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By Don Hampton

The 14th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament will be held on May 18, 19, 20, 2018. Tournament headquarters will be out of Lake Fork Marina located just off High-

way 17. This year's tournament proves to be bigger and better than in previous years. Don't let the name of the tournament fool you! It is "The Legend of Lake Fork!" Do not mistake it for an owner's tournament be-

cause all boats, and models are welcome. It is the legend of this great reservoir! It is an individual tournament. More than one angler can be in the boat, but each (See 14th Annual.... Continued on Page 3-A)



Lance Bernard from Aubrey, Texas was fishing with guide James Caldemeyer when he caught this Lake Fork hawg weighing 12.56-pounds. (Courtesy Photo Martin's Fisherman's Inn)



A TRUE  
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Stroman

1949 - 2018

"He Will Be Missed!" Dean Stroman passed away on January 11th and his services were held on January 17 at Alba Baptist Church. Dean was a longtime guide on Lake Fork, wrote for The Fisherman's Guide News for 8 years, a member of Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork and was a truly great friend. He loved the outdoors, both fishing and hunting, and will truly be missed by family, friends, and clients. "If there is a lake in heaven I know he is now on it."

### Lake Fork Sportsman Association Inducted Into 2018 Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame

The Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame committee announced Shannon Tompkins, a reporter and columnist at the Houston Chronicle; and the Lake Fork Sportsman's Associa-

tion (LFSA), an organization that works to protect and promote Lake Fork's natural resources, will be inducted into the hall of fame in 2018. "This year's inductees to the Texas

Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame have made unique and significant contributions to freshwater fishing across the state," said Dan Kes- (See LFSA Inducted..... Continued on Page 4-A)



## A Romeo Bubba Will Never Be As Long As There Are Fishes In The Sea

By: Don Hampton

Bubba thought hard and then he thought long... On Valentine Days of the past... And how he'd went wrong...

On this day of romance he always tried his best... But for one reason or another he never passed the test...

To Bubba's way of thinking this day must be cursed... For each one that passed seemed to have been the worst!

On one such day he almost bought her perfume, but couldn't find the right odor... That was the one when he bought her a new trolling motor!

He's tried even to get her something in which she'd truly delight... But she wasn't impressed when he

bought her a floating crappie light! Bubba tries so hard to show through gifts the love for Bubbette he does feel... But still she wasn't

impressed with the Shimano combination rod n' reel! The next year he just knew she'd think his gift was so devine... But still she wasn't impressed with the spool of new braided line!

Bubba thought for a year Bubbette would know she was his dream...

So he bought her a subscription to BASS-MASTER magazine! He'll never forget the Valentine's Day when he got hit with rocks...

That was the one he bought her the new bass angler's tackle box! He thought on one such day, it would only show

he loved her more... And went out and bought her a new riding lawn mower!

But Bubba learned a lesson on Valentine's Day this past year... That was when he bought her a floating fishing pier!

On Valentine Days in the past Bubba has bought Bubbette everything from lures to hooks... And always finds himself the next day dodging vases and books!

Bubbette knows Bubba's love for her is so very strong... But when it comes to buying gifts he has the tendency to go wrong!

He'll leave the house with intentions of buying perfume, clothing or jewels... But when he gets home from town he's bought fishing

equipment or tools. Bubbette has tossed at Bubba some hints and clues... On some of the more particular don'ts and do's!

More well defined you might could say she made a threat or two... This way to Bubba the thought is more likely to get through!

So Bubba listened to her while thinking of his boat and the lake... And the light went off upstairs and he knew this year he'd not make a mistake!!!

Because of the thinking long and hard, Bubba is playing it smart so he doesn't have to sleep in the yard...

He's going to go buy something with the Hallmark seal, that tells her of the love in his heart and how he really does feel.

But also to keep him from landing in the yard, To My Bubbette, Happy Valentine's Day! in the package her own This Bubba Loves You!



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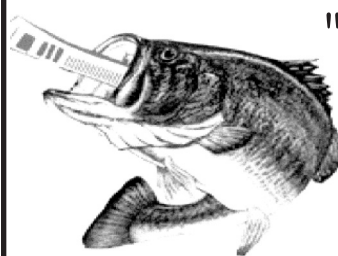
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## 14th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament (Continued from Page 1-A)

one has to be a paid entry and keep their bass separated from the other anglers in the boat.

We will be paying 10 places per hour with the first to be knocked out of ninth place receiving a \$100 gift certificate from one of the sponsoring businesses. This aspect has some anglers really playing the game bringing a small bass that may weigh under a pound to the scales at the top of each hour just to be knocked out of the hour first and secure a win.

All early entries received on or before April 30th will be in the drawing for a 2018 Legend bass boat powered by Mercury and Motorguide. Anglers, if you miss the chance to get in for the early entry in the tournament, you will still have a chance to win one of the Legend boats to be given away and a chance to get in on the hourly pay-backs.

Anglers will be competing for two boats for the two heaviest 24" and over the slot, one for the heaviest under 16" and the one boat for the early entry drawing.

Anglers can fish one, two or all three days of the tournament. If you miss the early entry, you can still come and register for the tournament. We will be set up and taking entries at Lake Fork Marina, the tournament headquarters, on Thursday May 17th from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Friday May 18th from 5 a.m. till 6 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday if only fishing one or two days we will be taking entries at

the same times. Official fishing days for the tournament are May 18, 19, 20 and fishing hours are from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the first hour weigh in beginning with the 7 to 8 o'clock hour and ending with the 2 to 3 o'clock hour each day. Anglers have to be off the water by 8 p.m. each day of the tournament and cannot get on the water until 4 a.m. and cannot wet a hook until 6 a.m. The official starting time and hourly up-dates will be announced on FM 99.9 KMOO Radio Station so be sure to have a radio in your boat.

Each angler will receive a 14th Annual Legend of Lake Fork cap with their weigh bag and baits. Again this year we will be selling commemorative T-shirts at tournament headquarters. If you purchase a shirt and have it on or with you and win 1st place in any hour, you will receive an extra \$100 in cash on the spot. Every hour of the tournament is a T-shirt hour.

All anglers will also be able to purchase a Temple Fork Outfitters rod from our selection for only \$60. This offer is while supplies last, two rod limit per angler. As popular as these rods are, they seem to go pretty fast, but on another note we will have a large supply.

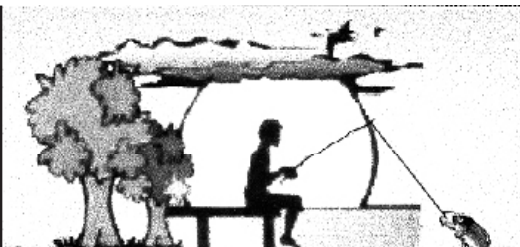
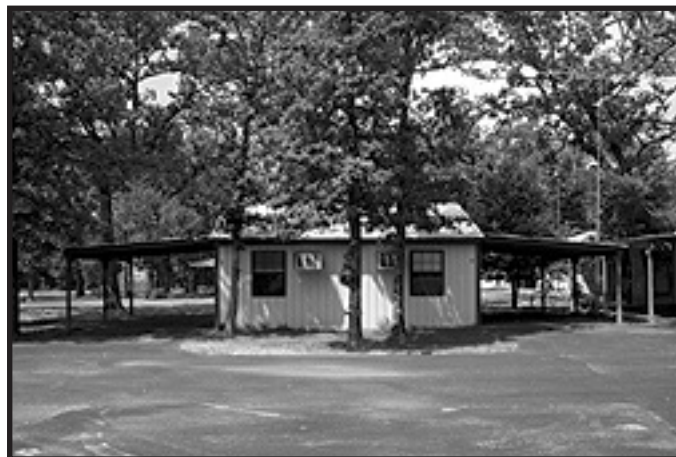
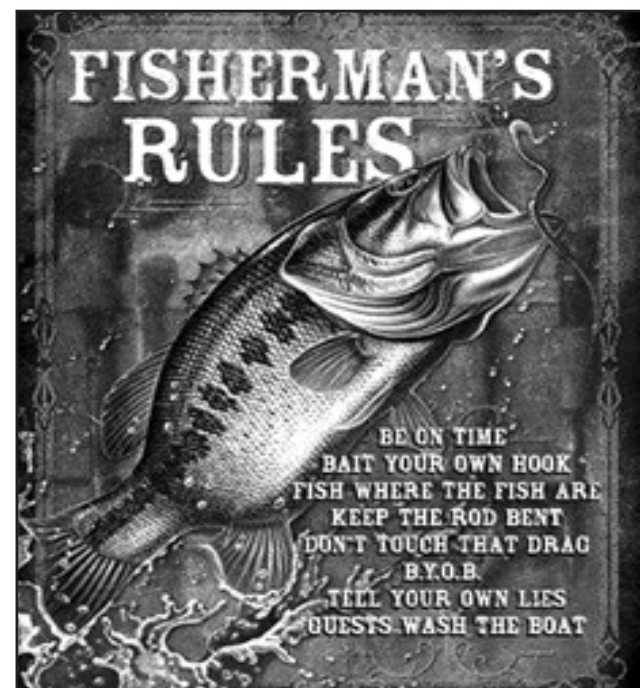
The Chek-It-Stick is the official measurement of the tournament. Bass under the slot coming to the weigh-in cannot touch 16" and

bass over can touch or exceed the 24" mark.

