

2013 Hunting Season Overview

By Johnny Kirby
I hope everyone is ready because another Deer and Turkey season is here. Ammunition is in short supply for some calibers, but is available for almost all of the popular ones. Whatever you do, don't let that prevent you from checking your rifles. There is no sense in loosing game as a result of an inaccurate rifle shot.

Some positives for this season, is the good rainfall we have had this year. And for our area a rather mild summer. Even though we had some 100+ days it was not as

bad as in the previous years. I have not seen deer numbers increase but antler development seems better due to quality forage during growing season. I am equally excited about the number of Quail covies we have seen this fall. I guess it's due to the heavy grass cover and moisture available to the young birds. Quail numbers have been down for so many years that we wondered if they would ever get back to the "glory days". I doubt that we will get back to those days, but it at least looks promising.

Feral hogs are still a big problem. The Texas Department of Agriculture has initiated a plan to put a

bounty on hogs. It's called CHAMP (County hog abatement matching program). It is up to the individual counties

to participate by matching state funds of up to \$30,000 to be paid to hog hunters. The amount to be paid per hog and

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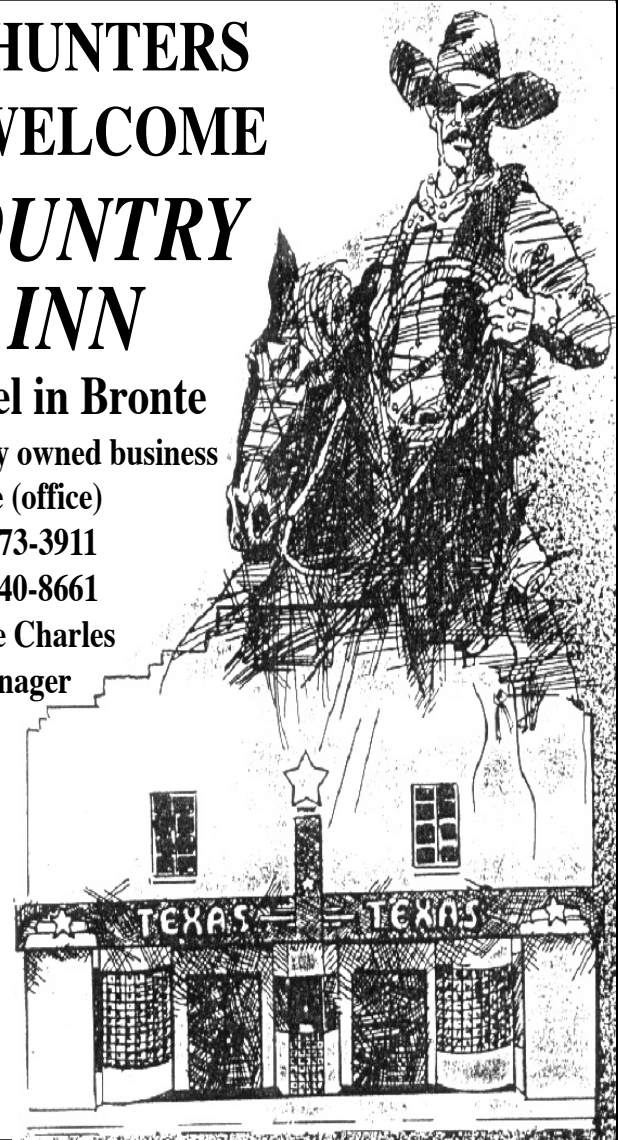
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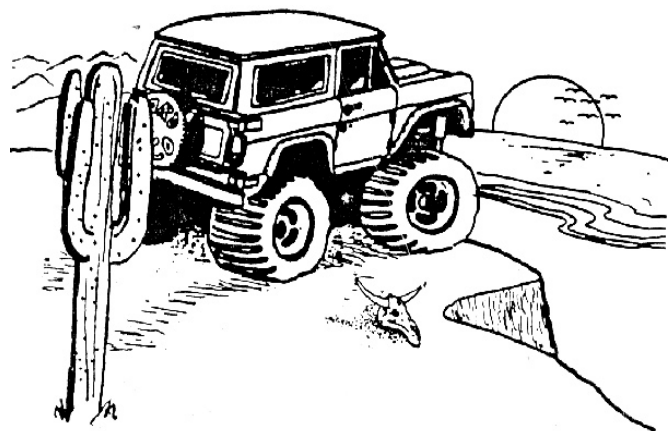
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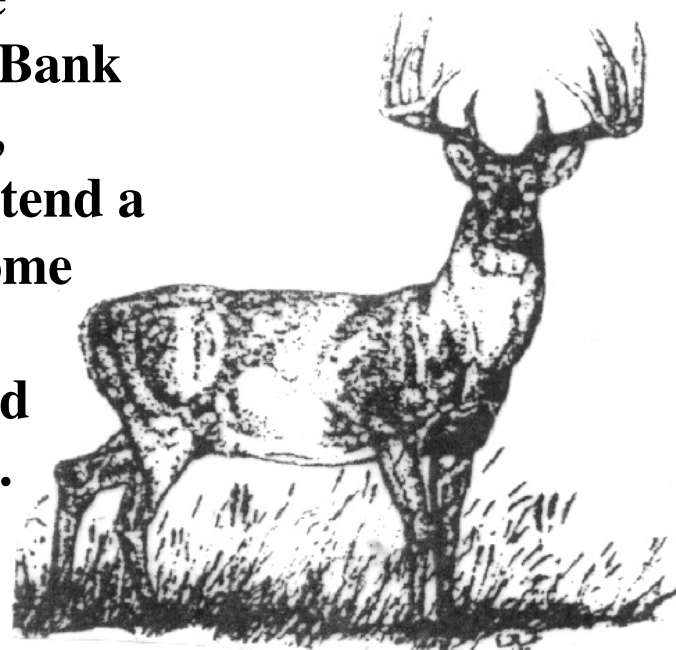
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