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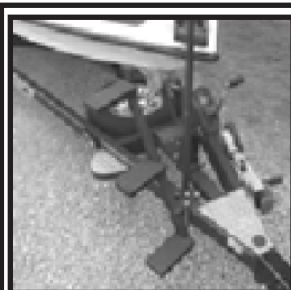
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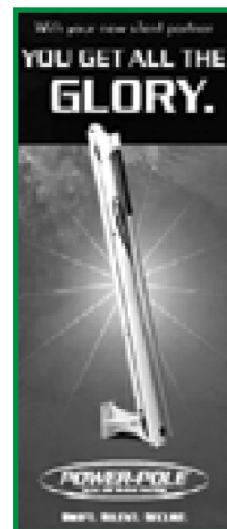
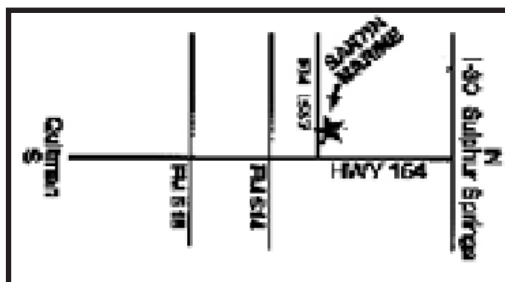


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By Dean Stroman

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hot spots. If you have all three conditions, you will sure enough have a honey hole.

As the water begins to cool with the advent of cold fronts in the fall, bass will become very active. Most bass will not return to the back ends of creeks where they spawn, but many will roam the creek channels from around the back half of the creek channels out to where the creek opens into the main body of water. Barometer pressure will play a major role as fall approaches and as cold fronts start showing up every five to seven days. The effect barometric pressure has on bass and all other predator fish is more significant than most people realize.

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Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

--Mission Impossumble-- Two Val Verde County game wardens responded to a call about a critter inside a Del Rio Super Wal-Mart. When they arrived on the scene, they found a juvenile opossum lodged in the ceiling braces. Using a Wal-Mart scissor lift, they were able to safely remove the opossum and successfully relocate it.

--Cool as Cotton-- A Runnels County game warden received a call from a man who said he saw someone in a vehicle shoot from the road and suspected a deer may have been struck. When the warden arrived, he found the vehicle in a

cotton field and a nearby man was spraying cotton. When he was questioned, the man denied shooting from the road. The warden seized a .243 rifle from the pickup but could not locate a deer. With the rain, blood would have been washed away. The next morning, however, the complainant gave a written statement and confessed in an interview to shooting at a deer from the road in his cotton field. Charges were filed.

--Catch and Release-- Game wardens in Maverick County picked up nearly 1,000 feet of trotlines stretched across the Rio Grande. These lines were secured with metal spikes to the rocks. Multiple catfish were released, and the illegal lines were removed by

the wardens.

--Just Turkeying Around-- A Hemp-hill County game warden was called, when a rancher and his son saw two men in a pickup trespassing on their property, shooting at turkeys with a bow. The rancher said he watched the pair for several minutes and noticed that the men appeared to be circling a flock of turkeys while attempting to get within shooting range. This continued until the suspects noticed the rancher's truck. They quickly threw something into the brush and made a hasty retreat to the country road. At this time, the warden was enroute nearly 20 miles away and instructed the rancher to call him if the

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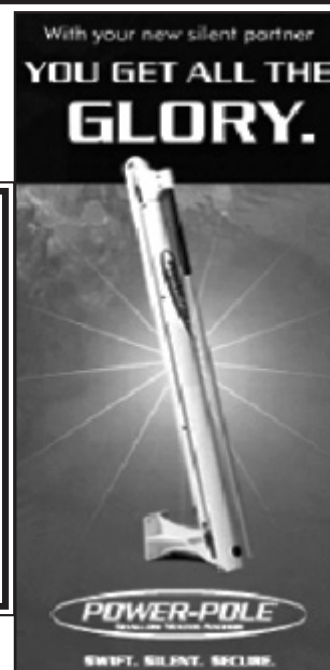


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suspects returned. When the landowner and his son returned to the area where the suspects had thrown the object, they discovered a compound bow and a dozen arrows. Driving back to the county road, the rancher was surprised to find the two suspects parked in their truck near the ranch entrance. He greeted the pair and asked if they were having car trouble, to which they replied "No" and explained they had just seen a snake and were considering capturing it. "Okay, good luck," said the rancher, as he crossed the county road and drove out of sight into another portion of his ranch where he could still see them. He watched them as they returned to the location, now barren, where they had dropped their gear. The rancher then called the warden, who was

