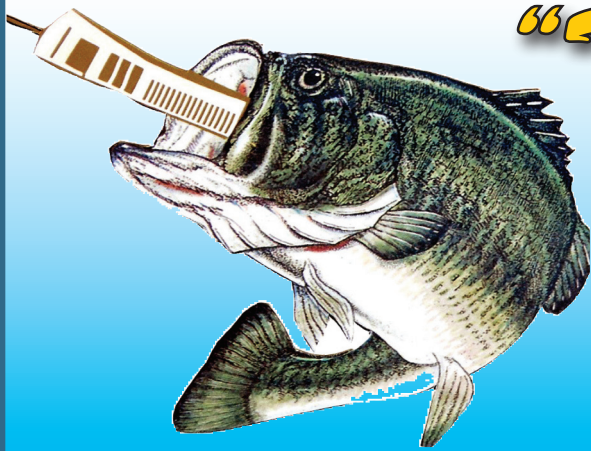


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Keith Cherry from Fredricktown, Missouri won 1st Place Overall in the 17th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Tournament with this hawg weighing 12.64-pounds. For his efforts he won the hourly pay and a certificate for a 2022 Xpress X21 Pro Bass Boat.



Paul Bacon from Emory, Texas won 1st Place for heaviest under 16 inches in the 17th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Tournament with this nice bass weighing 2.53-pounds. For his efforts he won 2nd place hourly pay and a certificate for a 2022 Xpress X19 Pro Bass Boat.



Jay Feagley from Choctaw, Arkansas name was pulled winning him a certificate for a 2022 Xpress H20 bass boat by Wish to Fish Foundation's special Lilly Anderson. Jay being a gracious winner gifted Lilly with \$500 for drawing his name. (See Full Story Page 4)



Livesay Dominates Lake Fork with 113-11! Bassmaster Elite Series history was once again made on legendary Lake Fork in Texas. When the dust — and wind — settled, four more Century Belts were awarded at the Simms Bassmaster Elite. (See Full Story Page 7)



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"Hats Off To Bubba & Hats Off'ed By Bubbette"

By Don Hampton

Bubbette has always liked decorative borders around the top of the walls where it joins with the ceiling. Bubba does too! It is just their definitions of an attractive border are two worlds apart.

When Bubba and Bubbette first met, the borders in her house were a pretty shade to match the carpet with just darling little flowers and butterfly prints throughout. Bubba's was 463 different fishing caps lining the wall throughout the house. These caps lined the ceiling joints throughout his three bedroom home. These caps, side by side, lined the living room into the kitchen, down the hall into the bedrooms and the bathrooms. No space at the top of any wall was blank. Before he moved, it took him a week to fill the nail holes and repaint the walls.

At first Bubbette pretended to like this macho decoration of Bubba's, but we know the real truth because Bubba is no longer in charge of interior decorating and his cap collection is minimal.

Bubba had a cap that advertised businesses, products, festivals, carnivals, you name it he had a cap for it. If he'd worn most of them he could have gone for years without being seen in the same cap twice. But, we all know what the largest majority of the caps had on them! That is right, fish!

Bubba had a cap for the kind of hooks he used, the lures, the line, the type of boat he had, the motor, his

bass clubs, you name it! If it was fishing related, he had a cap that had something to say about it. I think he was hoping fishing tournaments would start being double-headers!

Bubba's love for caps began at an early age when he would push his little cap down over his eyes pushing his ears out so far it was comical and walk to the pond catching grasshoppers with a cane pole over his shoulder. He uses much more expensive items than a cane pole now, but he still occasionally catches grasshoppers to fish with and his love for a cap has never diminished, especially since his hair has begun to!

Bubba has had a lot of people try to discourage him from wearing caps all of the time. (You will not see Bubba without a cap on.) Most would use the old "cliché" wearing a cap would make you lose your hair sooner. Well, Bubba had seen pictures of his ancestors in the photo albums and knew his hair was doomed with heritage. He knew without a doubt his hair might go but baseball caps would always be around. The way he feels about this is, his fishing caps displaying his favorite lure, rods, lines, fish or whatever he has on them, looks a lot better than some of the wigs and toupee's he has seen some guys wear. To his way of thinking a toupee is a cap without a brim and besides it probably sheds and don't let the dog get hold of it. Bubba's remark on this one was, "I take my cap off for the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, prayer and when I

go to church. I think it would be funnier than all get-out if they had to take off their little hairy cap!" I have to agree with him on this one, it would be funny!

As for the hair implants, he has seen some of those that his friends got in the place he calls, "Hair R Us". He thinks those resemble hair on old dolls belonging to his daughter he had to throw away. They shed too! He doesn't like the "Hair R Us" definition of "Plugs". To his way of thinking the only plugs in his life are the ones good for fixing a flat or top-water baits. To Bubba's way of thinking this seems painful and expensive when really all they need is to get a cap.

Bubba's inventory in the cap department has really been depleted since his marriage to Bubbette. Her interior decorating does not allow for Bubba's cap collection as a ceiling border. Not to be remorseful, Bubba is understanding. Even though Bubbette still collects her ceramic angels, he can't have a cap collection. Now he is limited to just a few and if the number begins to grow in the collection, somehow certain ones seem to disappear. "Funny how things happen that way." All of that is fine with Bubba because now he has a new hobby that Bubbette can't get to when it's locked up in his boat! That's collecting "Fishing Stuff"!!

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Seventeenth Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament *(Continued from Page 1)*

By Don Hampton

Expectations were high for all the anglers that came to participate in the 17th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament that was held on May 13th, 14th, 15th. The tournament was hosted out of Lake Fork Marina.

For a few reasons attendance was down this year. We had reports from some of our regular anglers it was because of the lake level being so low and the outrageous price of gas and groceries. Most reasons were based on the economic status. Overall anglers representing 25 states converged on Lake Fork. A few of the states represented were Washington, Wisconsin, Illinois, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, and Iowa.

Lake Fork being a slot lake, meaning anything between 16" and 24" cannot be brought to the weigh-in, the tournament rule is no bass can touch 16". The reason for this rule is not only to protect the anglers but also because we give a boat away for the heaviest under 16".

Anglers reported a lot of bass being caught in the slot but as we all know, they are great to catch but do not help in a Lake Fork tournament. It was disappointing for the anglers that brought those slot fish to the scales.

The second day of the tournament was especially great for Paul Bacon from Emory, Texas when he weighed in a bass under 16" that tilted the scales at 2.53-pounds. His bass remained the heaviest under to be brought to the scales for the three days of the tournament. His bass won him not only \$400 for second in the hour but a certificate for a 2022 Xpress X19Pro bass boat, powered by Yamaha. On Friday there was only one bass over the slot brought to the scales. This bass was weighed in the 9 to 10 o'clock hour by Billy Gatwood from Hattiesburg, Mississippi and weighed 8.65-pounds.

