

Texas Bow Hunting Season Runs October 3 Through November 6

By Steve Lightfoot, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

An early and abundant acorn crop may force Texas bowhunters to seek out native food supplies during archery season, which runs Oct. 3-Nov. 6.

Reports from Texas Parks

and Wildlife Department field biologists indicate above average mast crop production and an early acorn drop.

Recent rains across much of the state have also helped generate for production, adding to the availability of native food sources for deer.

By some accounts, the number of Texas bowhunters has grown during the last 15 - 20 years and those ranks are likely to grow even more now that crossbows are allowed during the archery-only season.

For the first time since 1975 when Texas implemented a Special Archery Stamp requirement, hunters will be allowed to use crossbows during the archery-only hunting season.

Previously, persons with an upper-limb disability could only use crossbows during an archery-only season.

Recent legislative action gave authority to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to allow any person, regardless of physical ability, to use a crossbow during the archery-only season.

One exception is that crossbows may be used in Grayson County during the archery-only season only by hunters with an upper-limb disability who possess a physician's statement attesting

to the permanent loss of the use of fingers, hand or arm in a manner that renders a person incapable of using a longbow, compound bow or recurved bow.

Any licensed hunter may use a crossbow during the regular deer season.

Bowhunters are reminded that an archery stamp and a valid Texas hunting license are required.

Hunter education requirements must also be met.

While recent rains will help improve current range conditions, whitetails in South Texas are battling through an extended stress period that started with last year's rut, according to biologists.

"Last season the rut was later and more spread out than normal and this did not fare well for mature deer," said Daniel Kunz, TPWD biologist in Alice.

"By the first of February bucks were extremely drawn down and numerous reports of early antler shedding were occurring; an

indication that bucks could be in poor shape. This will likely affect antler quality."

Hunters should expect a reasonable number of 2-1/2 year old bucks and 5 1/2 to 7 1/2 year old bucks as 2002-2004 and 2007 were good fawn production years resulting in good carry over, added TPWD biologist Dustin Windsor in Cotulla.

One region of the state that is entering the fall hunting season in prime condition is the Panhandle, according to Calvin Richardson, TPWD district biologist in Amarillo.

"The Panhandle deer herds, both mule and whitetail, are in great condition and should go into the fall in great shape," said Richardson.

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live auction proceeds go towards new hospital equipment and renovations. If you are unable to attend, please contact Vicky Pavlu or Shara Sunderman at 979-234-5571 to make a donation or to be a sponsor for this event. Every donation, big or small, is appreciated by the family of Dr. Ronald Mahoney and RMC.

Parish fall festival is Oct. 18

Parishioners of the Parish of the Nativity Catholic Church in Eagle Lake invite you to mark your calendars to attend their Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 18 at the church's pavilion on South Austin Rd. (across from the hospital). BBQ beef and sausage plates will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for \$8 per plate. You may dine on the pavilion premises or plates will be available to go in a convenient drive-thru line. A live auction will begin at 1 p.m. Other activities include a drawing for 41 prizes (including a \$1000 gift card and a \$500 gift card), a country store, cake and plant walk, a variety of food booths, and lots of entertainment for the children. Parishioners encourage you to bring the family to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship. Don't forget about the soccer and horseshoe tournaments.

Project Graduation Meeting Oct. 19

Rice Project Graduation will be having a meeting on Monday, October 19 at 6 p.m. at the Rice High School commons.

Rice Offering literacy program

Rice CISD Parent Literacy Program will hold classes on Monday nights beginning October 19, from 6-8 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Elementary School. Classes are designed to help Rice CISD parents, grandparents, or guardians acquire the skills to communicate with children about school work; prepare children for the TAKS test, and learn academic language for parent/teacher conferences. Participants will engage in language and literacy activities to enhance social and educational aspirations. English Language Learners and Fluent English Speakers are encouraged to attend. For more detailed information call the Rice CISD office at 979-234-3535 leave your name, phone number, and a message stating your interest in attending Parent Literacy classes. Dr. Vilma Vavrusa will be the instructor.