This tournament is fun for the entire family. Come out and enter or just bring the family and enjoy the festivities and check out the vendors.

Entries for the tournament can be obtained at [www.legendoflakefork.com](http://www.legendoflakefork.com) or at [www.fish-guidenews.com](http://www.fish-guidenews.com) and click on tournament or give me a call at 903-360-6994 or 903-383-7748.

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**LFSA Inducted Into 2018 Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame** *(Continued from Page 1-A)*

sler, TFF Hall of Fame Committee Chair. "We are proud to honor them not only for what they've done - but for what they continue to do to promote fishing opportunities and protect our natural resources for present and future generations of anglers."

Shannon Tompkins, of Porter, is a reporter and columnist at the Houston Chronicle who focuses on the Texas outdoors - with an emphasis on freshwater fishing and hunting. Tompkins is a past president of the Texas Outdoor Writers Association and his reporting has won national and state awards to include the Sierra Club's Lone Star Environmental Reporting Award, multiple Excellence in Craft awards from the Texas Outdoor Writers Association and the Outdoor Writers Association of America, and an award from the Texas bureau of The Associated Press.

Tompkins has covered a wide range of freshwater fishing topics in his articles including highlighting recreational fishing, state fisheries management and regulations, and aquatic invasive species and their impact on the environment. His writings have reached millions of people all across Texas.

"Mr. Tompkins is passionate about conservation and the outdoors - and that passion is

reflected in his writing," Kessler said. "He doesn't just tell people how to fish; he has the unique ability and talent to help people understand why they should care about freshwater fishing and conservation in Texas."

According to the writer of his nomination letter, "One day all his articles should be collected and edited into a book. And if that book could somehow capture the heart of the man behind the words, it would be a rare reflection on the past nearly half-century of Texas freshwater angling."

The Lake Fork Sportsman's Association, nominated into the industry or organization category, has worked to protect and promote Lake Fork's natural resources since 1999.

The LFSA has partnered with state and local agencies, community organizations, and high schools on many projects to include operating a live release boat to decrease tournament stress on the fishery, donating fishing tackle to high school fishing teams, hosting free fishing events to draw kids into the outdoors, placing artificial habitats into the lake to enhance recreational fishing, and planting native aquatic vegetation to improve habitat for fish and wildlife.

The LFSA also established the Jesse Park-

er Memorial Scholarship, named after a long time Lake Fork fishing guide and businessman, to provide tuition money to high school seniors pursuing a career in outdoor fields like fisheries biology and wildlife management. To date, the LFSA has given more than \$20,000 to these students.

"The Lake Fork Sportsman's Association is an exceptional example of what a group of motivated anglers can do to improve their fishery and community," Kessler said. "Lake Fork's continued reputation as a top bass fishing destination both in Texas and the nation is in no small part due to the hard work they put in every day to enhance and protect it."

The Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame is housed at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. Its mission is to "recognize and honor those who have made a lasting contribution to freshwater fishing in Texas, and to foster a sense of appreciation, awareness and participation in the sport of fishing."

Both inductees will be formally inducted into the Hall of Fame at the 2018 Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest benefiting Texas parks and Wildlife Department in May.

For more information, visit the TFF Hall of Fame online.



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# Toyota ShareLunker Program Debuts Mobile App, Website

With the launch of the new year-round participation season as of Jan. 1, the Toyota ShareLunker Program is debuting a new website and mobile app to facilitate entries and provide anglers with news and updates.

"Catching an 8 pound or larger bass is no easy feat, so we made it as simple as possible for anglers to be rewarded for their achievement with the Toyota ShareLunker Program," said Kyle Brookshear, Toyota ShareLunker Program coordinator. "With our new mobile app, anyone can enter their lunker bass from their smartphone or tablet right from their favorite fishing spot." The Toyota ShareLunker app is now available for free download from the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Anglers also have the option of entering their catch at the end of their fishing trip on the new Toyota ShareLunker website, <https://texassharelunker.com>. The digital entry form allows anglers to quickly submit photos of the fish being properly measured, weighed and held.

The mobile app and website entry forms include simple instructions for anglers who would like to provide a sample of fish scales from their lunker bass to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) researchers for genetic analysis.

"By entering the information and providing scale samples from catches of 8 pound and larger lunker bass, anglers can provide TPWD with important data that our fisheries biologists and

hatcheries staff can use to make the bass fishing in Texas even better," Brookshear said.

But the bread and butter of the program is still the selective breeding and stocking the offspring of the state's biggest fish. Anglers who catch a largemouth bass over 13 pounds Jan. 1 through March 31 can choose to loan it to the program for spawning during the peak season. These special fish are entered by calling the program directly - any time of day - at (903) 681-0550. TPWD hatcheries staff will attempt to spawn all 13-pound lunker bass loaned through March 31. Some of the offspring will be stocked back to the source locations for all ShareLunker entries for the year, and others will be used as brood stock for statewide largemouth bass stockings.

Lunker bass entries of every size over 8 pounds or 24 inches will receive an exciting prize package and anglers can enter as many fish as they want during the participation season Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

Each angler who enters an 8 pound or 24 inches and larger lunker bass on the mobile app or website will receive a Toyota ShareLunker Catch Kit containing branded merchandise and fishing tackle items and an entry into the year-end ShareLunker Prize Drawing for a \$5,000 shopping spree and an annual fishing license. Anglers will also receive a vehicle decal to display their recognition category - Lunker Class for bass at least 8 pounds or 24 inches,

Lunker Elite Class for bass 10 to 12.99 pounds, and Lunker Legend Class for bass at least 13 pounds.

Lunker Legacy Class anglers who loan a lunker bass over 13 pounds to TPWD during the spawning window will receive the same prizes as the other categories as well as a Lunker Legacy Class vehicle decal, VIP access to awards programming at the Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest, a replica of their fish, and an entry into the Legacy Class Prize Drawing for a \$5,000 shopping spree and an annual fishing license at the end of the spawning period March 31.

After spawning at the TFFC, the 13 pound and larger lunker bass will be returned to the angler, who will have the option of releasing them back to the lake or donating them to the Toyota ShareLunker program for display at the TFFC.

To view the full list of prizes and official rules and entry information, visit <https://texassharelunker.com>. For program updates, photos and to keep up with Texas lunker catches, join the ShareLunker community online at [www.facebook.com/sharelunkerprogram/](http://www.facebook.com/sharelunkerprogram/).

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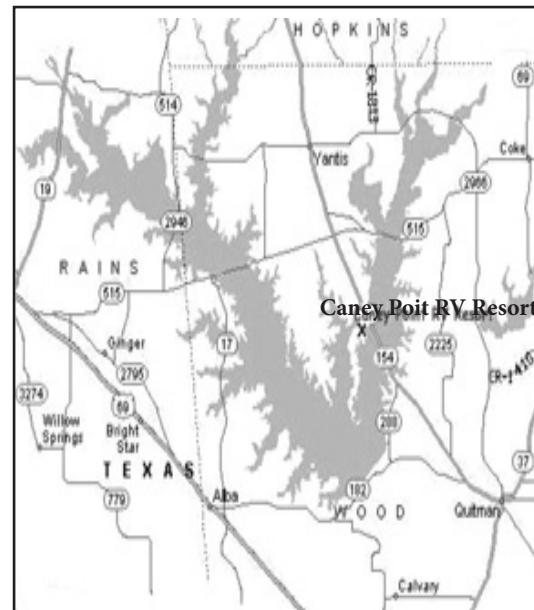
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# February on Fork Any Cast Could Produce a Hawg

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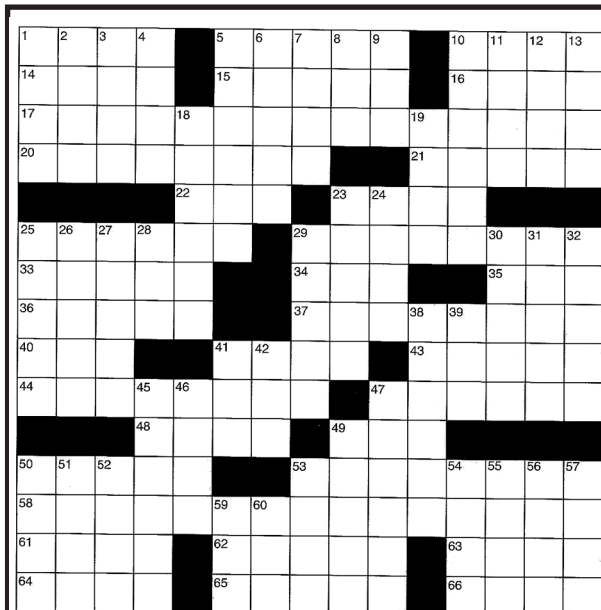
"If February is anything like January, you'd better bring your ice pick with you cause you'll probably need it. January has been seriously cold and water temps have been hovering in the low to mid forties. Bass are cold blooded so all it does is slow their metabolism and they just don't feed that often. But when they do the battle cry is "OMG, it's a giant". The days are starting to grow longer in February so I suspect the big Fork hawgs will keep on schedule and start working their way to the spawning grounds as the days wear on in February. Any cast could produce the trophy of a lifetime.

