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By Dean Stroman

June kicks off with the night bite being at its best. Planning the night trip is important for safety and getting around the lake in a timely manner. Make a checklist and go over it before you launch. Forgotten items can ruin a trip or even cause a disaster. A good trip starts with adequate preparation. Be familiar with the water you are going to fish. Pick your clothing carefully; no bright colors. Don't wear white, yellow or red. Wearing green, grays or blues will help keep the bugs away. Take plenty of bug spray. Make sure your batteries are all fully charged, your lights will be on the entire time. Always have a strong spotlight and remember you must have your running lights on at all times, even on anchor.

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four hour period. At night plants start using the oxygen around them. During this period, from several hours after dark until daybreak, bass will move out to outer edges of aquatic vegetation to feed where the oxygen constant is higher.

For those of you who want a first class night fishing trip, give me a call. I am still booking July and August night trips. Don't miss out on this year's night action. With Lake Fork at full pool, the night bite will be the best it has been in many years.

If you are coming to Lake Fork this summer, I'll be more than happy to help make your trip a successful one. If you want to book a trip or just need up-to-date information, give a call at 903-850-5083 (cell) or 903-383-7214 (land line) or email me at dstroman@peoplescom.net.

Dean is a guide on Lake Fork and published author of many fishing series and magazine articles. He has been featured on many television hunting and fishing shows and taught a course on how to fish Lake Fork at Eastfield College. He is sponsored by Legends Boats, Mercury Motors, Century 21 Lake Country, Gene Larew, V&M the Ultimate Bass Bait, Mossy Oak, and Easy Step Systems.

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Game Warden Field Notes_

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

--Lost and Found-- A Scurry/Garza County game warden responded to a residential burglary alarm along with Scurry County sheriff's deputies in a remote area of the county that has experienced a large amount of theft recently. Upon arriving on the scene, witnesses stated an individual had run out of the back of the house, jumped a fence and fled into the thick brush behind the property. The warden and a deputy trailed the subject through the brush until his trail doubled back to the county road. The subject was subsequently found and apprehended a short distance away, walking alongside the road.

--Dumping Grounds- Right after dealing with the residential burglary alarm, the Scurry/Garza County game warden noticed several white trash bags dumped along side a remote county road. While inspecting the contents, a local landowner stopped and said he had seen several similar bags at another location not far away. Upon further inspection, receipts and old mail from the trash confirmed that all eight of the trash bags found had originated from one residence. After visiting with the individual whose name appeared in the bags, the warden determined the individual's 17-year-old son had been illegally dumping the trash rather than driving it to his grandmother's house to dispose of it. After a lengthy discussion with

the young man, the warden ensured the trash had been cleaned up and the young man was educated through citations on Texas's illegal dumping laws.

--If Only He'd Fixed that Taillight-- A Coleman County game warden was patrolling late one night when he came across a vehicle with no left tail light. After initiating a traffic stop, the warden found the driver did not possess a driver's license. The warden asked the driver if he had any guns in his truck, to which the driver responded that he had two behind his seat. Upon further investigation, the warden found the driver was a felon. The warden arrested the subject for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

--Close to Home-- A Travis County game warden received a call from the Travis County Sheriff's Office that they had a subject in custody for felony possession of a stolen shotgun. The original call regarded shots fired on a road close to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department headquarters. The subject was hunting mourning dove out of season with an unplugged stolen shotgun, shooting directly over a fence into the neighbor's agricultural field. Large amounts of feathers and crushed beer cans littered the immediate area from heavy usage over time. The closed season outlaw did not have Hunters Education certification, a hunting license or any endorsements or stamps. --Daffy Duck Hunters-- An Upshur County game warden and a Wood County game warden investigated an anonymous tip about two duck hunters shooting a 10-man limit of ducks at an unknown location one morning. The only evidence the tip offered were a possible last name and a photograph of one individual posing with 60 ducks. Later that evening, the wardens identified, located and interviewed the two individuals involved, who both admitted to shooting 60 ducks over a baited pond as well as dumping 55 ringnecked ducks in the woods to waste. The ducks and bait were located and collected for evidence. Multiple cases and restitution are pending.

--Possum High-- A Smith County game warden was sitting on a night set watching two pastures. After a while, a car drove by, slammed on the brakes, swerved into the bar ditch and turned around quickly. The car sped up for a short distance before swerving into the bar ditch and turning around again. The warden watched the vehicle do this two more times before catching up with it and making a stop. When the warden asked the driver what he was doing, the driver replied he was trying to run over an opossum that was trying to cross the road. The warden could smell a heavy odor of marijuana coming from the driver, who admitted to possessing a small amount. The warden issued citations and the cases are pending.

--Dude, Where's My Deer Head?-- Two Jasper County game wardens went to a local deer processing plant and began inspections, during which the owner of the plant became very uncooperative, tell-

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ing the wardens they had no right to look at his business. The wardens stepped out of the plant to discuss the several class C violations they found at the plant, and upon their return to the plant, they noticed a deer head in question with undersized antlers was missing. The wardens filed felony charges for tampering with evidence and the undersized buck was eventually found.

