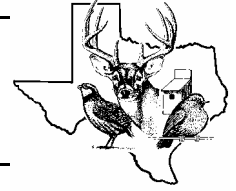


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It's Time For The Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will once again be at the Son's of Herman Hall south of Giddings off Hwy 77 and CR 223 on Friday, February the 1st. Social hour will get started at 5:00 and the meal around 6:30 p.m.

Come on out for some good chicken fried steak and good fellowship. There will be plenty of door prizes and raffle items, so bring lots of money. Door prizes will be given throughout the evening so come early. In an effort to expedite giving out **so many prizes** we will ask that each family member sign in at their Co-op table to be eligible for door prizes. Meal

tickets are only \$5.00 for adults and kids up through high school still eat free, so bring the whole family. Tickets can be purchased at time of registration.

A slide show of the big bucks shot in the 6 county area and the photos entered in the wildlife photo contest will be shown during the meal and in lieu of a main speaker.

Mark it on your calendar and be sure to attend. If you have some deer antlers or a mount you would like to share with the crowd, please bring it. to be displayed.

Report on the 3rd Annual Youth Shooting and Hunter Safety Event

The Lee County Wildlife Association and Texas Parks and Wildlife hosted the third annual youth shooting and firearms safety event on Tuesday October 23rd at Nails Creek Park on Lake Somerville. Local middle school students involved in wildlife and agriculture classes were invited to come out for a fun, safe, hands-on educational opportunity.

The objective of the event was to educate students about hunter ethics and safety and give them the opportunity to shoot different types of firearms and bows. The students were placed in small groups and rotated through eight stations where they received one-on-one instruction. Some of the stations included: hunter ethics and safety trail, archery, shotgun, 22 pistol, 22 rifle, black powder rifle, and center-fire rifle. The students enjoyed a picnic lunch and many won door prizes.

The event was a lot of fun and has become established as an annual event.

The Lee county WMA applied for and received a \$1,500 grant from the local chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to help start procuring equipment for this event that up until now we have been borrowing. We hope to strengthen our relationship with this outstanding conservation organization to help us continue to sponsor this worthwhile program.

Volunteers included members and directors of the LCWA local Hunter Education Instructor David Hempel, area Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologists, Game Wardens and Park Staff. Support was also received from The Texas Wildlife Association, and the Sportsman's Warehouse in Round Rock.

Wildlife Photo Contest

I haven't received many entries for this year's contest.

Please get your photos in. Everyone enjoys looking at wildlife photos so please share yours with the rest of us. We'll be displaying the photos using a projection system again this year, so you can submit your digital photos electronically, saving printing cost and simplifying delivery. Email them to me at tpwbiologist@bluebon.net. Enter as many as you like. We prefer jpeg for digital or unframed 8x10's, but 4x6's will be accepted. Printed photos will be scanned for the presentation. I hope co-op members are taking advantage of the loaner digital game cameras that are available from the directors and will be submitting photos from them.

Rules: the photos must be of a live animal taken in Lee County during 2007. There are two categories, general (hand held camera) and trail camera.

Deadline: You must have your photos in to Greg Pleasant's office by January 12th.

The directors will be judging the photos and awards will be given at the annual meeting on February 1st. Please have your name, which category (general or trail), and phone number on the back of each photo. The association will not be responsible for returning photos, but you can make arrangements to pick them up after they are digitized for the presentation.

Oldest Buck Contest

If you shot a spike or an old buck this season in Lee County, and you are a current member of one of the co-ops and you registered your buck with Texas Parks and Wildlife you are eligible for participation.

If you have a buck you harvested in Lee County this year and I haven't checked it, it's not to late. Give me a call. I need to be able to see the deer's teeth to age it so it cannot be frozen. Hunters who harvested a spike will have their names put into a drawing, so size or age doesn't matter.

The purpose of the current antler regulation is to allow more bucks to make it into older age classes by taking pressure off of the younger bucks. Hunters are encouraged to start learning to estimate the age of a buck by their physical characteristics and behavior before shooting them.