On Saturday of the tournament Lake Fork woke up and there were four bass 24" and over brought to the scales. It all began in the 7 to 8 o'clock hour when Keith Cherry from Fredricktown, Missouri brought a hawg weighing 12.64-pounds. In the 8 to 9 o'clock hour Carson Fowler from Mart, Texas brought in a bass weighing 11.89-pounds. During the 9 to 10 o'clock hour Mark Barnett from Alba, Texas weighed an 8.40-pound bass. In the 1 to 2 o'clock hour there was an 9.48-pound bass brought to the scales by Shane Smith from Texarkana, Texas.

On Sunday, the last day of the tournament there were three bass over 24" brought to the scales. The first bass weighed 10.73-pounds caught by Ray

Ward from Emory, Texas and came in during the 8 to 9 o'clock hour. Jerry Page from Princeton, Texas weighed in a 7.87-pound bass during the 9 to 10 o'clock hour. During the 12 to 1 o'clock hour Doug Brundidge from Farmersville, Texas weighed in a 9.21-pound bass.

Keith Cherry's 12.64-pound bass held up as the heaviest over the slot winning him an hourly paycheck and the certificate for a 2022 Xpress X21Pro, powered by Yamaha. Jay Feagley from Choctaw, AR won the early incentive certificate for a 2022 Xpress H20B bass boat, powered by Yamaha.

In the drawing by Wish to Fish special child Lilly Anderson, Steve Mee from Alba, Texas won the special Cornhole Set donated by Thomas Ayers of Ayers RV and Resort.

In closing, I would like to send out a very special thank you to all of our sponsors and local businesses for helping us to make this tournament an annual success.

Anglers mark your calendars for the 18th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament to be held May 19, 20, 21, 2023.

For all the hourly results see page 13 and for more photos page 15.

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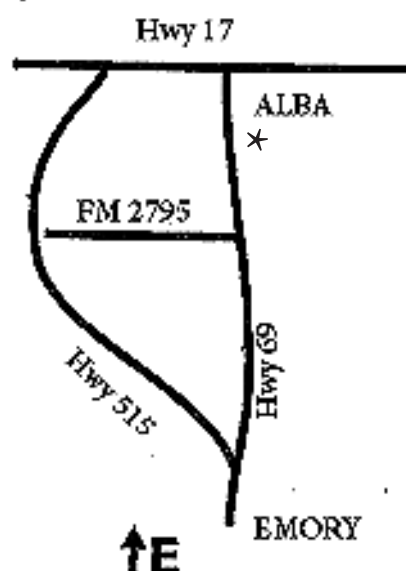
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"The Bass Have Moved To Deeper Haunts!"

By David Ozio

"Unlike last year the big rains of the spring have evaded us which will, it seems, push the low water condition of Lake Fork well into the fall of next year and maybe even the winter. Extensive work was needed on the dam to secure this pristine fishery which hosted the Bassmaster's Elite's in middle May in which Lee Livesay repeated his 2021 victory with a beatdown on the nearest competitor. The bass have moved out to deeper haunts much earlier this season and the pro's showed off the quality that can be caught if you put your nose to the grindstone. As of this writing, shallow patterns are still in play and the game is whatever tickles your fancy. If deep is yo thang, knowl-

edge of electronics will be the bread and butter that will lock you on to the lunker of a lifetime.

Understanding what you see on your electronics is critical and I take for granted that everyone already has the ability to read these high tech graphs. If not, contact Slade Dougherty at 817 797-8762 and he will open your eyes to what these amazing machines can do for you. The next skill would be to determine where to look and how to recognize the bass that will start to gang up on certain types of structure. As stated earlier, humps and ridges are excellent but you can start with long tapering points. The next chore will be to ascertain what depth range where the green critters will set up shop. Start your scan in 35ft and graph your way into the 15ft range and then reverse course and head back to the starting point using a different track. Repeat this process until you have covered the entire point from front to back. If you see a group of arches on the screen during any one pass, set a waypoint on that location and put out a marker buoy on that spot once you have combed the entire area. During this time of the year, most fish will be on the bottom so you can focus your fish catching strategies on the Carolina rig, drop shot, Texas rig, jigs or crankbait. Flukes, brush hogs or any straight or curl tail worm will work using standard colors such as watermelon candy, redbug, plum or watermelon red. As for cranking, shad colored crankbaits along with chartreuse blue back also works well.



Next, let's venture out to the offshore humps or ridges. Graph these locations back and forth until you spot the likely targets. Drop a waypoint on the fishy looking spot and fish each technique until you determine what presentation they favor. If your after a lunker of a lifetime, the jig with matching trailer will be your "go to" bait. To round out your search, target roadbeds and submerged structures such as brush piles or laydown timber. If the arches show up on your graph, pitch out a marker buoy and go to work. It's not rocket science, it's just locating where the fish are positioned. If all of this is somewhat confusing, your best bet will be to hire a full time Lake Fork guide and spend the day covering the aforementioned areas and have him

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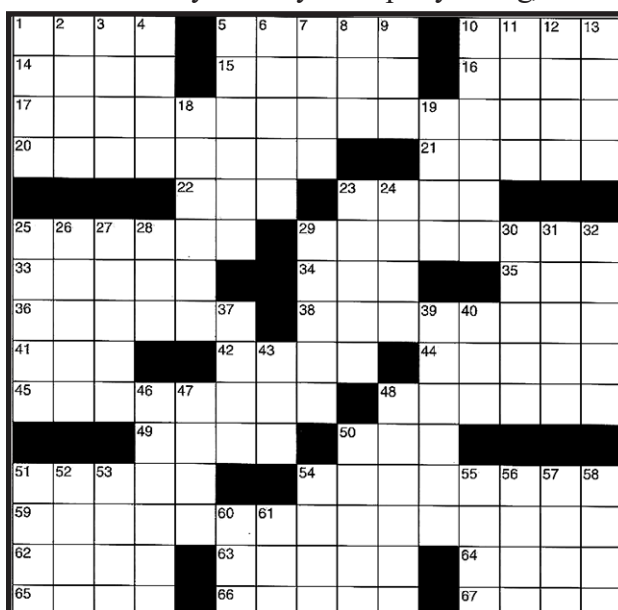
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5. Heart chambers
10. Tang
14. Wild mountain goat
15. Persons
16. Lake ____, one of the Great
17. Part of a Christmas song
20. Rode a horse
21. Scars
22. Negative
23. Spice
25. Cycle
29. Heaven
33. Involvement
34. They ____
35. Route (abbr.)
36. Take by force
38. Refinisher
41. Compass point
42. Small integers
44. Protective covering
45. Takes a breath
48. ____ fatales
49. Japanese waist pouch
50. Morris or Garfield
51. Little
54. Scandinavian capital
59. Part of a Christmas song with 17 across
62. Filippo ____, saint
63. Richard ____, character actor
64. Conk
65. Short for Paltrow
66. Awake
67. About aviation

