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A note from the President



Greetings Members:

Well, conditions have changed and the spring rains have finally started to fall out here on the range and hopefully this trend will continue. We are starting out the year a little cooler and wetter than we have seen in a while. We were blessed with a good year for hay and cattle in 2012. This year brings a new challenge as the local rice farmers are faced with a water shortage. We have discussed this in several of our meetings with special presentations in the past by

Carey Dietzmann and others. I mention this as we see that the changes and regulations are necessary and affect everyone.

For the majority of members that were unable to attend the March 10 business meeting at Mentz Hall, I will share the meeting minutes with you. For the first time in history C.F. "Buck Koll-



man was unable to come out early and cook the stew for the meeting. He did not give up entirely as he and R.H. Priesmeyer gathered all the ingredients and supplies. R.W. Maertz agreed to cook and a team of volunteers showed up early and provided a delicious stew lunch for the meeting. I

cannot list all those that helped that day. But I want to thank them for all the hard work.

R.W. and Tori Maertz also sold chances to win a rifle at the end of the meeting. We sold 42 cards from the deck of 52 and the lucky winner was Leland Schramm and he chose a Ruger American in .243. Congratulations Leland!

We had an update on the results from the deer check stations from Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. Biologist Mark Lange. Although the number
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Bow Hunters

Bradley Gohlke, right, recently accompanied Mike Slinkard on a bow hunt. Slinkard is president of HECS, which manufactures Stealthscreen clothing for hunters. Bradley also took a fine, lone-bearded Rio Grande Turkey during a hunt on April 21 in Lavaca County.

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TP&WD report shows hunting is relatively safe outdoor activity

Hunting accidents and fatalities in Texas continued their long-term decline in 2012, still below three accidents per 100,000 hunters in recent years.

Last year, there were 25 reported hunting related accidents, five of which were fatalities. Although any fatality is tragic, Texas accident numbers are small compared to the number of hunters, with 1,155,542 hunting licenses issued in 2012.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the trade association for the firearms industry, has compiled data on accident rates among 28 recreational pursuits that shows hunting ranks third in safety behind only camping and billiards.

"The statistics show hunting is safe and getting safer in Texas," said Robert Ramirez, hunter education program manager for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "And we do believe that is directly related to hunter education."

The state's worst year on record for hunting accidents was 1968, when 105 accidents were reported, including 37 fatalities. That equates to about 12 accidents per 100,000 hunters.

Prior to mandatory hunter education requirements in the fall of 1988, Texas reported 7.5 hunting accidents per 100,000 hunting licenses issued. Since then, Texas has averaged 2.95 accidents per

100,000 licenses issued.

"We're still on a trend that is taking us downward," Ramirez said. "Whether we bump it up next year or not, the 10-year trend is what I look at, and it's coming down. Mandatory hunter education is really having an impact."

The class is mandatory for every hunter, including foreign and out-of-state hunters, born after September 1, 1971. The minimum age of certification is 9 years. In 2012, volunteer hunter education instructors certified more than 45,000 hunters across the state.

Ramirez said even hunters who are not required to take the education course are more aware of basic safety principles than before.

"It's things like the '10 Commandments of Shooting Safety,' the very basic safety principles that are promoted a whole lot more now than 30 or even 20 years ago," he said. "Highlighting the accidents is an education in and of itself."

The five hunting fatalities of 2012 included two incidents involving careless handling of a firearm near a vehicle, and three where the shooters did not follow basic rules of firearms safety.

According to Ramirez, these accidents were preventable if the hunters had only followed some very basic safety principles like those taught in the hunter education courses.

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Looking Down From the Saddle

By HERMAN W. BRUNE

The Brazos Valley Leak

Editor's Note: This is an edited transcription of a radio interview with Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District manager Zach Holland heard on the "News from the Camphouse," KULM 98.3 FM in Columbus.

Brune: Which counties are covered by the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District (BGCD)?

Holland: Austin, Grimes, Waller, and Walker — that includes the towns Huntsville, Hempstead, Waller, Navasota, Sealy, and Wallis to name a few.

