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**March, 2026**

**NO. 8**

**2026  
ON THE CALENDAR  
MONTHLY**

Pistol League: Tues. 7pm

Trap & Skeet: 1st, 2nd &  
4th Sat. 9am-1pm

Trap & Skeet: Sun. 1-5pm

Trap & Skeet: Wed. 3pm-?

Sporting Clays: 3rd Sat.

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**CALENDER - 2026**

**March**

NRA Rifle: 7th

Fall Pistol Banquet: 10th

Spring Pistol League: 17th

4 H Archery : 17th

Hunters Ed: 21st

Directors Meeting: 26th

**April**

NRA Rifle: 4th

4 H District Rifle & Pistol: 25th -  
(ALL RANGES CLOSED)

Directors Meeting: 23rd

**May**

NRA Rifle: 2nd

Kids Fishing Rodeo:

Directors Meeting: 28th

**RAFFLE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE !!!**

**Winchester M1 Garand 30.06**

**Oct-Nov 1941 Production**

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**Drawing will be concluded on August 27, 2026  
during the NWTFS Director Meeting.**

**To purchase a ticket please go to the  
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**Monday—Friday 1PM to 5:30 PM**



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7:00 PM**

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# HIGH POWER RIFLE MATCH

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH HIGH POWER MATCH  
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SPECIAL SHOOT DON JAMES MEMORIAL, INCLUDES  
LUNCH & AWARDS.

**COME OUT AND ENJOY THE FUN!**



A new addition to  
NWTFS Director  
Emeritus Plaque is  
Margaret Kroes.

Margaret was a big  
part of the North-  
west Texas Field &  
Stream for many  
years.

**YOUR  
CURRENT  
NORTHWEST  
TEXAS FIELD  
AND STREAM  
MEMBERSHIP  
EXPIRES  
3-31-2026.**

# **NWTFS HUNTERS ED CLASS**

**NWTFS HUNTERS ED CLASS MARCH 21,2026**

**IF YOU WERE BORN ON OR AFTER SEPT. 1, 1971, YOU ARE  
REQUIRED TO HAVE HUNTERS ED TO HUNT.**

**NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM WILL HOST A HUNTERS ED  
CLASS SATURDAY MARCH 21st, 2026, 8:00AM TILL COMPLETE,  
APPROXIMATELY 4 PM.**

**TO GET CERTIFIED YOU HAVE TO BE 9 YEARS OLD OR OLDER THE DAY  
OF CLASS. TO GET REGISTERED FOR CLASS GO ONLINE TO TEXAS  
PARKS & WILDLIFE, GO TO HUNTERS ED CLASS ROOM, FIND NWTFS  
CLASS REGISTER & MAKE COPY AND  
BRING TO CLASS.**

**COST OF CLASS IS \$15 THE DAY OF CLASS.**

**YOU NEED TO BE AT 2005 SOUTHWEST PARKWAY 76308  
BY 7:45AM TO CHECK IN, CLASS STARTS 8:00AM.**

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CALL FRANK JONES  
940-782-0592.**

## NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM DIRECTORS MEETING

February 26, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Directors present were: M. Bedwell, K & J Cannaday, L. Chaddick, R. Coughran, J & M Gallagher, J. Godby, P. Herrera, B. Johnson, F. Jones, R. Kroes, J. Lamberth, N. Mason, P. Mitchell, J. Petenbrink, J. Scales, B & J Stephens, M. Watson and A. Woods.

**Invocation:** Mark W.

**Pledge:** Norman

Thanks to everyone for coming. Thanks once again to the cooks. Noted that Mr. Watson made the chili and the desert cake.

**Guests:** Easton

**Minutes:** Bill J. motioned to accept but John P. had a change in dates that needed to be done and Bill had a spelling error to be fixed. John P. seconded motion with exceptions. Motion approved

**Financials:** Frank motioned to accept. Jessica seconded motion. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** None

**Gun Club:** John L.

Home Builders – April 10<sup>th</sup> April 11<sup>th</sup> – annual 410 match

**Rifle:** Jon S.

Had 5 at last match; lower than usual but it was a good match.

**Pistol:** John P.

Fall Pistol Banquet/awards will be March 10th with the spring league starting March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**4-H Rifle/pistol:** Roger

Have 18 and lots of parents interested in helping! There are several youth interested in going further in their training. They will be going to Amarillo March 14<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>. 4-H Dist. III rifle/pistol competition will be April 25<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). Did not award any buckles or ribbons last year due to having to shut it down because of the weather.

Have those but need to order the lapel pins. Motioned for approval of \$528.00.

