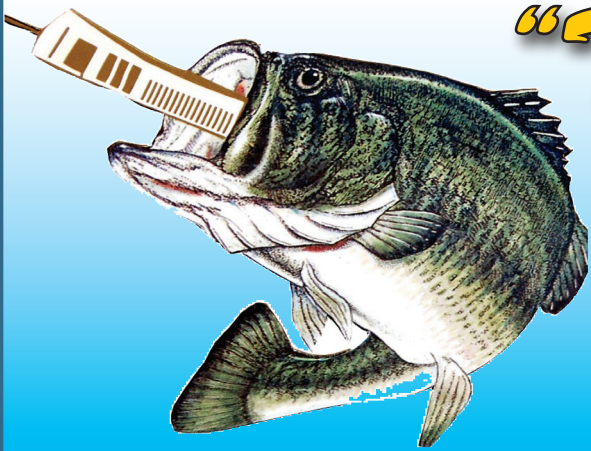


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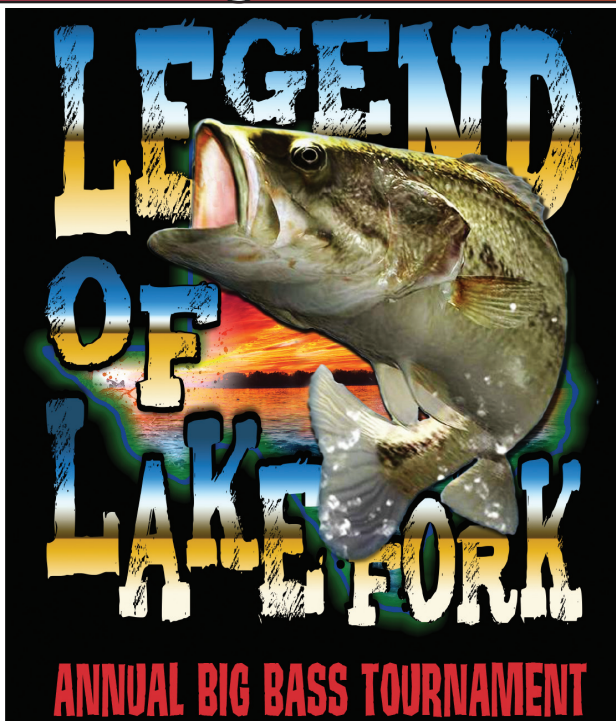
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Lee Ann Gray from Ada, OK., caught this 12-lb. hawg fishing Lake Fork in April. This was her personal best, you can tell by the smile. C.P.R.



By Don Hampton

The Legend of Lake Fork 15th Annual Big Bass Tournament will be held May 17, 18, 19. If you missed the early entry and a chance to win the draw boat, you can still get in on the tournament and have a chance to win one of the four 2019 Charger Bass Boats to be given away. We will be giving away one for the early incentive, one for the heaviest 24" or more, one for the next heaviest over 24", and one for the heaviest under 16". Though state law states the bass can touch 16", tournament rule is it cannot touch the 16" mark. The Check-It-Stick is the official measuring board of the tournament.

Each Charger Boat will be equipped with Humminbird electronics, MinnKota trolling

(See Legend of Lake Fork....Continued on Page 4)



Mike McWhorter caught his personal best fishing Lake Fork weighing 11-lbs. on 4/7/19 while fishing with his buddy Stephen Bowlby. C.P.R.



Robert Lane caught this Lake Fork Hawg weighing 11-lbs. 14 oz. using a red Rattle Trap on March 28th. C.P.R.



Mack Green was fishing Lake Fork when he caught this really nice bass weighing 11.52-lbs. the youth of today is the future of fishing. C.P.R.

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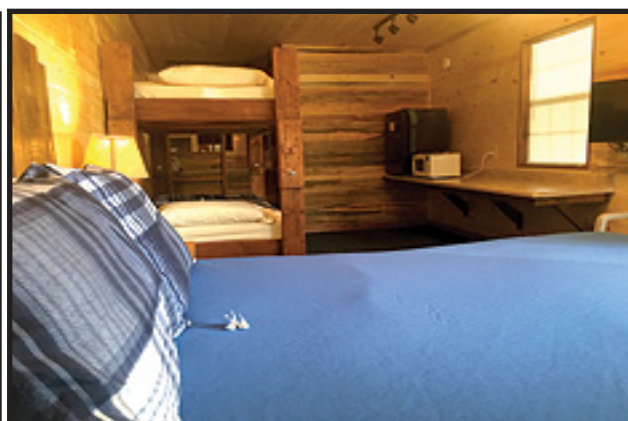
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"If That's Your Fishing Hole, Where's Your Mail-box?"

By Don Hampton

When Bubba speaks of owning something, you can bet it is definitely his stuff. He is also very possessive over his stuff! Everyone knows Bubba needs stuff especially Bubbette and when he gets out of hand getting stuff, she puts him straight again. What Bubba truly cannot understand is people laying claim to something that can't possibly be theirs.

When it comes to fishing in public waters he is under the impression that those waters actually belong to the State of Texas. He also holds dear the belief that anyone that purchases a fishing license and abides by the laws can fish those waters anytime and anywhere they so desire. After all this is Texas and Bubba even has a bumper sticker that reads, "MADE IN TEXAS BY TEXANS". So, what Bubba would really like to know is if there has been a new "Homestead Act" put in effect that he has not heard of that allows anglers to claim portions of water. If so he is going to be out of luck because Bubbette won't let him get anymore stuff!

If there has not been a new "Homestead Act" implemented why are so many anglers claiming waters? It seems more and more that Bubba is hearing, "That's my fishing hole, you can't go there!" Some anglers will say this in a sportsman-ship jest, but then again you hear some say it with

meaning. Bubba has the tendency to laugh with the sportsmen and laugh at the others.

Bubba had a long extensive conversation with one of the latter the other day on Lake Fork. Bubba was out fishing one of his favorite spots, (it's even called "Community Hump"), when he was made to feel like he'd eaten someone else's fried chicken at a family reunion. Well, Bubba doesn't stay in a hurt mood for too long at a time and soon put the chicken bones on another plate. He apologized for trespassing and not spotting the individual's mailbox when he pulled in with his boat. Bubba didn't let it stop there though! This boy has seen an Enquirer and has an inquiring mind.

The next thing Bubba wanted to know was if he had pulled in the driveway or ran over his lawn because his trolling motor did tear up some lily pads and he didn't want to be held responsible. Well this gave the other boat something to discuss, but they were soon interrupted by Bubba's next question. "What do property and school taxes run a year on a place like this?" Bubba sincerely asked. "I've been thinking of getting a place like this of my own to retire to but don't know if Bubbette and me can quite afford it! And, seeing you are a guide, is this portion of the lake zoned business or residential and where does your property line end?" Bubba went on to add with all the conviction and sincerity of a Baptist

preacher at a hot summer night tent revival. Well the only reply Bubba got referred to his mother and something about his heritage and then they left. He thought they didn't show very much sportsmanship and they weren't very sociable either because they wouldn't even accept his invitation over.

Bubba being the type of person he is didn't wish to trespass on this individual's property anymore. To make sure of this he followed them all day to see if he had any other property on the lake with maybe a mailbox in front of it. Bubba did not locate one at any of the places they went to and fished. He did of course mark the spots on his GPS and gave them to all his friends so they would know these spots did not belong to anyone and they would not be trespassing if they fished there. Bubba is just that kind of guy!

