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NEWSLETTER

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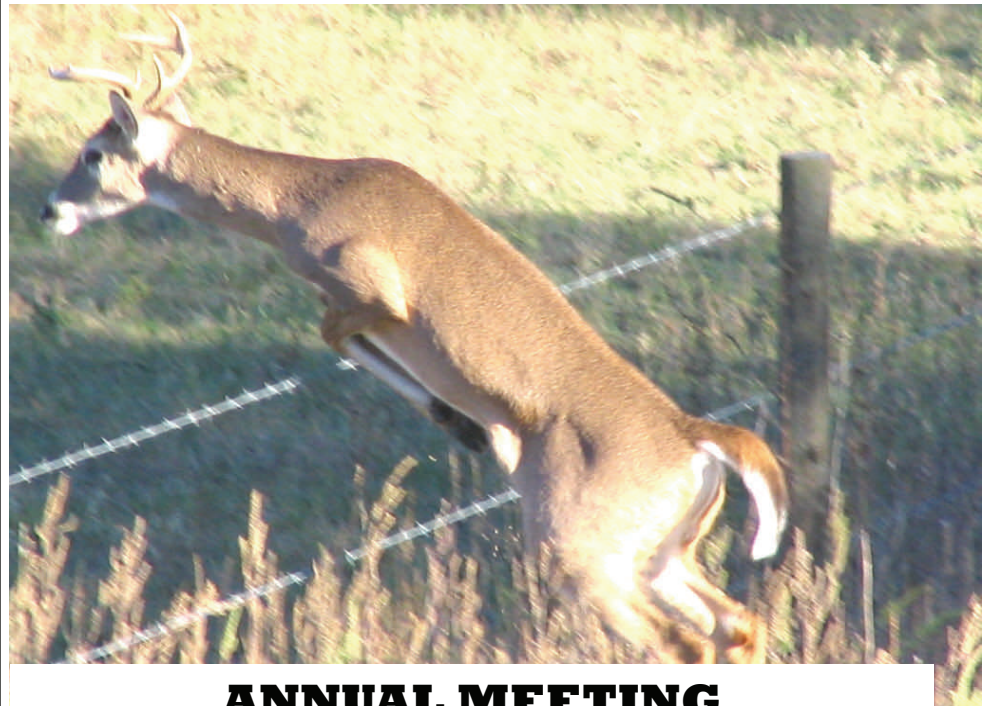
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ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JAN. 27th

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
EVENTS CENTER**

**SOCIAL @ 6:30 PM
MEAL @ 7 PM**

**GUEST SPEAKER
JOHN JEFFERSON
TOPIC;**

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

The featured speaker will be veteran photographer and outdoor writer John Jefferson of Austin. Mr. Jefferson has served executive director of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society and editor of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual hunting and fishing regulations book.

Presidents remarks;

Hello Members:

Can you believe it is 2006. The Washington County Wildlife Society has been around since 1994 and we are still going strong. Please make plans to attend the annual meeting on Jan. 27th. The guest speaker is an informative and very entertaining expert on photographing wildlife.

As you noticed, inserted into this newsletter is an offer for a life-time membership. This recognition is for persons whom make a generous contribution of \$1,000 or more to the Washington County Wildlife Society.

This may not be for everyone but for those who can and do, I want to assure you that your donation to the WCWS will enable the Society to expand it's educational programs and continue the support to the future generations.

As President of the WCWS, I can clearly see that the efforts of our organization have made a very positive effect on the wildlife and its habitat.

I want to thank each and everyone for their continued support to the Society and their local WMA, this is a great organization, so keep up the good work and let's continue to grow and do great things for the wildlife in the county !

Billie Eckert

Interested in the outdoors?

Enjoy learning about the local plants and wildlife and sharing knowledge with others? Then perhaps the Master Naturalist Program is for you.

The Gideon Lincecum Chapter which includes Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Washington counties is accepting applications for its next training session beginning February 2006. Classes are held Monday evenings at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham. Successful applicants will receive instruction from numerous experts specializing in the local flora and fauna as well as useful conservation and habitat management practices that can be applied to your or your neighbor's property.

The program is a collaborative effort between the Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The mission of the Gideon Lincecum Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists is to develop and certify a group of well-developed volunteers, to provide, education, outreach, and service dedicated toward the beneficial management of natural resources and areas within our four counties. Earlier this year the Texas Master Naturalist Program received national recognition from the "Take Pride in America Award" from the U.S. Department of Interior.

To become a certified Texas Master Naturalist, trainees must attend all training classes and complete a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service on approved projects within a year and 8 hours of advanced training. To remain active, volunteers must perform a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training annually. The fee for the training is \$150.00 to cover the cost of the training and the educational materials.

For more information please call Dave Redden at 979 218-0493 or by email at dredden@tconline.net.



We have A WEB SITE
wcwildlife.org
 CHECK IT OUT !!!

IMPROVING DEER HABITAT BY EXCLUDING CATTLE

Cattle utilize many browse species that deer prefer. When grazing systems or range conditions put cattle and deer in competition for browse, deer are less competitive. This competition can be reduced by fencing cattle from wooded areas, especially bottomlands. Fencing the cattle out year around is preferred, but they should be excluded at least from September through February. This will provide additional forage for deer while reducing cattle forage only slightly. This practice becomes even more important to deer and other wildlife during drought or stress periods.

WMA Total Number Members and Acres

WMA	Members	Acreege
Sandtown	68	4327.
New Years Crk	59	5486.
Sun Oil	65	4226.
Rocky Creek	86	5548.
Mount Vernon	27	3655
Post Oak	64	1624
Greenvine	147	12713
	516	37581