



St. Mary's at Nada took part in an America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally with a living Rosary on Saturday, October 10, to pray for America, the President, our lawmakers and for Pro-Life. This was sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, Christian Mothers and LLC students. Approximately 80 people took part.

## Brunson Gala At Live Oak Center Nov. 14

The annual Brunson Night Gala at the Live Oak Art Center has been set for Saturday, November 14. The event will raise funds for art and cultural education workshops in Columbus, and will also show off the lovely patio and the new elevator with dancing upstairs.

The event will start at 6:00 with appetizers and drinks on the beautiful moonlit patio where guests can bid on exciting silent auction prizes donated by local merchants.

Dinner will be a seated 4 course gourmet meal by well-known chef Wade Schindler of Party Thyme Catering.

During the sumptuous meal of roast beef with all the trimmings, the guests lucky enough to get tickets to this event will be entertained by musical favorites performed by the Lords of Cool.

The highlight of the evening is the live auction. This year's line up of prizes will have the party-goers lining up groups to bid.

Among the choices will be great vacation packages such as a Spring Break stay in a 3-bedroom suite at the Wymdham on the beautiful Carolina coast;

A 4-day stay in South Padre for 6 in a condo with swimming pool; a Pizza Party for 12 by Kenny Warschak from his outdoor pizza oven, a weekend in Galveston for 8 in a beach side house with pool, a golf trip for up to 12 in a lovely Frio River cabin, and an overnight hog hunt with hunting dogs.

One of the most popular prizes



Live Oak Art Center members (L to R) Pat Johnson, Tommy Truchard, Diane Callen and Lori An Gobert admire art work to be auctioned at the up-coming Brunson Night gala evening.

in past years has been the "Art Dinner". Once again, the Live Oak Art Center Board will host the "Andy Warhol Theme Dinner" for 12 with surprises and treats and an artistic gift for each person attending.

For those with esthetic tastes combined with a sense of fun, "A Night to Glo" is offered for 12 gals by Judy Werland and the staff of the Dr. Gobert's office where Glo Mineral makeovers, hors d'oeuvres and Glo-tini's will make for a fun evening

Art is, of course, the centerpiece of any Art Center function. The Brunson Night is no excep-

tion.

Offered in the live auction is a beautiful painting by renowned artist Bobbie Kilpatrick, wood art by Shawn Roberts, a beautiful piece by well-known glass artist Jeff Ballard, a vase by nationally recognized potter Paulina van Bavel Kearney, a beautiful Willow Table by artist Rick Pratt, and a special piece from the archives of the LOAC permanent collection.

An auction favorite each year is the original pen and ink drawing created for the front of the Brunson invitation and program by award winning Fayetteville artist Pat Johnson.

Get out your party clothes ("snappy casual" to semi-formal) and enjoy a unique evening of fun. Seating for the event including appetizers and drinks on the patio, seated gourmet dinner, silent and live auctions, dinner music and dancing afterward, is very limited.

Brunson Night is one of Columbus' most popular events and is always sold out, so get your tickets early. Tickets are \$75 each or a table for 8 for \$600. Send a check made payable to LOAC at 1016 Milam, Columbus 78934 or call 979-732 - 8398.

## Utilizing Tools For Game Management

By Texas Parks and Wildlife

A good hunter or outdoors person can usually do some pre-season scouting and get a pretty good idea of the number of deer using an area or feeder.

As you scout you are looking for sign that may tell you where a big buck might be hanging out.

You see the large tracks, rubs on trees, the scrapes and worn trails, all telling you a story of what is happening and when.

But, now hunters are using a new tool to help them do their scouting.

Trail cameras also known as game cameras are weatherproof outdoor cameras equipped with infrared motion sensors that trigger the camera to take pictures any time an animal crosses the sensor's beam.

The use of game cams by deer hunters has grown during the last few years.

Game cameras are no longer reserved for very wealthy or large

hunting operations.

The use of game cameras has become almost the norm rather than the exception.

Game cameras are a fun way to monitor your deer herd.

Game cameras are very useful when used as a tool to estimate buck age, Boone and Crockett scores, and legality of bucks.

With the current antler restrictions throughout the Oak Prairie District, you can possibly get pictures of most of the bucks coming through an area.

