

# Deer hunts score big points with youth

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Leading youth in hunting exercises keeps Louisiana's outdoor sports alive as well as investing time in our youth, instilling values they can pass on to future generations.

Over the Thanksgiving break, we were able to have our niece and nephews visit us at our camp in Jackson Parish. The 14-year-old twins, Lauren and Harrison Duncan, and 16-year-old Christopher Duncan were able to harvest their first buck.

Lauren took a three-point buck with a primitive H&H 45-70 rifle that kicked like a mule but she was all grinn deer to find and haul back to the skin-

ning rack. Previously, she had hunted two years with us and had never seen a deer on the stand. She had a feeling this was the time.

Christopher has hunted before and taken two does in previous years, but this year he was only able to come hunting one day.

That morning, he was able to watch a doe come in and eat, but he was sure something was coming behind her and waited. It paid off because a buck came in chasing her. He was able to take an excellent shot just behind the shoulder.

Christopher's face was full of excitement as he brought in the eight-point buck.

The camp's congratulations and the repeated re-

quest for the story made our day.

Last year, we prepared our youth with lessons in gun safety, target practice, scouting, tracking and stand safety and it all paid off this year.

Telling your prize hunting stories is a tradition that bonds us together, regardless of age.

Taking young people with you to look for signs, tracks, trails, scrapes and pawings also add to the excitement of the hunt because they see proof of what they're hunting.

Trail cameras also pump up the volume on "Big Buck" possibilities and dreams of taking that deer of the lifetime. Eight years ago, I took 16-year-old Tiffany Watson hunting (now my daughter-in-law,

Tiffany Hatten). She took her first deer through a series of comic events that we still laugh about, as the story is elaborated a little more with each telling.

I wanted her to feel as proud of her doe as she would a trophy buck, so we skinned it very carefully to stretch and dry and make her a deerskin chair.

Not all of us will take a 150 plus trophy, but we can have a memento of a day that was truly special in our life.

We were blessed with three children we raised in God, Family and Outdoors priority. They are grown and gone but we can count on them being with us for every hunting season. Whether they choose to hunt or not,



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**HARRISON DUNCAN** (left), 14, **Christopher Duncan**, 16, and **Lauren Duncan**, 14, hold up a youth hunt kill.

they know how to do so and they recognize how important it is, how it impacted their lives and bonded us together.

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## MARTIN

Arkansas the Tigers were running on all three downs, then the next they were throwing the ball on all three downs. At least they were throwing it.

I really hope they work on those long throws down the field during the

off season. At least don't overthrow receivers by five yards who have three steps on the cornerback.

As for the play-calling, Travis Dickson lights up Ole Miss and gets one ball against Arkansas? Russell Shepard touches the ball

one or two times a game?

For the bowl game, put Shepard in the Wildcat formation and let him THROW it. I just want to see what that looks like.

Sure, everyone is going to say, "Hey, LSU finished 10-2 and not many teams do that."

Well, not many teams are LSU. Call it spoiled, but right now I do expect an 11-1 or 12-0 season.

The loss to Florida was a whole lot more devastat-

ing than the loss to Alabama.

LSU would still be in the BCS picture with a victory over Florida. The Gators are a lot better now than they were the first week of October.

LSU managed only 1-of-13 third-down conversions, while Florida was 7-of-14 and had a 37:24 to 22:36 advantage in time of possession.

The Tiger defense was magnificent in that con-

test, but got no help from the offense.

That changed in the Alabama game and completely changed in the last three games.

Alabama lost four players in the first round of the NFL Draft last year, one in the second, one in the fifth and one in the seventh.

Guess who is likely in the BCS championship game? Guess if Oregon or Kansas State would have

won out which fans of a college football team would have been disappointed with the loss to Texas A&M?

A bowl win for LSU is a must to get back into the national championship picture for next year.

Bringing in a solid offensive coordinator is another need.