Another draw back on individuals that claim fishing holes as their own is that now you have Bubba thinking! If the fish school there, shouldn't you pay school taxes? If you plant a cedar tree there, isn't that an improvement and property value would increase thus increasing your property taxes?

So, when you are out on the lake, if you are one of those that seriously claims a fishing hole as your own, Bubba just might call the tax assessor on you!

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motor, and Mercury outboard motor.

The tournament will also be paying out 10 places per hour, 8 hours per day for the three days of the tournament. As always the first angler to get knocked out of ninth place each hour will receive a \$100 gift certificate.

We will be set up and taking entries and doing check in at Lake Fork Marina, (just off Highway 17N), tournament head-quarters, on Thursday May 16th from 2 pm until 10 pm. On Friday May 17th from 5 am to 6 am and 4 pm to 9 pm. On Saturday May 18th from 5 am to 6

am and 4 pm to 9 pm and Sunday May 19th from 5 am to 6 am. Anglers can fish one, two, or all three days of the tournament and all boats, makes, and models are welcome in this event.

The event will also be hosting a T-Shirt hour each hour of the event. If an angler has purchased a shirt and has it with them when they weigh in a bass and win 1st in the hour they receive \$100 on the spot for that hour.

One of our newest sponsors for this event is Tartan Tackle. Along with the other baits anglers will receive in their

weight bags along with their "Legend of Lake Fork" cap will be a sample pack of these baits. If an angler catches the heaviest bass of the day on a Tartan Tackle bait they will win an extra \$500. This should be some extra incentive to fish these baits.

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ing this ‘Great Reservoir’!

All anglers are reminded to have a radio in your boat to listen to the hourly weigh-ins. Weights will be broadcast on KMOO, 99.9 FM, three times per hour. This could benefit you

in knowing when to bring your fish in to have the best chances to win in the hour and take a check home.

For more information on the tournament see ad on page 32, or email fishnews@lake-fork.net or give me a call at 903-360-6994.



This angler caught this nice Lake Fork hawg fishing with guide Andrew Grills. Name not provided. C.P.R.



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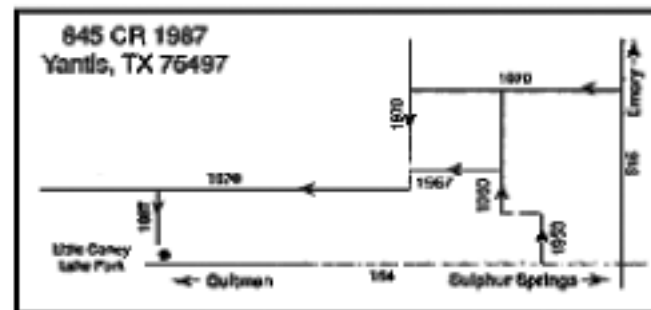
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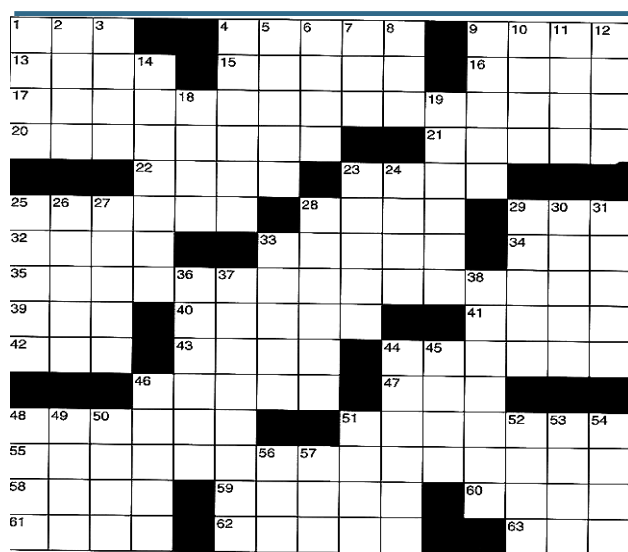
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"Mother Nature Is Making It Difficult!"

By David Ozio

"As with last year at this time, Mother Nature has made it very difficult to date on all guides to do their jobs effectively. Cold weather and insanely high winds have pushed the normal spawning cycle back a few weeks. This will play well into May as I expect to see an exceptional amount of bass on the beds in mid month. This will line up nicely with the Legend of Lake Fork event which starts on May 17th. This will also time well for the annual shad spawn and the big bass should be rock-in and roll-in on main lake points. Main lake water temps are currently hovering in the mid sixties and I expect this number to rise exponentially over the



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| 1. Hooligan | 39. Skeletal muscle |
| 4. Gadoids | 40. Forced |
| 9. Resorts | 41. Heightened |
| 13. Armadillo | 42. Before |
| 15. Mentally quick and resourceful | 43. After a prayer |
| 16. Switch | 44. Conks |
| 17. Handel offering | 46. Lures |
| 20. Living substance | 47. Join |
| 21. Lent | 48. Wrench |
| 22. Day | 51. Treat |
| 23. Singing voice | 55. Heavy April shower |
| 25. Red wine | 58. Birthplace of Constantine |
| 28. Fit out | 59. Threadbare |
| 29. Overgarment | 60. Czech River |
| 32. A university in Connecticut | 61. Dinker (slang) |
| 33. Kinswoman | 62. Judges' journeys |
| 34. Dandy | 63. Medical man |
| 35. "I'm always _____," quest | |

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| 1. Bark | 29. On foot |
| 2. Opaque gem | 30. Haul with a tackle |
| 3. Biu-Mandara | 31. Niches |
| 4. Settlement smaller than a town | 33. Monetary unit of Zambia |
| 5. Accents | 36. Font |
| 6. Chest (Scandinavian) | 37. Make a choice |
| 7. _____ Lilly, drug company | 38. Army unit |
| 8. Time unit | 44. Aspects |
| 9. Italian coin | 45. Shape |
| 10. Settled | 46. Vision |
| 11. Play | 48. Soluble ribonucleic acid |
| 12. Participant | 49. Container |
| 14. Discontinues | 50. Venture |
| 18. Give advice, explain | 51. Narrow |
| 19. Material | 52. Mouthed |
| 23. Up | 53. Southeast Nigeria people |
| 24. Scenes | 54. 1 |
| 25. Ride | 56. Fling |
| 26. Volcanic landslide | 57. Title of respect |
| 27. Alar | |
| 28. Signals | |

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next couple of weeks.

You should start your day on the water combing the shore lines for white birds. Bass will push spawning shad up close to the shore lines and the shad cover the sustenance base for all the hungry critters. There are many different ways to tackle these bass feeding on shad but I mainly key on using the squarebill and a small swimbait to bring home the bacon. Once the feeding frenzy subsides, back out into deeper water and throw a 1 1/2 oz spinnerbait to bag the giants. The first hour after daybreak provides the best opportunity to score a trophy bass and the above mentioned tools are a starting point. You can work the squarebill in 2-3ft of water and any shad colored option will work. Cover as many main lake points as possible and pay strict attention to any shad movement. Birds will help you recognize where these shad are grouped up and make your way there as quickly as possible to get in a few casts before they disperse. Option two is a large spinnerbait. Position the boat in 3ft of water and cast back toward the 12ft range. Let it sink for a few seconds and then start a slow smooth retrieve. Expect a jolting strike when they latch onto the bait. A Carolina rig is a must if there is no wind present and fish it in the same areas as the squarebill and spinnerbait. Flukes are my favorite to use on the c-rig along with a 4ft lead-



er. Colors are standard, darker colors on overcast days, more translucent hues on sunny days.