Please bring your antlers and mounts to be displayed for all to see. We will have the display walls on hand.

Cost Sharing for Food Plots

The rain this fall made picking a time to plant winter food plots a little challenging but hopefully you were successful. So don't forget to take advantage of the food plot seed reimbursement program. Members purchasing seed for wildlife food plots can receive up to twenty-five dollars in reimbursement from the Lee County Wildlife Association in an effort to reward members for helping wildlife in Lee County and to possibly encourage others to do the same.

You can purchase the seed from any retailer but the seed must be planted in Lee County to qualify. The deadline to have receipts to the Extension office for spring food plot seed will be May 1st.

Time To Check Your Bluebird Boxes

February is the time to clean and repair your **bluebird boxes** for the new nesting season. Using predator guards and deterring fire ants are important steps in helping nesting success.

Starting in March you can check your boxes once a week and continue to do so through July. Just remember that when you see nest construction almost completed, do not disturb the box during the first three days of egg laying. After that you can check the box in the afternoon without bothering the female. The other critical period not to disturb the nest is just prior to the young leaving the box (when they are about 10 days old).

For more information about bluebird and purple martin nest box care and maintenance, please read past articles posted on the Lee County Wildlife Association's website at leecountywildlife.org.

Free Tree Seedlings

LCRA will be providing 500 free tree seedlings available at the spring meeting. You can greatly increase their survival and rate of growth by using tree tube shelters, so be prepared to plant them as soon as you get them home. Order your supplies now or find them at a nursery. Two good sources for tree tubes, fertilizer pellets and weed mats are Spandle Nurseries (www.spandlenurseries.com) 1-800-553-5771 and The Wildlife Group (www.wildlifegroup.com) 1-800-221-9703.

Take advantage of this opportunity to plant trees on your property that provide food and cover for wildlife.

Recent Workshops

We strive to provide educational and informative programs for landowners and the community throughout the year. We started out in April by having a herpetologist give presentations at Lexington and Giddings elementary schools for over 200 students and an evening program at the Lincoln Community Center. The students and teachers really enjoyed the educational program that included getting to hold many non-venomous snakes.

A program on the latest research and demonstration on effective trapping of feral hogs was held at the Fedor fire station and was attended by over 90 people on a very rainy Saturday morning. To encourage more landowners to get involved with controlling feral hogs the directors of Lee County WMA decided to have trap gates built and sell them to members at half price. Pig numbers are increasing and it will take more landowners making an effort in the future to keep their numbers at manageable levels.

We had the third annual youth shooting and hunter education event this year for middle school students in October that continues to be a very worthwhile program reaching many youth that would otherwise not have the opportunity to receive training in hunter ethics and firearm safety training.

A prescribed burn workshop was held in December to train landowners how to safely use fire as a habitat management tool. We covered the history of fire, the importance of weather before during and after the fire, lighting techniques, establishing effective fire lines to contain the fire and tools that make the job easier and safer.

Other presentations were given at co-op meetings and including aging deer on the hoof and native plant restoration for wildlife.

Master Naturalist Training

Announcing a Master Naturalist Training Class beginning February 2, 2008....

The Gideon Lincecum Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist, which includes Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Lee and Washington counties, will begin a new training class on February 2, finishing on April 28. Sessions will be held at the St. John's UCC Church in Burton on Monday evenings, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Field trips will be in various locations on some Saturday mornings.

The Texas Master Naturalist program, with over 35 chapters across the state, aims to develop a group of well-informed volunteers who will work toward the restoration and conservation of native wildlife and habitat through education, outreach, and service projects. The program is sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas Cooperative Extension.

The cost for training is \$150 per person, or \$250 for couples sharing text materials. 40 hours of classes and 40 hours of volunteer work are required to become a certified Texas Master Naturalist.

For a schedule of class sessions, or to apply, please contact Jan Redden (tel.: 936-878-1988, or e-mail: jredden@mssblue.net. or visit our chapter Web site: <http://gideonlincecum.org>.) Visit <http://masternaturalist.tamu.edu> to learn more about Texas Master Naturalist™.




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