

JULY 2026

**CENTRAL DEWITT COUNTY WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, August 8th, at Cuero VFW Hall
Doors Open 5pm Catered Dinner 6pm

Annual Meeting

Please RSVP for the Annual Meeting no later than Saturday, August 1st, 2026. Join us for dinner at 6pm provided by KB BBQ. **We will have a special speaker this year to address New World Screwworm (NWS).**

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF NEW DIRECTORS AND OTHER TYPES OF INFORMAL HELP. WE ARE CURRENTLY 2 DIRECTORS SHORT OF THE TARGETED 6. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING AND ALSO RECRUITING THOSE THAT ARE WILLING TO HELP!

Lease License - \$15

A lease license is required for anyone who leases land for hunting purposes. The lease may be a monetarily paid lease, or a lease made for exchange of goods or services. Regardless of arrangements made between landowner and hunter, a lease license is required. The landowner or agent is responsible for completing all necessary documentation for the lease license. CDCWMA will apply for this license under the association as a benefit to you. The cost of the license is \$15 (\$6 + \$9 handling). Your lease license form must be returned and in hand no later than August 8, 2026. This date is allowing time for licenses to be mailed back to you before archery and dove season. Please request your form by emailing CDCWMA@gmail.com.

Membership Dues - \$30

All members must have their dues paid by August 8, 2026. You have 3 options to pay dues:

- 1) Online at CDCWMA.com or type this URL in <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/ghqjssh>
- 2) Mail in the enclosed Membership Statement
- 3) Pay at the annual meeting

If you choose to mail the statement, please complete the top portion with the member's name in order to give credit to the member. The annual meeting will be the very last day for dues to be accepted. Failure to have dues paid by August 8, 2026 will result in forfeiture of your antlerless permits.

Reminders:

~Dues must be paid by August 8, 2026

~Incidental Observations must be post-dated no later than September 1st

~ Year Round Contest

- Hog Contest
- Coyote Contest
- Photography Contest

RSVP for the Annual Meeting by August 1st as we need a head count for the caterer.

The CDCWMA Membership Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 was awarded to Jaxxon Marie, a 2026 Graduate of Cuero High School. He will be attending Hardin Simmons University in the fall to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice. The Education Foundation (Wildlife) Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000, was also awarded to Jaxxon as he hopes to become a Game Warden. This is the first time a graduating senior has received both scholarships offered by the CDCWMA. Jaxxon, the son of Jon Marie and Laura Marie, will also continue his football career at HSU. Congratulations to Jaxxon.



CDCWMA Spotlight Line Survey

The Association is required to run Spotlight Line Surveys between July 15th and September 1st. Each line must be completed three times. This requires at a minimum of three volunteers, but works best with four: one driver, one record keeper, and two spotters. The routes are mapped and include a coverage area across the county. Lines are run around the Friar-Thomas, Stratton-Edgar, Sandies-Clear Creek, and Ratcliffe. Please contact a director or the biologist if you would like to volunteer to participate in a Spotlight Line Survey for the Association.

Antlerless Permits ~ 3 steps

1. Herd Composition Incidental Observations Data - Incidental Sightings may begin no earlier than July 15th and must be completed by September 1st. These forms must be submitted to Skyler Hickman no later than September 1st. One form must be completed and returned to every property. Please use **ONLY** the form included with this newsletter or you may print the form from our website at CDCWMA.com
1. Print Doe Tags - You will receive an email when your tags are ready to print. When tagging a harvested doe, it is recommended to place the printed doe tag in a Ziploc bag to maintain legibility.
1. Harvest Log - Every property you receive antlerless permits for will have to have a harvest logbook kept on the property. It can be in the deer blind or stored in a container (mailbox). You must record the harvest at the same time you tag the doe, but the tag goes with the doe and logbook stays on site.

Hog Contest

The hog contest is open to all members, immediate family, and those entered in one of the buck contests. There is **no entry fee or sign up required** and runs from awards banquet to awards banquet. Just remember to keep the tails so they can be presented at the awards banquet held in February.