Each waking day delivers us a different possibility on how to attack the wary green fish. If

the sun pops out for the day, you need to head to the backs of the creeks and pursue the shallow bite particularly in the afternoon. Shallow water will absorb the sun's rays more quickly causing the bass to move up for the warmth. By the same token, this same water cools more quickly when a major front slides through. Bass will move back out until the high pressure dissipates. While this transition is taking place the deep bite will be in vogue. Staging bass will hold on points and areas just outside of their spawning grounds. The key depth range should be focused in the 12-15ft area. Big bass will stage at key junctures at the mouths of pockets also and play a waiting game with the water temps that suit their liking. This is when you bring out the big guns to usher in the trophy bass. The A-rig will be the go to strategy and it's set up is all important to the trophy success. Everyone has their favorite way to rig these umbrella monstrosities but common sense will lead you down the right path based upon the "where" you will be throwing it. Naturally, if you are in open water with no timber, the best rig would be to use a 3/16 ounce swimbait head and cover them with any five inch swimbait. As for colors, start with white and adjust from there. I found last year that dark colored baits worked better on a



day to day basis. Arkansas Shiner, Dirty Sanchez and Houdini all performed well when using the Reaction Innovation Skinny Dippers. I will go as far to say that we had some great days using the Little Dippers instead of the five inch versions. It all comes down to what the fish want. Option two is to rig the A-rig with weedless swimbaits using belly weighted hooks. This will keep you out of trouble when casting into timber. Once rigged, I use 25lb P-line on a 5:1 gear ratio reel all loaded on a 7'11" TFO rod. This is a great launching pad for this heavy rig and it allows you to hurl it quite a ways. Once you make the cast, let it sink



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Small lake
- 5. Albert \_\_\_\_, French existentialist
- 10. Aussies
- 14. Charge
- 15. A woody climbing plant
- 16. Having wisdom that comes with age and experience
- 17. Get out of town
- 20. Spillages
- 21. Designed chairs
- 22. A stratum of rock
- 23. Animal housing
- 25. Artiodactyls
- 29. Store employee
- 33. Lower in esteem
- 34. Gershwin
- 35. A corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
- 36. Huron and Erie

- 37. Provencal verses
- 40. Decorate a cake with frosting
- 41. Netherlands river
- 43. A way to feel deep affection for
- 44. Saying goodbye
- 47. Aches
- 48. Informal term for a friend
- 49. Indian arrowroot
- 50. Metrical units
- 53. Remove oil
- 58. Flip out
- 61. Winnows
- 62. Throw with great effort
- 63. Afrikaans
- 64. Affirmatives
- 65. In a way, colored
- 66. Shapes into a sphere

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. A wild goat
- 2. Phil \_\_\_\_, former CIA
- 3. Monetary unit of Iran
- 4. Source of lymph fluid
- 5. Shuts
- 6. Made public by radio or TV
- 7. Table linens
- 8. A transuranic element
- 9. Car mechanics group
- 10. Filipinos, for example
- 11. Used for healing or soothing
- 12. A way to look
- 13. Dried leaves of the hemp plant
- 18. Legends
- 19. Towards the speaker
- 23. Airs
- 24. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 25. Civil and religious leader of a Muslim state
- 26. Manila hemp
- 27. Manufacturing business
- 28. Compass point
- 29. Plant fiber used for making rope

- 30. Inferior in importance, extent etc.
- 31. Aside
- 32. Smellers
- 38. \_\_ Karsavina, Nijinski's partner
- 39. Potato state, abbr.
- 41. Touched
- 42. Brew
- 45. A way to imprint
- 46. A homeless child
- 47. Breathed deeply
- 49. Annoy
- 50. Subject to accident or chance
- 51. Wings
- 52. Tropical Asian starlings
- 53. Woody herb with yellow flowers
- 54. Within, prefix
- 55. Hebrew calendar month
- 56. Thick piece of something
- 57. Soft-finned fishes
- 59. Frictional horsepower, abbr.
- 60. Cultivated in e.g. China, Japan and India

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**Authorities Asking Public for Help Locating Vehicle of Interest**

Law enforcement officials are asking the public for help locating a vehicle of interest and with identifying individuals responsible for injuring a Texas game warden during a traffic stop New Year's Day. The incident occurred at approximately 5 p.m. in an area due east of Plum Grove Road and the Harris / Liberty County line in Liberty County on private property.

Authorities say the game warden was run over while attempting to make contact with a white cargo type van. The driver of the vehicle is believed to be

a Hispanic male in his 40s-50s, along with two female passengers (one in her 40s-50s and one in her teens-20s). The vehicle of interest is described as a white late model Ford E350 van featuring windows on the right side access doors. The injured game warden was transported to an area hospital, treated and released, and is expected to be recovering for several months.

This incident is being investigated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Law Enforcement Division, Texas Department of Public Safety,

and the Liberty County Sheriff's Office.

A \$10,000.00 reward is being offered for information that leads to the identification and arrest of those responsible for this incident.

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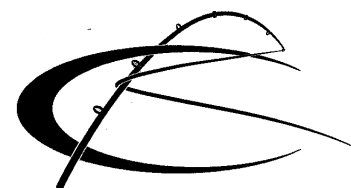
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By Terri Moon

It's been an eventful couple of months – but, not always in a fun way! I spent the holidays with my family in Missouri and got both my mom and dad through a surgery each and well enough to come home with me for a visit. Their main objective was to get to see my new "Skeeter Solera" boat! They are just as excited about it as I am! We are off to Kilgore tomorrow to pick it up and see it for the first time. I want to send a HUGE "Thank You" to Cheryl Richardson and JoAnne Radabaugh at Skeeter for hurrying the paper work along so we could pick the boat up while the weather was nice enough to travel with it – then I can have it ready for my first trip in it Friday!

I'm excited about this "new chapter" in my fishing life with Skeeter and Yamaha! I have my very favorite trolling motor of all time – the MinnKota Ultrex with spot-lock GPS Anchor – PRICELESS!!! (By the way, Sartin Marine just got a shipment of these in and if you want one, you need to get in line. It will be the best investment you'll ever make if you're serious about your fishing!) Also, I'll have Lowrance HDS Units – (love them!) and of course my favorite Shimano Ultra Light Clarus Rods and Sahara Reels. What



more could a fisherman ask for? Even my neighbor Leroy got me new "check it" sticks, bouy markers and nets for the new boat! FEELING BLESSED!!

I'm so looking forward to the upcoming year. Also I look for 'BIG' things to start happening mid-February. The first ones to move in are usually the biggest! Keep looking for the baitfish and search for warmer water. Right now I would target 24 to 35 ft. depths around creek channels, main lake points and deep water humps. Also rigging 2 jigs about a foot apart can be very effective. My Lake Fork "go to" baits are Bubba Baits in 1/16 or 1/8 oz. Then in plastics it's Lake Fork Tackle's "Live Baby Shad" or Bonehead Baits. It never hurts to have some Berkley Power Nibbles on board and I hear they are coming out with a new electric blue colored nibble! Now's the time to stock up on your favorite colors. If it's too cold to fish, check out your local tackle shows

in your area and get your wish list going!

Once again, my apologies to anyone who tried to reach me while I was gone to Missouri. My folks live where all the phone carriers describe as a "dead zone" and they are all right! But, it's good to be back on Lake Fork and looking forward to an awesome year!

Before I close, I want to give an update on "Sweet Buddy" – the Lake Fork Marina "Camp Dog"!! Many of you have met Bud- (See The Moon Report.... Continued on Page 21-A)

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# Denton County Man Admits to Poaching Record Whitetail Buck

The second largest whitetail buck ever in Texas could be headed to the record books with an asterisk: poached. Earlier this week, a Denton County man pleaded no contest to illegally taking the trophy deer, which scored 278 points under the Boone & Crockett scoring system, last October near Pilot Point, Texas.