Piece two of the puzzle falls into place as the month of May progresses, these trophy bass will start to migrate out to deeper water and gang up in large schools. Now is when you start your search using your electronics to find out where they will be taking up residence. The one great thing about this time of the year is that, if you find them, they will be grouped up and much easier to catch. Start your search on main lake points setting your sights in the 20-30ft range. Humps, ridges and roadbeds also come into play. You will probably stumble on herds of sand bass but don't be dismayed.

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Genie Glubke from Minnesota was visiting and could not believe the size of this 22" long 8-lb. bass. C.P.R.



Peggy McWhorter was fishing Lake Fork recently when she caught this really nice bass. Weight not provided. C.P.R.



Shelby Smith was fishing Lake Fork pitching a red Booyah Hard Knockers in 2' to 3' of water when she caught this nice hawg. C.P.R.

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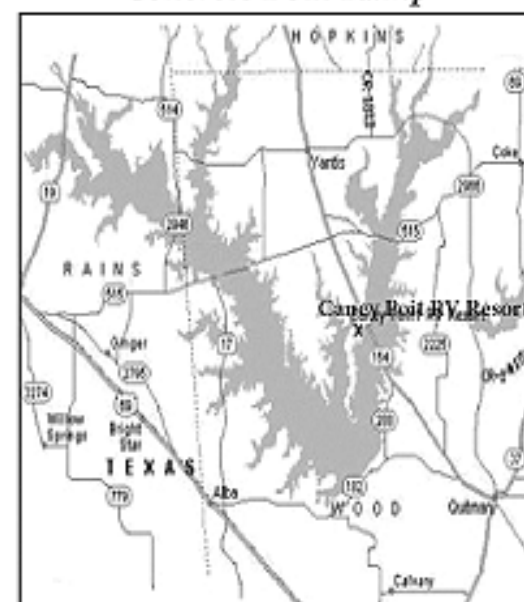
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"The Moon Report"

May Spawn and Post Spawn Crappie

By Terri Moon

Well it's been an interesting year so far. This crazy weather has kept water levels and water temperatures on a roller coaster ride of ups and downs delaying the spawn later than I've ever seen. Of course when they finally decided to lock in on a pattern – it was time for me to go to Missouri for my annual Morel mushroom hunt with the family and for moms 89th birthday. But that's ok – I can fish for crappie year round, but the Morels are just for a limited time once a year (and so is moms birthday and I wouldn't miss it)!

The size quality of the crappie has been off the chart this year. Although my numbers aren't near as good as the guides who already have the new Live Scope depthfinders – they are whacking the big crappie picking them off one at a time going from tree to tree. It's pretty incredible seeing this technique in action! Thank you Cameron Burnett, crappie guide from Lake Fork Marina, for showing me how helpful these units are and especially for donating your fish to my Missouri



trip. My family will certainly appreciate it! So, needless to say it looks like a "Live Scope" unit is a "MUST" for my future! It is definitely a "game changer" in the fishing world. The top finishing percentage in the latest crappie tournament on Fork all had the "Live Scope" which obviously is a great advantage! I'm excited to see Lowrances version of this called "Live-Sight" which is due to be out soon.

It's been a long time coming but the crappie are starting to bunch up in the brush piles and timber, and they are "post spawn hungry"! They are showing up in 12-24 ft. of water. But, there are still crappie in 1-2 ft. of water (predominantly males).

This last full moon and proper water temperatures

finally put full spawn mode in action! Chartreuse, black & chartreuse, or white and chartreuse have been producing. Also for you bream lovers, they are starting to move up and the first ones in are always the biggest! I can't wait to try my 5 ft. Reel Time Rod on these guys! Tiny jigs, nightcrawlers or crickets especially around the full or new moon. There is nothing more fun!

I'm anxious to get back but enjoying my time away. A huge thanks to Scuba Steve for coming back to look after Buddy while I'm gone. He sure was happy to see him. (If you haven't seen their reunion video, check it out on my facebook page – it's priceless!) Also thanks to neighbor Clint for feeding the

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critters and house sitting. It's all so much appreciated! It's nice not having to worry about home!

For those of you who have tried to reach me - my apologies - but, when I'm at moms, it's like living "off the grid" - zero cell service. Verizon even calls it their "DEAD ZONE" and boy are they right! So please

keep trying and I'll get back to you as soon as possible!

Also thanks to Robert Young at Skeeter Boats and everyone at Diamond Sports for expediting the roller for my boat

trailer so I could leave town! Everyone sure loves fishing out of this Skeeter Solera 205!

My best to you all and be safe on the water!



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As of April 17, the Texas Parks and Wildlife De-

partment began stocking thousands of catfish at 19 Neighborhood Fishin' lakes located in 10 urban areas across the state. Lakes being stocked include five in Dallas-Fort Worth, four in the Houston area, two in the Austin area and San Antonio, and one in Abilene, Amarillo, Bryan-College Station, San Angelo, Waco and Wichita Falls.

"Our Neighborhood Fishin' lakes are conveniently located in these urban and suburban areas so that Texans don't have to travel outside the city to have a great fishing experience," said Dave Terre, TPWD Inland Fisheries Management and Research Chief. "Catfish are fun and easy to catch for anglers of all ages and experience levels."

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Lake Fork near Emory, Texas, is hosting the Bassmaster Elite Series tournament, where the top bass anglers in the world will be competing for a total prize purse of \$1 million. While the 75-angler field battles on the water for four days during the "catch, weigh and immediate release" style fishing tournament, TPWD will be on site at the Sabine River Authority from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 4-5 to highlight family-friendly fishing, hunting and camping opportunities in the state.

"On top of showcasing Texas' world class bass fisheries and promoting the conservation-minded 'catch, weigh, and immediate release' tournament format; Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest provides TPWD with an exciting opportunity to engage directly with Texans to highlight all of the outdoor opportunities available in our state," said Dave

Terre, TPWD Chief of Inland Fisheries Management and Research.

Visitors can mingle with fisheries biologists, state park rangers, outdoor educators and game wardens at more than 15 interactive outdoor booths, including:

--Catch a Catfish: Catch a Texas-size catfish with the help of TPWD fisheries biologists and volunteers from the Texas High School Bass Association.

--Fly Casting and Tying: Learn how to tie flies and cast using a fly rod with volunteers from the Texas Council of Fly Fishers International.

--Texas State Fish Art: Paint your favorite fish and learn how you can enter the Texas State-Fish Art Contest.

--Fish FUNDamentals Aquarium: Learn about native fish from a TPWD biologist and find out where fish are biting.

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Other weekend activities at TBTF include various vendor booths with the latest fishing merchandise, seminars taught by Bassmaster Elite Series pros, the annual Bassmaster High School All-American Fishing Team Tournament and more.

Saturday's entertainment lineup includes a live concert as part of the Mercury Concert Series, Elite angler "meet and greets," and several special TPWD ceremonies to honor anglers who have made an impact on fishing this year.

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port TPWD's selective breeding program in 2019. This presentation will include an official announcement of the winner of the Legacy Class Prize Drawing for a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree and an annual fishing license.