CLUES DOWN

1. Treasury
2. City, 3000 B.C.
3. Clever
4. Depart
5. Religious retreat
6. Mark ____, U.S. painter
7. Regretted
8. Nauseated
9. Signing
10. Closed in
11. ____ Clapton, musician
12. Decline
13. Lambs
18. Groups of species
19. Prevents harm to creatures
23. Female horses
24. Area units
25. One who accepts a bet
26. Compound derived from ammonia
27. Swellings
28. Bradstreet partner
29. Cuts
30. Worn to Mecca
31. Scandinavian
32. Judges' journeys
37. Young salmon
39. Bloodsucking African fly
40. Resistance unit
43. Company exec
46. Chinese transliteration system
47. Inside of
48. Stammer
50. Belts
51. Ratted
52. Squad
53. Bird's nest
54. Slight indication
55. South American Indian
56. World's longest river
57. Gnarl
58. People of southeast Nigeria
60. Arthropod genus
61. ____ Angeles

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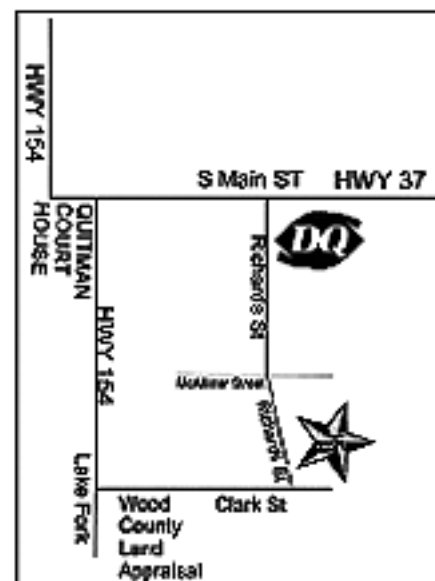
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Livesay reigns supreme on Lake Fork

Lee Livesay does it again, winning on his home lake with an astounding 113 pounds, 11 ounces! Lee definitely expected to do well; he just never expected his second consecutive victory on his home waters to be fueled by a "junk" spot.

That's exactly what happened, as the Longview, Texas pro turned in a four-day total of 113 pounds, 11 ounces to win the Simms Bassmaster Elite at Lake Fork.

Livesay caught 32 pounds on Day 1 and finished just 5 ounces out of the top spot. A second-round limit of 28-10 then gave him the lead with a 4-pound margin over Brandon Palaniuk of Rathdrum, Idaho.

He added 27-5 on Semifinal Saturday and entered Championship Sunday with a 3 1/2-pound advantage over Palaniuk. Then his final limit of 25-12 sealed the victory and pushed him past Palaniuk and Gerald Swindle of Guntersville, Ala. — both with 102-2 — by a margin of 11-9.

Ties are broken by the heaviest single-day weight. Palaniuk's 30-1 limit on Day 2 topped Swindle's Day 1 limit of 29-7.

"This week is the most stressful week ever for me because I want to do good for every

single person in this crowd that supports me — friends, family, sponsors, everybody," Livesay said. "This place is special to a lot of people, but it's special to me because it's home.

"It's hard to win on your home lake, but I'm a very blessed man."

It marked the third Elite title for Livesay, who won at Lake Fork in 2021 and Chickamauga Lake in 2020. In addition to the \$100,000 first-place prize, Livesay claimed his second Century Club belt for breaking 100 pounds in a four-day event. His first was for last year's Lake Fork winning total of 112-5.

Despite intimate Lake Fork knowledge earned through a lifetime of fishing and several years of guiding, Livesay lamented a tough tournament. The lake is down 5 1/2 feet for dam repairs, so many of the spots he fished last year were inaccessible, if not high and dry.

With several of his fishable areas failing to impress, Livesay turned to an unlikely option that ended up producing much of his weight. Located on the west side of the Lake Fork Creek arm, Livesay's main target comprised a 40-foot by 40-foot high spot reaching into nearby timber

in about 13 to 17 feet of water.

Devoid of cover, the spot had a hard bottom where large gizzard shad were congregating. Big bass would periodically pull up to feed and when they did, Livesay could expect aggressive bites.

"I caught every fish today and every one but one yesterday on a spot I found in practice that I never looked at in my life," Livesay said. "I've covered every piece of water on this lake a million times over and that's what's crazy. I didn't catch anything where I normally do."

Locating this spot was more by default than intent. Nevertheless, Livesay is thankful he found it. "I only went looking (for new spots) because the first day of practice there was another tournament here and I didn't want to be seen on anything good. I just went looking at junk and junk turned into 100 grand." Livesay anchored his final limit with an 8-3 at 2:38 p.m. He caught most of his Day 4 bass on a 3/4-ounce 6th Sense Divine Hybrid Jig with a Netbait Paca Craw and a Hog Farmer Magnum Shaky Head with a Netbait C-Mac worm. His biggest fish ate a 5-inch 6th Sense Flutter Spoon.

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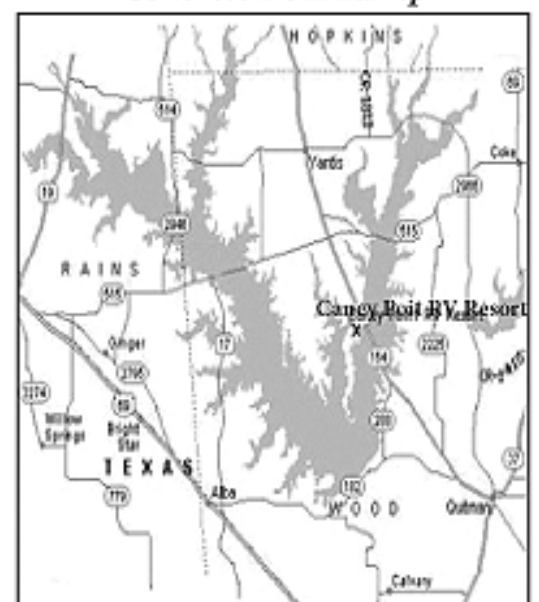
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"The Moon Report"

"June Excitement on Fork"

By Terri Moon

Wow it's June already – hard to believe the year is half over! But, June fish-ing on Fork is one of my favorite months to fish. Every day we are getting a surprise with either a huge bream, a big bass, or a hard fighting white bass. They are all exciting!

The majority of the crappie are post spawn and have migrated to cover in 10 to 30 ft. depths. There are a few stragglers even shallower around the new and full moon. We are targeting standing timber, brush piles, creek channels and bridges. Some days they want the bait moving and other days they want it dead still – so, don't be afraid to change up your presentation till you figure out what they want that day.