Brune: The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has 16 regions across the state. Each region is responsible for a plan for managing water in that region. Also going into these plans are input from Groundwater Management Areas (GMAs) and Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs). Then all the plans are coordinated by the TWDB into the Texas Water Plan which is now before the state legislature for approval, as well as, seeking a funding mechanism to implement the water conservation and development plans for each region. Which region is the BGCD in?

Holland: Austin, Waller, and Walker Counties are in Region H, and Grimes County is in Region G. All of our counties are in GMA 14.

Brune: So your GCD is responsible for coordinating with two different regions, as well as, one GMA. And while many GCDs only cover one county, the BGCD covers four. Now, please describe the situation that is drawing controversy.

Holland: There are some applications to drill 10 wells by Electro Purification LLC. It is a water development plan with seven wells in Waller County and three in Austin County. The request is to produce 20 million gallons per day or 22,500 acre feet per year. The initial end user for this water would be the cities of Richmond and Rosenberg in Fort Bend County. These cities have spoken for 10 million gallons per day.

Brune: That's half the water. Where's the other half go?

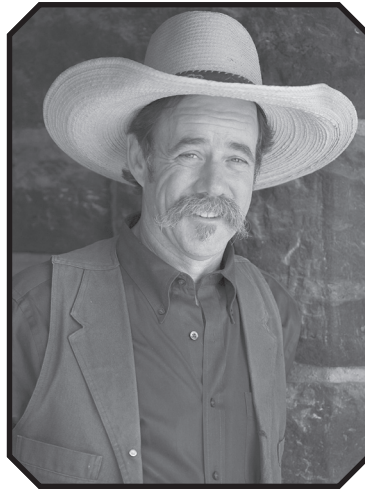
Holland: We've asked where there is an additional need, or whether there is a third unidentified party and we've not received answers satisfying those questions. All the information is at www.bluebonnetgroundwater.org.

Brune: This would be moving groundwater down the Brazos Valley and does not constitute inter-basin transfer, which would require legislative action.

Holland: That's correct. This is a groundwater project involving the Gulf Coast Aquifer. And of course, aquifers don't care about political boundaries. It would be a transfer from Austin and Waller Counties into Fort Bend County. We're not moving surface water, we're not going outside of our river basin, and we're not changing aquifers.

Brune: Why does Fort Bend County not drill more of their own wells?

Holland: The Fort Bend Subsidence District has implemented



their groundwater reduction plan. And just as that sounds, that means that there will be less groundwater production from within its area. Fort Bend County is divided into zones. Their rules, as I understand, state that they may not increase production from one zone to move groundwater to another zone. However, their rules do not say they may not go to another county to supplement their water needs.

Brune: What is the name of the Fort Bend GCD?

Holland: Fort Bend County does not have a GCD. They are served by the subsidence district.

Brune: Is the LLC that is making the applications to produce groundwater a coalition of landowners?

Holland: There has only been one landowner identified. Then there are more partners in the LLC.

Brune: All the groundwater, 10 wells, is coming off one property? Does the BGCD have regulations concerning how much groundwater may be produced?

Holland: Our district is set up so that non-exempt large capacity wells, which are considered more than seven million gallons per year, require a two-phased hydro-geologic study. Non-exempt wells include public water supplies, commercial industrial uses, and rural water supplies. Exempt wells include domestic household, agricultural usage, or railroad commission wells. Currently we're dealing with phase one of this project. That includes the application and a paper study to determine availability. It includes well logs, electric logs, physical logs, and any information that may be gathered before drilling wells. It defines potential impacts. That study is submitted to the district. The district then does its own independent study of the information submitted to make sure information is factual. Our independent study also goes further because we must protect current and future well owners in our area. We must insure there are no adverse impacts such as lowering water levels in nearby individual wells, as well as, subsidence. These are key factors to be considered for any projects brought before the district. We must discern, from our own review, whether there are impacts and then whether we approve, deny, or modify. Phase two would be to actually drill wells. We're a long way from phase two. If the wells were approved we've developed a trigger monitoring threshold that would insure we monitor impacts before they affect any other users.

Brune: Is this in the Texas Water Plan before the legislature?

Holland: No sir, but the subsidence plan of Fort Bend County is in the Texas Water Plan. This project was submitted in November, 2012.