Call me spoiled, but anything less than 11-1 next year is underachieving.

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**THEME: OUTER SPACE**

**ACROSS**

1. Raised on a farm, pl.
6. Former refrigerant
9. Red \_\_\_\_
13. Dickens' \_\_\_\_ Heep
14. Uncle Sam wanted this
15. Needed for service
16. Laundromat setting
17. Interest rate
18. \_\_\_\_ order of classical architecture
19. \*Famous cosmonaut
21. \*Space filler
23. Jack-in-the-Box restraint
24. Watered down
25. Columbus Day mo.
28. Drop a line
30. More hokey
35. \*Moon of Saturn
37. "Frat Pack" member
39. Burn slightly
40. Charlie "\_\_\_\_" Parker
41. Wall painting
43. First stop on the way to riches?
44. A picture within a picture
46. Phoenix neighbor
47. Sheepshank or bowline, e.g.
48. Tapeworm
50. Solemn promise
52. Lt.'s subordinate
53. Irk
55. Trigonometry abbr.
57. \*Atlantis' deposit
60. "It was recently retired"
64. Iraqi money
65. Make lacework by knotting
67. Traffic stopper
68. Greet the day
69. "\_\_\_\_, the Beloved Country"
70. Serengeti grazer
71. "All \_\_\_\_ are off!"
72. Witch's work
73. Clans or tribes

**DOWN**

1. Town
2. Diva's solo
3. \*Saturn's environs, sing.
4. Like sound of pinched nose
5. Mohammed's descendant
6. Greenish blue
7. Dandy
8. Grading arch
9. Holier than who?
10. Hokkaido native
11. It often precedes "proper"
12. And so on
15. Pervertly insane ones
20. "Kick the bucket," e.g.
22. Ooh and \_\_\_\_
24. Of which
25. \*Outer space path
26. \*Third country to independently send person to space
27. To the point
29. Swim, swam, \_\_\_\_
31. \*USS Enterprise Captain
32. Absurd
33. Prod or incite
34. He \_\_\_\_ in peace
36. Port in Yemen
38. \*Rover launcher
42. Gate holder
45. Sound quality
49. Be indisposed
51. Of Lords and of Commons
54. Bring back
56. Turning token taker
57. Add to payroll
58. U in "Law & Order: SVU"
59. Low pitch
60. "Mr. Robot" band
61. Links hazard
62. Fast time
63. Means justifiers
64. Pat
66. \_\_\_\_ you sure?

## Berry speaks to Warhawks' bowl chances

ULM head football coach Todd Berry met with members of the media Tuesday afternoon to speak to the Warhawks' bowl possibilities.

On bowl possibilities...

"I'm telling the team that they would be the first ones to know. I'm going to continue to try to be the filter on that, and

the players have done a

good job with it. I think you get way caught up in that stuff. Everybody does, and that's ok because it's exciting. It's historic and all those other kinds of things, so they are anxious. The reality of it is that we did some things to get ourselves in that position. We won eight FBS games. We took care of our business to get into that position and now we have to wait on some other teams and the bowls to make some decisions based on their business model on whether or not we're a good fit for them.

"I think Kent State right now has really created a problem for everybody that's not in a contracted bowl because if they do become a BCS contender, they go to the Orange Bowl. That would kick out a Big XII school and

that filters around a lot of the regional balls because of the potential of a Big XII draw, and I understand that.

"We'll have to see how Kent State comes out Friday night against Northern Illinois. There are a couple of other key games, but I think that's the big one. Everyone is kind of on hold to see what happens."

On 70 available bowl spots and ULM's possibility of being number 71...

"Obviously there's no guarantee because there's no contract. There's always that concern. Do I think that's probable? I don't think that's probable.

"We have eight FBS wins. We don't have a FCS win in there. We beat a top-10 team.

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**ULM WARHAWKS** quarterback Kolton Browning abandons the pocket in ULM's 42-16 win over North Texas.