TPWD will also recognize the 2019 inductee into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall Of Fame. During this presentation, Alan Haynes of Tyler, the former C.E.O and President of The Sportster Inc. retail sporting goods chain and lifelong sportsman, will be honored for his efforts to engage people in fishing.

Proceeds from the tournament, donated by Gulf States Toyota, will benefit the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's youth fishing and urban outreach programs, including the Neighborhood Fishin' Program, which brings fishing to families at 19 community park lakes in 10 urban areas, and the Texas Division of the Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest, which seeks to interest youth in grades K-12 in fishing.

"Since 2007, Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest and the previous version of the tournament have raised more than \$3 million for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's youth fishing and outreach programs in Texas," Terre said. "This has made a direct impact on increasing fishing participation in Texas - particularly in urban and suburban areas where access to fishing is limited. We are

grateful for this support and look forward to continuing this work to bring fishing closer to Texans in the years ahead."

Local hosts of Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest include the Lake Fork Chamber of Commerce, the Wood County Industrial Commission, the Sabine River Authority, Quitman EDC and Emory Tourism.

"These local organizations deserve special thanks for helping us bring a Bassmaster Elite Series event to Lake Fork for the first time ever," Terre said. "Without the Sabine River Authority and others, Lake Fork would

not be the top trophy bass lake in Texas. I wouldn't be surprised if we see four-day catch records broken at TBTF this year, and that success would be a direct reflection of the hard work and support of these organizations and the entire Lake Fork community."

Admission to the event is free for the whole family. The Sabine River Authority is located at 353 PR 5183, Quitman, Texas. Learn more at <https://www.bassmaster.com/tournaments/2019-toyota-bassmaster-texas-fest-benefiting-texas-parks-wildlife-department>.

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**Carolyn West, President
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LFSA had a new experience this month. We participated in the certification of a new Lake Fork record smallmouth Buffalo caught on a windy day by two expert fishermen from New York. We received a call from the area Chamber of Commerce attempting to find a portable certified scale on which to weigh the big one. Through the help of Texas Parks and Wildlife, Tyler Biologist Evan Cartabiano, our certified portable scale was used to record the 71.5 pound Buffalo caught by Norbert Samok, assisted by Laszlo Kovacs. These fishermen drove from New York state knowing they wanted to fish Fork but were uncertain where at Fork they would fish. They placed a phone call to local resident, Jim Cotton, who graciously let them fish his property for several days. What a lucky strike that was!

The Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest is no small event in this community. LFSA will be present with a booth at the tournament tout- ing our honor of being the 2018 Texas Fresh- water Fisheries Hall of Fame Inductee Award

and welcoming the newest recipient for 2019. Another presence will be the Live Release Boat (LRB) receiving the angler-caught fish and assuring the safe delivery back into Lake Fork. Working the event is an honor in every way for LFSA.

It is Spring and that means projects are abun- dant. The weather has delayed the continued efforts of planting button bushes and deploy- ing structures in the lake, plus planning the release of fingerlings as has happened for several years. Working with Texas Parks and Wildlife, members are anxious to plan dates to plant, deploy and release.

If attending the Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest, the public is encouraged to visit LF- SA's booth, buy a raffle ticket to support our Spring Fundraiser, take a tour of the Live Re- lease Boat and learn the important function we perform at most of the tournaments on this great lake.

In April, LFSA approved a new project working with Tyler Audubon Society to build wood duck houses and place them in ten areas around the lake. Research shows fewer wood ducks are coming to the area, partially due to

reduced habitat. Tommy Duerr will chair this project for LFSA, working with Yantis High School Shop students.

LFSA meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Tiffany's Restaurant- Lake Fork Marina. The Association is an ac- tive, project-driven group of members caring deeply about the preservation of this legend- ary lake.



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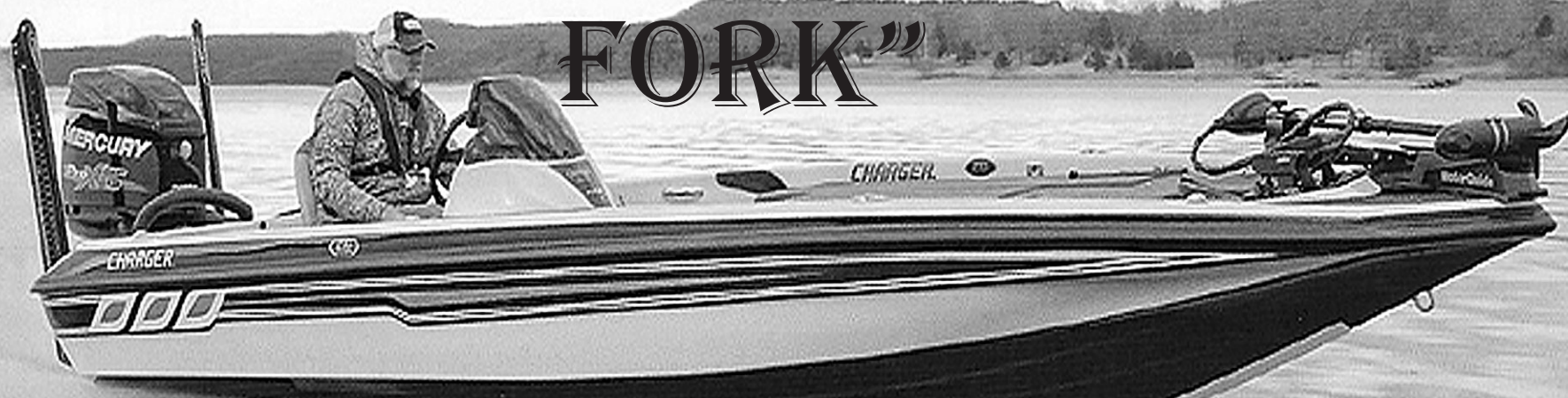
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"Knowing What To Look For!"

By Michael McFarland

Its spring here in north east Texas and its one of the very best times to be fishing Lake Fork. The lake is full pool and many of the bass are finishing up with the spawn, yet some still have the spawn to look forward to. I love this time of year because there are so many different ways to approach and catch the big bass here at Fork. There are fish both shallow and deep, spawning and post spawn and best of all big bass beginning to school up offshore. The easiest way to find the offshore schools of big bass and have consistent success here at Fork or anywhere for that matter is to, "FOLLOW THE

BLUE HERONS!"

Pay very close attention to the behavior and you can learn a lot about what might be in front of them or not. Here are a few tips. 1- Where are the birds located and are they active? Main lake points, secondary points, tree stumps, shallow flats or reefs, shallow shell beds and even wind blown shoreline are common places you will find these birds during the month of May.

2- Is the heron staying in one place and catching baitfish, if so what size? If not how long does the heron stay in one place? Where does it go next?

If the heron is staying in one place and catching baitfish I see it as a deer feeder and tend to stay on

where I have seen the active birds before or had previous success earlier during that given day. I also will sometimes use my sonar to scan the area first looking for the baitfish and or the bass themselves. I have learned over the years that during these inactive times its best to choose and settle in a high percentage area, slow down and grind until things change. I hope you find this article helpful in locating the big bass here at Fork and I wish you all the best of fishing.