Keep a close eye on that depth finder and watch for any changes of depths of the fish and adjust your casts accordingly. These depths can change throughout the day. Most of all be vigilant at watching your line because if your not, I promise you are missing many bites. These crappie don't always SLAM the baits, so you have to be ready for those sneaky ones! I'm always having to tell people when they have a bite because I'm watching their line when they aren't!



The baits working for us have been Limits Tackle in orange/white, white/chartreuse, or gray/black. Also, Skipper Jigs in chartreuse, or black/chartreuse or Bonehead Stumpbugs in white/chartreuse. These colors can change daily, so keep a good assortment on hand and these are all available at Lake Fork Marina, along with all your fishing needs. It's an amazing tackle store!

Now it's time for some of my favorite fish – the bream! They are showing up in brush piles and around bridge ledges. But, around the new or full moon, they are in 1 – 4 ft. on slip-bobbers. Others will back off to 5 – 10 ft. and tight-line night crawlers or crickets. I can't wait till the next full moon! It's so good to be home and back in my "Luxury Liner" – my Skeeter Solera! My customers are sure enjoying the

comfort and fish ability of this sweet ride. They all agree that a lot of thought went in to designing this boat. So, a HUGE thank you to Skeeter for bringing a "Top of the Line" boat to the crappie fishing world!

Also, I'm so excited that the Skeeter Boat Owner's Tournament will be back June 10, 11, 12 at Lake Fork Marina, so come out and enjoy the hourly weigh-ins. It's always exciting and Skeeter always puts on a "FIRST CLASS" event! It was great to see them here for the Bassmaster Elite Tournament. The Skeeter boys fought hard to win it – but, Lake Fork's own Lee Livesay pulled it out with an amazing back to back win with a four day 113 lb. 11 oz. weight. If you haven't seen the video of his last cast of the tournament, where he fought to pull in a 8 plus pounder, pull it up on

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U-tube. It's un-believ-able! Congratu-lations Lee – Lake Fork is sure proud of you!

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I want to wish a happy fathers day to you all and a happy heavenly fathers day to both my dads – miss you both!

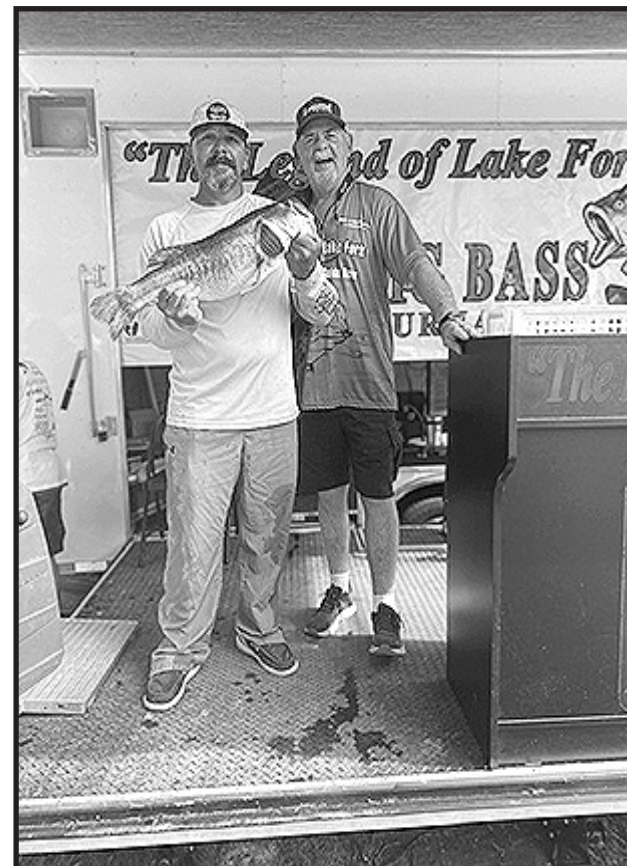
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Luca Quintavalla from Italy caught this nice post spawn bass on a jig in 10.5-feet of water fishing with guide Whitt Smith on 5/26/22. C.P.R.



Jerry Page from Princeton, Texas caught this nice bass in the Legend Tournament weighing 7.87-lbs. Winning him \$600 in prize money.



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By Don Hampton

Ashamed! Is the nicest word that I can use in print!

If your living depends on Lake Fork whether a marina owner, restaurant, café, guide, a tournament director, or any business that is dependent on this lake, why are you not a member of the LFSA?

If you are a homeowner and you built or moved to Lake Fork because of your love for it, why are you not a member of the LFSA?

If you live out of the area and just love to come to Lake Fork with family or friends to fish for a lunker, why are you not a member of the LFSA?

Personally, I've been a member of Lake Fork Sportsman's Association since its origin in 1999 and truly proud to be one.

The hard work and dedication the members put in to protecting, promoting, and preserving our great reservoir is phenomenal.

Their projects and contributions to our lake and area are to be applauded. The Live Release Boat is maintained and available for all tournaments held on Lake Fork. They have a High School Fishing Tackle program accepting donations of fishing

equipment refurbishing and distributing to local high school fishing teams and help sponsor and train. Working with local high schools' cooperation they work on habitat improvement. At local high school greenhouses, they have plant production where they buy, grow, and plant aquatic plants. They build, deploy, and maintain lake floating planters and build, refine and test fragment/seed generators. On the lake they have placed fish attractor structures, 60 in 12 locations on Lake Fork and 2 honey hole attractor sites with 10 attractors each. As far as fishery improvement, there is the life cycle support strategy with improved Florida Bass Fingerling improvement of release sites, ID and bagged release, and assisting TPWD in DNA and size gathering information. The LFSA is a sponsor for State of the Lake Town Hall Meetings and have a Christmas Sharing Program distributing food, toys and meals to the less fortunate.

If these are not enough reason for you to become a member of the Lake Fork Sports-

man's Association, I can only conclude your love and concern for the future of Lake Fork is not equal to that of its members.

For all of Lake Fork Sportsman's Association many projects they were inducted into Texas Fishing Hall of Fame.

Check out their website www.lakeforksportsmanassociation.com.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at Lovell's Restaurant at 6:30 pm., located at Lake Fork Marina.

I hope to see you there with your concern and willingness to assist in the future of our great reservoir.



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Texas State-Fish Art Contest Reveals 2022 Winners

The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) is pleased to announce the Texas division of Wildlife Forever's Fish Art Contest winners for 2022.

The Fish Art Contest is part of an international conservation education program designed to foster youth interest in fish, fisheries and fishing. The program encourages K-12 students to submit original artwork of any fish and an essay or poem (grades 4-12) about the participant's fish entry, its habitat or efforts to conserve it.

"The Fish Art Contest does a tremendous job of exposing students across Texas to the wonders of fish and fisheries resources through the nexus of art," said Tom Lang, Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center Director. "We always look forward to this time of year when we are once again amazed by the outstanding work and artistic interpretations of these young Texans."