Brune: Has this come up in the Region H meeting?

Holland: No sir, but it will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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A TEXAS GAME WARDEN and U.S. Border Patrol agent are shown with almost \$4 million worth of marijuana seized March 27 in Starr County.

Game warden, border agent seize huge marijuana stash at residence

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens seized more than two tons of marijuana worth nearly \$4 million on March 27.

“This is one of if not the largest drug seizure by Texas game wardens in the history of our agency,” said TPWD Law Enforcement Director Craig Hunter. “Obviously, we are very proud of the wardens involved in this case. Beyond that, we are tremendously pleased to have played a part in preventing such a large cache of marijuana from reaching our streets.”

The drug seizure occurred about 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27 in Starr County near the U.S.-Mexican border in South Texas. Retail value of the marijuana was estimated at \$3,775,440.

“A game warden received information that marijuana was being stashed at a residence in the Salineno area. Game wardens then requested assistance from the U.S. Border Patrol,” said TPWD Maj. Alan Teague.

When the warden and Border Patrol agents approached the residence, the federal officers saw three men running from the rear of the structure. The officers shouted for the men to stop, but they kept running. After a foot pursuit, two of the

three men were apprehended.

While escorting the two individuals back to the residence, the officers observed a large pile of bundles which appeared to be packaged marijuana. A closer inspection along with a Border Patrol canine confirmed the bundles were in fact marijuana. Officers also discovered an underground bunker located near the pile of marijuana bundles which contained more marijuana.

A total of 409 bundles of marijuana weighing 4,719 pounds were recovered from the backyard area. It took six trucks to carry the marijuana to a federal storage facility.

“Texas game wardens routinely come across illegal drug smuggling operations, especially in rural areas and along the border region,” said Chief of Special Operations Grahame Jones, “but this seizure was particularly significant.” The two suspects were released to the Border Patrol, along with the seized marijuana.

“We certainly appreciate the assistance of the Border Patrol in this case,” said Lt. Col. Danny Shaw. “TPWD has a close working relationship with the Border Patrol and other law enforcement agencies along the border, and this is a perfect example of how that pays off for the citizens of Texas.”

Why so many police chiefs, but not sheriffs, support gun control

This contains some concepts that many folks haven’t considered. We are not siding with or against the police or advancing excuses for them and we hope it does not appear we are picking on them either; we aren’t.

For this work, we interviewed 17 chiefs and sheriffs from around the country. From those conversations (emails and phone) we have some quotes in this work. We were asked not to source the particular quotes and that is fair since this was not an on the record news interview, we just wanted their thoughts and opinions. So, as Joe Friday said, “just the facts ma’am.”

When it comes to various politicians and others speaking against gun ownership (the 2nd Amendment and Constitution by definition) politicians will many times cite city and state police chiefs who allegedly may support the anti-gun movement. These politicians may have police chiefs and their officers appear with them as props or spokesmen in news conferences. So the logical question to ask is why are these top cops so seemingly against firearm ownership?

Chiefs are at the beck and call of their political bosses, mayors and city councils. “We chiefs get our opinion on firearm ownership when it is issued to us.” — A recent quote by a chief.

A sheriff told us “There is an active debate between sheriffs and chiefs that is affected by the big city chief culture because chiefs tend to emulate each other.”

For our purpose here let’s just deal with city police, not state/national officials. If city politicians are against gun ownership (Chicago, Wash-

ington D.C, San Francisco, and New York for example) and the chief doesn’t agree he can (and probably will) be fired or demoted by the mayor or possibly by a simple majority of the City Council. In most towns over 50,000 population chiefs generally get paid between \$70,000 and \$140,000 a year plus benefits and retirement. Large city chiefs get well over \$200,000 plus benefits, retirement and every once in a while you run into a chief earning well over \$300,000 plus benefits. They want to hang onto that “chief” position, title and income.

This is why you see chiefs and their officers in the background when privileged officials posture against citizen firearm ownership and the Constitution by definition. Sure some chiefs may believe in citizen gun control and may be willing as a backdrop for self-serving politicians, especially if they were appointed by those in power at the time. So whenever a mayor, senator, representative or president wants a show of “top cops” showing support, a message is delivered to the particular city where the top officials are anti-2nd Amendment requesting top cops as props. The chiefs and officers are obediently delivered for props or advised to get their resume updated.

