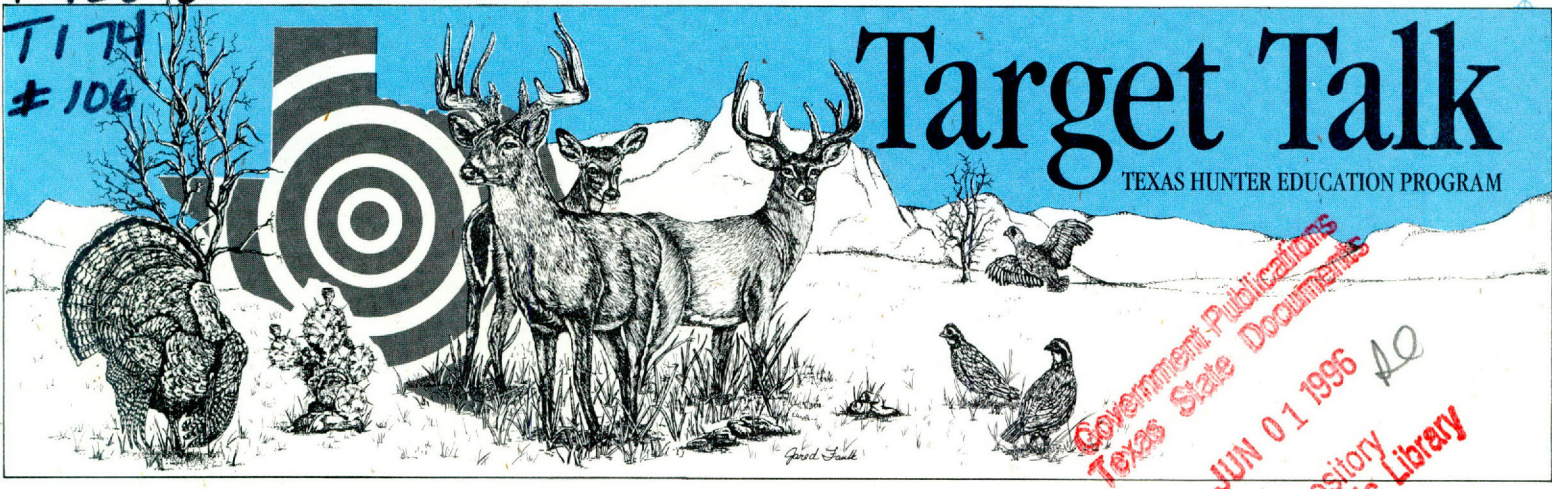


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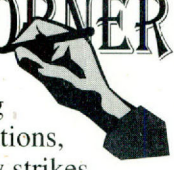
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## EDITOR'S CORNER



Occasionally while reading articles in different publications, I come upon one that really strikes home. The following is taken from an article written by Leonard J. Hansen of the Copley News Service.

### "Family Heritage is Important to Children"

"At one time in America, children could learn from parents, grandparents and great-grandparents because, almost predictably, they lived either in the same home or within the same neighborhood. But as time went on, once-clustered families came apart at the seams. Sunday family potluck dinners were replaced by long-distance telephone calls, letters and e-mail.

A recent survey of 4000 people by Fairfield Inn, Marriott and AT&T, found that 70 percent of Americans are not at all or even somewhat familiar with their family tree, and 79.4 percent are extremely or very interested in learning about their heritage. The survey reported that respondents in their 30s and 40s want to feel connected and understand their heritage, and that mature adult respondents shared a desire to pass along information to their children and grandchildren.

Some sociologists claim that the lack of knowledge about one's family -- their ancestors as people, how and when they came to the United States, and what their

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## Annual conference in San Angelo

The Fifth Annual Hunter Education Instructor Conference and Awards Ceremony will be held in San Angelo on June 1-2, 1996. Mark your calendars, schedule your vacation and bring the kids to this exciting event. The banquet will be held at the Lake Nasworthy pavilion just outside of town. A Bar-B-Que with all the trimmings will begin the evening's festivities. Door prizes will be given away and a silent and live auction will be held to raise money to help sponsor the Texas Youth Hunter Education Challenge winner's entry fees for the International Y.H.E.C. to be held at NRA's Whittington Center in New Mexico from July 28 through August 2. Again, don't forget to bring or send a donation item for the auction. You may mail it to the same address as on the registration form found in this newsletter. This was a tremendous help last year. Charlie Wilson will again be the auctioneer during the banquet.