Photography Contest

Keep snapping those photos and submit them into the photo contest. Camera and game camera pictures of wildlife can be submitted and will be displayed at the awards banquet. No entry fee for this contest.

Coyote Contest

In an attempt to encourage more participation in the Coyote Contest, we will continue to have a **bounty on coyotes** in addition to our current contest. **The bounty will pay \$10 per pair of ears** up to 100 coyotes per year. Payouts for the bounty will be given at the Awards Banquet.

Current Coyote Contest is open to all members, immediate family and those entered in one of the buck contests. There is **no entry fee or sign up required**. This contest runs from February 1, 2026 until January 31, 2027. Coyotes must be killed in DeWitt County or its adjoining counties (Goliad, Gonzales, Karnes, Lavaca, and Victoria) by any legal means. Hunters must have a valid Texas Hunting License. Coyotes must be checked in at any of the following three official stations:

Apple Lumber Company in Yorktown *643 W. Main, Yorktown 361-564-2295

DeWitt County Producers Association in Cuero *401 W. Church St., Cuero 361-275-3441

Curtis Jacob in Hochheim *103 City of Hochheim Rd., Yoakum 361-275-4015

See CDCWMA.com for official rules, regulations, and important dates.

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Double J Saddlery

Friar Thomas Ranch Foundation

Ful-O-Pep

HEB

Helen Seekamp

Jim Natho

Jim Petter

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Tractor Supply/Teaghlach Meadows

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Board of Directors:

John M. Fowler 2024 - President

Charlie Weldon 2024 - Vice President

Karen Filip 2019 – Membership/Secretary

Willis Braden 2020 - Treasurer

Curtis Jacobs 2022

Non-Voting Members

Darwin Koenning

Edwin Steinmann - Educational Foundation

Skyler Hickman - TPWB Biologist



HERD COMPOSITION INCIDENTAL OBSERVATION DATA

Herd Composition data (often called incidental observations) may be the most valuable data collected on a deer herd. When properly collected, herd composition data can reflect the overall health of a herd and help guide the manager in making proper harvest recommendations.

Herd composition data should be collected between July 15 and September 1.

The form should be returned to my office by **September 1st**. Fawns have become part of the herd by this time, yet they are small enough to be easily distinguished from adult deer. Observations outside this period may result in inaccurate data. Observations may be collected during any time of the day. However, dawn and dusk are often the most productive.

All deer recorded must be viewed through binoculars or a spotting scope.

Small antlers are easily overlooked without optical aids. Fawns whose spots have started to fade are also hard to distinguish when they are observed alone. Be sure to look at the hips of deer that you think could possibly be fawns because the hips are the last place to lose spots.

Ideally, a minimum of 150 deer should be identified.

If possible, a larger sample size is desirable to strengthen the data and increase the confidence in the harvest recommendations. Observations can be made during routine ranch operations or as a special effort. On smaller ranches (<300 acres), it may not be feasible to obtain 150 deer observations, but efforts should be made to get at least 50. Members of Wildlife Management Associations should get at least 30 deer observations for ranches <300 acres and 50-100 deer observations for ranches >300 acres. Observing the same deer recorded on a previous count is not a concern. If a conscientious effort is made to record accurate data, a small amount of duplicate recording should not affect the ratios. All deer should be recorded as a buck, doe, or fawn.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO TOTAL THE NUMBERS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FORM

Submit data by **September 1st** to: Skyler Hickman

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
2805 N. Navarro, Suite 600-B
Victoria, TX 77901

Phone: 361-576-0022

Email:

*****If you prefer, you can email Skyler a PDF copy by deadline. If this method is chosen, please keep the hard copy for your records. *****

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CDCWMA
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☐ 2026 Annual Membership \$30.00

STATEMENT DATE: July 2026

Make Checks payable to: CDCWMA

Type of Payment: ☐ Cash in Person ☐ Check in Person ☐ Check by Mail

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	

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Membership Statement: July 2026

Annual Dues: \$30.00

Current Assessment
2026 Membership

\$30.00

Due Assessment

Total Due \$30.00