is approaching that time of year when you should start seeing whitetails' fawns popping up. An adult doe in excellent habitat will normally have two fawns in late spring.

These fawns are typically kept some distance apart and are hidden in tall grass if available. Fawns have little scent and will remain hidden if supplied with sufficient milk.

When they become 4 or 5 weeks old, they will begin to follow the doe. Fawns are usually weaned between 4 and 6 months old. Most doe fawns will reach 6 months of age while the rut is in progress. With adequate nutrition, as many as two-thirds of the doe fawns have been known to breed. If bred, doe fawns usually have only one fawn. Under less than optimal conditions or where deer are competing heavily with livestock or other deer, less than 10 percent of doe fawns will breed, and adult does often will have only one fawn. The number of deer, quality of habitat, degree of livestock competition and weather are common factors in determining the health of a fawn. If these factors are not favorable, the fawn will not be born healthy, and the doe will not supply enough milk. The fawn then may succumb to exposure and disease, or wander from its hiding place and be killed by predators. Because of poor habitat management that results in improper nutrition and lack of tall grass cover, fawn production in our area typically averages less than 40 percent. In other words, only one fawn is raised per three does. This low production is unnecessary. With proper habitat management, addressing the food and tall grass cover requirements, the fawn production can be increased to nearly 100 percent. It is very important that during the time period when fawns are on the ground to keep an eye out for them on the road and when shredding or mowing hay. If it is possible, hold off shredding fields until mid-July to provide cover for does to hide their fawns. If you find a fawn that is not injured and is not in imminent danger from something harming it, please leave them alone. Needlessly, hundreds of fawns are taken to licensed rehabilitators each year that are not injured, but most likely "kidnapped" from their mothers. People presume their efforts are well-meaning, but normally

are misguided attempts to "save" a seemingly abandoned fawn. The truth is that for the first two weeks of a fawn's life, the doe leaves her fawns hidden, returning every 2 to 12 hours to nurse them (when she feels it is safe to return). If you find a fawn that is not injured or does not seem ill or

dehydrated, just leave it alone. The mother will return and feed it. Please share this information with other people in your community. Remember, a young animal's best chance for survival is with its natural parents who, better than anyone else, can ensure that it

retains all of its natural faculties and behaviors for survival in the wild. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact your local Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Biologist at tpwd.state.tx.us/wildlifebiologist.

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Hailey Ferguson
Heather Dela Garza
Damara Gentry
and
Mackenzie Wiese



THANK YOU...

On behalf of our family, we would like to personally thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness during our time of sorrow. Family and friends like you have been so important to us. We want to thank you for all of the cards, flowers, phone calls, food and offerings. We also would like to thank the Eagle Lake EMS, Eagle Lake Funeral Home, Father Robert Guerra and the City of Eagle Lake employees. We appreciate you keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

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STEERS

	#1	#2
150-300 lbs	125-150	100-120
300-400 lbs	115-127	97-112
400-500 lbs	110-117	91-110
500-600 lbs	108-117	95-107
600-700 lbs	98-109	84-94
700-800 lbs	88-98	80-87

HEIFERS

	#1	#2
200-300 lbs	110-130	95-109
300-400 lbs	95-113	85-95
400-500 lbs	100-114	91-99
500-600 lbs	94-104	84-93
600-700 lbs	88-98	80-87
700-800 lbs	80-87	74-79

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Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers	

Gadabouts Give Activity Update

The Nada/Garwood Gadabouts met April 24 at 2:30 p.m. at the Fire Station with President Anita Meisner calling the meeting to order. Members attending were: Helen Noteboom, Henrietta Patrick, Leona Wesselski, Pauline Solomon, Anita Meisner, Clara Lobpries, Sybil Balusek, Ella Buzek, Viola Frels, Clara Gold and Catherine Berger. Catherine Berger led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club prayer, after which she read the minutes of the last meeting. Helen Noteboom gave the treasurer's report.

Reservations for tickets for the event, including lunch, for \$7.00, have to be made with Helen Noteboom by May 8th. Some members are concerned with the new telephone system used by the Sheriff's Department. You are unable to reach them without going through 911, even though you have a non-emergency, but need to speak to an officer. The sheriff will be contacted concerning this issue. Program: Catherine presented an informative program on the origination of Secretary's Day, now called Administrative

Professionals' Day, along with some quotes, including: "As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold"-Arthur Unknown. The door prize was won by Clara Lobpries. Members contributed 304 hours of service, 538 miles driven and \$447.92 in expenses. Refreshments of Lasagna, ham salad sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, cookies and sodas were furnished by Anita, Pauline, Catherine, and Henrietta.



Gardening: Anita, Leona, Clara Gold, Helen, Sybil, Ella and Pauline all reported having beautiful gardens this year, with some vegetables beginning to be ready for picking. Hospitality: Anita reported sending get well cards to Josephine Becak and Betty Leopold, a sympathy card to the Joe Popp family, and birthday cards to Pauline and Irene Skuca. Unfinished Business: The Kindergarten party has been scheduled for May 8th at 11AM at the Fire Station, serving the group chicken tenders, French fries, catsup, cookies and punch. Sheryl Carnes will again be invited to bring her trained dog to entertain the group.