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the spot longer even if I'm not getting bit, this is when I "camp". If the heron is moving around frequently then so am I. If the heron is sheltered from wind, resting or appears inactive then I can safely assume that the fish are also inactive and catching will most likely be slow. During the inactive times I will simply pick one of the previous locations



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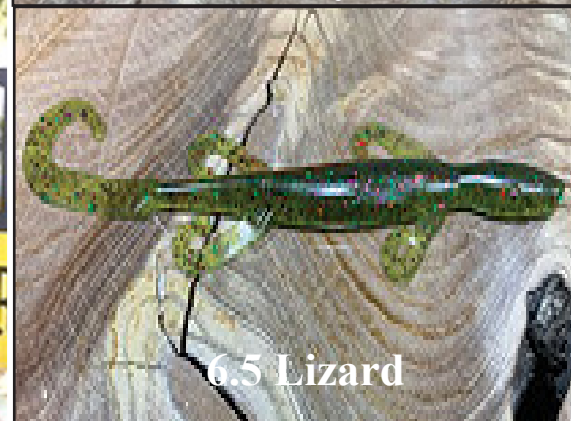
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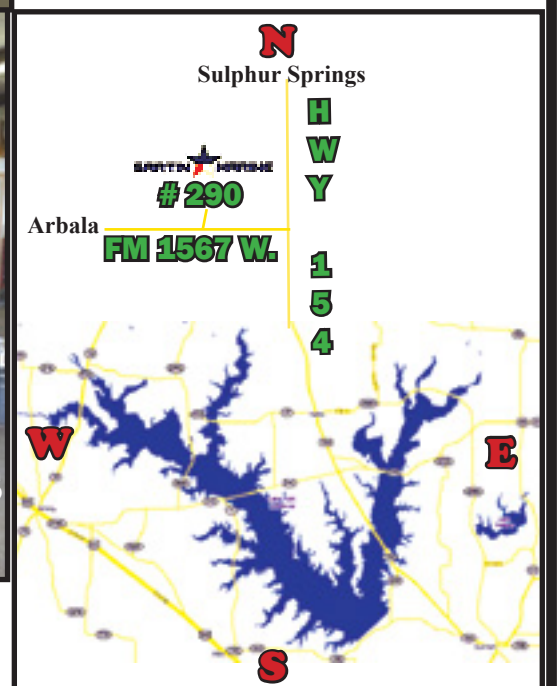
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Tips For Targeting Bigger Bass

By Andrew Grills

Spring is moving right along here on Lake Fork! The fishing has been pretty good for my customers and I so far this season, and I'm looking forward to one of my favorite months. May is a transitional month, but it is also a month where the bass are generally hungry and in a feeding mode. The cold fronts that have rolled through regularly the past few months become



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less frequent, and conditions generally get more stable.

Lake Fork is right at full pool at this time. We have had plenty of rain this spring, but that's much better than low water. The spawn should be about complete, but I haven't seen any fry yet. There may be a few stragglers still waiting to come in and spawn, but I believe most of the fish have wrapped it up. That's just a guess. The water temperature is in the upper 60's to 70 degrees for now.

I'm fishing shallow for the next few weeks, but that will likely change by the end of the month. As I mentioned earlier, May is a transitional month. At some point during the month, we will transition from spring patterns to summer patterns. That will mean looking deeper and switching to summertime techniques like Carolina rigs, football jigs, and deep diving crankbaits. There may still be an early morning shallow bite, but the best success will probably be deeper. This transition usually occurs for me sometime in the middle of the month. I enjoy the deeper bite on Lake Fork, so I look forward to the change.

Hopefully this report helps point you in the right direction as you prepare for a trip to Lake Fork. As always, please don't hesitate to contact

me if I can be of any help to you. I'll leave you with a verse that was a great help to me earlier this week. "For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt thou not deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?" Psalm 56:13



Lake Fork giant caught fishing with guide Andrew Grills in April. Name not provided. C.P.R.



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At this time of the year, trophy black bass will run with their cousins and feed along side them on balls of shad. Spoons work well provided that the bottom is free of timber but the c-rig will do most of the heavy lifting. It's also a good time to tie on a football jig in black/blue or peanut butter/jelly. Any craw trailer will work and be sure to match the skirt of the jig as close as possible. I would also set up an A-rig if an abundance of sand bass are present. Rig this presentation with any white swimbait in the 3 1/2 to 5 inch length. Make a long cast and let it sink to the bottom. Start a slow retrieve and

hold on. You may have to weed through several pesky sand bass but a giant could latch on to the rig and totally make your day.

If you are headed out to Lake Fork in May 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 ones who have dream't 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 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 my job the blast that it is. 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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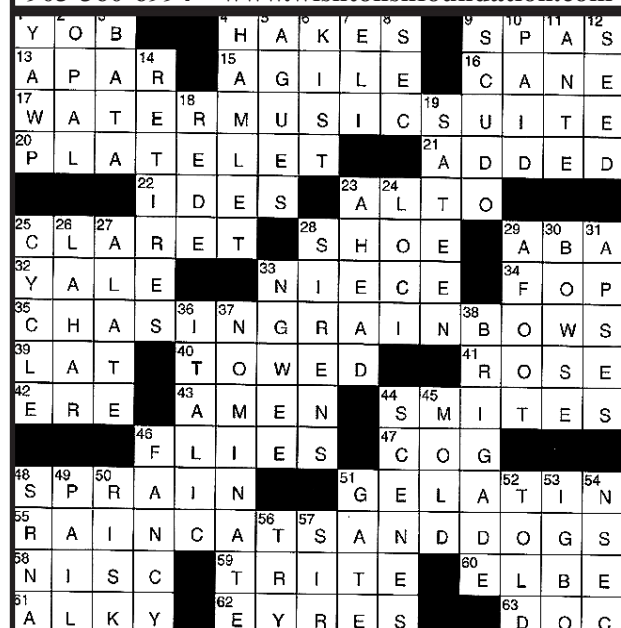
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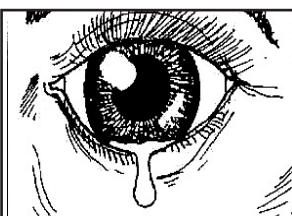
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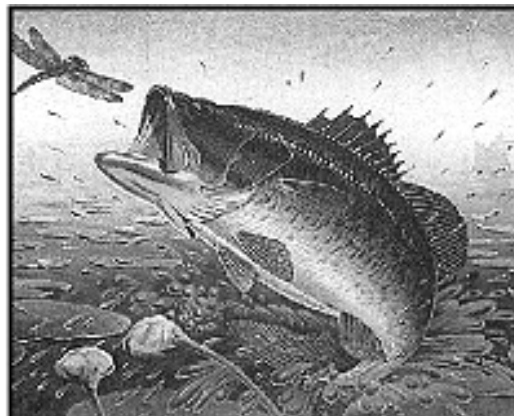
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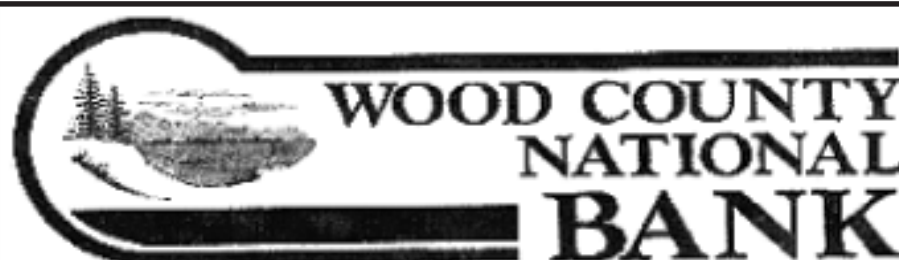
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CAT 6th Annual Crappiefest on Lake Fork

