

Outdoorsmen share favorite stories

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without seeing it.

"It was the best day of my life at the time," he said.

Larry Rogers

Hog hunting has introduced Rogers to a number of dangers and chases.

During an evening hunt about eight years ago at the Pole Pen Ranch between Cherokee and Pontotoc, his dog began pursuing a fawn in a pasture. The young deer ran in Rogers' direction, and its mother began chasing the dog.

"I'd never been in a situation like that before, so I didn't quite know what to do," Rogers said.

With the doe charging toward him, Rogers picked up a handful of rocks and threw them at his dog to make it turn around. When the dog stopped chasing the fawn, the fawn

and the doe ran away.

About 15 minutes later, as the sun was setting, Rogers killed a boar just about 50 yards from where the doe had charged him.

On another occasion, Rogers pursued a 300-pound boar with five dogs. After the dogs cornered the hog under a cedar tree on the bank of a dry creek bed, Rogers climbed the eight-foot bank and shot his .44 Magnum, wounding the boar.

The angry hog chased Rogers off the bank, and the hunter sustained cuts to his head as a result of the fall. After Rogers' tumble, the hog ran about a quarter-mile in the opposite direction. The Lampasas hunter pursued the boar, though, and eventually made a fatal shot.

Hog hunts rarely come without excitement for Rogers.

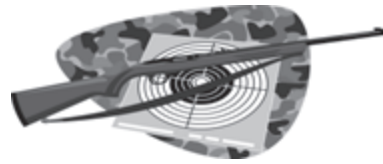
"We've been chased lots of times," the Lampasas said.

Annual Hunters' Welcome set at grocery store parking lot

The Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce will host its ninth annual Hunters' Welcome today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the H-E-B grocery store parking lot. Barbecue will be served, and participants also will receive a free goodie bag.

Sack lunches will be offered for sale for \$5 each.

For information, contact the chamber at 556-5172 or visit www.lampasaschamber.org.



Hunters' education course offered

Jamie Smart will offer a field course and final examination for hunter education certification on Nov. 16 from 2-5 p.m. at the Lampasas County Show Barn.

Certification costs \$15 and is available to all hunters ages nine and older.

Free home study curriculum is available at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/hunter_education/. On the Web site, select "online course plus a one-day field course."

Once hunters have reviewed the material on the Web site, they take a test and print the results to bring, along with \$15, to the field course site.

Components of the field study include a hunter skills trail, a live firing exercise, a one-hour presentation on ethics, responsibility and game laws, and a final examination. Students must score at least 80 percent on the test to pass.

Upon successful completion, students will receive a temporary certification card and may hunt with the card and a valid license. A permanent card will be mailed within a short time.

All hunters nine years or younger, as well as older hunters who have not passed a hunter safety course, must be accompanied by a licensed hunter age 17 or older who has passed a hunter education class or was born before Sept. 2, 1971.

Hunters age 17 and older -- and born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 -- who have not completed hunter certification must spend \$10 for a one-time deferral, which is valid only until the end of the current license year.

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