James "Cowboy" Fernandez, owner of Sure Shot Game Calls, Groves, Texas, and former World Champion Duck Caller, will be the after dinner speaker and entertainer. Charlie will have the 5-Stand Sporting Clays truck there for all who want to participate. This year, we will have a shoot-off competition with some neat prizes to be given away for the top scores. Better come and try your luck on this one. Charlie said, "It won't be an easy course to shoot, but we will make it fun for all".

Look for the registration form enclosed with this newsletter, fill it out and return it before May 10. Once it is received, you will be sent a conference packet with a listing of motels and lodging facilities along with all the details of the weekend's activities. There also will be camping sites available at the lake. We hope you make plans to attend.

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lives and work were like -- creates a rootlessness in the younger generation and a life without a historical or ethical foundation.

The desire to discover one's heritage is a positive sign for the American population, says John P. Vincent, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and professor at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "It's ironic that people all over the world are electronically connected to strangers, yet are out of touch with their own families. There is a need, even an urgency to seek and share information about family heritage. I'd advise them to think about the things they always wanted to know about their ancestors, and to make sure and pass those same things along to their own children and grandchildren."

Mature adults should consider collecting and sharing family information as a priority project. Vincent suggests the following: \*Create a family yearbook. \*Record family anecdotes and histories on audio and/or video tapes. \*Create a family computer on-line bulletin board to link younger and older family members to share historical as well as current news and information. \*Start a family write-around letter for an update of information. \*Organize a family reunion and share all that has been collected. With this kind of information, your children will be able to share their heritage with grandchildren. All family members will discover the living legacy of their ancestors."

Few individuals can remember having a great-grandparent. I was lucky and had two, a great-grandfather on one side of the family and a great-grandmother on the other. Some of my fondest memories was driving my great-grandfather out to a fishing spot on Saturday morning and spending the day. He would come by my house, only four blocks away, about daylight, wake me up and say in a soft voice, "Come on, get up, let's go, they're not going to bite all day and we gotta get that big 'un." He kept a bed of fishing worms, which he had already dug, for occasions like this, and we would gather snails for additional bait after we arrived. Talk about a catfish or perch delicacy.

Cartoons on television were not important, they were in black and white anyway, but getting outdoors with a very special person was. He didn't hunt anymore, because of his eyesight and physical ability, but he taught me about safety and how to respect and appreciate nature. He kept an old double-barrel 12-gauge hanging on the wall. I have it in my gun safe today. It means a lot to me knowing that I have something that was a part of his legacy and heritage.

He once told me about one of his uncles who never allowed anyone hunting with him to shoot quail on the ground. Now, you have to remember that my great-grandfather was born October 30, 1877, and if his uncle took that stand way back then, "ethics and conservation" were, indeed, a part of some of my upbringing. My great-grandfather has been dead nearly thirty years and I am trying to live up to those teachings he so proudly left behind as a part of his "heritage."

Encourage all grandparents and parents to accompany their youngsters to class. When we pass on the tradition of enjoying the great outdoors during our courses, don't forget that we are laying the foundation for future generations to "continue their heritage."

Keep up the great work, safe hunting and may God Bless!  
- TERRY ERWIN

## Notice

We have been asked to keep statistics on individuals with disabilities such as physical and learning. We respectfully request that you note on the student registration form in the upper right corner if the individual has a disability and what type if possible. (This is optional information provided by the student.) Until we can reprint the student registration forms to incorporate this information, we would appreciate your cooperation.

## Visit TPWD on the Internet

TPWD has been on the internet for some time now. It has had an enormous amount of "hits" or inquiries since being up over the last year. Our Hunter Education courses are listed for those who want to access them. If you have a modem and would like to see what we have to offer, use the following address: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>

Nancy Herron, TPWD Public Information Coordinator, would like to know how many instructors are actually accessing our information. Contact her at: [nancy.herron@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:nancy.herron@tpwd.state.tx.us) If you have any questions or would like to talk to her, you may call her at 1-800-792-1112+0 and ask for extension 4362.

## Texas Youth Hunter Education Challenge

The 1996 Y.H.E.C. will be held May 4-5, at the Parrie Haynes Youth Ranch near Killeen. This will be a two-day event beginning at 8 AM on Saturday. Anyone interested in forming a team and participating may contact our office for details. You will be referred to Billy Whitfield, President of Texas Hunter Education Instructors Association, and Y.H.E.C. Director.

