

sausage meal was served by Debra Halfmann of Lake Ivie. Once again, soft drinks and snacks made available by David and Vicki Stewart of Rockwood, and of course those homemade cookies by Noreen Jamison. Great food!!!

At both events, Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens Lane Pickney of Runnels County and Norman Terry of Coleman County gave very informative programs which included a wide spectrum of issues including game laws, safety issues, a Q&A session and work related stories.

Those assisting as guides on the hunts where Tom and Mary Ann Evans of Lake Ivie, Kristen and Kurt Wankowski of Doole, Mark Halfmann of San Angelo, and Michael, Joel, Kelsey, and Heather of the children's home.

Deer corn was provided by Coleman Grain Inc. of Coleman, Texas, Shopping Basket (IGA) of Ballinger, and Ballinger Feed and Seed of Ballinger, Texas. The use of corn is a great asset, as it allows the young hunters a greater opportunity to observe wildlife and harvest a deer.

2015/2016 Hunting Season discussed

By Johnny Kirby

This hunting season is starting out to be the best in recent years. The generous rains earlier this year provided great forage for a large variety of animals. Our dove season was terrific in most areas with limits of birds common. I did see a difference in the ratio of Morning Doves to White Wing Doves. In most areas Morning Doves were more plentiful. Close to town was still white wing area but they were less common in the country. It really didn't matter to us dove hunters, a limit of birds is a limit of birds.

The early deer season is showing great success. The February, March and April moisture has contributed to better than normal antler growth. I am a little puzzled as to why we have so many late

fawns this year. We always seem to see a few but this year there are a lot of the little spotted guys still nursing on mom. I was also surprised to see several bucks on the ranch still in velvet. I took pictures of 3 different bucks on October 17th that were still in full velvet. This seems to be a little late, but who am I to question Mother Nature? I have read some reports from other hunting publications and from the state that are predicting harder hunting conditions than normal due to good pasture grasses and acorn crop. They are warning hunters that the deer won't be going to feeders due to the abundance of other natural foods. Apparently they haven't looked at photos from the game cameras at the feeders. Corn is like candy to deer. Even though it is low in protein, it is a



special treat to them. Once the deer relate the corn to the sound of the feeder, they come running. It's like a bowl of M&M's to us. How many of you can walk by a bowl of M&M's and not grab a handful whether you are hungry or not? The trick is to start your feeders a while before season starts. Don't expect to start your feeder a week before season opens and think that the deer will come running. Give them time to get used to the sound. A little "Horse and Mule" feed sprinkled

around the ground by your feeder is a great idea, the smell will attract the deer and get them used to the feeder.

Remember to concentrate on your water sources. It's been a while since we've had good rains and a lot of the creeks and ponds are dry or are drying up. Deer normally go to water 3 times a day in warm weather, so locate the sources and identify the deer trails to and from the

water. Deer usually visit their water sources in early mornings, late evenings and during the night, however we have all occasionally seen deer at waterholes in the middle of the day. The most predictable thing about a white tail buck is the fact that they are unpredictable. The exception to their unpredictability is when the "rut" starts.

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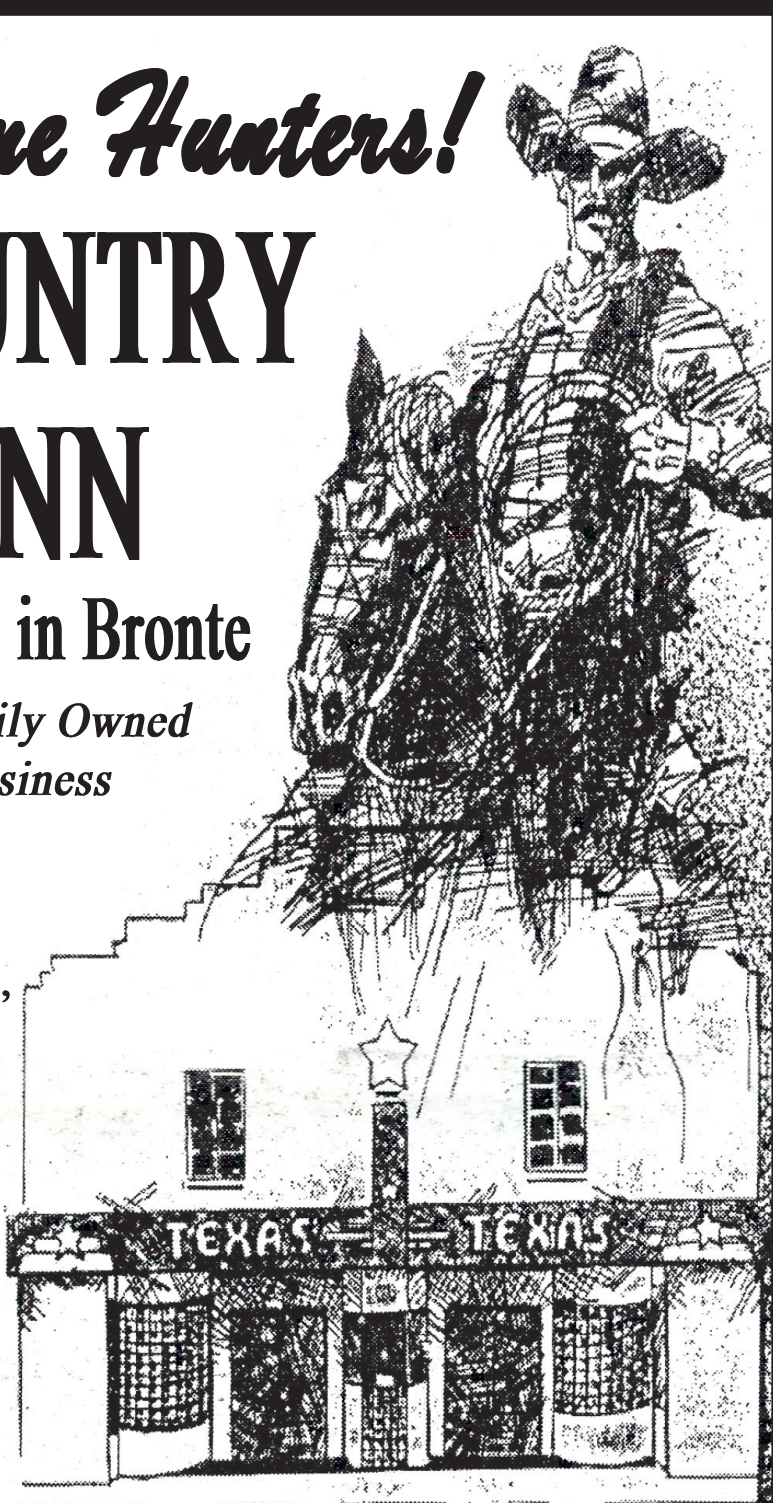
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