

# CENTRAL DEWITT COUNTY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2026

## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

### John Marshall Fowler

I hope you all enjoyed this past hunting season and that you were able to make some great memories for yourself and your loved ones. I harvested my second buck after 12 years! The future of our organization depends upon the younger generations, so making sure they are out there enjoying the sport is very important. DeWitt County continues to grow great bucks. Our contest winners this year scored in the 150-160 range, and some of the whitetail antlers harvested this hunting season will be on display at our awards banquet in February.

I look forward to gathering together at the Awards Banquet on February 21st, to celebrate all the successful hunts our membership experienced this past season. From the contest entry posts on our Facebook page, it appears there will be some great stories to be told.

### Photography Contest Voting

This year's photography contest photos will be up at DeWitt County Producers for voting starting on february 1st through February 20th. Take a moment to stop in and cast your vote.

### Newsletter Preference

Board of Directors has discussed making our newsletter electronic; however, we know some members may still want a paper copy. If you would prefer an electronic only newsletter, please email [cdcwma@gmail.com](mailto:cdcwma@gmail.com) and let us know your preference. Otherwise, you will continue to receive a paper newsletter.

## REMINDERS:

\*RSVP for the Awards banquet by Feb 8th.  
[cdcwma@gmail.com](mailto:cdcwma@gmail.com) or  
text Karen at 361-275-4502.

\*Harvest Log and Management practices must be entered into LMA website by April 1st.

[lma.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://lma.tpwd.state.tx.us)

\*Board of Directors are currently accepting donated items for the Awards Banquet silent auction and bucket raffle. Contact Jim Natho at 361-799-9200.

\*Take a few minutes to stop in Dewitt County Producers Feb 1st - Feb. 20 and vote for photos entered into our photography contest.

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## **AWARDS BANQUET**

Our Awards banquet is scheduled for February 21, 2026. The board of directors is currently accepting donations for the Awards Banquet silent auction and bucket raffle items. If you have any items to donate, please drop off with Willis Braden at Dewitt County Producers or contact a director to schedule a local pick up. We will have a catered meal provided by Andy's and need an RSVP for those planning to attend. Meal this year will include pot roast and gravy, buttered potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and tea. Please email a head count to [cdcwma@gmail.com](mailto:cdcwma@gmail.com) or text Karen at 361-275-4502 no later than February 16th. Doors will open at 5pm. Prior to dinner being served we hope you will enjoy fellowship with all our members, meet new members, and enjoy our silent auction items and the fun bucket raffle.

Don't forget to bring in your hog tails and coyote ears! Those hunters that have harvested hogs will be entered into drawings for cash prizes based on the number of hogs harvested for the past year. Remember even 1 hog tail can win you CASH money!!! Don't forget we started a bounty on coyotes paying \$10 per pair of ears. Coyotes killed between January 2025 and the Awards Banquet qualify for the bounty payouts, so remember to bring your ears with you if you didn't turn them into a weigh station last year. You must be present at the Awards Banquet to collect bounty payout.

### **ATTN High School Seniors: Scholarship Programs**

The Association offers two separate scholarship programs. One scholarship requires applicant to participate in CDCWMA contests, and the other requires applicants to be entering into a field of Wildlife management including, but not limited to Wildlife biology, conservation technician or conservation scientist, and Texas Game Warden. A separate insert is included in this newsletter highlighting our Member Scholarship program. The original scholarship program is offered through high schools to DeWitt County students.

### **Doe Permits**

CDCWMA permitted lands that received MLD tags are eligible to continue to harvest doe through Feb. 28, 2026.

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## **Harvest Log**

Please ensure you are entering your harvest log data and management practices (two) into the TPWD Land Management Assistance website by April 1<sup>st</sup>. This data must be logged in order to remain in good standing to receive MLD permits for the upcoming season. Website address is listed under the reminder section of this newsletter.