Sheriffs are by and large a different breed. They are elected by the people with a larger proportional number of citizens than city officials. The sheriff does not have to please a few city council members, a goofy mayor (or a governor). Sheriffs represent the beliefs and values of the majority of the area of his or her citizens who directly voted them into

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Game Warden notes ...

Warden sinks boat theft plans

Fayette County Game Warden Calvin Harbaugh recently apprehended an adult and two juveniles in the act of stealing a 14-foot aluminum boat. The boat had been chained to a tree on the edge of the Colorado River. The defendants had broken the lock, loaded the boat into the bed of a truck, and were about to drive off with it when apprehended.

Facebook helps bag illegal hunters

Newton County wardens Ellis Powell, Brian Srba, Landon Spacek, Bradley Smith and Jasper County warden Morgan Inman executed a search warrant on a Louisiana resident living in Newton County earlier this year. The warrant came after a four-month investigation, with warrants also being served on the subject's Facebook account for e-mails and photos. As the interview was taking place, Louisiana game wardens were interviewing other subjects implicated by the man's Facebook account. The subject admitted killing eight deer in the last few months and named several other subjects with numerous deer kills. None of the four main subjects have had a hunting license since 2004, with no deer taken in daylight hours during that time. Numerous charges were filed, with more expected.

Venison meat loaf

- 2 lbs. ground venison
- 1/2 lb. ground beef
- 1 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 1/2 minced celery
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup quick oatmeal
- 1/2 cup sherry, red wine or milk
- 2 tsps. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 2 tsps. garlic powder
- 2 tsps. thyme leave
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In 8-inch skillet over medium heat, in hot butter or margarine, cook onion and celery until tender, about 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, in large bowl, with fork, beat eggs slightly. Stir in bread crumbs and all other ingredients.

Add venison, beef and onion mixture; mix well. Place mixture in 9x5-inch loaf pan and bake 1-1/2 hours. Pour off pan juices.

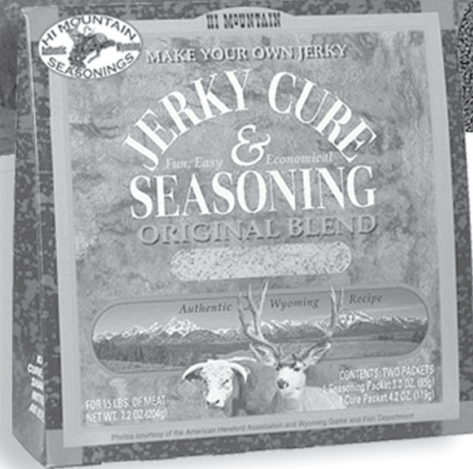
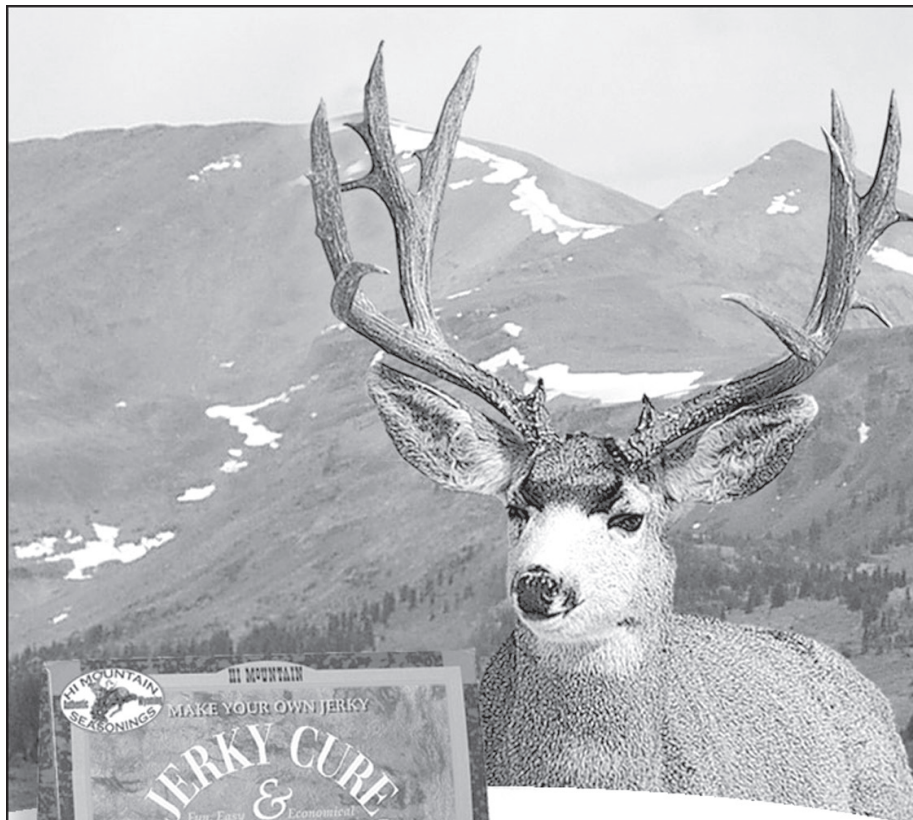
Serve hot or cold. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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'Hunting Partners'