John P. seconded. Motion approved. Currently contacting people to help. Devon Wall contacted him about volunteering options. He's stationed at Sheppard and can enlist probably a dozen people to volunteer. Will follow up with him.

May 1 – 3 is the TSRA state pistol competition. Noted that he does need to order targets for both rifle and pistol. Cost will be \$725.00 which we will recoup over time. Asked for a motion to approve. Billy motioned. John P. seconded.

Motion approved.

**Youth Shotgun:** Frank

Started on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. Only had 5 new ones this year but 7 – 8 returning. The new ones seem to be doing really good so far.

**Archery:** Mark G.

Class will start Mar. 17th at 5:00 at the high range. Doesn't know how many to expect.

**Safety:** Mark G.

Has found some solar panels to charge the battery packs on the cameras. Doing more research

**Gun Show: John P.**

Waiting on a call back to schedule for a gun show in Seymour in Sept.

**Hunters Ed.: Frank**

March 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 – 4 at Office on Southwest PKWY. Anyone 9 years or older is required to have it in order to hunt.

Hope to fill the class!

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Jennifer C.**

Let everyone know that we had raffle tickets available for a 1941 Winchester M! Garand 30.06 ready to go at \$50.00 each with only 200 being sold. She then walked around to show everyone the rifle. The gun was donated by Frank Bohuslav and is a limited edition/expert grade rifle.

**Rick:**

Announced to everyone that due to health reasons, he will be relocating back to Corpus Christi in the near future. Has house up for sale and interested parties. Said he was going to miss this and everyone here. Hadn't planned on leaving the area but they have family there.

**Artie:**

Annual Car Show will be March 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 4 at Herb Easley's. Had raffle tickets available for \$1.00 or \$5.00. There will be food available. Jack Monroe is cooking and swore it was excellent! Hoped everyone could make it.

Mark W. (a.k.a. Linda) motioned to adjourn. Jessica seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:20

**NEXT MEETING March 26, 2026**



**OUTGOING PRESIDENT RICK COUGHRAN PRESENTING THE GAVEL TO INCOMING PRESIDENT NORMAN. MASON.**



**2025 BOYS DEER HUNT GUIDE AND YOUTH HUNTER**

09 MAY 2026

# KIDS FISHING RODEO

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**Family membership ending March 31, 2027**

**NWTF&S Association**

**P.O Box 9161**

**Wichita Falls, TX 76308-0161**

**Questions call 940-692-1141**

**YOUR CURRENT FIELD AND STREAM MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES 3-31-2026.**

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**Membership expires March 31, 2026. Renew Now!**

**This includes new memberships, \$75.00 per year, as well as those whose memberships have expired. New members and expired memberships would also pay the \$25.00 Range Key Card.**

**Please remember that we do not send out renewal notices!**

### **Remind your friends!**

**Payment can be made by:**

- 1) Stopping by the office at: *2005 SW Pkwy Wichita Falls, TX 76308 (Monday-Friday 1pm-5:30pm).***
- 2) Mailing in a check or money order to our:  
*P.O. Box 9161 76308***
- 3) Submitting it online on our website: *nwtf.org***

## **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

This message is a friendly reminder regarding safety regulations at the North Texas Field and Stream (NWTFS) ranges. To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the specific rules for each shooting range.

Each of our ranges, varying in distance from 15 to 100 yards, have unique safety protocols in place. Clearly marked signage at each range details these specific requirements. We strongly urge you to carefully read these signs before commencing your shooting activities. Your adherence to these rules is crucial for maintaining a safe environment for all users.

While we want everyone to have fun and enjoy their time at NWTFS, it's important to understand that violations of these safety regulations can have serious consequences. Unfortunately, recent incidents captured on our range cameras have highlighted the need for increased vigilance. These incidents are being addressed promptly and appropriately.

For a complete overview of our standard range rules, please visit the NWTFS website. These comprehensive guidelines complement the range-specific signage and provide a complete understanding of our safety policies.

Your cooperation in upholding these safety regulations is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or require clarification on any of the rules, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Office: 940-692-1141    Web Site: [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org)    E-mail: [office@nwtf.org](mailto:office@nwtf.org)**

# Youth Trap Shooting Certification Course to Start February 17, 2026

Once again the Northwest Texas Field & Stream Association will provide a Youth Trap Shooting Certification Course for Boys & Girls ages 8 years old ( and in the 3rd Grade) to 18 years old.

This is an 11-week course with classes held every Tuesday from February 17th until April 28th.

The initial class on February 17th is from 6:00-8:30 PM and is mandatory for first year participants.