If you would like to volunteer your time and efforts in helping with the Youth Challenge please contact Scotty Oliver at 1-800-792-1112+0 and ask for extension 4572. If he is unavailable, leave a message on his voice mail and he will return your call. Volunteers will be able to stay at the lodge on the ranch for \$5.00 per night per person, and pay \$5.00 per meal while there. You must bring your own sleeping bags and linens if you stay at the lodge. There also is camping space available at \$5.00 per person per night. Space in the lodge is limited, so reservations must be made with Scotty no later than **April 25, 1996**.

# Tips from "The Old Bowhunter"

Dedicated to the memory of W. H. "Bill" Wadsworth - "The Old Bowhunter"

Provided by National Bowhunter Education Foundation, 249B E. 29Th Street, Box 503, Loveland, CO 80538



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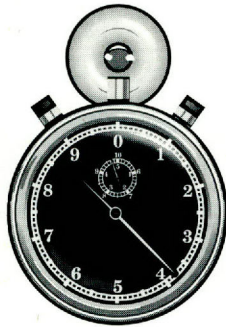
## SCOUT YOUR HUNTING TERRITORY

- Make your landowner contacts early and get permission.
- Select several different spots if possible. The closer they are to home, the more time you can spend at them.
- Ask questions of the owner, a farmer, mailman, lumberman or anyone who is traveling through the area each day. Where, when and how often does he/she see deer?
- Visit your hunting territory as often as possible, both early morning and late afternoon.
- Don't start earlier than late August or early September. Deer often change their feeding and travel habits in early Fall.
- Look for deer signs in well-used trails, feeding areas and beds.
- Check the barbed wire at fence crossings for hair.
- Look for special feed areas.
- Keep a record of what you see and when you see it, in order to form a pattern of daily routes. Note number of deer seen by you and by others.
- Make a map of the area and plot deer sightings, good signs, stand locations and feed areas.
- Finally, select the spot for your stands after considering all the information you have gathered.
- Be sure to select several morning and evening stands in each area to be hunted.
- Once selected, plot the route to your stand so you can follow it in the pitch dark.
- Don't blaze a trail or otherwise give away your stand location unless you want company.
- Know your prevailing wind directions and locate more than one spot for a stand in case of wind change.

Bowhunter Education course materials are maintained in our warehouse, but you must order your supplies from Byron Norton, IBEP State Chairman, 1900 Mary Jane Dr., Longview, Texas 75601, and mail your fees and all student registration forms to him once your class is completed. Byron will forward your supply orders and student registration forms to us for processing. Student certifications are mailed directly from TPWD.

## Upcoming events reminder ...

Migratory Waterfowl Workshop	April 20-21	Athens
Standards of Live-Fire, Skills Trail & Home Study Field Activities	April 20-21	Sealy
	April 27-28	Midland
	June 18-19	Tarleton State Univ.
IBEP Student & Instructor	June 8-9	Houston
	June 8-9	Denton
	June 22-23	Longview
	July 27-28	Belton
	August 3-4	San Angelo
	August 3-4	Austin
Program Orientation	August 10	Austin
Trapper Education	September 14-15	Marble Falls
Rifle, Shotgun & Handgun	September 13-15	Rosenberg
<b>TEXAS WILDLIFE EXPO</b>	<b>October 4-6</b>	<b>Austin</b>



## Volunteers needed for Parrie Haynes Summer Youth Camps

Hunter Education volunteers are being recruited to help with the Texas Game Warden Association Summer Youth Camps at the Parrie Haynes Ranch. If you are interested in volunteering your time for this worthwhile activity, please contact Scotty Oliver at 1-800-792-1112. There will be ten (10) camps held during the ten weeks of summer. One camp will come from each of the ten geographical TPWD

law enforcement regions of Texas. Many individuals have been there before and know what a great time these kids have. If we can make a positive impact on these youths when they visit this camp, maybe they will grow up to be better stewards of our wildlife resources and leaders of future generations. If you can schedule some time to be at one of these camps, please call now for the dates and mark your calendars. You won't regret it.

## Did you know...

All in a day's work.....  
Taken from TPWD press release.



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Texas game wardens drove enough miles in the last twelve months to make 20 round trips to the moon. And, along their 11 million-mile treks across Texas during Fiscal Year 1995, wardens compiled some interesting statistics. During that time, they:

Seized over 876,000 feet of illegal trotlines and almost 137,000 feet of illegal nets.