--Stolen? No. Wait, Yes.-- As an Atascosa County game warden was on patrol, he came across a parked truck on the side of a county road that was "out of place." He ran the rear license plate and it did not come back stolen. However, upon further investigation, he learned that was in fact actually stolen and had been for two weeks. In addition, the truck had been used to carry undocumented immigrants from South Texas to a designated drop off point in Atascosa County. The truck was going to be reused for that same purpose until the warden happened upon it during his routine

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patrol. Those responsible had switched out the back license plate with a similar truck's license plate.

--Peyote Nights-- Several Texas game wardens helped investigate a group of trespassers on the East Wildlife Foundation property after receiving a picture of two individuals walking into the ranch from the southern boundary fence. Based on prior intelligence, the wardens believed these trespassers were the same ones that had gotten away from them just two weeks prior. In all, five wardens and two ranch security personnel waited alongside a trail the trespassers had used previously, where they successfully apprehended two Mexican nationals with about 103 pounds of peyote. The wardens charged the

trespassers with criminal trespass class B misdemeanor and possession of controlled substance first degree felony. Further investigation could lead to organized criminal activity charges.

--On a Rampage--While investigating a poaching case, two Webb County game wardens visited the local taxidermist hoping to locate a missing deer. While going through the records, the wardens found two ram skulls that raised a concern. Further investigation proved that both rams were taken illegally. Both hunters who shot the rams were cited for hunting without a hunting license and no proof of hunter education.

--"I Didn't Think You Would Be Home"-- A Comanche County game warden had come home for lunch and parked his

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when a knock came at the front door. His wife answered the door to find a young man asking if she knew where he could hunt hogs. She said she didn't know and sent him on his way. The warden got to the door just as the man was getting into his white truck to leave. He felt there was something off about the encounter, so he moved his patrol truck behind his house and set up where he could watch the oat field just across the highway. At dusk, he saw a white truck driving slowly on the highway and stop at the edge of the oat field. He then saw the man get out, remove

truck in the driveway

a rifle from the backseat. sneak up to the fence and fire four shots into a herd of deer. Another car was coming down the road and spooked the man, so he ran back to his truck and made a U-turn just as the warden arrived to the scene. The warden proceeded to handcuff. search and read Miranda rights to the man before asking him, "What were you thinking?" The young man said, "I didn't think you would be home." The warden then searched the field but did not find a deer or any blood. The man said he had just bought the .243 rifle and had not bothered to sight-in the scope. The

man was charged with hunting from a public road and hunting in a closed area. His new rifle was seized.

--Shell Shock-- While patrolling for duck hunters in Aransas Bay, two Aransas County game wardens came across a sea turtle stranded in the very cold and shallow water. The wardens then transported the stunned sea turtle to deeper water and helped it get going. The sea turtle successfully swam way.





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Prepare a Great-Tasting, Nutritious Meal For Dad

By Sue Hampton

For Father's Day, surprise that special dad in your house with a flavorful meal that's both extraordinary and easy to prepare. Fully cooked and readyto-use Alaska canned salmon lends a delicious and healthy change of pace to many occasions.

A truly versatile food, canned salmon can be used to create new family favorites by substituting it in your canned tuna recipes or by using it in many other unique recipes as well.



Surprise Dad with an extraordinary meal made with Alaskan salmon that's fast, easy to fix and healthy too.

If taste alone isn't reason to use Alaska salmon, it is a good source of Omega-3 fatty acids which promote heart health, lower the incidence of strokes, reduce cancer risk and act as natural anti-inflammatory agents. It is also rich in selenium, vitamin E and low-fat protein, all good for bolstering the immune system. High in calcium, Alaska canned salmon promotes stronger bones, a benefit especially vital for women

him by serving him a meal that's abundant in good taste as well as health benefits, not to mention fast and easy to fix, even for less experienced chefs. Alaska Salmon

Croquettes

Serving suggestion: Serve with deli cole slaw and/or a mixed fruit salad.

1 can (14.75 ounces) or 2 cans (7.5 ounces) Alaska Salmon, drained and flaked

¹/₄ cup plus 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, divided

¹/₄ cup dry bread crumbs ¹/₄ cup chopped green onions 1 egg

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 teaspoon Cajun, Cre-Show dad you love ole or blackened seasoning mix or seasoned

> salt 2 teaspoons butter

1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard

Lemon wedges In a medium bowl, combine salmon, 1/4 cup mayonnaise, bread crumbs, green onions, egg, lemon juice and seasoning. Mix well; shape into four 1/2inch thick patties. Melt butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add salmon croquettes; cook 3 to 4 minutes per side or until golden brown. Meanwhile, combine remaining 2 tablespoons mayonnaise and mustard. Serve sauce and lemon wedges with croquettes.

Baked Version: Prepare patties as recipe directs. Place patties on baking sheet coated with vegetable oil cooking spray; spray tops of patties. Bake in 425F oven 15 minutes, turning after eight minutes of baking.



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