Travis D. Johnson of Aubrey, Texas, was sentenced in Denton County Criminal Court on Monday, Jan. 22, to two years of probation and 40 hours community service, plus court costs. He also faces

in excess of \$53,000 in civil restitution fines from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and is prohibited from purchasing a hunting license for the duration of his deferred adjudication period.

"What an ill-fated legacy for what could have been, and should have been, a remarkable testament to Texas whitetail deer," said Col. Grahame Jones, TPWD Law Enforcement Director. "It's tragic that in the pursuit of this magnificent specimen, Mr. Johnson chose to violate hunting's code of ethics and the game laws de-

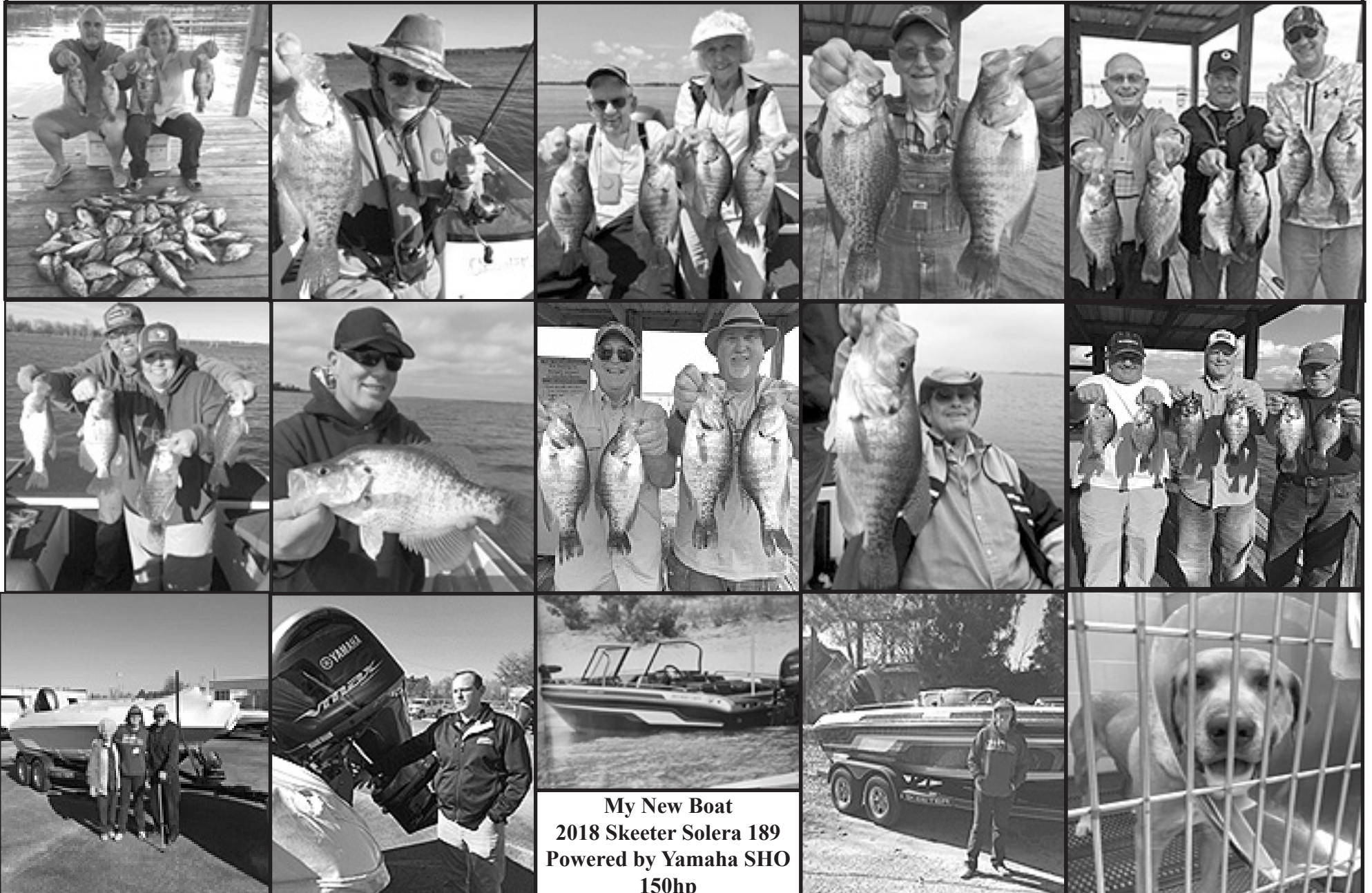
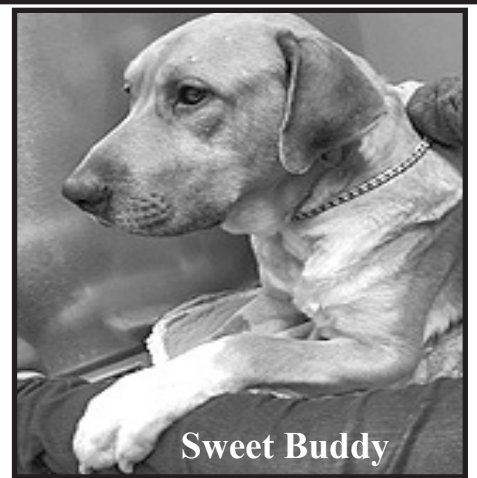
signed to protect our state's precious wildlife resources. It's something he'll have to live with."

Almost immediately after news of the huge buck broke on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017, Texas game wardens became aware of rumors alleging Johnson may have harvested the buck after legal hunting hours the night before. Based on a photo being circulated online that showed Johnson posing with the field dressed deer during daylight hours, along with comments that he had taken it with a bow

(See Denton County Man..... Continued on Page 22-A)



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## TPW Commission Recognizes TPWD Staff for Outstanding Achievement

Two Texas game wardens and the Kerr Wildlife Management Area (WMA) were recognized during a recent meeting of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in Austin. The awards were presented by partners recognizing the recipients, including the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), the Association

of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts (ATSWCD), the Texas Game Warden Association, and the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA). Kerr WMA Receives Friend of Conservation Award From Kerr SWCD and Texas State SWCB. The Kerr WMA was recognized recently as the recipient

of the Friend of Conservation Award at the TPW Commission meeting. Since the opening of the Kerr WMA, wildlife staff have shared their research and collaborated on several studies and projects with the Kerr County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). The Kerr WMA develops and manages wildlife

habitats, populations of wildlife species, provides research opportunities and public access to hunting. The wildlife management area and Kerr County SWCD have worked together on projects dating back to the mid-1950's.

The Texas Conservation Awards Program recognizes conservationists and the vital role they play in managing Texas' natural resources. The purpose of the program is to acknowledge, recognize, and honor individuals that dedicate their time and efforts to the conservation of natural resources.

Categories recognized through the Texas Conservation Awards Program are: Poster Contest and Junior and Senior Essay Contests, Conservation Farmer, Outstanding Soil and Water Conservation District, Conservation Rancher,

Friend of Conservation, Conservation Teacher and Wildlife Conservationist. Game Warden Gene Fernandez Named SEAFWA Officer of the Year

Dimmit County game warden Gene Fernandez was recognized recently as the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' (SEAFWA) officer of the year for 2017.

Fernandez has been with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for ten years and constantly strives to learn and grow as a leader in his district.

This year alone, Fernandez has filed four hunt without landowner consent cases and completed 90 youth programs reaching a total of 2,000 local kids. He also offered 20 youth hunting opportunities to 36 kids under the age of 17. Additionally, Fernandez has provided

25 game warden recruiting programs in his area.

Fernandez has also taken a leadership role within his district and uses his skills to work with other divisions. During his time in Dimmit County, he has fostered beneficial relationships with wildlife staff and biologists.

As a leader in his community, Fernandez maintains relationships with landowners in his county which helps him enforce conservation law enforcement. Game Warden Brad Meloni Named Texas Game Warden Association's Officer of the Year

The Texas Game Warden Association has awarded Kleberg County game warden Brad Meloni as the Game Warden of the Year. Meloni has been a game warden for 21 years spending the first 12 years of the career in the Rio Grande Valley.

Warden Meloni is also a member of the Game Warden Scout Team. The team is made up of 20 or so elite officers who work high-risk operations across the state. While performing these additional volunteer duties, Meloni has been integral in the arrest of numerous dangerous criminals and removed illegal narcotics from the streets.