Class of '69 to hold reunion

The Eagle Lake High School Class of 1969 will hold their 40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 24. For details or more information email Gardner Seaholm at drgas@earthlink.com or Robert Locklier at robertlocklier@yahoo.com.

Ceremony to honor vets is Oct. 31

John A. Wharton, 8th Texas Cavalry Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans will hold a ceremony for Confederate Veterans buried at Lakeside Cemetery on Oct. 31 at 1 p.m. The event is open to the public. If anyone has an ancestor buried there, who served in the Confederate Army or Navy, we would love to hear from you. Call 979-578-3531.

EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT			
Information Courtesy of Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake			
Date	Temp (H/L)	Rainfall(in.)	
Mon. 09-28-09	90/71	1.16	
Tue. 09-29-09	83/64	0.00	
Wed. 09-30-09	88/64	0.00	
Thu. 10-01-09	91/65	0.41	
Fri. 10-02-09	82/65	0.00	
Sat. 10-03-09	76/69	2.35	
Sun. 10-04-09	85/72	1.13	

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strives to connect to each other and to the past, present, and future of the university through career counseling, travel, reunions, continuing education, fellowship, legislative advocacy in support of higher education, and The Alcalde magazine.

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FOOD BANK OF THE GOLDEN CRESCENT OUTREACH TOUR

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Prescreening Event

Helping Low Income Families, Individuals, Seniors Determine Eligibility

WHAT: Outreach Coordinator will be in Colorado County to assist low-income households; seniors; immigrants; and individuals who meet eligibility requirements with completing required paperwork to apply for food stamps, TANF; CHIP/Children's Medicaid; Adult Medicaid; Women's Healthcare; and Long Term Care.

WHEN: Monday, October 12, 2009

WHERE: Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance
October 12, 2009 (9:00 a – 11:30 a)
527 North Lake
Eagle Lake, Texas

WHO: Theresa Calderon, Food Bank of the Golden Crescent Outreach Coordinator
Call with questions: (361) 578-0591 or (361) 935-3060

WHY: Hunger is an important issue in this community and the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent along side it partner agencies within county, is working to ensure that residents who are eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) know about it and are able to access food stamp benefits.

As the cornerstone of the Nation's nutrition assistance safety net, SNAP helps low-income families and individuals purchase nutritious and healthy food by providing much-needed temporary help.

Visit www.goldencrescentfoodbank.org and/or www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach.htm for additional resources.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Colorado, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Colorado, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 3, 2009, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

(Notifiquese por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a. m. hasta las 7:00 p. m. el noviembre 3 de 2009 para votar en la Elección Especial para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucionales así como fueron sometidas por la 81a Legislatura Sesión Regular, de la Estado de Texas.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)	Location
101 Pct. # Columbus/Glidden	Colorado County Services Facility 305 Radio Lane, Columbus
102 Pct. # Rock Island/Sheridan	Rock Island Community Center 2710 Niles St., Rock Island
103 Pct. # Garwood/Nada	Lehrer Interest 7836 Hwy. 71, Garwood
201 Pct. # Oakland/Weimar	Weimar City Hall 106 E. Main, Weimar
302 Pct. # Brushy/Frelsburg	Diamond Center, St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church 1031 Church Lane, Frelsburg
304 Pct. # Bernardo/Mentz	Bernardo Fire Station 2845 FM 949, Bernardo
305 Pct. # Alleyton/North Columbus Huescher/Shaws Bend	Agriculture Building 316 Spring Street, Columbus
402 Pct. # Eagle Lake/Altair	Eagle Lake Community Center 100 N. Walnut, Eagle Lake

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en):

County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Suite 103, Columbus (location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. beginning on October 19, 2009 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 19 octubre, 2009) and ending on October 30, 2009 (y terminando el) octubre 30, 2009).

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a):

Darlene Hayek
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)
400 Spring Street, Suite 103
(Address) (Dirección)
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: October 27, 2009. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: 27 octubre, 2009).

Issued this the 30th day of September, 2009.
(Emitida este día 30º de septiembre, 2009).

Signature of County Judge
(Firma del Jefe del Condado)