Hunting Partners is a new hunting program airing in April, May, and June on the Pursuit Channel. This is a western-themed television show telling the stories of different hunters each week from all walks of society. It also relates the significance of preserving and sustaining vast federally designated wilderness areas in the lower 48 states.

This program embraces the idea that frontiersman, cowboys and Indians, and mountain men are iconic mainstays long associated with America. Hunting Partners painstakingly relates a storyline of conservation, preserving wild lands, and details histories of cultural heritage, all the while seeking its quarry and enjoying a cowboy perspective with wistful jokes and anecdotes.

Adminatch, a Lakeway, Tex. company owned by Kim Harrington and the Brune Land & Cattle Co Media Division, owned by Texas outdoor writer Herman Brune, have joined forces creating MediaTech Productions. And, this partnership is producing and promoting a unique new viewing opportunity.

Harrington and Brune combine technical media expertise with a wilderness guide's hunting experience. Hunting Partners is an easy watch that leaves viewers feeling good, wanting to see more of the American West, and knowing more about the American Outdoors.

Hunting Partners airs Sundays at 7:30 a.m., Central Time, and repeats on Thursday mornings, 12:30 a.m., Central Time, on Direct TV channel 604, Dish Network channel 240 on the PURSUIT Channel Network.

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Hunting Safety

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“You know you’re not going to stop accidents altogether,” he said. “But you’re going to help people build knowledge and skills to avoid accidents.”

The full report for 2012 is available on the TPWD web site http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/learning/hunter_education/.

Water Leak

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Brune: Are those public meetings, and have you had any public meetings?

Holland: The GCD has not had public meetings but the county officials in both Waller and Austin Counties have hosted public meetings that were well attended.

Brune: When you mention “triggers” you’re talking about impacts that would affect neighbors in an adverse manner. Do you have the definition of those “triggers”?

Holland: That’s what we’re in the process of defining.

Brune: Don’t you have other monitored wells to use as an example?

Holland: The municipal wells that are monitored are on such large properties that neighboring wells are too far away to be affected. If we didn’t have a GCD we’d be only governed by the rule of capture. We’re here for pumping limits or well spacing to make sure the cone of depression doesn’t impact neighbors adversely.

(Note: The BGCD has scheduled a preliminary hearing to receive public input at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 20 at the Austin County Expo Center at the Fairgrounds in Bellville.)

10 Commandments of Shooting Safety

1. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.

Control the direction of the muzzle at all times. Do not point a firearm or bow at anything you do not intend to shoot. Never rest a muzzle on your toe or foot. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until the instant you are ready to fire. Always keep the safety on until ready to fire; however, the safety should never be a substitute for safe firearm handling.

2. Treat every firearm or bow with the same respect you would show a loaded gun or nocked arrow.

Every time you pick up a firearm, the first thing you do is point the muzzle in a safe direction and check to see if it is loaded. Be sure the chamber and magazine are empty and that the action is open until ready to be fired. If you do not understand how to determine if it is loaded, do not accept the firearm until someone has safely shown you that it is unloaded. Read your instruction manual carefully before you handle new firearms or bows.