CAT recently held its 6th Annual Crappiefest Tournament on Lake Fork on March 30, 2019, and even with high winds and a little rain, had total of 304 anglers (277 Adult Anglers & 27 Junior Anglers) participate in what has become one of the biggest crappie tour-

naments in the country! Crappie anglers from Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Texas participated in a great day of fishing filled with fun, fellowship and plenty of excitement! Crappiefest is a "big fish" tour-

nament, so each angler weighed-in only one big crappie. Here are the results:

First place was a "tie" this year with Raul Sandoval (Ft. Worth, TX) and Doug Broadway (Joshua, TX) both weighing in a 2.39 pound crappie, netting them each a check for \$4,000. Doug was the top finishing CAT member and received a second check for \$1,250 bringing his total to \$5,250! Jeff Schwieterman (Parker, TX) came in 3rd place with a 2.33 pound slab worth \$2,500. Jerry Hancock (McKinney, TX) and Daniel Barrick (Quinlan, TX) tied for 4th place and each took home a check for \$1,750 for each of their crappie weighing in at 2.31 pounds. Cody Standerfer (Gunter, TX) brought in a 2.30 pound crappie and took home 6th place and \$1,000. Mike Vallentine (Clinton, MO) netted 7th place and \$750 for his 2.20 pound crappie. Allen Dyer (Mabank, TX) took home \$700 for his 8th place crappie weighing in at 2.17 pounds. Mark Standridge (Canton, TX) and Dillon Stocking (Clinton, MO) tied for the 9th and 10th place each weighing in a 2.13 pound slab worth \$625 each. Cash prizes were also awarded for 11th through 20th place.

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Bonuses" and the "Bass Printing Mystery Weight Awards". Seven anglers weighed in crappie weighing exactly 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75 and 2.00 pounds and received a total of \$2,900 in cash from the Exact Weight Bonuses. The Bass Printing Mystery Weight Awards gave away another \$1,000 that was split between six lucky anglers.

Junior Angler 10 & under division:

Not to be outdone by the adults, the youngest crappie anglers in the contest really put on a show. First place was won by Adam Lopez

with a monstrous crappie tipping the scale at 2.15 pounds. Adam won a \$100 Amazon gift card. Staton Robinson took home second place and a \$75 Amazon gift card for his 1.08 pound crappie. Alex Lopez rounded out the top three with his crappie tilting the scale at 1.06 pounds.

Junior Angler 11 – 17 division:

The older kids cashed in as well. Cole Wall won first place and a \$100 Amazon gift card with a weight of 2.07 pounds. Preston Morrison came in 2nd place and netted a \$75 Amazon gift card with his

crappie weighing 1.65 pounds. Noah Rinehart took third place and a \$50 Amazon gift card with his 1.58 pound crappie.

All of the Junior Anglers took home tackle goodie bags valued at over \$25.00 each and a trophy. Our Junior Anglers took home awards and prizes valued at over \$1,300!

Crappie Anglers of Texas would like to thank our 2019 Crappiefest Sponsors for your support. We really appreciate YOU! This year's sponsors were: Star Industries; City of Emory; Stitches Galore; Aflac Insur-

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Game Warden Field Notes

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

--Judge Orders No Hunting Weekends-- A district court judge in Grayson County recently ordered a man convicted of poaching a big white-tailed buck to spend every weekend of hunting season in jail for the next five years. In addition to five years of probation, and over \$18,000 in civil restitution penalty, John Walker Drinnon must report to the Grayson County Jail each weekend of deer season starting Dec. 30 for the full term of his deferred judgment period. The 34-year-old from Whitesboro, Texas, is also prohibited from purchasing a hunting license while on probation. Drinnon admitted to killing a 19-point buck with a gross Boone & Crockett score of 202 inches with a rifle (in an archery-only county) while trespassing on private property; a state jail felony.

--Getting Off to an Early Start-- Opening day of deer season a Smith County game warden was visiting a local meat processor when a young man showed up with a nice buck he claimed to have harvested earlier that morning. What he failed to mention was just how much earlier. A month later, the warden received an anonymous tip that the deer the young man shot had been harvested well before legal shooting hours on the season opener. The warden tracked down the hunter

and after a short interview, the young man admitted he had shot that deer at about 3 a.m. while hog hunting. The antlers and remaining deer meat were seized and multiple citations were issued for illegal harvest at night and hunting deer out of season. The cases are pending.

--Did You Find Your Dog?-- A Harrison County game warden was contacted by a landowner who came upon a suspicious man on her property while she was bow hunting. The man told her he was looking for his wife's dog, and departed. Later that evening the landowner reviewed her game camera footage and saw the same guy lurking about on two previous occasions. On the first occasion the game camera caught the individual shooting at a white-tailed doe and miss. A couple of days later, the same subject returned and shot a white-tailed doe. Wardens questioned area residents and based on images from the game camera were able to identify the suspect at a nearby residence. After an interview, the man admitted to trespassing and shooting the deer. Numerous charges and restitution are pending.

--The One That Got Away-- On Nov. 25, Terrell County game wardens received a phone call reporting suspicious deer at a hunting camp. When the wardens arrived at the location, they found three hunters. The trio claimed a bunch of deer showed up near their

hunting blind that they assumed were white-tailed bucks, so all three individuals took shots. When the hunters walked over to retrieve the deer, they found they had shot two antlerless mule deer. Since they did not possess the required permits, they panicked and attempted to hide the carcasses. The third hunter, who failed to make his shot on the deer, gave no excuses for his poor marksmanship and was just happy he missed. The wardens educated the hunters about proper game identification and issued citations for taking antlerless mule deer without a permit. The cases are pending.

--Failure to Hide the Evidence-- Officers with the Marion County Sheriff's Office were at a residence serving warrants for a recent burglary when they noticed a large amount of deer guts scattered all over the front yard, and notified game wardens. A warden responded to the residence to investigate. After collecting evidence and conducting a lengthy interview, the warden obtained confessions from two individuals who admitted to shooting two deer from a public roadway on two different occasions. Charges for felon in possession of a firearm, hunting from the public roadway, waste of game, hunting with illegal means and methods and no hunting license are pending.

--Can't Fool Me Twice-- Earlier this month a Navarro County landowner contacted game wardens regard-

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ing a second road hunting incident in as many weeks where someone shot a deer off his property from the road. Wardens had investigated the first incident, but were unsuccessful in locating enough evidence to identify a suspect. With backup from the Navarro County Sheriff's Office, wardens were able to nab the individuals responsible after the second poaching incident. Once alerted by the landowner, officers immediately converged on the scene. Sheriff's deputies made a traffic stop on a vehicle in the vicinity that did not match the description of the perpetrator, but did have a freshly killed deer in the bed. As it turns out, the subjects had switched vehicles after making the kill, and stashed their hunting gear before returning to pick up the deer. A full confession was obtained regarding both violations. Eight Class A misdemeanor charges, along with restitution, are pending. The rifles were located and seized.

