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Scholarships Awarded To Four Local Grads

The directors of the Lee County Wildlife Association decided to award four \$500 scholarships to deserving graduating seniors from our membership. As part of the application process each applicant was asked to write a one-page essay on what is the biggest impediment to wildlife habitat in Lee County. The winners were Jeff Winkler from Lexington. and Shiloh Perry, Vinson Gonzales and Lauren Eichler from Giddings. Congratulations to these winners and all area graduates. The winning essays can be read at our website.

How Many Feral Hogs Are In Lee County?

How many feral hogs are in Texas? Heck, we don't even know how many are in Lee County, let alone the whole state. Well, I would like to try to find out. I am interested in tracking how many pigs are being removed by any means from the County each year. I am asking that you keep records and report the information to me. I will make a form that will be available at leecountywildlife.org or you can call me for a copy. I would like to have the numbers by month along with other useful information. This information could be used to determine the most efficient local method of hog control and to estimate the population. I will compile the information and post it in the January newsletter.

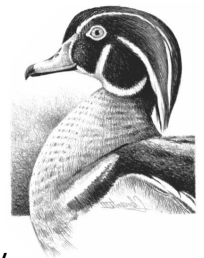
~Greg Pleasant TPW Biologist

Women's Firearm Safety Class

The Wildlife Association has organized a women-only firearm safety and shooting class. If you would like to learn how to safely handle and shoot a handgun, rifle or shotgun for self-defense or any other use in a free, no-pressure, women-only class, then this is for you. The class will start at the Lincoln Community Center at 9:00 am on Saturday, Sept. 25. You may bring your own firearm or we will provide them. Look for more information as the date nears in flyers, newspapers and leecountywildlife.org. RSVPs would be appreciated at the *agriLIFE* Extension office, 979-542-2753.

Wood Duck Box Success?

Wood ducks start looking for a place to nest by the first of February. During the last week of February I had two nesting pair, and by the first of March all five of my boxes were occupied. Wood ducks lay between 9-15 creamy white eggs and the incubation period is 25-37 days. The chicks leave the nesting box soon after they hatch. The chicks have many enemies such as raccoons, coyotes, snakes, turtles, catfish, bass, hawks and owls. Their first flight is 56-70 days after hatching, and few survive the six to seven weeks between hatching and first flight. Wood ducks are here year-round and are the most beautiful duck in Texas. It is important that we help to protect them.



~James Parker, Two Creeks Director

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