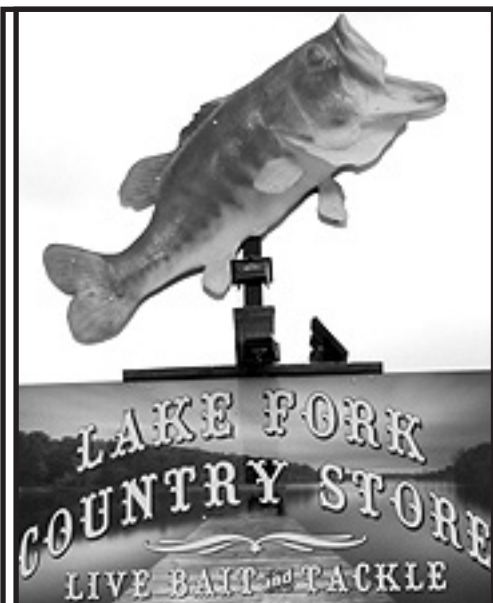
Meloni volunteered to go to Dallas last year and partner with officers whose coworkers were tragically gunned down during an ambush. For his efforts, Meloni received the Director's Citation.

In addition to his other duties, Meloni is a member of the Game Warden Honor Guard. As a part of this team, he has traveled with other wardens across the state to attend and present colors at the funerals of fallen wardens.

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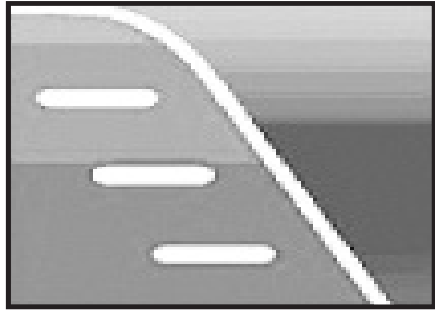
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# "Knowing What To Look For!"

By Michael McFarland

Hello fishing friends, hope you all are well and keeping warm with this crazy winter we are having. Awfully nice to be able to go inside and turn up the heat. Unfortunately for the warm water fish species when water temps get below the 50s fish begin to become lethargic. In fact at 49 degrees threadfin shad even begin to die. When the water gets even colder many fish will go dormant and BOTTOM LOCK. With that being said here is how I use my Lowrance unit to find these illusive fish. First off

you must realize that you most likely will not see any fish arcs or bait balls. The reason is the bait and fish are very close to and or even making contact with the bottom. They are also very inactive (not moving around). As you will see in this illustration on the sonar screen, all you can see on the bottom is the color. The down scan shows a little more detail helping to understand what's really there. Notice how the bait and fish all lay on the side of the slope. This is a very comon place for this to occur. Drains and ditches in Texas lakes are another great place to look for this. First I use my sonar to find the bottom color content

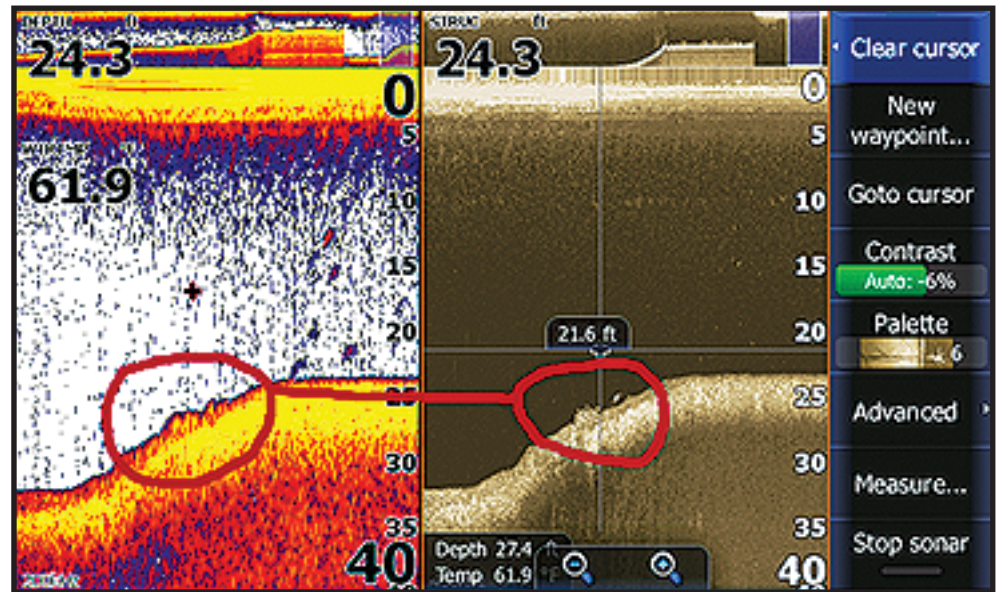
I'm looking for red. Next by using the sonar screen simultaneously with the down scan screen I can assess what's really there. You can also use zoom for even a closer look. Don't forget that even in zoom you can still adjust sensitivity levels to tweak the image. Many times we simply just need to slow down and make several passes looking the area over very thoroughly before making a decision. Once you have found an area holding fish and bait remember to fish very slow. Great time for a Santone finesse jig. Thank you and God bless. If your interested in on the water training, I offer a 2 hour sonar class which includes sonar setup on your unit. Also booking spring full day bass fishing trips on Lake Fork at this time and dates are filling fast.



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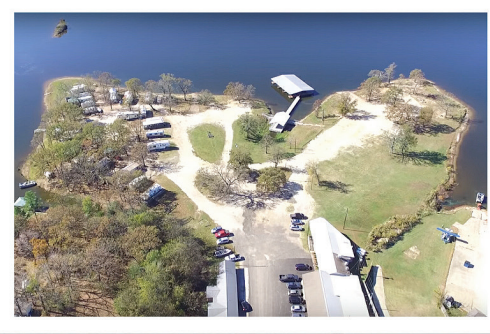
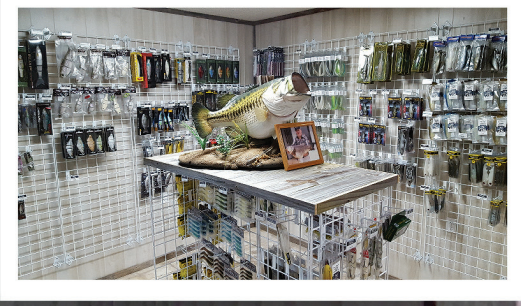
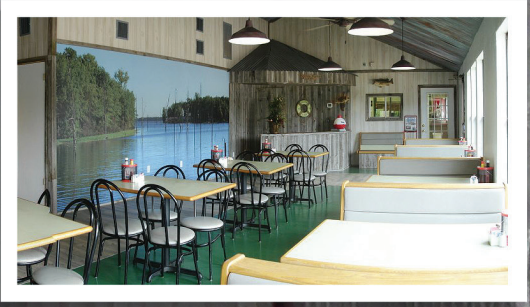
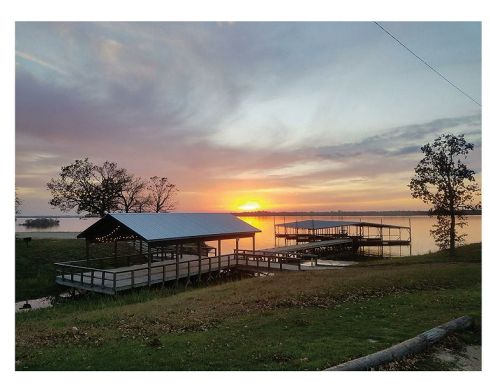
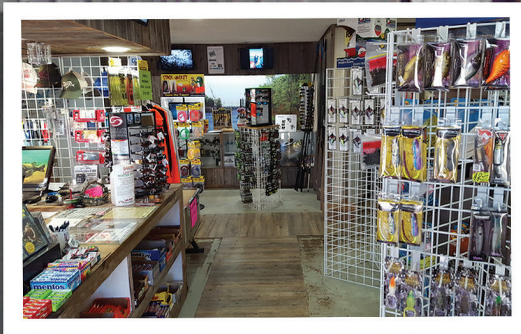




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## Despite Freezing Weather More Than 950 People Participated in First Day Hikes at Texas State Parks

The frigid temperatures that hit the Lone Star State on the first day of 2018 weren't enough to deter park goers from participating in First Day Hike events as part of the national initiative. In all, 964 park visitors braved the cold and hiked and biked their way into 2018 at one of 51 state parks that hosted events throughout the day,

with 1,766 miles trekked statewide. "We were excited to see so many of our park visitors come together with their families on New Year's Day for a First Day Hike adventure at a Texas State Park," said Brent Leisure, director of Texas State Parks. "These hikes have become a tradition for many Texans and we hope to con-

tinue seeing them start their year on the trails at their local state parks."

First Day Hikes events ranged from brisk strolls on scenic trails, bike rides, short treks with four-legged family members and meditation walks to more strenuous hikes for experienced visitors.

Dinosaur Valley State Park, located just outside the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, had the most participants with 65 visitors. Following closely behind were Mother Neff State Park near Waco and McKinney Falls State Park in Austin.