Arrested over 35,300 people, including: 9,678 for freshwater fishing violations, 8,978 for water safety violations, 7,467 for hunting violations and 3,737 for saltwater fishing violations.

Recovered 370 drowning victims and investigated 387 boating accidents.

Patrolled over 135,000 miles by boat and recovered 173 stolen boats.

Conducted over 5,300 information and education programs, reaching over 30,500 young people.

And, along the way, wardens came across just about every conceivable situation--from the bizarre to the humorous. Some of the more memorable experiences reported by wardens are as follows:

Game warden Leroy Polnick of Brownwood came across a subject shooting at doves from the passenger side of his pickup truck. Upon reaching the truck, Polnick noticed corn scattered all around the vehicle. The subject stated it was easier to sit in the truck and hunt than to get out and walk around.

Sergeants Ed Baker, Don Currie and Paul Gluck arrested a pair of would-be squirrel hunters who opened the squirrel season a day early on public hunting lands. The duo stated they thought the season opened Sept. 30, which accounted for why they tossed their squirrels in the river when approached by the wardens.

Warden Gustavo Sorola was patrolling for dove hunting violations following some very heavy rains in Maverick County. One individual he came upon fled across a muddy field and shouted, "State Game Warden!" with Sorola in slightly slower pursuit. As the subject ran, his feet kept getting bigger from the mud, slowing his escape. Sorola finally caught up to the individual, who initially denied any knowledge of the 50 morning doves in his possession. He finally accepted five citations for his efforts.

A hunter in Karnes County was cited for killing too many doves in one day. He appeared a little confused when told he could not shoot a limit of "Mourning" doves and then another of "Evening" doves in the same day.

Commander Butch Shoop and special warden J.C. Romines arrested a pair of men who claimed they didn't think hunting from their golf cart qualified as a motor vehicle.

During a recent hunting trip in Limestone County, wardens William Skeen, Jerry Chilton, Marvin Willis, Jr. and Ronnie Yates got an unsolicited confession from a neighboring rancher. While wrapping up an afternoon hunt, the rancher approached the wardens, who were off-duty and not in uniform and began complaining how they were scaring off his birds. Some bragging set in..."I usually kill 500 per year...yep...25 per day...every day...but I'm a little behind this year! The shooting doesn't start getting good until after sunset." The wardens could hardly control themselves. Warden Skeen got into full uniform in short order and approached the man, asking to see his hunting license and gun. The man replied, "I'm just checking cows. You can't prove I've been hunting!" Warden Skeen revealed who the rancher had been talking with and left him with citations for no hunting license, unplugged shotgun and a new respect for strangers.

## Spring turkey hunting tips

National Wild Turkey Federation

In the spring, hunters try to locate gobbling male turkeys still on the roost and call them to a fixed position by imitating the sounds of "lovesick" hens. There are few forms of hunting that can rival the excitement of wild turkey hunting.

The first step is to locate a place to hunt. If it is privately owned, be sure to get the landowner's permission before scouting or hunting. Before you enter the woods, review this short checklist to ensure a safe and successful hunt:

- ✓ Are you completely camouflaged, or will patches of contrasting colors be showing when you sit? Never wear red, white or blue colors.
- ✓ Don't get too close to a turkey roost.
- ✓ Choose an open calling location that offers good visibility.

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## Spring turkey cont.

- ✓ Are you completely camouflaged, or will patches of contrasting colors be showing when you sit? Never wear red, white or blue colors.
- ✓ Don't get too close to a turkey roost.
- ✓ Choose an open calling location that offers good visibility.
- ✓ Choose a large tree to sit against to break up your outline.
- ✓ Take a cushion to sit on to help you remain comfortable.
- ✓ Don't over call. Just enough to keep the turkey coming to you.
- ✓ You may have to change turkey calling locations, but resist the urge to stalk turkey sounds or move in on other hunters. Wear blaze orange when moving.
- ✓ Do not carry an exposed decoy. Cover it with blaze orange.
- ✓ Call the gobbler in close. Try for shots at thirty yards or less.
- ✓ Identify your target as a legal bird, then shoot for the neck or head.
- ✓ Put on your gun's safety and quickly approach the downed bird. Watch for flopping spurs and wings.
- ✓ Wrap your bird in a blaze orange sack or vest when carrying it out of the woods.