1.5 miles away now, to report that the suspect's truck was in view behind him traveling at a high speed and about to close in on him. The warden instructed the rancher to continue driving the same direction until the warden could meet up with him and the suspects. Just as the two oncoming vehicles came to a stop, the warden was able to pull past the rancher and get behind the suspect's truck before they knew what was going on. The two suspects were from Oklahoma and worked at a nearby oil rig. When asked why they were chasing the rancher, they responded that the rancher had something they needed back. After the warden explained the many laws they had broken, they attempted to convince him they were only after jack rabbits. They finally

admitted to turkey hunting when the warden retrieved their bow and arrows from the rancher. Multiple charges and warnings were issued.

--Where the Heck Are We?-- Two hikers called 911 when they realized they were lost. The game warden who responded to the call requested for dispatch to issue instructions to the hikers to walk toward the water. After searching along the shoreline, the warden located the lost hikers. Neither was hurt, except for the female hiker who sustained a severe sunburn.

--Chivalry's Not Dead, Just Drunk-- When a Kimble County game warden noticed a vehicle driving on the wrong side of the road, he attempted to make a traffic stop. After following

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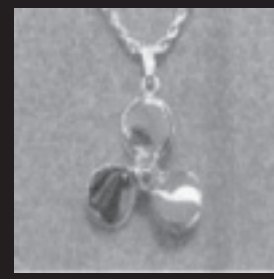
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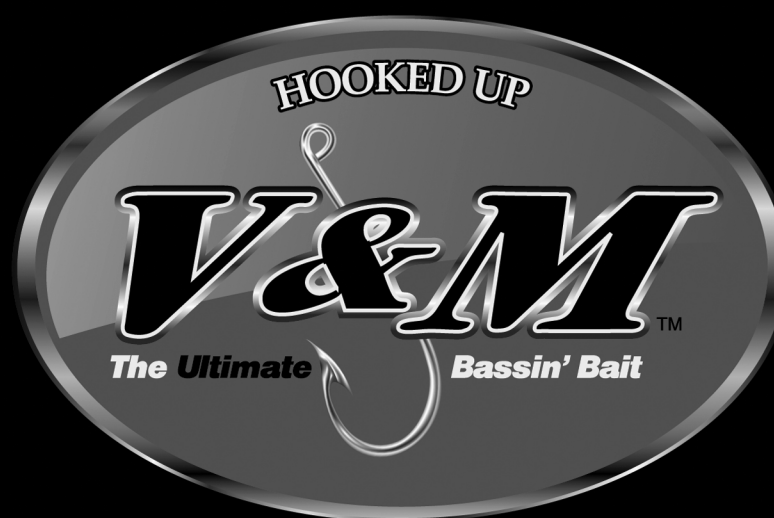
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Enjoy Classic Halloween Treats with a Trick

By Sue Hampton

Caramel apples have been a classic Halloween treat for more years than many can remember. You'd be hard pressed to find someone who doesn't have fond memories of sticky-sweet caramel and crunchy apples. Fun to eat, these treats are also pretty messy to prepare and enjoy.

This Halloween, you can enjoy a neater version of this classic snack. This easy recipe for Caramel Apple Cookies pairs smooth, rich caramel with apple-shaped spice cookies. The trick? You can enjoy these

"apples" on sticks.

Caramel Apple

Cookies

(Makes about two dozen)

These spice cookies are dipped in caramel and nuts to resemble the classic Halloween treat!

3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon apple-pie spice
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup (two sticks) butter, softened
½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
½ cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
Red and green food coloring pastes
24 green wooden craft sticks
1 package (14 ounces) caramels

3 tablespoons water
1/3 cup chopped cashews

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. In a medium bowl, combine flour, apple-pie spice, baking soda and salt. In a large bowl, using a mixer set on high, beat butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar until fluffy. With the mixer on low, beat in eggs and vanilla; beat in flour mixture.

2. Remove 1/3 cup of dough to a small mixing bowl; tint green. Tint remaining dough red; divide in half.

3. On a lightly floured surface, roll half of the red dough to a ¼-inch thickness. Using an apple-shaped template or cookie cutter, cut dough into shapes; place 3 inches apart on an ungreased baking sheet.