This year, judges at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center chose the top 12 out of 243 total entries. These top 12 works of art will be featured at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center and in the 2023 Texas Fish Art Calendar.

In the K-3 category the winners were: First Place, Jackson White of Hawkins; Second Place Ethan Luo of Coppell; Third Place, Aarya Dod-

dapaneni of Dallas.

In the grades 4-6 category, the winners were: First Place, Emma Adams of Keller; Second Place, Seha Jeong of Lewisville; Third Place, Rohan Velma of Irving.

In the grades 7-9 category, the winners were: First Place, Judy Yang of Houston; Second Place, Claire Liu of Coppell; Third Place, Saanvi Mhatre of Houston.

In the grades 10-12 category, the winners were: First Place, Diya Hegde of Irving; Second Place, Alice Won of Flower Mound; Third Place, Cindy Wang of Dallas.

First-place winners in each of the four age groups advance to the national level and compete against winners from other states.

Scholarships for the first, second and third place Texas winners are provided by the 2020 Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest. Scholarships in the grades 10-12 division are \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second place and \$500 for third place. Awards in the 4-6 and 7-9 grade levels are \$200 for first, \$150 for second, \$100 for third. In the K-3 division awards are \$100 for first, \$75 for second, \$50 for third.

Scholarships for Texas winners are supplemented with additional support provided by the Wil-

liam E. Armentrout Foundation and Friends of the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center.

"We have a unique opportunity to celebrate the talents of our Texas students, our beautifully diverse fish species and the hard work of our biologists who protect these resources," Kate Barkalow, Education and Interpretation Coordinator said. "At the conclusion of our Fish Art Contest, the TFFC hosts a celebration for our state finalists, their teachers and families on Free Fishing Day. Here they get to see their work on display, learn more about our aquatic resources, what it takes to conserve them and go fishing, some for the first time! None of which would be possible without the help of our sponsors. We believe that through the Texas Fish Art Contest, a new generation of stewards is created."

Honorable mentions in grades K-3 were awarded to: Alice Bond of Lucas; Lisa Yibin Hwang of Garland; Daniel Kang of Flower Mound; Aaron Kim of Allen; Alexandria Liu of Coppell; Chelsea He of Sugar Land; Nathan Lee of Lewisville and Nuriya Ashari Mufti of Dallas.

Honorable mentions in grades 4-6 were awarded to: Laina Sidlik of Plano; Marc Kader of The Colony; Junhee Kim of Flower Mound; Chloe (See Texas State Fish Art.....

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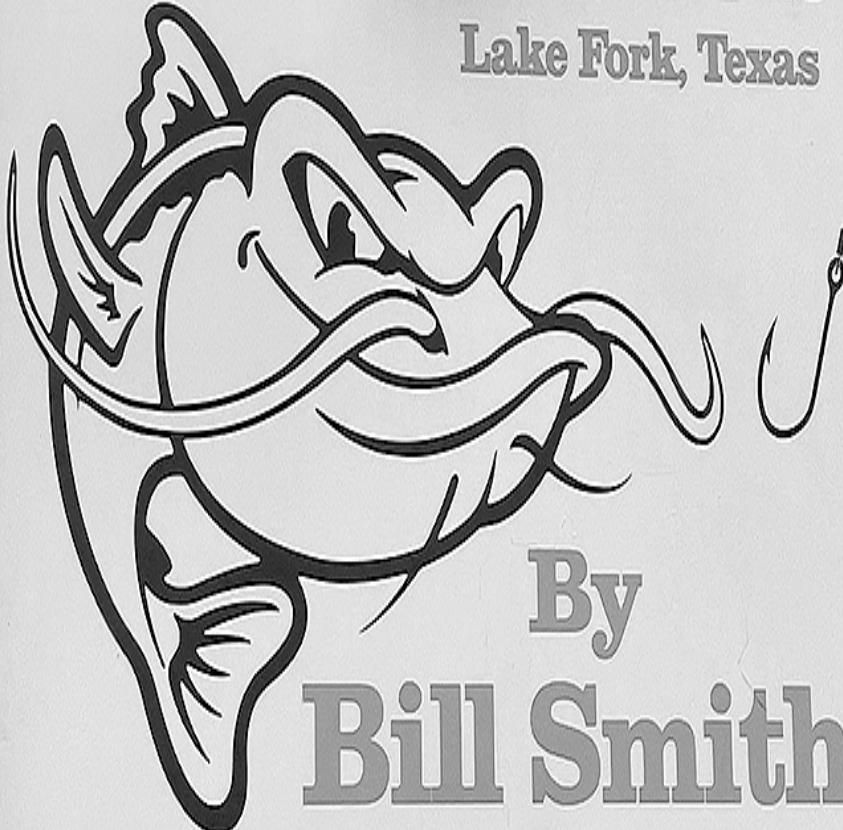
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Texas State-Fish Art Contest *(Continued from Page 11)*

Lee of Flower Mound; Justin Luo of Coppell; and Claire Kim Pranivong of Coppell.

Honorable mentions in grades 7-9 were awarded to: Aarush Gotur of Dallas; Arim Jun of Carrollton; Shreya Basak of Irving; Jaini Parekh of Southlake; Neil Rao of Irving; Jiaqi Rong of Coppell; Avani Vankireddy of Irving; Jason Chen of Mont Belvieu; and Delayla Nguyen of Houston.

Honorable mentions for grades 10-12 were awarded to: Donna Xue of Houston; Sofiya Borodina of Keller; Derrek Yu of Katy; Minhui Liao of Sugarland; Mariia Kharchenko of Flower Mound; Sofiya

Berzhanskaya of Highland Village; Michelle Huang of Coppell; and Ashley Stratton of San Antonio.

Educators who wish to have their students enter the 2023 contest can find entry forms, rules, guidelines and more online. A lesson plan offers interdisciplinary curriculum including lessons and activities, a species identification section profiling each state fish, a glossary and student worksheets. Learn more at www.wildlifeforever.org.

The Fish Art Contest is a project of Wildlife Forever. Located in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, Wildlife Forever is a nonprofit

multispecies conservation organization dedicated to conserving America's wildlife heritage. Working at the grassroots level, Wildlife Forever has funded conservation projects in all 50 states, committing millions of dollars to "on-the-ground" efforts. Wildlife Forever supports habitat restoration and enhancement, land acquisition, research and management of fish and wildlife populations.

To view or download high resolution images of the winning artwork, visit the 2022 Fish Art Contest Album on the TPWD Flickr page.