--Still Filling Last Year's Tags-- While inspecting a local meat processing plant, a Cherokee County game warden discovered a recently executed deer tag from last season's license. After running the subject through the department's database, it was determined the subject did not currently possess a valid hunting license, nor had he completed mandatory hunter education certification. A couple of days later, the warden met with the hunter at his residence and requested to see

the subject's hunting license. While looking over the expired hunting license, it was determined that he had also taken a buck a few days prior, which the warden asked to see. In addition to being tagged with an expired tag, the buck's antlers did not meet the county antler restrictions. Citations were issued for taking deer with an expired hunting license, taking a buck deer that did not meet county antler restrictions, harvest log violations and no hunter education. The cases are pending.

--Not a Duck Hunter Video Game-- While patrolling Limestone County, a game warden heard several shots coming from a nearby tract of land. Upon further investigation, the warden located an individual who was using his .30-30 rifle to shoot at ducks as they flew past. The subject did not possess a hunting license. He was given a brief lesson on bullet trajectory and firearm safety, among other things. The cases are pending.

--Caught Gaming the System-- Trinity County game wardens found a van parked at the end of a county back road. The wardens noticed a hunter coming down a trail toward the van, and then disappear after spotting them. The wardens ran down the trail, but before they could reach the man, he emerged back onto the trail. The wardens made contact and asked the man why he ran into the woods out of sight. The hunter stated he was walking around a washout. While one warden

checked the man's guns and hunting license, the other warden started walking down the trail where the hunter had emerged. At that point, the hunter admitted to shooting a doe and hiding the meat in a backpack he ditched near the trail after seeing the wardens. The hunter produced an active military hunting license, although he was not currently nor had he ever served in the military. The hunter had also used a tag on another deer he had taken earlier in the season. Multiple cases were filed with civil restitution.

--Cooper's Hawk Down-- A Facebook group notified game wardens about a protected Cooper's hawk being killed. The concerned citizen sent in screen shots of a Facebook post where a suspect posed with a dead Cooper's hawk and stated, "Killed my first hawk today. I found him in the pigeon coop eating this pigeon. I picked up the shovel and killed him! Normally we let them go but I'm tired of them killing my chickens and pigeons." The actor then posed in several pictures holding the dead hawk. Wardens located the actor and the hawk. Citations and restitution are pending.

--Additional Damages Incurred-- A Game warden got a call regarding a vehicle being towed down a county road with a mule deer buck in the bed of the pickup. Since the mule deer season in this region had been

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The Heart of the Matter

By Sue Hampton

The benefits of eating seafood have been touted by many health organizations, so it would be heartening if Americans ate more. Currently, we consume only half the recommended amount, and many assume it's just too expensive or difficult to prepare.

Shrimp and fish are a source of omega-3 fatty acids that can improve cardiovascular health and lower the incidence of heart disease and stroke. Some varieties of seafood, including



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shrimp, even deliver impressive amounts of vitamin D, which is deficient in the American diet.

Some people may not eat enough seafood because they think it's expensive, but seafood can also be cost effective, especially if it's frozen. Frozen items are priced lower than those at the seafood counter or in restaurants, and they can be stored in the home freezer for an inexpensive and convenient meal option.

For example, SeaPak Shrimp Company offers several delicious, high-quality seafood products. This simple recipe features succulent frozen shrimp and can serve as a restaurant-quality meal.

Tangy Lemon Pepper Shrimp With Broccoli

Ingredients:

2 12-oz. SeaPak Shrimp Scampi (frozen)
1 lb. angel-hair pasta, dry (choose multigrain for a healthy option)
1 16-oz. package broccoli (no sauce), frozen
2 tsp. lemon pepper
¼ cup Dijon mustard
1 cup dry white wine

Cook pasta according to the package directions.

Heat large sauté skillet on medium for 1 minute. Add frozen shrimp to pan and sauté 5 minutes.

Defrost broccoli in microwave according to package directions. Drain broccoli and add to skillet with shrimp.

Whisk lemon pepper, Dijon mustard and wine in a small bowl. Pour mixture over shrimp and broccoli. Stir well to incorporate all ingredients.

Simmer for additional 3-4 minutes (or until shrimp are fully cooked), stirring frequently.

Toss shrimp and broccoli with pasta and serve.

To spice up your dish, add ½ tsp of crushed red pepper with the lemon pepper.

You also might want to add the following delicious salad to complete your meal! A dressing made from canola oil, vinegar, garlic and curry adds healthy flavor to this tempting salad!

Curried Spinach

Salad With Grapes and Oranges

1 head romaine, torn into pieces
1 cup torn fresh spinach
1 11-ounce can mandarin orange sections, chilled and drained
1 cup green grapes, seeded and halved
½ cup toasted slivered almonds
½ cup canola oil
1/3 cup white wine vinegar
1 clove garlic minced
2 tablespoons minced frozen chives
1 tablespoon curry powder
1 teaspoon soy sauce
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar

In large bowl, combine lettuce, spinach, orange sections, grapes and almonds. In a jar with a screw-on lid, combine oil, vinegar, garlic, chives, curry powder, soy sauce and brown sugar. Shake well before serving. Just before serving, toss some of the dressing with the salad and serve the remaining dressing separately.

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over for several weeks, the warden headed to the last known location seen by the reporting party. After arriving in the area, he located a truck behind a residence that appeared to have sustained significant front-end damage. While investigating the buck, the driver of the vehicle walked into the back yard, and was surprised to see a game warden standing at the back of his vehicle. After investigating further, it was determined the man had been involved in an accident with the deer earlier while driving on a nearby highway. The warden asked the man if he reported the accident and the driver informed him that he did

not due to his license being suspended. The warden addressed the license issue, then cited the man for possession of an illegally taken resource.

--Caught in the Act--
A Williamson County game warden was patrolling U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public land near Lake Granger for illegal hunting. He noticed a truck driving by slowly and used his night vision goggles to follow the suspicious vehicle. The warden was about 100 yards away from the suspects' truck when he heard what sounded like a gunshot. He slowly rolled up to the scene, parked his patrol truck 50 yards away and observed a man and a

woman trying to remove a white-tailed buck deer from the fence. At that point the warden turned on his emergency lights and drove up to the scene. He identified himself and they put their hands up. Asked what they were doing, the man replied, "Shooting deer." The couple confessed to shooting the deer, a 10 point buck. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office at Lake Granger was notified and they agreed to pursue charges for taking a wildlife resource without landowner consent. Both were charged and booked into the Williamson County Jail. Criminal and civil restitution charges are pending.

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June

June 1 ~ Wood Cty Kidfish
SRA Park

June 1 ~ JC Outdoors Teams
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June 6-9 ~Skeeter Owners
Lake Fork Marina

June 15 ~ Media Teams
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June 23~ JC Outdoors Solo
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June 29 ~ JC Outdoors Teams
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July

July 13 ~ Media Teams
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July 23 ~ JC Outdoors Solo
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If You are having a Tournament on Lake
Fork and wish to have it listed, contact us
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Preserving The Legend

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each
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Yantis \$249,900

WHAT A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY! Live on site in this 3 bedroom 2 bath home and let the 4 cabins and rent house pay your bills! Granite counters, engineered hardwood floors, fireplace, 24X32 garage, 12X20 storage building and a 10X12 dog house surrounded by chain link fence, plenty of parking in front of cabins and a nice pond. Property is 2.51 acres with plenty of room to add more cabins. Located just 1 mile from Lake Fork boat ramp.