4. Place a craft stick under "stem" end of each cookie, pressing dough lightly.

5. Using your fingers, mold a small piece of green dough into a leaf shape and place on top of each apple cutout on baking sheet.

6. Repeat rolling and cutting process with remaining dough. Bake until crisp, but not browned,

8 to 10 minutes. Transfer cookies to wire racks; cool completely.

7. In a small sauce-pan, heat caramels and water over low heat, stirring often, until smooth. Set a wire rack over a waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Dip the cookies into melted caramel and then into chopped nuts. Let cookies stand until caramel is set, about an hour.



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the vehicle with lights and sirens for two miles, the driver slowly pulled into a driveway and was detained by the warden. When asked why he didn't pull over sooner, the driver said he figured since he was drunk and presumably going to jail, he wanted to get his girlfriend home and avoid having his vehicle towed. A Standard Field Sobriety Test revealed he was intoxicated, and he was arrested for DWI.

--Weight Issues-- A game warden in Galveston County filed a citation on a captain of a commercial bait shrimp boat for exceeding his limit of bait shrimp. The shrimper was a hefty 320 pounds over the legal limit.

--High-Strung-- Two Val Verde County game wardens assisted a national park ranger with a call on Lake Amistad near Del Rio. After ac-

quiring consent to search a vehicle, the wardens seized a small amount of suspected cocaine and marijuana from the two suspects in the vehicle. The wardens arrested the two suspects and, when searching them, retrieved several more small bags of suspected cocaine in one of their wallets. One subject was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance, and the other for misdemeanor possession of marijuana under two ounces. Cases are pending.

--Young, Wild and Fined-- While patrolling Lake Conroe, a Montgomery County game warden saw three people drinking alcohol- a violation of Wildlife Management Area rules. All three individuals were under the legal drinking age. Additionally, the warden found a glass jar of marijuana in

their ice chest. One of the suspects also had a bag of marijuana in his pocket. Just three weeks prior, one of the three individuals had been issued a citation from this same warden for posses-

sion of a marijuana pipe. Cases are pending.

--Busting Bundles-- A local game warden was contacted when a car and truck parked near Military Point concerned a local citizen. The caller

said a boat was near the vehicles along the shoreline of Falcon Lake, and the vehicles were being loaded with large bundles. Immediately, the warden began driving toward the reported

location and called the Zapata County Sheriff's Office to advise them of the situation. When the two vehicles were spotted near an intersection,

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4. Check in time: Friday, Oct. 24, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 25, 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. at Oakridge Marina.
5. To qualify, contestants must check in at tournament headquarters before fishing.
6. Fishing hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (official clock at sign-in station). NO FISHING from midnight till start time.
7. Fishing will be done on Lake Fork only (trailer allowed).
8. Contestants must fish from a boat. No bank fishing or leaving the boat to land a fish.
9. Life jackets must be worn any time their outboard motor is running.
10. All state, federal, and local laws must be obeyed or contestant and fish may be disqualified. No slot fish may be brought to weigh-in.
11. No one may have more than five (5) fish in their possession at any time. Only one (1) may be 24" or greater.
12. Largemouth bass 12" to 16" or 24" or greater in length may be weighed. No fish under 12" or between 16" and 24" will be weighed (or state law limits at the time of the tournament).
13. All fish must be caught on artificial bait by casting. (No trolling with gas engine). Pork trailer may be used.
14. Weigh-in starts at 3:00 p.m. (official clock at sign-in). You must be in the weigh-in line by 3:30 p.m.
15. All fish must be brought to the scales in weigh-in bags.
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17. Each contestant will be responsible for weighing his or her own fish. (No pooling of fish).
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20. Contestants may not have served as a compensated guide on Lake Fork 30 days prior to this tournament.
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22. Use of ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES or CONTROLLED DRUGS are prohibited during tournament hours. Prescription drug use should be declared at sign-in.
23. Anyone who has ever been disqualified for cheating or misconduct from any tournament is ineligible to fish.
24. Any contestant who violates any rule may be disqualified. Any act of a competitor, verbal or physical, that reflects unfavorably upon Texas Trails Bassmasters effort to promote fishing, conservation, clean waters, courtesy or safety shall be reason for disqualification from this and all future Texas Trails Bassmasters tournaments.
25. Parent or guardian must accompany contestants under 18 years of age.
26. All protests must be registered in writing with the tournament judges within 15 minutes after designated weigh-in time. All decisions of the tournament judges will be final in all matters. Anyone protesting the outcome of an Open tournament will have to pay for any additional polygraph test given.
27. All boats must be 8 feet in length or longer. An aerated live well is recommended to aid in fish survival for live release. Anglers cannot leave boat to land a fish.
28. All contestants are responsible to have read these rules and must agree to abide by them (by signing the entry form) while competing in this Texas Trails Bassmasters event.
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the warden stopped the truck, and the ZCSO unit stopped the other car approximately a half-mile away. The truck contained eight bundles of marijuana, totaling 179.2 pounds, and the car contained seven bundles, totaling 150.5 pounds. Both drivers were arrested for second degree felony possession of marijuana.