3. Be sure of your target and what is in front of and beyond your target.

Before you pull the trigger you must properly identify game animals. Until your target is fully visible and in good light, do not even raise your scope to see it. Use binoculars! Know what is in front of and behind your target. Determine that you have a safe backstop or background. Since you do not know what is on the other side, never take a shot at any animals on top of ridges or hillsides. Know how far bullets, arrows and pellets can travel. Never shoot at flat, hard surfaces, such as water, rocks or steel because of ricochets.

4. Unload firearms and unstring conventional bows when not in use.

Leave actions open, and store sporting arms in cases when traveling to and from shooting areas. Take bolts out or break down shotguns if necessary. Know how your equipment operates. Store and transport firearms and ammunition separately and under lock and key. Store firearms and bows in cool, dry places. Use gun or trigger locks and guards when not in use.

5. Handle the firearms, arrows and ammunition carefully.

Avoid horseplay with firearms. Never climb a fence, a tree or a ladder with a loaded firearm or bow and arrows. Never jump a ditch or cross difficult terrain with a loaded firearm or nocked arrow. Never face or look down the barrel from the muzzle end. Be sure the only ammunition you carry correctly matches the gauge or caliber you are shooting. Always carry arrows in a protected cover or quiver. Learn the proper carries. Try to use the two-hand carry whenever possible because it affords you the best muzzle control. Always carry handguns with hammers over an empty chamber or cylinder. If you fall, be sure to disassemble the

gun and check the barrel from the breech end for obstructions. Carry a field cleaning kit.

6. Know your safe zone-of-fire and stick to it.

Your safe zone-of-fire is that area or direction in which you can safely fire a shot. It is “down range” at a shooting facility. In the field it is that mental image you draw in your mind with every step you take. Be sure you know where your companions are at all times. Never swing your gun or bow out of your safe zone-of-fire. Know the safe carries when there are persons to your sides, in front of, or behind you. If in doubt, never take a shot. When hunting, wear daylight fluorescent orange so you can be seen from a distance or in heavy cover.

7. Control your emotions when it comes to safety.

If you lose control of your emotions you may do something carelessly. If you have just shot a target or animal you probably will be excited. At that moment you may turn with a loaded firearm back towards your friends or you might run with a loaded firearm towards a downed animal with the gun safety off. You or someone else may be in anger once you lose control of your emotions. Show discipline. Rehearse in your mind what the safe actions will be. Do not allow daydreams to replace good judgment. Show restraint and pass up shots which have the slightest chance of being unsafe.

8. Wear hearing and eye protection.

While shooting at the range, you must wear hearing and eye protection at all times. Firearms are loud and can create noises which are damaging to a person’s hearing. It can be a gradual loss of hearing due to outbursts of noise over many years. The damage could also be immediate, especially if your ears are next to a muzzle blast. Vibrations from the blast are enough to create loss of hearing. Wear glasses to protect your eyes from escaping gases, burnt powder (especially in blackpowder shooting), and other debris.

9. Don’t drink alcohol or take drugs before or while handling firearms or bow and arrows.

Alcohol and drugs impair normal physical and mental body functions and mustn’t be used before or while handling firearms or archery equipment. These substances affect emotions, making it easier to lose control.

10. Be aware of additional circumstances which require added caution or safety awareness.

Just because something isn’t listed under these “ten commandments of shooting safety” doesn’t mean you can ignore it if it is dangerous. There may be rules such as in muzzleloading or archery or posted at a shooting range which should also be followed. Also, practice reloading safety by following and reading all specific instructions. Practice all commandments of shooting safety. Ensure a safe future for you, others and the shooting sports.