THE LEGEND OF LAKE FORK 17TH ANNUAL BIG BASS TOURNAMENT**DAY 1****DAY 2****DAY 3**

7-8 Hour		10-11 Hour		7-8 Hour		10-11 Hour		7-8 Hour		10-11 Hour	
B. Potter	2.45	C. Amox	1.99	K. Cherry	12.64	C. Martz	2.04	J. Griffe	2.41	M. Littlejohn	2.04
B. Mobley	2.39	J. Warren	1.95	P. Bacon	2.53	M. Golden	2.00	H. Sickles	2.31	S. Mee	2.02
K. Rice	2.37	T. Williams	1.94	W. Ward	2.29	K. LaDuke	2.00	T. Wurst	2.12	L. Sepulvado	1.99
R. Rachall	2.30	P. Hope	1.94	C. Givins	2.22	A. Trevino, Jr	1.95	S. Smith	1.96	T. Vermillion	1.96
R. Ward	2.29			J. Griffe	2.21			B. Robinson	1.92		
R. Kirkes	2.26	11-12 Hour		R. Whitaker	2.08	11-12 Hour		J. Valentine	1.83	11-12 Hour	
L. Davis	2.19	R. Wright	2.44	T. Beard	2.08	W. Walters	2.36	J. Guidry	1.80	A. Pickett	2.20
W. Pritchett	2.18	B. Obrien	2.38	W. Mathe	2.05	J. Callahan	2.21	T. Gearhart	1.79	R. Barker	2.11
J. Bowen	2.16	D. Kraatz	2.34	L. Grantham	1.95	P. Sutton	2.19	C. Barton	1.79	P. Gilcrease	2.09
C. Broadway	2.12	M. Postrach	2.28	J. Wolfe	1.94	M. VanWinkle	2.16	J. Crawford	1.62	J. Bennett	2.08
8-9 Hour		A. Hennan	2.27	8-9 Hour		B. Ramsey	2.15	8-9 Hour		J. Russell	2.07
L. Fowler	2.26	S. Crumpler	2.19	C. Fowler	11.89	S. Hoover	2.07	R. Ward	10.73	J. Eppinette	1.99
J. Wilton	2.25	N. Martin	2.19	J. Guidry	2.49	D. Vineyard	2.03	P. Bacon	2.30	S. Sennikoff	1.97
J. Hoover	2.14	R. Jones	2.18	K. Barnett	2.27	S. Sullivan	1.99	M. Kirkes	2.22	K. Barnett	1.95
C. Broadway	2.13	D. Miller	2.17	S. Roll	2.25	T. Weaver	1.98	R. Moss	2.22	D. Longoria	1.89
T. Gearheart	2.09	V. Croney	2.17	R. Ordway	2.22	B. Flenniken	1.96	C. Pusateri	2.08	G. Reavis	1.83
R. Dollison	2.01	12-1 Hour		B. Truitt	2.21	12-1 Hour		J. Minyard	2.06	12-1 Hour	
M. McClain	2.00	S. Davis	2.34	K. Gates	2.16	C. Daniels	2.51	T. Beard	2.03	D. Brundidge	9.21
R. Hoenke	1.99	R. Littlejohn	2.17	D. Thompson	2.16	R. Herndon	2.29	J. Gaddis	2.03	G. Sutton	2.31
J. Lewis	1.96	B. Strickland	2.10	P. Bacon	2.14	D. Vineyard	2.29	D. Pusateri	2.02	R. Robbins	2.24
C. Armstrong	1.88	R. Broadway	2.09	S. Trinca	2.12	S. Mee	2.29	R. Jones	2.01	D. Pusateri	2.22
9-10 Hour		R. Jones	2.05	9-10 Hour		B. Hall	2.13	9-10 Hour		D. Burton	2.15
B. Gatwood	8.65	C. Kovacs	2.04	M. Barnett	8.40	R. Littlejohn	2.11	J. Page	7.87	B. Welch	2.15
J. Leblanc	2.39	D. Lozano	2.03	R. Richardson	2.35	K. Richards	2.11	J. Rials	2.29	D. Fuller	2.07
S. Crumpler	2.29	L. Davis	2.00	D. Clingenpeel	2.20	V. Croney	2.09	M. Horner	2.19	P. McSwiggan	2.06
T. Liedtki	2.25	W. Pritchett	1.97	B. Roan	2.16	B. Cantrell	2.07	J. Wolfe	2.10	M. Crow	2.03
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B. Cantrell	2.16	1-2 Hour		J. Scott	2.15	1-2 Hour		B. Frechette	2.04	1-2 Hour	
C. Givins	2.13	T. Beard	2.45	S. Barber	2.02	S. Smith	9.48	R. Ordway	2.03	C. Abbott	2.31
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R. Formby	2.34	B. Strickland	2.10	W. Duff	2.29	J. Rials	2.08	T. White	2.37	R. Bunch	1.99
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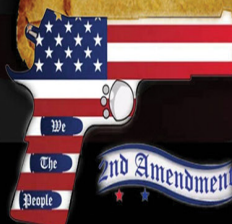
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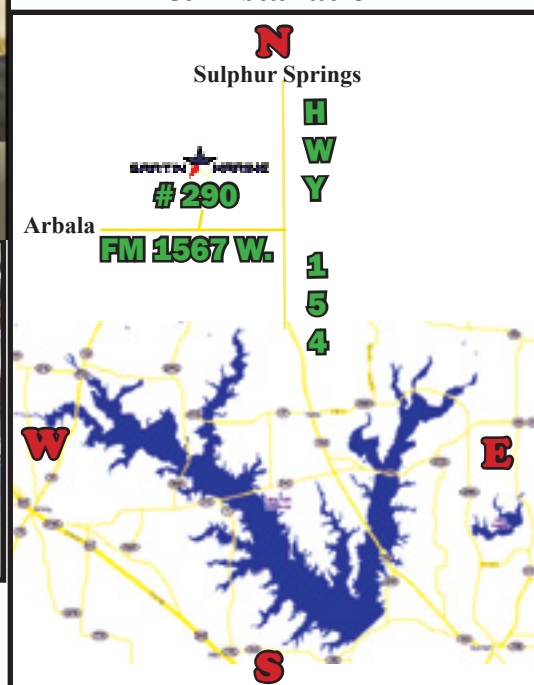
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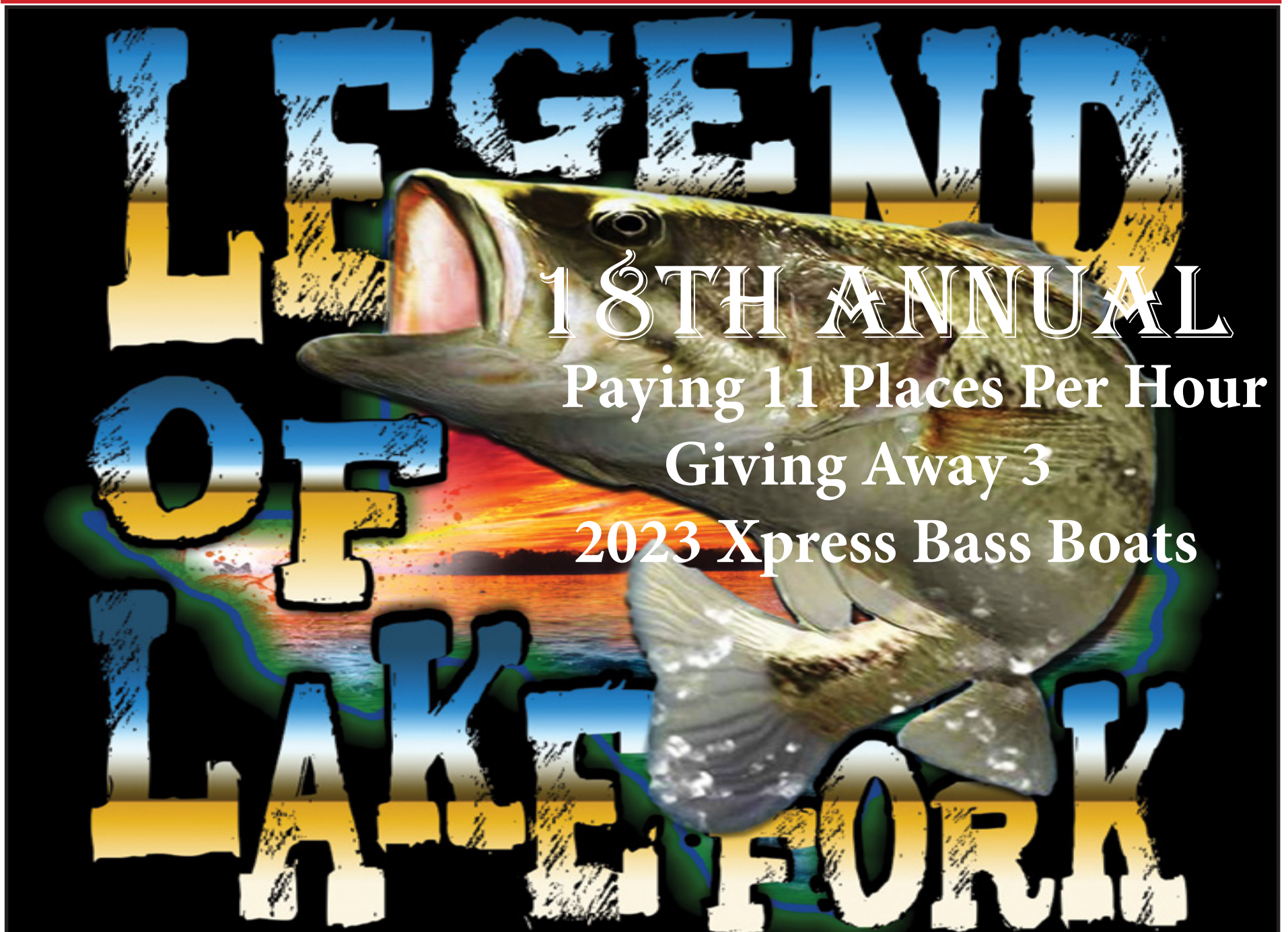
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"Lone Star Bass" Heading to Texas Lakes this Spring