Getting Some Veggies In Kids' Diets

Does your child run and hide at the sight of vegetables? Are sugary snacks a replacement for fresh fruit? Many parents wrestle with a child who comes up with his own idea of the perfect food pyramid - one where four to six servings of chicken fingers and mac and cheese are supposed to be enjoyed daily. Getting your son or daughter to eat what you believe is a balanced and healthy meal can be quite a challenge. But don't yet wave the white flag of surrender. By incorporating healthy ingredients into foods they love, you can "fool" kids into eating some of the most nutritious foods available. Sure it's a sneaky maneuver, but a parent has to do what a parent has to do. You may know that richly colored foods are generally high in vitamins and minerals. That's why families are often instructed to eat a "rainbow" of foods - and not the artificially colored types,

either. Carrots, sweet potatoes, beets, blueberries, dark leafy greens, and other foods provide a bounty of healthful nutrition. So how do you get these ingredients into foods you normally serve? It's time to fire up that food processor. By making a puree of fruits and veggies and adding it to batters or sauces, you can boost the nutritional value of many different foods - even sweets. Enhance brownies with a puree of apples, blueberries and spinach. Make a batch of muffins or waffles with some hidden sweet potatoes or carrots. Bake a zucchini bread or pie. Add a touch of fruit and vegetables into sauces or soups where their raw flavor may be masked. Do a half-half mixture of soy and cow's milk in macaroni and cheese to get a protein boost. Why not add mashed cauliflower to mashed potatoes? The kids will never know. Once you think of all the possibilities you may wonder why you haven't tried this sooner. This dietary subterfuge is an effective way to get kids to eat fruits and vegetables, but it doesn't replace proper coaching and lessons in choosing balanced foods. Children still need to be taught how to make wise food choices, and how they can still enjoy junk foods in moderation. A great way to inspire children to eat more fruits and vegetables is to make these foods fun. Smoothies - where yogurt, fresh fruit/vegetables and juice are mixed - create a frothy and delicious meal-on-the-go. Let children customize their ingredients and play with flavor possibilities. Another idea is to experiment with food texture. A child may shy away from a raw carrot because of its crunchy texture. But once the carrot is cooked, and drizzled with a bit of maple syrup, for example, it may take on an entirely different appeal. Fruits and veggies can also be used as condiments. Encourage dipping of tortilla chips into vegetable-rich salsa. Ham chunks can be dunked into apple sauce, and chicken can be topped with pineapple. With a little ingenuity and menu planning, it is possible to get your kids to enjoy a greater number of fruits and veggies.

NEWSBRIEFS

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TGC to meet May 13
 The next meeting for the Texas Gulf Coast (TGC) Alumnae Panhellenic will be Tuesday, May 13 at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Wharton. They will elect new officers and review the past year's business. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, call 979-532-2435.

Farmers Market to be open May 15
 The Eagle Lake Farmer's Market is happy to open for the season on Thursday, May 15. They will be open every Thursday from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the community center pavilion. Gardeners and farmers, come share your fresh harvests with the people of the area. Just show up and set up under the pavilion roof. You are welcome if you have a lot to sell, or just a little. If you have questions, contact Randall Spalinger at rvspal@elc.net or call 979-243-4261.

Attention Parents!
 Rice CISD invites all parents to hear Dr. Rita Pierson at Eagle Lake Junior High on May 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Dr. Pierson is both humorous and informative and provides insight to parents of students of all ages. With 30+ years in education and counseling, she knows students well and will provide encouragement and hints on how to help your students at home. Because you as a parent are an important partner in your student's education, we encourage you to attend and feel sure that you will enjoy this presentation.

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist church to Senior Choir May 17
 The Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church cordially invites you to their Senior Choir Annual held Saturday, May 17 at 6 p.m. Special guest will be St. Stephens Baptist Church pastor Corey Gardner. Please come and celebrate this occasion with us.

Baccalaureate service to be held May 18
 The Eagle Lake Community Baccalaureate service for the Class of 2008 will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday May 18 at First Baptist Church, 527 North Lake in Eagle Lake. The program is being planned by Revs. Joe and Mercy Fling of Living Hope Church. All students of our community who are graduating from high school this year, whether they attend private, home school, Rice High School or neighboring public schools are invited to attend. Students other than those who attend Rice should contact Rev. Joe Fling 234-5536, Alliance president Rev. Steve Whitfield 234-3437, or any member of the Ministerial Alliance for details and a personal invitation.



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Your loving mother, sister's, brother's, and friends who loved you so very much. There will be a memory birthday get together at his house on Friday, May 9. If anyone would like to donate on it please feel free to call me his mother at 234-2290 anytime or sister, Sumeka, Shaun, Shay, Paul and Tierra. May God bless you love all. Thanks.

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