Nationally, more than 32,000 participants covered about 70,200 miles at the 1,200 First Day Hikes offered across the United States. For more information about hiking or other activities in Texas State Parks, visit <http://www.texasstateparks.org>.

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## Historic Port Isabel Lighthouse Reopens

Standing tall in a plaza overlooking the lower Laguna Madre, the historic 72-foot Port Isabel Lighthouse is reopening its doors to visitors after much needed repairs closed the site to the public in early 2016.

"As the only accessible lighthouse in Texas, we are very excited to reopen the historic Port Isabel Lighthouse State Historic Site and give it back to the people of Port Isabel and Texas," said Brent Leisure, director of Texas State Parks. "Our priority is the safety of our visitors and we know that these repairs will help keep the lighthouse open for many generations of Texans to enjoy."

The maintenance the lighthouse underwent is the latest phase of restoration scheduled for the site. Repairs included the replacement of the exterior hand railings, stucco repair, paint, repair of three casement windows, replacement of a glass panel on the lantern, new wood doors at the lantern level, repair of a roof leak and the repainting of the exposed exterior iron surfaces at the watch room level.

The repairs to this important site would not have been possible without the valued partnership between the city of Port Isabel and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"The lighthouse is the symbol of Port Isabel, and we are grateful for the assistance of Texas Parks and Wildlife in maintaining this historic structure, which anchors our downtown district," said

Jared Hockema, city manager for the city of Port Isabel. "Although the Port Isabel Lighthouse is the smallest site in the Texas State Park system, it has a large impact on our community and the surrounding area, bringing in thousands of visitors each year. The City of Port Isabel has had a successful partnership with TPWD for many years, and we look forward to continuing it."

Authorized by U.S. Congress in 1850, the Port Isabel Lighthouse was built for \$7,000 in efforts to aid navigation for booming maritime trade on the lower Texas coast. Lit for the first time in 1853, the lighthouse spent the next seven years guiding American, European and Mexican ships to the blossoming Brazos Santiago port. By the end of the decade, \$10 million worth of cotton exports passed through Port Isabel annually.

During the Civil War, the lighthouse was used as a lookout for both Union and Confederate occupying forces. The lighthouse sustained bomb damage during the war and its lenses were removed. The lenses remain missing to this day.

On Feb. 22, 1866, the lighthouse was rehabilitated, refitted and relit. However, 10 years later it was dilapidated.

In 1881, the lantern area was reconstructed to raise the level of the light and add a watch room floor with iron gallery. Six years later, the lighthouse board

recommended that the Port Isabel Light Station be abandoned due to decreasing commerce in the port.

The lighthouse board soon reconsidered its decision and in 1889 Congress voted to re-establish the light. Six years later, the lighthouse was relit in July 1895. With the heyday of maritime trade ending, the light was permanently discontinued 10 years later.

The Texas State Parks Board acquired the property in 1950 and after rehabilitation to the structure the lighthouse was reopened to the public April 25, 1952.

Since then, generations of Texans have climbed to the top of the lighthouse to enjoy the view of the Gulf of Mexico from this historic structure.

For more information about the site, visit the Port Isabel State Historic Site park page on the TPWD website.

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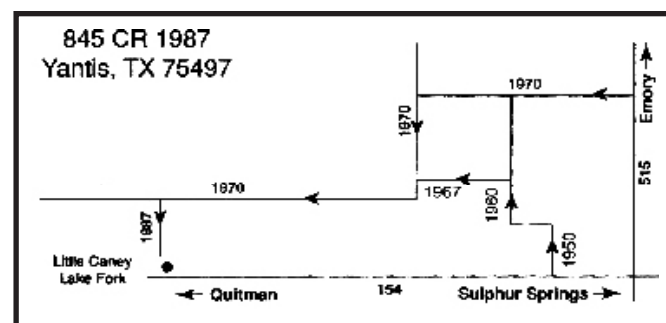
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## Golden alga returns to several West Texas reservoirs

Biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are monitoring increasing golden alga levels in reservoirs and rivers around San Angelo.

Golden alga is a single-celled organism that, under certain environmental conditions, can release toxins that affect fish, freshwater mussels and the juvenile stage of frogs and other amphibians. Golden alga only affects gill-breathing animals and poses no threat to humans or livestock.

Concern over increasing golden alga cell counts began when golden alga monitoring on Nov. 7 showed low toxicity in E.V. Spence Reservoir. Then in early December, anglers reported several large dead fish at the reservoir, which prompted additional samples. Water samples collected on Dec. 11 indicated moderate toxicity and a significant increase in golden alga cells in E.V. Spence Reservoir.

"Although several large dead fish, including largemouth bass, catfish, and carp were reported by anglers, we have not yet seen a widespread fish kill at E.V. Spence," said Lynn Wright, TPWD Fisheries Biologist in San Angelo. "At this time, it appears golden alga is having a limited impact on fish populations in the reservoir, but it is early in the season and further development is possible."

Additionally, two reservoirs that have a history of golden alga problems, Colorado City and Moss

Creek Reservoir, are also currently being affected. Colorado City Reservoir, which has been severely impacted annually by golden alga since 2001, showed high toxicity. Dead fish, including bullhead catfish and common carp, were also observed along the shoreline. Moss Creek had low toxicity on Nov. 7, but no dead fish were observed.

Golden alga was also found in the Concho River at Mullins Crossing at a moderate toxicity, but to date no dead fish have been observed in the Concho River. This section of the Concho River experienced a golden alga fish kill in the spring this year.

The good news is that locations where golden alga had previously been documented, including the Colorado River, O.H. Ivie Reservoir, Champion Creek and Brady Creek Reservoir were sampled and showed no toxicity in the samples.

The San Angelo fisheries management office, in coordination with other agencies, will continue to monitor golden alga throughout the winter and spring. Although large-scale treatment for golden alga is not feasible, TPWD biologists will evaluate the need for fish stocking after the golden alga blooms subside.

First discovered in Texas in 1985, golden alga (*Prymnesium parvum*) has since been responsible for fish kills in the Colorado, Cana-

dian, Wichita, Red and Brazos river systems.

### Panhandle Roadkill White-tailed Deer Tests Positive for Chronic Wasting Disease

A roadkill white-tailed deer collected by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department personnel on U.S. Highway 87 between Dalhart and Hartley has tested positive for chronic wasting disease. This marks the first discovery of CWD in a Texas roadkill and the first case in a Texas Panhandle whitetail. "The roadkill was found along the border between the current CWD Containment Zone and Surveillance Zone, and as a result will likely necessitate a precautionary expansion of the Containment Zone," said Dr. Bob Dittmar, State Wildlife Veterinarian with TPWD. "We do not believe there's a need to expand the Surveillance Zone at this time."

TPWD staff presented a proposal detailing the expansion of the Containment Zone during the TPW Commission's Jan. 24th public hearing. The proposed expansion of the Containment Zone will not result in any new requirements for hunters or landowners unless they are engaged in a permitted activity such as moving live deer.

The disease was first detected in the Panhandle in 2015 when a mule deer buck tested positive during routine CWD surveillance.

Additional information about CWD is available on the TPWD web site <http://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/diseases/cwd/>.

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# Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork January Tournament

By Kenny LaDuke

Lake Welsh was the site of the Texas Trails Bassmasters third tournament of the 2018 season.

This hot water lake is a very popular place in the winter months and it showed itself Saturday with the parking lot full of tournament anglers from all across Texas. With all the boats on the water it took some special prowess to entice the fish to bite and a few anglers did just that! Good job guys!

Don Hampton came in with the biggest 5 fish



**Don Hampton, 1st Place with 5 bass weighing 18.92-pounds. CPR**



**Chris Lam, 2nd Place with 5 bass weighing 17.36-pounds. CPR**



**Chris Large, 3rd Place with 3 bass weighing 10.96-pounds. CPR**


limit that weighed 18.92-pounds for 1st place. Chris Lam brought a 5 fish limit for 2nd place with 17.36-pounds. Chris Large brought in 3 fish weighing 10.96-pounds for 3rd place and Rodney Ellis had the biggest bass for the day weighing 4.59-pounds.

The club also welcomed new club member John Deermore

Texas Trails Bassmasters is a club around Lake Fork, Texas. They fish surrounding lakes with one tournament a month mostly on Saturday and a two day club championship at the end of the year in November. If you are an angler that is

looking for a great group of fellow outdoorsmen, then please feel free to contact me, Kenny LaDuke at our website [www.texastrailsbassmasters.com](http://www.texastrailsbassmasters.com), or Don Hampton at 903-360-6994 or Rodney Ellis at 903-714-6473 and join our club. We have had several new members join this year and you could be part of the fun.

Texas Trails February tournament is scheduled for Lake Bob Sandlin on February 10th. If you would like to join the club, you can join at the tournament. Take-off is at 6:00 a.m. Annual membership dues are \$30 -- tournament fee \$25 plus \$5 big bass optional.