--Tequila Sunrise--

Around 8 a.m. when a Starr County game warden and a Zapata County game warden were on

their way to patrol Lake Falcon they noticed park police officers on a traffic stop. They then saw a female almost fall into the road. When asked what happened, the park police requested the wardens perform a sobriety test on the suspected intoxicated driver. The tests were administered, and the woman was arrested for DWI.

--Striking Green--

A Polk County game warden received a call from someone near Livingston who was doing pre-

season maintenance at a deer lease with some fellow hunters when they stumbled upon some marijuana plants growing in the woods. The warden called the Polk County Sheriff's Department special response team (SRT) for assistance in case the plants were being guarded. The warden lead the SRT to what turned out to be a very large and sophisticated cartel organized marijuana growing operation consisting of tens of thousands of plants.

The operation included a very large camp, bunkers with generators and enough food and supplies to last nearly a month. The occupants of the camp may have been spooked by the hunters and left the area in a hurry, leaving behind most of their belongings. The case was turned over to the Polk County Sheriff's Department for further investigation and plant eradication.

--A Toy Story-- A Smith County game warden was stopped at a red

light when he noticed the driver of a car in front of him waving a pistol around. The driver was pointing the gun at the passengers and at one point was even pointing it at his own head. When the light turned green, the warden followed. He quickly contacted the Tyler Police Department and, together, they conducted a felony traffic stop on the vehicle. The gun turned out to be a toy. The driver, who was a juvenile, and four other passengers were found guilty of extremely poor judgment. All were released to parents and went home safely.

--Girls Just Want to Have Fun--

When two Bowie County game wardens were patrolling a camp ground around Lake Wright Patman,

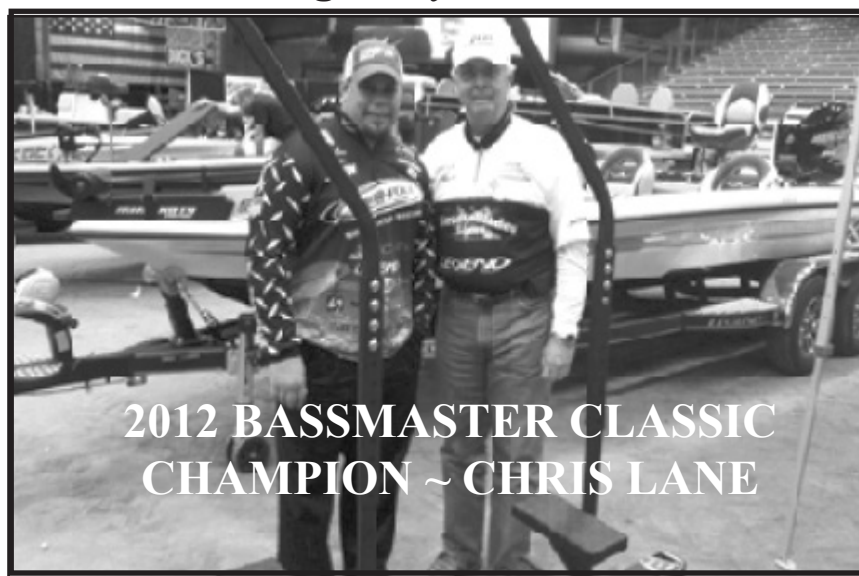
they noticed a young female hiding behind a sign and a stack of beer cans on the side of the road. They turned the car around and came to find two juvenile females intoxicated and stealing beer from other campers. Citations were issued, and the juveniles were released to adults.

--Hog Wild-- In Ramirez, a group of men were hunting feral hogs with dogs on a public roadway. When approached by a Duval County game warden, the hunters said they were hunting the area with permission from the surrounding landowners, though further investigation revealed they did not, in fact, have such permission. Nor did they possess hunting licenses.



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