All course participants will learn the proper techniques and safety elements involved in using a firearm and the rules and expectations of the course.

The following classes will be held every Tuesday from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. These classes will be one-on-one, hands-on instruction.

The course will conclude with a graduation ceremony on Tuesday, April 28th . All classes will be held at the Northwest Texas Field & Stream Association Gun Range on Old Friberg Road.

Contact: Lonnie Culley, Instructor  
940-733-9443

OR

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640-692-1141

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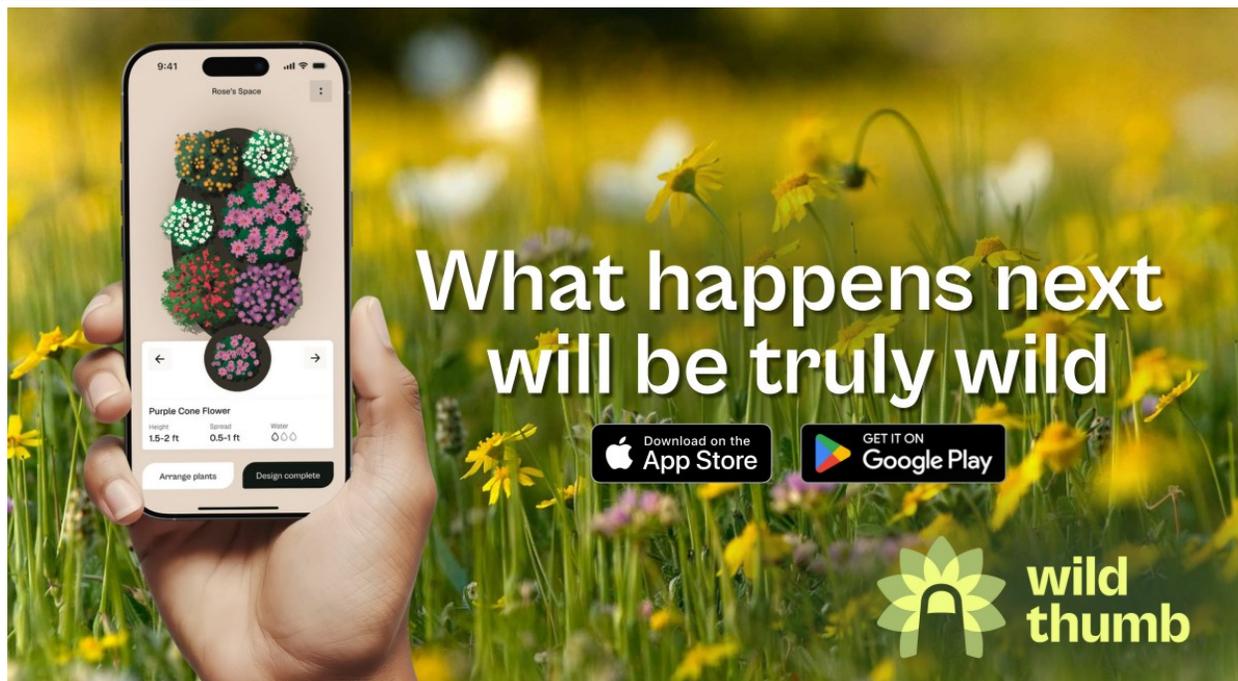


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# New Wild Thumb App Makes It Easier for Texans to Grow Native Plants for Pollinators