Value the hunting experience and appreciate the beauty of the wild turkey. If everything comes together, you'll have a gobbler strutting right into the proper position, and your spring turkey hunt will be a success. Be Safe!



## Texas Wildlife Expo

Texas Wildlife Expo '96 is set for October 4-6 at the TPWD headquarters in Austin. This year's theme is "Hooked On Texas Outdoors." Texas has a great tradition of hunting and conservation dating to the earliest arrival of pioneer settlers. Early Texans recognized the need to manage and protect their wildlife and passed the first game laws in 1860. Since then, Texas hunters and anglers have been the primary supporters of conservation programs and game management through the purchases of licenses and outdoor equipment. Other outdoor recreation groups have been invited to support conservation efforts through programs such as the "Conservation Passport" and other public land opportunities.

Wildlife Expo '96 will specifically celebrate the many years Parks and Wildlife has had the responsibility of managing our natural resources and maximizing your opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities in Texas. We wish to invite you and your family to take part and share in the success and stewardship of these resources. Youth, especially, are invited to participate in Expo '96 activities. There will be raptor demonstrations, shooting exhibitions, reptile and other live animal

## The Bobwhite Brigade 5 quail camp



If you know of any youth who would enjoy studying about wildlife in general, and quail in particular, have we got a deal for you! Each summer, we offer an innovative outdoor classroom experience called the Bobwhite Brigade.

The Bobwhite Brigade is a 4-day camp for high school students (incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors with a "B" grade average). This camp is designed to make quail experts out of its members. Cadets will learn everything they ever wanted to know about quail, and more! They will study quail anatomy, biology, habitat management, population dynamics, conservation, hunting techniques, and lots more. In addition to a heaping dose of wildlife ecology, they will also learn about photography, entomology, botany, firearm safety, and leadership skills. Upon graduation, each member of The Bobwhite Brigade will be expected to present educational programs on quail management in his/her county of residence.

In the summer of 1996, The Bobwhite Brigade will be offered two times. The first camp will be June 23-27, 1996 in the Rolling Plains. The second camp will be July 21-25, 1996 in South Texas.

For more information, please contact:

Rolling Plains camp:  
Dr. Dale Rollins  
TAEX  
7887 N. Hwy. 87  
San Angelo, TX 76901  
(915)653-4576

South Texas camp:  
Karla Beatty or Larry Hysmith  
113 Nagle Hall  
TAEX  
College Station, TX 77843-2258  
(409)845-5785



displays, fishing, "catch-a-poacher" role playing, seminars, educational activities, sporting dog demonstrations, fish exhibits, climbing wall, Indian lore, park displays, animal tracks, shooting--(including archery, shotgun, muzzle loaders, airguns and crossbows), animal calling contests, outdoor industry exhibitions and many other activities.

Texas Wildlife Expo '96 celebrates the legacy of the great outdoors. A Poster, Essay and Poetry contest is open to any youngster who wishes to enter. Poster entries are limited to K-6, Essay entries will be limited to grades 7-12 and Poetry entries will be divided into two categories - grades K-6 and 7-12. For more information on these contests, call 1-800-792-1112+0, or (512) 389-4472 and ask for Bob Hauser, Expo coordinator.

We need your help in staffing all shooting events. Last year, over 200 individuals came and participated. These shooting events could not have been handled without your generous support. Let us know if you will be able to attend and help out. Call Kathy Powell and give her your name to put on the list. Some mighty fine door prizes were given out at the party held on Saturday night for the volunteers. We'll look forward to hearing from you.



#### Dear Ron Bobo:

I would like to thank you and all the instructors involved with your recent Hunter Education Class. My son Justin and I really enjoyed the class. From conversations with family and friends, their classes were not nearly as much fun. You folks really went out of your way to make the class interesting and entertaining, as well as informative.

I will probably never hunt a day in my life, but I feel that I came away with a real understanding of a sport that the men in my life seem to enjoy. Thank you all again for giving your time to make it a most enjoyable learning experience, and I feel, time well spent.

Sincerely, -Karen Johnson, Midlothian

*Editor's Comment: Another satisfied customer. Although she might never hunt, we are proud that she cares enough about the men in her life to learn why they enjoy hunting so much. Who knows, she may change her mind and take time to harvest her own animal some day. Great job Grand Prairie Gun Club Instructors!*

#### Dear Sirs:

This has been my first course to teach as an instructor. There were two adults and 14 young people, two of which were girls. I have been a preacher for the last 43 years and worked with young people in many different settings. This group was by far the best behaved group I have ever taught. It was a real pleasure! I intend to offer about three classes a year in my area.