## **Annual Membership Dues**

Annual Membership Dues are now currently payable to the association. Membership runs January to December. If you paid in August of 2025, it is now due again for 2026 and can be paid up to our annual meeting in August this year. For those who took advantage of the 5 year payment in 2021, you will see \*\*\* (3 asterisks) behind your name followed by a number (1) denoting the years left of the 5 year membership on the address label for this newsletter. There are a few of you who will see \*\*\* (3 asterisks) with no number following. This denotes you are paid for 2026. Remember, you can now pay online at [cdcwma.com](http://cdcwma.com), pay by mail, P.O. 776, Cuero, TX 77954 or pay at the awards banquet next month.

## **Buck Contest Winners**

You can find results and photos of this year's Buck Contest Winners on our website [cdcwma.com](http://cdcwma.com) as well as our Facebook page.

CDCWMA Scoring Criteria: Gross Score +/- Age.

Age Points: 3.5yo or less = -5pts, 4.5yo = 0pts, 5.5yo = +5pts, 6.5yo or older = +10pts

# 2025-2026 Buck Contest Winners

## MENS RIFLE DIVISION

1st - J.T. Kelley 157-2/8 4.5 y/o	2nd - Russell White 136-3/8 5.5 y/o	3rd - Logan Pickett 134-7/8 7.5 y/o	4th - Reagan Fowler 130-7/8 6.5 y/o
5th - Drake Dyes 122-6/8 6.5,y/o			

## WOMENS RIFLE DIVISION

1st - Ashley Bailey 141-6/8 6.5 y/o	2nd - Kaleigh Newman 130-6/8 5.5 y/o	3rd - Maddie McCraken 98-7/8 4.5 y/o	
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## MENS CROSSBOW DIVISION

1st - Richard Filip 152-7/8 6.5 y/o	2nd - Beck Horine 123-6/8 6.5 y/o		
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## WOMENS CROSSBOW DIVISION

1st - Karen Filip 120 5.5 y/o			
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## MENS COMPOUND BOW DIVISION

1st - Corby Horine 131-4/8 6.5 y/o	2nd - Charlie Weldon 117-6/8 5.5 y/o		
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## YOUTH DIVISION

1st - Wesley Miller 169-5/8 5.5 y/o	2nd - Hansen Filip 129-7/8 6.5 y/o	3rd - Kaylee Smith 125-1/8 7.5 y/o	4th - Hayden Filip 122-5/8 6.5 y/o
5th - Riley Schons 119-4/8 5.5 y/o	6th - Jackson Burch 114 4.5 y/o	7th - Cat Chilek 110-7/8 5.5 y/o	8th - Jaycen Fowler 99-4/8

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## Member Scholarship:

The intended purpose of this scholarship is to boost participation within our Management Association by encouraging our local youth to participate in our various contests.

The scholarship provided is member based and the requirements are listed below.

\*Must be a dependent or grandchild of a current paid CDCWMA association member

\*Dependent/grandchild must have participated in **ANY** of our contest for 5 years (coyote, hog, photography or buck contest)

\*Must have been a paid member for a minimum of two years for the dependent/grandchild to be eligible

Scholarship amount will be determined by the current year's Board of Directors.

Awarded scholarship will be prorated during the implementation period and for new members as decided on by the current year's Board of Directors.

If you have a High School Senior who meets the above criteria, please contact CDCWMA by email at [CDCWMA@gmail.com](mailto:CDCWMA@gmail.com), or one of the directors listed below.

John Fowler - 361-401-2270

Reagan Haisler – 281-352-9001

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Cuero, TX 77954

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<http://cdcwma.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/cdcwma/>



### Board of Directors:

John Fowler 2024 - President  
Charlie Weldon 2024 - Vice President  
Karen Filip 2019 - Membership  
Curtis Jacobs 2022

### Non-Voting Members

Willis Braden - Treasurer  
Edwin Steinmann - Educational Foundation  
Skylar Hickman - TPWB Biologist