By carefully examining each buck photo, you can educate yourself and other hunters to determine if a deer meets the restrictions.

Also, deer normally have a defined home range (except for during rut) and often times you can get pictures year after year and watch individual bucks get older and better.

For population management, there is a technique in which you can estimate densities and ratios of deer if you have cameras at

the right densities (normally one camera per 80-160 acres).

If you want specifics, you should contact your local biologist for the details.

At the simplest though, you can determine buck:doe ratios and fawning recruitment by examining each photo and recording all bucks, does, and fawns.

You will double count many deer but for ratios it does not matter.

After you have the totals, divide number of does by number of bucks and this will give you how many does per buck.

Also fawn recruitment is number of fawns divided by number of does.

For example, if 50 pictures recorded 150 doe, 50 bucks, and 75 fawns you would have three does per buck and 50% fawn recruitment.

For this type of survey, August - September is ideal.

You have to be able to identify fawns and bucks.

If you are considering pur-

chasing a trail camera, the choices available are numerous so you need to narrow down your options.

Your first decision is to choose between film and digital cameras.

Go digital.

You will save money on film processing and get your images much faster.

If you have a laptop computer, you can download the images instantly in the field and place the blank data storage card right back in the camera.

Also, for those pictures that need "tweaking" to see deer in the background, digital images and computers allow you to enhance photos easily.

Game cameras are a unique and fun way to monitor animals on your property.

Once you setup your camera there is a thrill in looking at the pictures, game cameras can be used in many ways to enjoy wildlife on your property.

## 38th Cow Clinic Set For October 23

The 38th Annual South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic and Trade Show will be held on Friday, Oct. 23, at the Washington County Fairgrounds Sales Facility in Brenham.

Registration fee is \$15 per person, and registration will be from 7:15 a.m. until 8 a.m.

All area producers are encouraged to attend to receive information, which will help them make sound management decisions in their beef cattle operations.

A great list of speakers has been prepared for you based on the recommendations of the area Beef and Forage Committee members from Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Fayette, Grimes, Harris, Lee, Waller, and Washington Counties.

This year's clinic will focus attention on beef cattle herd health and nutrition.

As the morning begins, Dr. David Anderson will provide producers with a livestock market outlook.

Dr. Jason Cleere will then discuss hot topics related to beef cattle production such as Bovine Trichomoniasis.

After an hour long morning break to give attendees time to visit the trade show booths, Dr. Ron Gill will offer information on beef quality assurance, vaccination handling, and sensible ways to get more money for calves as he evaluates live calves and demonstrates proper chute side manners.

Dr. Jason Banta will wrap up the morning discussion with a presentation on supplementation strategies for beef cattle.

After a great BBQ beef and sausage lunch, the results of the cattleman's hay show drawing will be announced.

Dr. Larry Redmon will then

present information on the economics of forage production.

Finally, Dr. Tom Hairgrove will offer information on beef cattle herd health.

The clinic will adjourn at 3:15 p.m.

Cow-calf clinic participants who hold a private, commercial, or non-commercial pesticide applicators license will receive two hours of continuing education.

One CEU will be awarded in the general category, and one CEU will be awarded in integrated pest management.

Beef cattle producers certified under the Texas Beef Quality Producer Program will receive 2.5 beef quality credits for attending the clinic.

Some of the other special attractions for everyone's enjoyment at the clinic will be commercial exhibits, equipment displays, Cattleman's Hay Show, refreshment breaks, BBQ beef and sausage lunch, social hour with calf fries, proceedings and much more.

If you are in need of a quality bull or set of females, don't forget to stay after the clinic and attend the Bluebonnet Beef Breeder's Association 8th annual Showcase Bull and Female Sale.

This event begins at 3:45 p.m. in the Sales Facility offering 35 bulls and over 125 head of commercial females.

Females will sell in groups of two to five, with a select group of approximately ten haltered heifers which will be eligible to show in most of the 2010 county shows in the area.

Cattle will be available to view on Thursday evening, Oct. 22 and all day prior to the sale on Friday, Oct. 23.

More information on the sale can be found at [www.brokentrianglecattle.com](http://www.brokentrianglecattle.com).

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