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<b>3rd Place</b>	<b>\$520.00</b>			<b>1st Place \$500.00</b>
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<b>5th thru 10th Place</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>			<b>3rd Place \$200.00</b>

1. Entry fee is \$40.00 - late entry is \$45.00.
2. Early entries must be postmarked by Mar. 3, 2018.
3. All entry fees must be paid before 6 a.m. Saturday, Mar. 10, 2018.
4. Check in time: Friday, Mar. 9, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Mar. 10, 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.
16. No iced or frozen fish will be weighed. Ice may be added ONLY to aid in survival of fish.
17. Each contestant will be responsible for weighing his or her own fish. (No pooling of fish).
18. Dead fish at weigh-in will be penalized 1/2 (.5) pound. All fish weighed in become the property of Texas Trails Bassmasters and will be released (with the exception of trophy or dead fish).

19. In the event of a tie for any position, prize money for that position and the following position will be combined and evenly divided between the tying contestants.
20. Contestants may not have served as a compensated guide on Lake Fork 30 days prior to this tournament.
21. Contestants may fished with a guide on Lake Fork prior to the day before fishing this TTB tournament.
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.
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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.
29. Contestants will be subject to polygraph test. Failure to take and/or pass such a test will result in disqualification.

**Additional Information**

For more information or for information on joining Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork visit our website [www.texastrailsbassmasters.com](http://www.texastrailsbassmasters.com)

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### Entry Application

Entry fee of \$40 must accompany mailed entry and must be postmarked on or before Mar. 3, 2018 to Texas Trails Bassmasters, 538 PR 5861, Yantis, TX 75497, or you may pay \$45 at tournament headquarters before starting time of tournament. \$10 extra for Big Bass (optional). Print clearly.

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## 'Pack of Knowledge' "Bladed Jig Basics"

By Andrew Grills

The chatterbait became wildly popular for the first few years of its existence. Tournament anglers and guides were clamoring to get their hands on them as huge tournament stringers were coming out of bodies of water like Lake Okeechobee and the California Delta as a result of this bait. Then, it wasn't long until you just didn't hear that much about them anymore. Those of us here on Lake Fork know that the chatterbait never lost its big fish appeal.

One thing about the chatterbait that I cannot fully explain is its ability to trigger strikes from big

fish... Really big fish. I have seen quite a few 9 and 10 pound fish caught on this lure. It definitely is not the technique for catching under the slot tournament fish, however. I believe there is something to the vibration of the bait that intimidates small bass, but triggers bigger fish to attack.

I like to throw a chatterbait in colder water, but it can work great during the summer as well. I prefer to fish it in stained or off-colored water because it just seems a little too gaudy in clear water. Wind blown areas where fish should be active, or where surface clarity is broken up are good areas to look for, but I have caught plenty of fish on it when there was no wind at all. The presence of aquatic vegetation such as hydrilla is always a huge bonus, although fish will still eat them in areas where there isn't any grass at all.

Bladed swim jigs are most commonly thought of as a shallow water presentation, but this year some heavy models have emerged to fish on deeper, off-shore structure. For fishing cold water on Lake Fork, the 3/8 ounce and 1/2 ounce models cover all the bases. A 3/8 ounce chatterbait is perfect for depths down to 4ft, and the 1/2 ounce size is great for fishing down to 8ft or when implementing a faster retrieve.

The most important part of the a chatterbait in my opinion, is the type of trailer you add to the lure. The original chaterbaits come with a twin tail trailer that may work fine, but there are some better options out there. I like to use a Swimming

Senko, a LFT Swimming Slug, or a LFT Live Magic Shad. I know fishermen who have good results using Super Flukes or Sweet Beavers as well. I have seen many occasions in my guiding experience where the trailer choice made all the difference.

Rod, reel, and line choice are also very important when it comes to this technique. I prefer to use a 7ft medium/heavy rod with a fast tip. Its important not to go too heavy in my opinion because you don't want to take the lure from the fish when they hit. If I use a real stiff rod I feel like I miss a few I should have caught. I believe it's hard to beat the Loomis 893 model for this application.

A 6.4:1 ratio reel is my choice because it has a medium speed retrieve. With high speed reels it can be difficult to slow the bait down enough, and a slow speed reel doesn't take up enough slack on hookset. As for line, 15 pound fluorocarbon is what I prefer because it allows the bait to have more action and will let it fall a little faster. I will step up to 20 pound fluorocarbon in heavy timber. The fluorocarbon is important because it has a much more sensitive feel to it, and you need to feel the blade "chattering", even at super slow retrieves.

Hopefully this information gives you some ideas to try this winter as you fish. There was a time I had zero confidence in bladed swim jigs. For the longest time I just couldn't seem to get a bite on one. However, because I listened to some wiser fishermen the chatterbait has become one of my favorites.



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# Game Warden Field Notes

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

**--'Tis Not the Season--**A Bastrop County game warden received a call from a sheriff's deputy with information regarding criminal trespassing, hunting without landowner consent, and hunting dove out of season. He called the complainant and was informed that the landowner had seen three male individuals walking through his crop field with one carrying a high-powered pellet gun. The landowner recognized one of the men as his neighbor and made contact. When the landowner asked them what they were doing, the individual with the gun responded, "Hunting dove." The landowner requested they leave and informed them that

they couldn't hunt dove because it was out of season. Game wardens went to interview the suspected hunter who admitted to hunting doves and retrieved his harvest from the freezer. Doves were seized, citations were issued, and the case is still ongoing for the other two individuals involved. **--Posted and Busted--**In response to a social media post, game wardens investigated the killing of an eight foot alligator on Lake Corpus Christi. The wardens were able to obtain a photograph of the suspect holding the alligator. They located the suspect and, after a full confession was obtained, he was charged with hunting alligator without a hunting license and illegal means and methods. Cases and civil restitution pending. **--Gone Hog Wild--**A game warden was on his way home from work near Bay City when he

noticed a pair of four wheelers driving around a private ranch working spotlights. He called another warden for backup and together they gathered up what turned out to be eight individuals and their hog dogs. Allegedly, a neighbor who knew the hunters told them that the ranch owner was out of town and wouldn't be around. The warden contacted the rancher, who indicated that he would be getting with him to file charges on the group once he returned home. **--Holy Mackerel, Not Again--**A Matagorda County game warden was checking an offshore sport fisherman and found several frozen undersized Spanish mackerel. The fisherman stated that he had purchased the fish for offshore bait from a seafood dealer in Matagorda, who turned out to be the same business owner that received nu-

merous citations for the same violation when wardens inspected his place of business a few weeks ago. The warden contacted the business owner and questioned him about the possible possession of any more undersized mackerel. The dealer admitted to having more and led the warden to a freezer where he had 256 illegal undersized mackerel stored. Citation and approxi-

mately \$1,700 in civil restitution are pending. **--Something Smells Fishy--** A Trinity County game warden received a call from a bass fisherman who found a gill net in a creek off the Trinity River. Wardens located three illegal nets the next day and also discovered a fishing camp not far from the net locations. At the camp, several holding baskets and stringers were found with fish

inside. Some of the fish were dead and rotten. The wardens located a boat in the water at the camp but were unable to make contact with anyone. Two days later, wardens made contact with three individuals at the camp. A fish shocker was found in the boat. The three fishermen were identified and 17 citations and warnings were issued including

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February on Fork (Continued from Page 6-A)

to the bottom, then retrieve it slowly back to the boat. A large bass will literally knock the rod out of your hands. It's a must do pattern in February.


Big swimbaits will also play a huge roll this month, especially the expensive jointed baits. Swim or twitch them slowing in shallow water during the afternoons and hold on to your business. Strikes can be vicious. Other options to target bass would include using jigs, black/blue, in the creek bends towards the back of most all major creek arms. They are all lined with timber and will harbor toad stature green fish. The final option as mentioned

above deals with the shallow water bite. Take time to locate submerged vegetation and this will be the key to success in the late afternoons. As the water warms, dig out a rattletrap and cover some water around this vegetation. Chatterbaits will also work in these same areas and traps need to be red or gold with the chatterbait dressed in white.

February is also a great month to catch numbers on the power plant lakes. You can destroy them on the hot water impoundments and catch 30-50 fish per day up to the eight pound mark. If cabin fever has set in, give me a call and we can wear them out where the water temps are summer like. If you are headed out to Lake Fork in February searching for the trophy of a lifetime, I would love to be a part of this trophy quest. I also have gift certificates available if you have friends or loved one's who have dreamt of landing a huge bass. You can contact me at 409 782-4269 or e-mail me at skeet21c@aol.com. You can follow me on Facebook and Instagram at https://www.facebook.com/DavidOzioLakeForkGuide. I post my daily trip results on this page. I would also like to thank Okuma Fishing and Talon Custom Lures for making this an awesome job.