Offspring from the Toyota ShareLunker Program are set to be delivered to waterbodies across the state. Between May and July, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will stock Texas lakes with pure Florida strain largemouth bass exclusively from broodfish produced from Legacy Class (13+plus pound) entries into the ShareLunker program. Dubbed "Lone Star Bass" to denote their special significance to Texas, the unique fish are made possible by the valued partnership with anglers who loan their fish to the program.

This project marks the beginning of a long-term goal of the program. Once the process is finished, TPWD will have stocked 53 waterbodies with more than 6 million Lone Star Bass fingerlings, all descendants of ShareLunkers. The upgraded broodfish are expected to advance the work started decades ago to genetically enhance largemouth bass populations in Texas and provide Bigger Better Bass.

"We are excited to reach the goal of converting our Florida strain largemouth bass hatchery broodfish to all be offspring of Legacy-class fish," said Craig Bonds, Director of Inland Fisheries. Since the ShareLunker program's inception, we've stocked

offspring from successful spawns of donated fish, but fully incorporating a portion of those offspring into our hatchery broodfish lines dramatically increases the number of ShareLunker descendants being stocked throughout Texas waters. This is a potential game-changer in elevating largemouth bass fisheries management to the next level."

Beginning in 1974, TPWD used pure Florida strain largemouth bass, acquired directly from Florida, as the source of broodfish for stocking Texas' public waters. This program was successful and allowed the state record for largemouth bass to increase from approximately 13.5 pounds to 18.18 pounds by 1992.

This initiative also launched the Toyota ShareLunker Program in 1986, which has enjoyed great success in spawning large bass at TPWD hatcheries with the help of anglers who reeled in those 13-plus pound fish. Approximately 1.2 million fingerlings from the spawning of ShareLunkers have been stocked back into lakes that produced ShareLunkers since the inception of the program. This change allows TPWD to stock 6 to 8 million fingerlings across the state each year.

TPWD hatcheries were successful in produc-

ing one group of pure Florida strain largemouth bass from a donated ShareLunker on their first attempt in 2018. Three additional batches of pure Florida strain largemouth bass were spawned in 2019 from ShareLunkers acquired that year. The early success of the program allowed TPWD Inland Fisheries to set a date of spring 2022 for the first spawning and statewide stocking of ShareLunker descendants. Several more batches of pure Florida ShareLunker offspring were produced since 2019 and broodfish are currently being reared at three TPWD Inland Fisheries hatcheries.

The year-round Toyota ShareLunker Program offers four levels of participation for catching bass over eight pounds, or 24 inches, in Texas. ShareLunker entry classes include the Lunker Class (8lb+), Elite Class (10lb+), and Legend Class (13lb+). During the first three months of the season (Jan. 1 through March 31), anglers who reel in a 13+ pound bass can loan it to TPWD for the ShareLunker selective breeding and stocking program. The continued donation of 13-plus pound fish by anglers will be critical to the ongoing maintenance and replacement of future broodfish.

(See Lone Star Bass ... Continued on Page 21)

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First Case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Detected in a Wild Bird in Texas

The National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) confirmed this week the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a great horned owl at a rehabilitation facility in Wichita County — the first such confirmed case in a wild bird in Texas. The facility quickly notified the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) after the owl began to show clinical signs consistent with HPAI. This case of HPAI follows an early April detection of the disease in a commercial pheasant flock located in Erath County.

HPAI is a highly contagious virus that transmits easily among wild and domestic bird species. It has been detected in 38 states across the country. Symptoms

include diarrhea, incoordination, lethargy, coughing and sneezing and sudden death, though birds infected with HPAI may not always have outward signs of infection. The virus may spread in a variety of ways, including through contact with infected wild and domestic birds as well as by contaminated equipment, clothing and shoes of caretakers.

