

Texas Parks Encourages Youth Involvement In Hunting Activities

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I think it is safe to say that the far majority of hunters realize we must encourage young men and women to get out in the outdoors and see what it is all about.

Several years back Texas Parks and Wildlife was looking for ways to increase youth involvement in hunting.

One of the solutions was to develop a youth only season where youth 16 years of age or younger were the only hunters allowed to harvest certain animals at that time.

It was hoped that parents would take their kids afield and focus on the youth, rather than the youth tagging along on dad's hunt.

This started as the weekend prior to the general season for deer, and later added one weekend at the end of the season.

There is also a youth only season for squirrel, turkey, and waterfowl in various Texas counties.

Chances are youth hunting seasons will continue to expand to allow more opportunity.

While youth only seasons are

a great idea, it does not solve the basic problem on lack of access to hunting land without great cost to the hunter.

Therefore, I would say that if you are a concerned hunter and have access to hunting land where you could take youth hunters, don't just do it during the youth only hunting season.

Take a kid hunting whenever you can, throughout the whole season.

Without a constant influx of new hunters, kids growing up will not understand natural systems and the contribution that sport hunting makes, both financially and biologically, to those systems.

Various programs exist within

TPWD and their partners.

For starters, TPWD offers Drawn Youth Hunts by Special Permit for deer, feral hogs, javelina, turkey, and alligators.

Hunts are scheduled to occur when youth are out of school, normally weekends and holidays.

Each hunting season, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department publishes Special Drawing and Regular Permit Hunting Opportunities.

If you wish to have a copy mailed to you, please call 1-800-792-1112 to receive an application booklet through the

mail.

The booklet contains charts, a calendar, descriptions of areas open to Public Hunting through

the Public Hunt Drawing System and other information regarding hunting permits.

Also, TPWD offers the Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit valid from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31.

The APH permit allows adults access to designated public hunting lands across the state.

Once purchased, holders of the permit can take youth under 17 hunting free of charge on these lands.

Lastly, in cooperation with the Texas Wildlife Association (TWA) there is the Texas Youth Hunting Program (TYHP).

To join the TYHP, youth must be between nine to 17 and complete and submit an application.

Once on file, youth are selected to participate in various hunts.

During the hunts, mentors, lodging, and meals are normally provided by a host of volunteers. Goals of the TYHP are,

--To preserve the hunting heritage.

--Promote high ethical standards in hunting.

--Give youth an initial, positive, safe, educational, mentored hunting experience.

--Teach the basic skills, values, techniques, and responsibilities of hunting.

--Instill practical conservation measures.

--Encourage wildlife habitat access, enhancement, and management.

If interested, just browse for Texas Youth Hunting Program online.

Getting kids in the field and having them experience active participation in the predator-prey relationship will go far to secure the responsible management of our natural resources for years to come.



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to a trespass warning. The unwanted subject was located and a criminal trespass warning was issued. Case closed.

At 8:08 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt and Deputy Blair responded to 5th Street in Sheridan in reference to a house fire. After further investigation, the fire was determined to be from a lightning strike. Case closed.

Saturday, August 22

At 2:25 am, Deputy Zak initiated a traffic stop on Hwy 90. After further investigation, Jose Gonzalez Mendoza, 25 of Glidden, was arrested for reckless driving. Jose Francisco Gonzalez, 25 of Glidden, and Cipirano Hernandez, 18 of Columbus, were both arrested for public intoxication and minor in possession of alcohol. Case closed.

At 8:15 am, Deputy Head responded to the Oak Crest addition in reference to criminal mischief. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

At 1:25 pm, Deputy Head responded to Nada in reference to a trespass warning. The subject was located and a criminal trespass warning was issued. Case closed.

At 6 pm, Sgt. Edman received a cell phone that was found in a parking lot. The owner was located and the property was returned. Case closed.

At 6:15 pm, Deputy Lindemann responded to FM 2434 in reference to a combative subject. After further investigation, Tonya Lynn Amerson, 31 of Daingerfield, was arrested for public intoxication. Case closed.

At 10:36 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt and Deputy Blair responded to Sheridan in reference to phone harassment. The suspect was identified and the case is pending issuance of a warrant and apprehension.

At 11:30 pm, Deputy Lindemann responded to the Oak Ridge Ranch in reference to a trespasser. After further investigation, Jacob Heger, 17 of Columbus, was arrested for criminal trespass. Case closed.

Sunday, August 23

At 11:20 am, Deputy Head responded to Nada in reference to harassing phone calls. After further investigation, Juarez Norma Piedra, 22 of El Campo, was arrested on a warrant for harassment.

At 12:05 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to Hwy 90 in reference to a complaint of child neglect. After further investigation, report of abuse was submitted to CPS to follow up as no criminal offense could be substantiated. Case closed.