President's Message

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of deer checked was down, there were some outstanding mature trophies checked in. Mark said the deer herd looks to be doing well and the fawn crop was down a little last year. The alarming statistic from the data showed 54% of the deer checked were spikes. Mark also would like to coordinate an opportunity for our youth that are interested in hunting. He did start a list in 2012 and any landowner interested in sponsoring a youngster in 2013 should contact Mark. He can be reached at his office: 979-732-3458

Based on my observations from my area throughout the hunting seasons, from Bow to Muzzleloader, the official results were correct. There was very little activity during the daylight hours for any mature deer. At the fall fundraiser, Mark Lange and Doug Jobs told me that the rut had started in late September. I went out and checked my trail cameras and sure enough, the groups of six to nine bucks that had been coming to the feeders had ceased around September 23. Well, I spent many days and hours in October in trees and ladder stands and nothing came by on many hunts. Well, this all looks good for the future as there should be more opportunity to see many more mature bucks in late summer and early fall this year.

We only had approximately 35 members attending but the meeting went as follows:

The business meeting was called to order by President David Gohlke at 1:15 on

March 10, 2013. The Treasurer report: CD balance \$21,431.65, Checking balance \$4,969.54. Minutes were read and a motion to accept the minutes was given by Andy Felchak, with a second by Bobby Straus. Minutes were approved.

Business Meeting Minutes

The business meeting has to be held in Colorado County as per the TSA Charter. In the future we will be moving to the KC Hall in Columbus and the current price is \$185 for one of the rooms. The Mentz buildings are scheduled for renovation.

David brought to the attention of the members that we were spending quite a bit of money on coyote bounties. He felt the money would be better used for our scholarships. Andy Felchak made a motion to stop paying the bounty as of March 8, 2003, seconded by Walt Glasscock. The motion passed.

Although we will stop paying the bounty, we will continue to offer a varmint rifle for those that enter coyotes into the drawing. We only had four members present with entries and remember, you have to be present to win.

Andy Felchak made a motion to name the 2013 Scholarship the C.F. "Buck" Kollman Scholarship. Doug Lillie seconded the motion, which carried. Andy Felchak made a motion to raise the amount of the scholarship to \$1,000; second by Doug Lillie; motion carried. The 2013 C.F. "Buck" Kollman Scholarship will be

in the amount of \$1,000. The directors will have a meeting to name the scholarship recipient. Voting for Vice President and Treasurer — Andy Felchak made a motion to accept the nominations by acclamation, seconded by Frankie Peters. The motion passed. Our Vice President is David Wade and Treasurer is Doug Lillie.

The Fall Fundraiser was set for Sept. 29, 2013. Last year's meals were sold for \$7.50 and they cost \$6.50. It was discussed to raise the price. Doug will get prices of meals from Peter's in Ellinger and Ben's Chuckwagon in Wallis. It was also brought up that we need to focus not just on deer hunters but to target the duck and goose hunters. This should help raise our membership. David announced the The Directors Meeting will be April 9, 2013 in Columbus at the EMS Building. Everyone was invited to attend. The winner of the Coyote Gun Drawing was R.H. Priesmeyer.

Walt Glasscock made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Friemel, Secretary

Updates:

The April 9 meeting was not official as only the President and Treasurer showed up.

Ernest Thuman, from Weimar, won the Check Station Lifetime Hunting or Fishing License.

Aaron Weishuhn and Tori Maertz were awarded the C.F. "Buck" Kollman scholarships for 2013. Congratulations on your hard work and aspirations!

The next scheduled business meeting is May 23, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Columbus EMS meeting room and all board members are urged to attend to make important decisions on the Fall Fundraiser.

— David Gohlke

Gun Control

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office. Yes, there will be sheriffs who do not want guns in the hands of citizens, but nothing like the number of police chiefs who have a near immediate career ending gun held to their heads by anti-Constitution politicians or the chief culture.

And most sheriffs take their Oath supporting the Constitution very seriously. And while they currently follow and enforce Constitutional applicable federal, state and county laws they reserve the power invested in their oath and position as elected officers of their county to resist or not to enforce Constitutional infringing law if or when that might come. If that were to occur, the state police and/or federal government may be ordered to step into that particular sheriff's county to enforce those particular unconstitutional laws. The ramifications of those legal incursions might be very interesting to watch, especially, we were told, if that particular sheriff is actively supported by the citizens of that county.

The bottom line is city, state and even federal chiefs will almost always bend to the will of their political masters — "He who has the gold makes the rules." Then this might be something to bring up in various press conferences with officers in the background.

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