

than none) and harvesting the number of deer that is needed to get to the desired density. By doing this you will be reducing the amount of competition between the deer and will allow more resources to each deer which will equal better deer.

Robert Lee Street Affair set for October 6

The annual Robert Lee Street Affair will be held in downtown Robert Lee on Saturday, October 6.

The event always promises a fun-filled day of music, crafts, vendors, and food. This year, the bounce house and the dunking booth are back, along with the Dang'd Ole Car Show.

The day's music will feature Johnny Rodriguez as the headliner, along with Alyssa Bagley, Grupo Fuerzco, and Robert Lee's own Rough Creek.

For more information, contact John Hayes at (325) 650-4499 or Lupe Torres at (325) 763-9037.

West Coke County EMS Memorials

Carolyn Maddux

Barbara and Jo Adkins

Bronte Physician tapped for TMA Leadership Role

A Bronte physician has accepted a leadership position within the Texas Medical Association (TMA). TMA physicians and medical students who are appointed or elected to one of TMA's 30 boards, councils, and committees are responsible for studying and recommending action on important issues affecting Texas patients and health care policy.

Orloff Monaghan, MD, a gynecologist in practice for 34 years, was reappointed to TMA's Committee on Physician Health and Rehabilitation. The committee provides support and outreach directly related to the treatment and rehabilitation of physicians with impairments. Dr. Lewis is a member of the Concho Valley County Medical Society.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing nearly 46,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 120 component county medical societies around the state. TMA's key objective since 1853 is to



Butterfield Trail Day! James Sutton checks his entry in the Kickapoo Cook-off during last year's Butterfield Trail Day. This year's cook-off will begin at 5 pm tonight and continue on Saturday at the Depot in Bronte.

improve the health of all Texans.

Immaculate Conception Church Fall Festival Slated

The Immaculate Conception Church in Knickerbocker, Texas will hold its annual fall festival Sunday, September 30, 2012. A mesquite-cooked brisket and sausage plate with all the trimmings will be served for a small fee from 11 am to 2 pm. The Old Hat Band will be performing live music. There will be a raffle, bingo, games, live auction, and more beginning at 1 pm. No dogs, cats, or other animals will be allowed except for service animals.

Hunting and Fishing Guide Slated for October 26

The 2012 Coke and Surrounding Counties' Hunting and Fishing Guide will be published in the October 26 edition of the Observer/Enterprise. The deadline for pictures, advertising, and editorial copy is Wednesday, October 17.

If you have pictures or stories from last season's hunting and/or fishing successes or pictures of this year's bow season, send them in along with details, and we'll get them in this year's Guide.

For more information, call 453-2433.

12-Step Recovery meetings held in Bronte

We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean and live a new way of life. The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop using or drinking, as alcohol is considered a drug too.

Meetings are held at Forgiven Ministries on Sunday's at 7 pm. For questions or for more information please call 473-1114.

Don't forget to register to

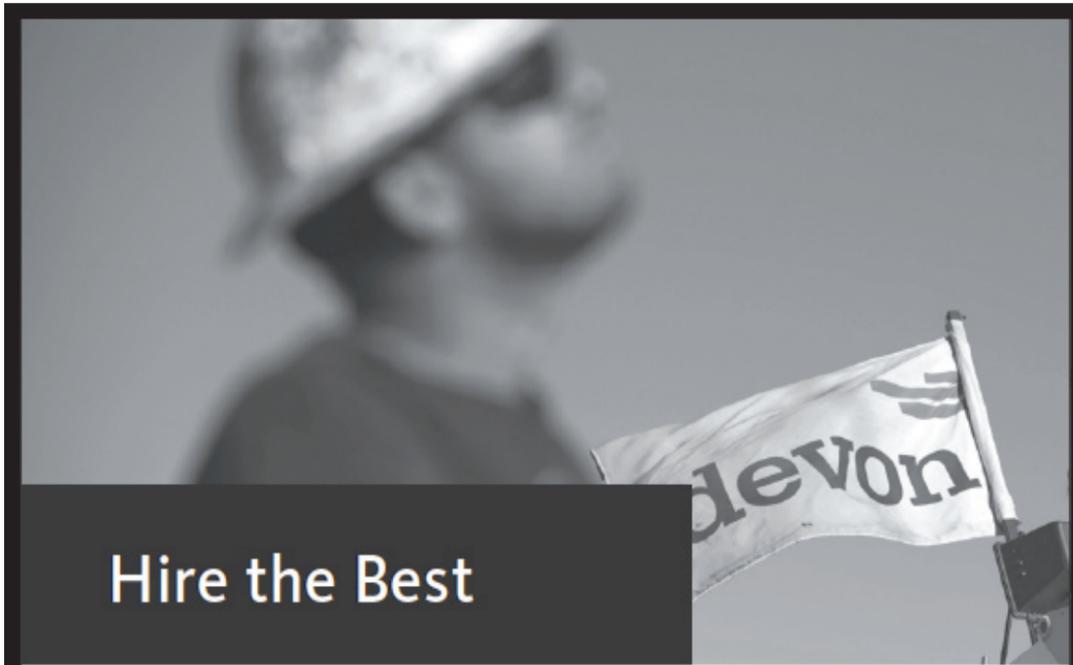
VOTE

As hunting season approaches and everyone spends time preparing their feeders and stands in preparation to harvest that trophy buck, I would like to take this week's news column to discuss how the way you hunt the deer this year can make a difference on the quality of the deer that you will hunt in the future.

To start out, I would like you to think of the deer in terms of a livestock operation, the first question that every livestock owner needs to ask themselves is how many animals can my property support and from there determine the stocking rate for deer. As wildlife managers we need to ask ourselves how many deer can my place support. The best deer stocking rate for Coke County will be 1 deer to every 15 acres and depending on where the property is, your may have to go as low as 1 deer to every 40 acres depending on the landscape.

The next point I want to make is all the hunters typically accuse the landowner of being overstocked with livestock and blame the livestock for the poor deer quality (typically goats get the blame for poor deer); well I got bad news for any hunters who blame the livestock. The number one animal to compete with a deer is another deer. For the hunters who desire more control on their hunting lease this problem can be fixed by continuing hunting once that trophy buck is harvested and use the doe tags to reduce the population to a suitable stocking rate for that particular landscape.

To finish up this week's column I would like to close by saying that I am not advocating going on a mad killing spree and killing any deer in sight. I am recommending gathering an estimate of the population on the property (example Spotlight County, stand count or helicopter count any of which is better



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