Sincerely, -John P. Shero, Jr., San Saba

*Editors Comment: Thanks for your letter John. It is always good to know that you have found another way to enjoy working with our youth, although not exactly from the pulpit in your capacity as a minister, but from a different "pulpit," passing on the knowledge of God's creation of the outdoors. Keep up the good work.*

#### Dear Staff:

I wanted you to see a copy of this article which came out of the local paper where I live.

#### **BENEFIT FUND SET UP FOR DOG ATTACK VICTIM**

"A benefit fund for Justin McGuire, seriously injured in a dog attack October 15, 1995, has been established at the Buna Banking Center in Buna. McGuire is the son of Rebecca and Larry McGuire and is in the 6th grade at Buna Junior High School.

According to the boy's father, the family was visiting relatives in Rye when the accident occurred. The family spent the night and Justin asked his father if he could go fishing. His father said yes, but not to be gone too long because they needed to get back to Buna.

Meanwhile, one of the relatives and her daughter decided to go to the grocery store to pick up items needed to prepare breakfast for everyone. They were gone 30-40 minutes and when they returned they noticed five dogs tearing up what they thought was a cushion. The woman then saw that it was a young boy. She jumped out of the car and ran toward the dogs and scared them away. She sent her daughter to the house for Justin's father. They wrapped Justin in a quilt and took him to a clinic in Cleveland, where he was soon transported by Life Flight to Herman Hospital in Houston. His father said (Justin) received injuries to almost all of his body with the least damage to his face and chest. His legs were badly injured and one of his ears was nearly ripped off. Justin had taken the Hunter Education course in school just prior to the attack and credits the course for the minimal injuries to his face and chest. The course taught him how to protect his face and chest if attacked by a wild animal."

**Letters cont.**

I just finished teaching the course at the Jr. High School the Friday before this terrible occurrence happened. The parents called the school and thanked them several times for putting on the program. They felt it had a big part in saving the boy's life. This came about because of different discussions which came up throughout the course. Some of the kids ask questions, which may seem kind of far out sometimes, but because of this, we may have helped save the boy's life. One of the questions was, "What would you do if attacked by a wild animal?" We

covered that a natural instinct of some animals, such as dogs, is to go for the throat, so if we ever get put into that situation, we should try to protect our face and body by curling up or laying face down.

A lot of unusual items would not get covered if kids did not ask these kinds of questions. This lets us know how important it is to get the kids involved in the class, and is an example of the effectiveness of the program. I went to see the boy and gave him his patch, sticker and also a cap and bandanna

furnished by Temple-Inland and Kirby. He and his family were very supportive of our program and will be forever.

Tony Biggs, Buna

*Editor's Comment: Thank you for your time in addressing those "far out" questions. Even if we think the questions have little significance to the class, we never know when the information will be used. Great job Tony! The Good Lord had His hand on Justin that day, possibly thanks to you.*

## HOW TO FIND TROUBLE 10 DIFFERENT WAYS

Courtesy of Hawaii Hunter Education

1. "I heard....."
2. "I probably shouldn't say this but....."
3. "This is just my opinion and not the program's....."
4. "The course doesn't usually cover this, but....."
5. "Why should I care? What are they going to do - fire me?"
6. "Don't worry, I can get you a seat in the class....."
7. "Well, I wouldn't worry, they don't enforce the law....."
8. "My interpretation of the law....."
9. "We receive very little support from the Hunter Education Department...."
10. "You can't come to the class, you are too young....."



## DON'T FEED YOUR DOG CHOCOLATE

By R.G. Elmore, D.V.M., Copley News Service

If you care about your dogs, especially those prized hunting dogs, do not feed them chocolate. Large quantities of ingested chocolate can kill a dog. Chocolate contains a stimulant called "theobromine." Theobromine stimulates the heart and apparently decreases the blood flow to the brain. Dogs dying after eating excessive amounts of chocolate usually do so because of heart attacks or because of a lack of sufficient oxygen in their brains. A two or three pound box of chocolate candy contains enough theobromine to put down a large healthy dog.