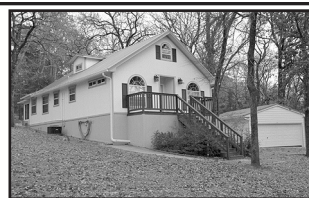
Quitman \$375,000

126 ACRES + 6 PONDS + MOBILE HOME This rare tract of land features 460 ft of frontage on SH 37 & 1000+ ft of frontage on CR 4165. Property is fenced and has a Livestock Exemption in place! Very good condition single wide mobile home included with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. There are 6 ponds and old oil field activity on property, seller states no oil field activity in recent years. Property has some rolling hills and is gently sloped with a very unique topography for the area.



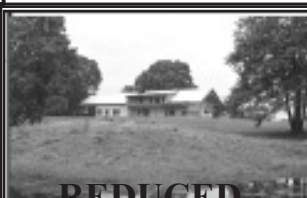
Yantis \$129,500

21.7 UNRESTRICTED ACRES, NO ZONING Less than 2 hrs from Dallas. Property features a nice pond, completely fenced and ready for livestock. This property is elevated and has no bottom areas. This would be a great place to build a custom home or good tract of land for your livestock. Electric and water available at the road. Property sits on curve of County Road 1912 and has 1,500+ feet of road frontage. Agricultural Exemption already in place! Call for your showing today!



Quitman \$182,900

LAKE LYDIA WATERFRONT HOME! This recently remodeled home is waterfront on Lake Lydia, a private lake. Property features boat house, guest quarters, 2 car garage with workshop area, hardwood floors, gas fireplace, office & a sun-room. 3 bdms and 1 full bathroom with claw foot bathtub in the main house & an all wood interior guest room with a 3/4 bathroom behind garage. Home sits high on a hill on a large lot with great view of the lake and plenty of privacy! Furnishings Negotiable.



Quitman \$399,000

OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING! 51+ ACRES This is an unfinished 5 bedroom home, with 4 bathrooms, 2 living areas and mostly wired. Some Can Lighting is either installed or there ready to be installed. Several high end doors and windows in place too. 600 ft. well, property is mostly fenced with great rolling country views. There is a pond right out your back door with lots of deer and wildlife. This is one of those properties you must see! Make your appointment today!



Quitman \$129,000

APROX 14 UNRESTRICTED ACRES Located on State Highway 154 with an AG exemption already in place. Property features 1,000+ feet of road frontage on SH 154 & approx 400 feet of road frontage on County Road 1210. Great exposure for any business, with good access from two County Roads! Property located approx one mile from public boat ramp to Lake Fork, The Minnow Bucket Marina & Oak Ridge! Property is partially fenced and has a small pond. BRING YOUR BEST OFFER!!!



Quitman \$155,000

3 BEDROOM 3 BATH HOME - 1 OWNER Located walking distance from city services in Quitman. This home has a complete new PVC plumbing system, new carpet, fresh paint inside and out, granite counters. Home features 2 living areas, tons of storage, fenced back yard, extra wide paved driveway with boat and RV parking. Home has been meticulously maintained, owned by the original family since day 1 and is move-in ready.



Emory \$225,000

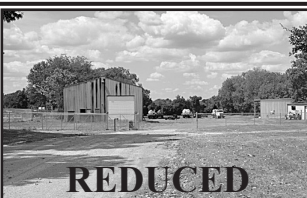
LOCATED IN EMORY INDUSTRIAL PARK Formerly a doctor's office building, this custom built building features metal and stone construction. Interior has a nice lobby or reception area, multiple rooms for offices, full kitchen and 2 bathrooms with a stall shower AND living quarters upstairs. Building has a garage with receiving area and roll-up door. Call JR for detailed information.

LARGE VACANT LOT IN DOWNTOWN WINNSBORO This 1.117 acres lot is located in downtown Winnsboro right on Main St. Busy road frontage gives serious exposure for most any business. **\$350,000** Call JR for full details!
VACANT LOT IN DOWNTOWN QUITMAN \$37,900 Located in downtown Quitman by the Wood County Court House and Peoples Telephone on Hwy 154. This .1857 acre lot will give great exposure for any business you choose.



Alba \$99,900

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION 1900+ sqft metal building has recently had a complete new metal exterior, septic, AC and 3 phase electrical. Building is insulated and has two roll up doors. New custom iron gates recently installed. Located on FM 17, just South of Lake Fork Marina. This would be a great place to start your business, or maybe store your toys! No zoning or known restrictions.



Winnsboro \$250,000

FENCED COMMERCIAL PROPERTY Located in Winnsboro on Highway 11/Broadway Street. A total of 4.285 acres is ready for your business! Property is fenced with security gate and has several usable metal buildings. Any business would get massive exposure here! Motivated seller is ready for your best offer! Call JR for full details and to schedule your showing today!



Alba \$229,000

LAKE FORK WATERFRONT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY! This 4000+ sqft building is set up as a restaurant and is waterfront on Lake Fork with its own private boat ramp, pier, storage building and plenty of parking. Located on the busy, high traffic side of Lake Fork. The seller states property is unrestricted This would be perfect place for a marina, bait and tackle shop or your dream business. All Restaurant equipment is included! Call JR for full details.



Yantis \$399,000

BRING YOUR BEST OFFER! This original home place features 44 gorgeous acres, partially fenced and has a pond for your livestock. Property has 1,400+ ft of good country road frontage. This 2 story, 3 bdrm 2.5 bath home has 2,236 sqft. Home is 530' from road with plenty of privacy! Metal roofing, covered wrap-around front porch, 16'x20' back deck, 18'x23' garage with 7' door, 7.5'x18' sunroom with access from living & master bdrm. Living room has brick wbf that is double sided to master bdrm.



Mineola \$419,000

52.9 ACRES ON LAKE FORK CREEK!!! Approx 1 mile of frontage on Lake Fork Creek! Property is fenced and gated, AG exemption in place. 3 sided wrap-around porch, carport, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, great room living area with gas fireplace combined with dining area. Kitchen has breakfast bar and pantry, appliances convey to buyer. 40x60 workshop on a concrete slab with metal roof, lean-to shed on side, 220 electric, plumbed air compressor, wood stove, loft storage and 2 garage doors.



Point \$559,000

YOUR PRIVATE OASIS ON 8 ACRES! Immaculate and move-in ready. 2 story, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on 8 gorgeous, manicured acres & irrigated from 2 ponds. Completely fenced & 2 electric gates plus night lighting along driveway & front of property. Concrete RV site with full hook-up, 2 sheds, 2 ponds, chicken coop & fenced garden area. Community boat ramp and pier to Lake Tawakoni is walking distance from home. OR BUY THE HOME +4 ACRES FOR \$399,000. Call JR for details.



Yantis \$839,000

TOTAL SECLUSION AND PRIVACY Custom waterfront home sitting on almost 33 acres, hidden in the woods! Property is under wildlife exemption. Home features 3/2/2 carport spaces, office/game room or 4th bedroom, beamed ceilings, limestone gas fireplace, huge windows overlooking the cove and natural wildlife. 30x60 metal shop building, 34x60 metal shop building, 1 room guest cabin could use a little work, storage shed, 2 ponds with 7+ acres of leaseback on Lake Fork.

LAKE FORK WATERFRONT LOTS & OFF WATER LOTS FROM \$25,000 TO \$84,900

LAKE FORK AREA ACREAGE FROM \$59,900 TO \$375,000

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