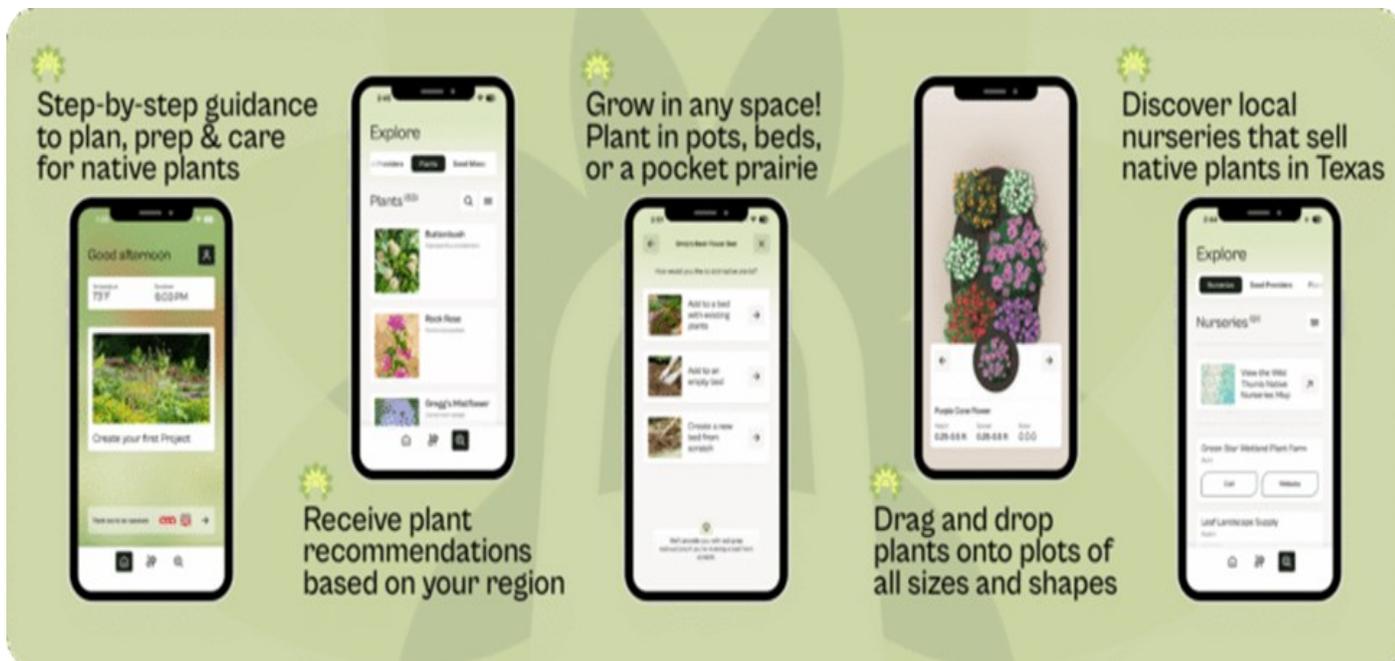
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A new free mobile app from Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation (TPWF) is helping Texans of all experience levels grow drought-tolerant native plants that will help pollinators thrive.

**Wild Thumb** guides users through an easy-to-follow, step-by-step process of selecting, planting, and caring for native plants. Whether you're growing plants in a patio pot, designing and creating a colorful native flower bed, or transforming a section of your backyard into a pocket prairie, Wild Thumb provides person-



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Most people don't realize that many of our native pollinators, including the American bumblebee, are in decline. By planting even a few native plants, Texans can make a tangible difference in restoring the critical habitat these species depend on.”

Future updates to the app will add more plant species, highlight specific pollinators each plant attracts, and more educational content about prairie ecosystems.

The app is part of TPWF's [Pollinators & Prairies](#) program, which launched in 2024 to increase healthy prairie habitat and pollinator populations, encourage Texans to plant native grasses and wildflowers, and to fund critical research on native bees and other vital pollinators. More information on the program can be found at [www.pollinatorsandprairies.org](http://www.pollinatorsandprairies.org).

The app was funded by H-E-B, the presenting sponsor of Pollinators & Prairies, as part of its Our Texas, Our Future commitment, and contributing sponsor Phillips 66. The app was developed in collaboration with [Outside studio](#), with assistance from the Native Plant Society of Texas and professional botanists.

**Wild Thumb** is available for smartphones and iPad and can be downloaded for free in the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#), just in time for the spring gardening season.

#### **About TPWF's Pollinators & Prairies Program:**

The Wild Thumb app is a new initiative of Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation's [Pollinators & Prairies](#) program, which launched in 2024 to help conserve Texas' vital native pollinators and iconic grasslands. The program works with conservation partners to increase healthy prairie habitat and pollinator populations, encourages Texans to plant native grasses and wildflowers, and funds critical research to guide management strategies for native bees and other essential pollinators. Pollinators & Prairies is generously supported by presenting sponsor [H-E-B Our Texas, Our Future](#) and contributing sponsor [Phillips 66](#). Conservation and research partners include the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Native Plant Society of Texas, Native Prairies Association of Texas, Tarleton State University, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Wildlife Association, and WHF. Learn more at [PollinatorsandPrairies.org](http://PollinatorsandPrairies.org)

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Since 1991, [Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation](http://TexasParksandWildlifeFoundation.org) has worked to advance Texas' proud outdoor traditions and conserve and enhance our state's lands, waters and wildlife. Our vision is for all Texans to have access to the wild things and wild places of our state, both now and for generations to come. For more information, please visit [www.tpwf.org](http://www.tpwf.org).

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\*This is a 101 geared towards Women who are wanting to learn the basics of camping. So "No Experience" is Accepted!



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