## SKUNK DEODORANT RECIPE

Pennsylvania Game Commission Instructor's Newsletter

A chemist named Paul Krebaum has developed a safe, fast and inexpensive recipe for removing skunk odor:

- 1 quart 3 percent hydrogen peroxide
- 1/4 cup baking soda (sodium Bicarbonate)
- 1 teaspoon liquid soap

Mix in plastic bucket and wash affected object, including man or beast. Keep away from eyes, nose and mouth. Skunk odor should immediately disappear.



# Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program

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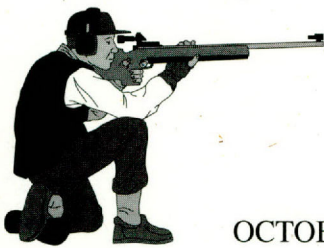
In more than half of the homes in the United States there are at least one, and in some, more firearms present. Many of these households also have pre-school and elementary school age children in the family. The gun safety message to these children is: "If you see a gun - STOP! DON'T TOUCH. LEAVE THE AREA. TELL AN ADULT."

To help teach this important message to young children, the National Rifle Association has developed the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program. This easy to learn and easy to use teaching concept is available free or for a nominal fee to schools, law enforcement agencies, youth groups and civic organizations. Three different levels are offered, each tailored to a specific age group of younger children. If you know of any school or group that might be interested in learning more about the Eddie Eagle Program,

they should identify their organization or school and send to: Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program, NRA Safety and Education Division, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, or call 1-800-231-0752.



The Hunter Education Staff is that will apply to the 4th through 6th-grade youngsters. It will fill the niche between the Eddie Eagle Program and Hunter Education training. When ready, the packet will contain a video, airguns and targets, and be provided by the department. We anticipate it starting in September 1996. The video footage has been filmed and production has begun. Watch this publication for more information.



## Welcome New Instructors

OCTOBER

PEGGY COCKRUM, MCGREGOR  
RANDELL COLVIN, WACO  
WAYNE BLOUNT, DENISON  
KENNETH BAKER, MARBLE FALLS  
THOMAS COCKRUM, MCGREGOR  
ROBERT SHERWOOD, PORT ARANSAS  
WILLIAM PERRY, IOWA PARK  
RONDA SCOTT, MULESHOE  
JOHN MCCAULEY, LUBBOCK  
JASON BOX, MULESHOE  
MENDY RHODES, LUBBOCK  
DARREN JOHNSON, LUBBOCK  
JERRY THOMPSON, HARTLEY  
JOHN HAYNES, LUBBOCK  
LISA FLOREZ, LUBBOCK  
LANDA ENGLAND, LUBBOCK  
JIMMY HOWRY, VERA  
JULIE WOELFEL, LUBBOCK  
GREG REDING, LUBBOCK  
SPENCER ALBRACHT, AMARILLO  
MICHELLE YOST, LUBBOCK  
MICHAEL MARTIN, DUBLIN  
KAREN HARMEL-GARZA, COLLEGE STATION  
JANET NEAL, VICTORIA  
KEVIN WOLF, CUERO  
KENNETH EDGAR, ROUND ROCK  
JOE BOCHAT, COLLEGE STATION

CHARLES RAND, KAUFMAN  
THOMAS RASH JR., POST  
JEFFREY BOYD, BRYAN  
JASON SMITH, TEAGUE  
COURTNEY OSBOURN, VALLEY SPRING  
MYNDE CURRIE, BRYAN  
WESLEY BROWN, PARIS  
TERRY LEATHERWOOD, SNYDER  
JAY BOHAC, GEORGETOWN  
SHELBY EMOLA, BRYAN  
MARCI MCKINZIE, DIKE  
HEATHER METZGAR, HUNTSVILLE  
ROY EHRESMAN, PLAINVIEW  
EDWARD STRANGE, KERENS

NOVEMBER

CINDY BIRKENFIELD, BALLINGER  
JAMES LEWIS, PAMPA  
JOHN BUSHKO, MESQUITE  
GERRY JOHNSON, MARSHALL  
GEORGE GOSNEY, ROANOKE  
ROBERT CHANDLER, GARLAND  
ALAN BRADFORD, IRVING  
LANCE MORING, JOURDANTON



NOVEMBER (CONT.)