I hope to see a lot of you on the water. Romans 10:13. "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". I wish all of you a blessed day."

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**"The Moon Report"** (Continued from Page 8-A)

dy when visiting Lake Fork Marina – he is just one big bundle of love! But, he was losing weight and not eating. Scuba Steve took him to the Quitman Animal Clinic where they discovered he had been shot and a pellet pierced his intestines and he was in serious trouble. We elected for emergency surgery to try and save this sweet dogs life. They gave us maybe a 50/50 chance of Buddy making it through this. These amazing vets took out about a 15-inch section of his intestines and reconnected them and told us all we needed now were prayers and they had done all they could. So, thank all of you who lifted Buddy up in prayer. He's made it through the 5 most critical days. We are still praying the connection holds. I've been posting updates on my facebook page (Terri Moon Facebook)

and also started a 'Go-FundMe account' for Sweet Buddy" #Rootin for Buddy – for anyone who would like to help with Buddy's care would be very much appreciated. Also, there's a fund jar at Lake Fork Marina. He is truly a "Miracle Dog". He's survived being on his own for who knows how long. He's been hit

by a car (before he came to the Marina) and has been shot. He deserves all the love we can give him! Many thanks to you all and especially the great people at Quitman Animal Clinic. My best to you all!

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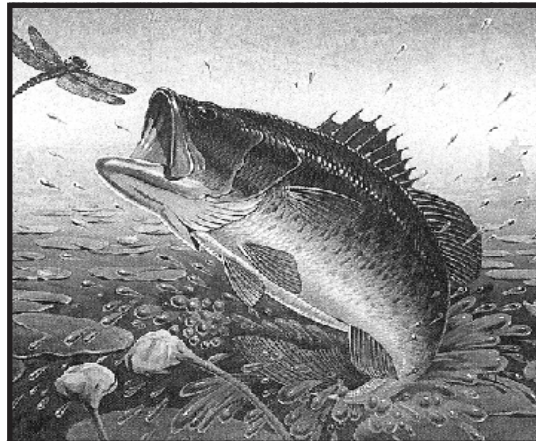
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## Denton County Man Admits to Poaching Record Whitetail Buck

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the previous evening, wardens had concerns about the care and disposition of the venison considering the warm temperatures. Hunters are required to keep the meat of harvested game in edible condition.

Denton County game warden Stormy McCuiston met with Johnson at his residence the afternoon of Oct. 8 to inspect the carcass, and was informed it had been discarded at a different location due to concerns about the meat possibly being infected. Johnson claimed to have wounded the buck on Sept. 30, but was unable to retrieve it. When he saw the deer on images captured by

his game trail camera a few days later, it exhibited entry and exit wounds. Since then, Johnson explained he began pursuing the animal in earnest in hopes of putting an end to its suffering, going so far as to spend the night in his hunting stand to avoid spooking deer. He said he got his opportunity at about 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 and dispatched the buck with his bow.

After inspecting the deer carcass, game wardens then went to the area where Johnson claimed to have killed the big deer to confirm the details of his story. During a conversation with the landowner ad-

acent to the property where Johnson hunted, game wardens became suspicious about the timeline. The landowner recalled texting Johnson at about an hour past dark on Oct. 7 asking if he was okay since he noticed he had not returned to his vehicle. Johnson replied that he was safe, but made no mention of having successfully taken the big buck an hour earlier.

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no Texas fishing license, fishing by illegal means and methods, running illegal trotlines/jug lines, and failure to keep fish in edible condition. **--Speeding While Intoxicated--** Game wardens were patrolling the Sabine River when a call came in from a Gladewater fisherman regarding a boat repeatedly driving back and forth at high rates of speed near the city bridge. Wardens notified the Gladewater Police Department and officers were able to locate and shut down the boat until the wardens could arrive to investigate. The operator was identified and later acknowledged consuming "three or four beers" -- then stated he was "too drunk to

drive a boat." The subject failed field sobriety tests and was arrested by the wardens for boating while intoxicated. The blood test lab results and case are pending. **--Loaded to the Gills--** Brazoria County game wardens seized a 300-foot gill net found set in Christmas Bay. Approximately 150 fish were caught in the net, as well as a Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. The turtle was released alive. **--Out of Control--** Tyler County game wardens observed a personal watercraft motor-ing without any occupants near Rattlesnake Island on Sam Rayburn Lake. The wardens then saw an individual swimming from the watercraft. Wardens were

able to stop the watercraft before it crashed into rocks along the island. Wardens identified the operator and, after a short interview, became concerned the man was potentially intoxicated. The man admitted to drinking two beers and later added he also smoked marijuana. The subject was booked into Jasper County Jail on boating while intoxicated charges. **--Bad Debt--** While on enhanced patrol of Lake Amistad during Memorial Day weekend, a Val Verde County game warden arrested a fisherman for an outstanding warrant for criminal non-payment of child support - he owed \$17,000. The subject was booked into the

Val Verde County Jail. **--Don't Mess With Texas--** A Val Verde County game warden stopped a vehicle leaving Lake Amistad that was losing trash from the bed of the truck and arrested the driver for multiple convictions of driving while license suspended. **--Big Buck, Big Fine--** A nearly 4-year-old Lynn County mule deer poaching case recently came to resolution with an arrest of an individual from Post. The man had originally been charged with a state jail felony, three Class A

misdemeanors, and two Class C misdemeanors for killing a mule deer at night from a public road that scored more than 200 points under the Boone & Crockett Club system. Although the subject was initially given a deferred sentence with probation on the felony case, in which the Class A citations were dismissed, his probation was revoked following a drug arrest and he was subsequently found guilty of the felony deer charge. He was sentenced to nine months in a state jail, and paid over

\$10,000 in civil restitution assessment for the value of the mule deer. However, because the man had never answered to the Class C misdemeanor charges, game wardens petitioned the court for two original charge warrants and two failure to appear warrants. Once those were served, the man pleaded guilty to all four charges and paid an additional \$2,374 in fines and court costs.

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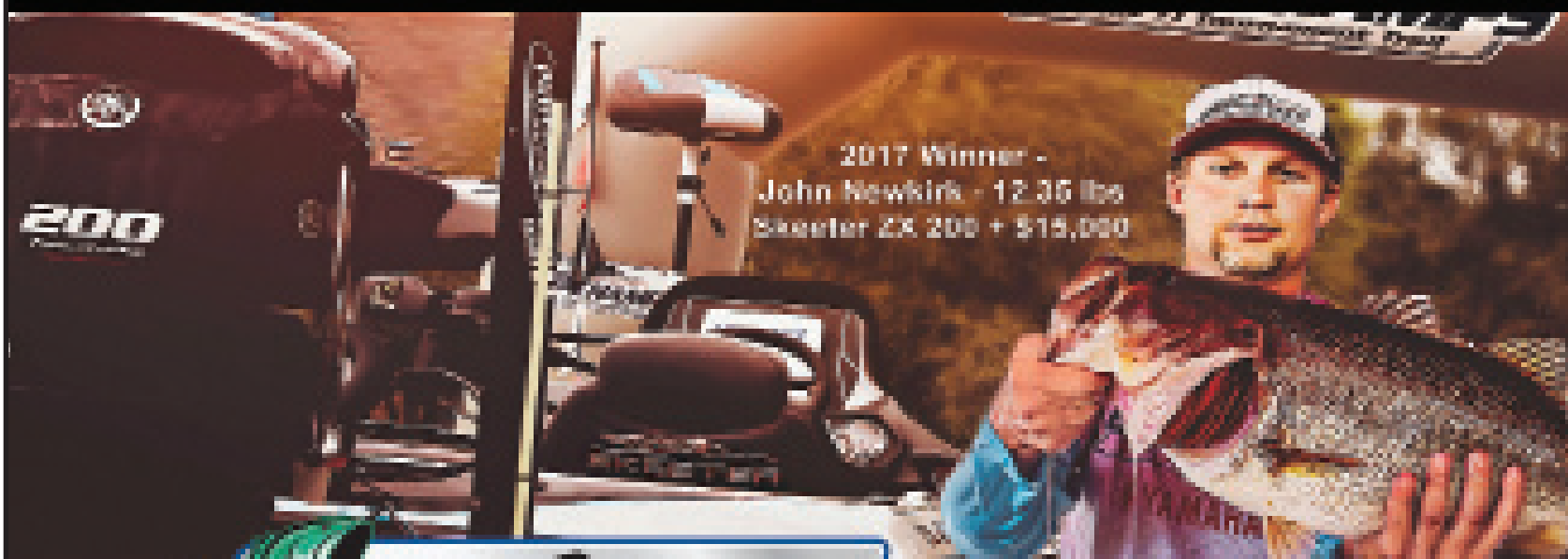
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