Monday, August 24

At 11:15 am, Deputy Hudson responded to Alleyton Road in reference to credit/debit card abuse. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

At 12:25 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to Alleyton Road in reference to theft of property. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

At 1:30 pm, Deputy Abbott responded to the Country Kitchen in Sheridan in reference to a disturbance and report of an assault. After further investigation, Robert Earl Mitchell Jr., 38 of Sheridan, and Amy Charlotte Haines, 34 of Sheridan, were arrested on warrants for false report to a Peace Officer and issued criminal trespass warnings. Case closed.

At 4:30 pm, Deputy Zak responded to Texana in reference

to a mental health transport. The subject was transported to the Austin State Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

Tuesday, August 25

At 7:40 am, Deputy Hudson responded to Rocky Creek Road in reference to damaged property. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

At 12 pm, Sgt. Edman assisted the Gonzalez County Sheriff's Office with a theft case by recovering the stolen property at a location in Colorado County. The stolen property was returned to Gonzalez County and a report was submitted. Case closed.

At 6 pm, Deputy Thomas responded to a residence in Glidden in reference to damaged property. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

Wednesday, August 26

At 10:34 pm, Deputy Martell responded to Sheridan to meet with a complainant in reference to found property. The property was later returned to the owner. Case closed.

At 11:04 pm, Deputy Martell responded to the Rice Medical Center in reference to an accidental shooting. After further investigation, it was determined that the victim had accidentally shot himself in the leg with a .22 rifle. No charges were filed. Case closed.

Thursday, August 27

At 7:25 pm, Deputy Lindemann responded to a residence on Smith Rau Road in reference to a burglary. On arrival, the complainant reported that she was missing jewelry from the residence. A detailed description of the missing jewelry was obtained and evidence was collected. Case is pending further investigation.

At 9:05 pm, Deputy Blair and

Deputy Zak responded to a residence on Beard Street in Eagle Lake in reference to an unwanted person. After further investigation, Donell Dean Dancy, 52 of Kendleton, was arrested on a Capias Pro Fine issued in Colorado County Court for Driving While License Invalid. Case closed by arrested.

SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 2009

Jail Population as of August 31, 2009 – 81 Inmates
10,442.32 Billed to Austin County for Housing Inmates during the month of August 2009
61 Civil Papers Processed
74 Civil Papers Served
103 Traffic Citations Issued
202 Traffic Warning Citations Issued

18 Inmates Transported to TDC

2 Subjects Transported to Austin State Hospital
1 Subject Transported to West Oaks in Houston

1 Subject Transported to Reality Ranch Rehab

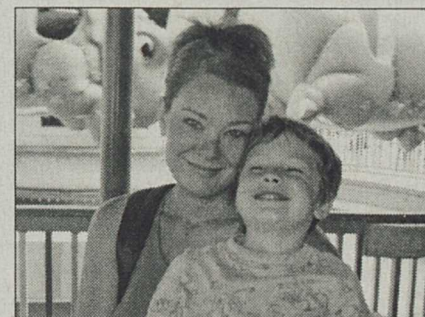
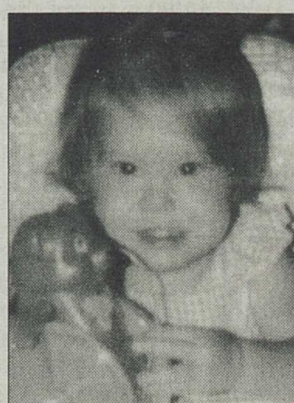
1 Subject Transported to Behavioral Hospital in Houston
Subject Transported to Vernon State Hospital

1 Juvenile Transported to Texas Youth Commission in Mart County.

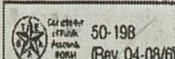
6 Prisoners Picked up from other counties on Outstanding Colorado County Warrants
88 Arrests made by Colorado County Sheriff Deputies
85 Criminal and Civil Complaints answered by Sheriff Deputies
36,575 - Miles Driven by Colorado County Sheriff's Deputies while Transporting, Patrolling, and Civil Process.

Happy 30th Birthday To Rebecca Michelle Torian Clarkson

Aka: "Baby Girl", Becca, Beccaman, Bec, Baby



Love You,
Mom, Dad Joe, Dad Michael and All of Your Family



Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The RICE HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS conducted public hearings on 9/10/09 and 9/21/09 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the RICE HOSPITAL DISTRICT

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 9.59 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of .14310 for each \$100 of taxable value was 945,524.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .16300 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is

1,031,462

(Insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by the difference between current total value and new property value.)

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .16300 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is

1,039,548

(Insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by current total value.)

The RICE HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on 9/28/09 at 7:00 PM (location of meeting, including mailing address) (time of meeting)

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