JAMES SHULTZ, BEDFORD  
JOHN SHANNON, SAN ANGELO  
JAMES BROWN, EULESS  
JAMES DELVAN, GARLAND  
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# 1996 "DREAM HUNT"



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The opportunity continues for youngsters who have successfully completed the Hunter Education course to receive an entry card for a special drawing to go on one of two all-expense paid hunting trips and bring along a parent or guardian. Wayne Pearson's "Ultimate Outdoors" as seen on ESPN Outdoors every Saturday morning from July to December will again host these two trips. There is positively no obligation and nothing to buy. It's merely a way for youngsters to be shown how much they are appreciated, and to thank them for their efforts to become safe, responsible, knowledgeable and involved.

The entry cards are being formatted at this time and will be available as soon as possible. We have cards from last year that are being sent out currently for distribution by the instructors. Anyone not receiving them should contact our office.

Instructors are encouraged to send in a plain post card with name, address, daytime phone number and a statement that you are a certified Hunter Education instructor for a special drawing to go on an additional 10 hunting or fishing trips. Mail as many post cards as you wish. Last year, Texas had three instructors drawn. If you think you won't have a chance to be drawn, and don't send in a post card, then you won't. It's just like the Texas Lottery, no card - no win. Texas has been extremely lucky during the last five years and has had several instructors drawn along with one student. The 10 individual trips will be aired and shown on ESPN throughout the year. The two "Dream Hunts" will be aired in December. Don't delay, mail the cards to the following address:

**1996 "DREAM HUNT"  
PO BOX 5078  
NASHVILLE, GA 31639**

## KATHY'S KORNER

Hi Everyone,

I think I'm going through withdraws--I have not picked up a shotgun in quite awhile! Oh I miss the slight shake of my hand when I load the shell, the ringing in my ears when I pull the trigger (I had in ear plugs) and the smell of burning powder in my nose. Be still my heart, Expo is not far away!

**CHANGE IS IN THE AIR!!** What am I talking about? Well, it may be slight but it will be noticeable. We are making a few changes in Austin. Only for the better--so don't panic! We are in the process of upgrading our mainframe computer system. Along with this, the forms and maybe even our general way of thinking may change as well. Not that we are not great thinkers you understand, but it's just a new twist on doing business. We are not reinventing the wheel, just making it roll a little smoother!

So how about some input? Here are some ideas we are mulling over. If you get a minute, how about letting me know what you think, and if you have any more suggestions, I'm all ears! Since I'll be out of the office a lot, it might be easier to jot me a note. Are your number 2's sharp? We are thinking about going to a scan system for entering the class information. This is going to mean coloring in the bubbles. There will possibly be lower rates of error and a quicker turn-around times. (not that I make many errors, mind you). This system will be fast. It can do 4000 entries an hour (finally something that can keep up with me-ha ha!). Yeah, I'm good, but not that good! How about removing your social security number from the student form? Just put it on the final report. Of course, that means you will have to keep those reports coming in. These are just some of the changes being considered, so let me hear from you.

I have had many questions about the renewal of instructor cards. If it says, for example, January 10, 1996 as an expiration date, the new card will not be printed until February 1. Then it goes in the mail (and we all know how the mail works). Another question that has come up is about final reports. When you enter the number of students, the break down is as follows: Failed, under 12, and number certified add up to the total number enrolled on your course final report. Even if you team teach, the number certified is the number you actually sign off on and not the total number of students enrolled in the class. Hope that clarifies a few things. If not, give me a call. Well ladies and gentlemen, it's time for yet another computer meeting. Gotta go!

Catch ya later!  
Kathy

# Welcome "Assistant Instructors"

<b>Jon Eichberger</b> , Pasadena	Assisting Tom Stashak, Jr.
<b>Sean Hoernke</b> , Dallas	Assisting Joe Gimble
<b>Rob Anderson</b> , Longview	Assisting T. H. Anderson, III
<b>Cody Mackey</b> , Longview	Assisting T. H. Anderson, III
<b>Paul Innes</b> , Oakwood	Assisting Bruce Innes
<b>Reese Neumann</b> , San Antonio	Assisting Ray Neumann

CONGRATULATIONS! To these fine young individuals and to the instructors who sponsored them. Contact our office for information and an application if you have an individual who would like to become an "Assistant Instructor". We will be happy to furnish them upon request. Think of all the bright, young "future leaders" we have out there just waiting to offer their services and help preserve the future of outdoor recreational sports. Let us hear from you.

# Education Branch

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JUNE 1-2, 1996  
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\$ 20 FEE / PERSON

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

I WILL BRING THE FOLLOWING GUEST/S.

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