Because of the ease of transmission, TPWD recommends facilities with wild or domestic birds enhance their biosecurity measures to reduce the risk of introduction. Furthermore, the public can assist in interrupting HPAI transmission by limiting all unnecessary contact with wild birds. Wildlife rehabilitators

should also remain cautious when intaking wild birds with clinical signs consistent with HPAI and consider quarantining birds to limit the potential for HPAI exposures within the facility.

Currently, the transmission risk of avian influenza from infected birds to people remains low, but the public should take basic protective measures (i.e., wearing gloves, face masks and handwashing) if contact with wild birds cannot be avoided. TPWD recommends contacting the Texas Department of State Health Services for more information on the potential of HPAI to spread to humans and how to reduce your risk of exposure.



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Lake Fork Sportsman's Association "Preserving the Legend That is Lake Fork"

By Carolyn West, President LFSA

Without a doubt, summer has arrived early. And with winter going away, so many activities begin on this legendary Lake Fork.

LFSA started the month with a picnic on May 10 at Swearingen Park on Highway 154. Vice President Terry Long cooked hotdogs and hamburgers for members and guests on a beautiful evening. Other members brought salads, beans, condiments, desserts, and a group of approximately thirty-five learned what LFSA does for the community and lake. Welcome to the new members joining. We anticipate a great June meeting with other new members joining us.

If you missed the opportunity to attend the Legend of Lake Fork Fishing tournament, you missed seeing some good fish caught. LFSA's Live Release Boat was there processing everything brought in to be weighed at the tournament. Our members used their expertise to fizz several fish needing a boost and of course, delivered the loads back to the lake to be caught again. Don Hampton runs a great tournament, and it is our pleasure to assist.

Spring for LFSA also brings the opportunity to work with Texas Parks and Wildlife to distribute Florida bass fingerlings. On May 24, 440,000 fingerlings were re-

leased into Lake Fork by TPWD and LFSA. Ed Swenson led our effort to transfer a portion of the fingerlings from TPWD's tanks into the three 100-gallon tanks on our LRB captained by Bruce Allen, then released them in TPWD designated areas of the lake. This nature of the release is always a short-notice, quick-turn effort requiring staff from TPWD and LFSA. We are proud to be a part of the release process annually. And we are proud of our members who volunteer to help with the release.

The first Saturday in June is Kid Fish at the SRA facility. LFSA volunteers will be there as we are every year to assist these youngsters with their catches.

And then, the Skeeter Tournament will be here the second weekend of June and LFSA will be there with the Live Release Boat and our Spring Raffle. The final drawing for the raffle will be on Sunday, June 12.

Our monthly meetings are at 6:30 pm in Lovell's Restaurant at Lake Fork Marina on the second Tuesday of each month. June's program will be a review of the Live Release Boat and training for LFSA members who volunteer to work the boat. Call 903-752-2014 with questions.






Lake Fork Sportsman's Association
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TACKLE DONATIONS NEEDED
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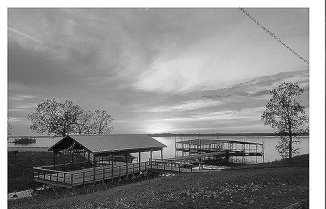












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"The Bass Have Moved To Deeper Haunts!" (Continued from Page 6)

point out what you need to be fishing. Bass move from day to day and they may be set up in one spot today and a hundred yards away tomorrow. Water temps, current from waves and sun angle all come into play when dealing with these wary creatures. Try not to over complicate it, fish what you see and let the results be your guide.

The shallow bite is also an option even in this low water condition and don't rule out top water and frog action especially around stumps and laydowns. Low light is key for success in this arena. Once the sun makes it's way up, shift gears and pitch a creature bait next to the timber and in some cases, let it soak. A 3/8 ounce weight will do the

trick and use at least 20lb line. Your favorite colors will work fine, just keep it simple. The most important factor in this process will be the accuracy of the pitch. Pick the bush apart until you key on where the bass are positioned. Once that is established, follow that pattern across the lake. It will pay off in spades. If simple action is what you seek especially if kids are involved, I would chase the sand bass. You can use a 1/2 ounce Hopkins spoon or a 1/2 ounce jig head with a fluke jr. attached. This is wicked fun on light line. We can spend a day on the water if you like and I can teach you the ropes how to catch a ton of these entertainment fish.

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Game Warden Field Notes

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

--Look Out Below-- A Freestone County game warden arrested a suspect in an ongoing investigation that began in February relating to hog hunting from a helicopter. A husband and wife were working cattle on their property when a helicopter began to hover over their property and shoot feral hogs. The husband waved his arms at the helicopter and it flew off. After the investigation, it was clear that

the helicopter owner did not have a landowner authorization permit for the property in question. Charges were filed for using an aircraft to manage wildlife without having a landowner authorization permit.

--Fishing for Trouble-- A Williamson County game warden was contacted by a retired law enforcement officer who was fishing the Dickerson River Bottom of the San Gabriel River in Circleville when he saw a man using a cast net and catching white bass. The retired officer said there was a group of six men, and one was us-

ing the cast net. When the warden arrived on scene, he saw the man catching white bass with a cast net, then give it to another fisherman to manually hook the fish in the mouth onto a stringer. The warden contacted the men and found that none of them had a fishing license. The man using the cast net caught 20 of the 25 fish on the stringer, two being undersized. Citations and civil restitution were filed, and the fish were donated to a needy family.

--No Sale--A game warden was contacted about an Operation

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1 pound fresh white mushrooms
1 pound ground beef
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 medium onion, sliced
¼ teaspoon each salt and ground black pepper
4 slices crusty bread, toasted

Chop enough mushrooms to measure 1-1/2 cups; slice remaining mushrooms. In a bowl, combine ground beef, chopped mushrooms and mustard; gently form into 4 burgers. In a large heavy skillet, over medium heat, heat half of the oil. Add sliced mushrooms and onion; cook and stir just until tender, 5 to 6 minutes. Remove to a bowl along with juices. In the same skillet, heat remaining oil. Add burgers; cook until browned and cooked through, 4 to 5 minutes on each side; remove to a plate; keep warm. Pour off excess fat; return mushroom-onion mixture to skillet; add salt and pepper. Cook and stir until hot. Arrange each burger on a toasted bread slice with a lettuce leaf and tomato slice, if desired. Spoon mushroom-onion mixture onto burgers.

Macaroni Salad with Lemon and Olive Oil Dressing Salad:

1 package (16 oz.) elbow macaroni

1 Tbsp. Salt
1 can (15 oz.) white beans, such as navy, cannellini or great northern; drained and rinsed
1 can (6 oz.) sliced pitted ripe olives, drained
1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
3 Tbsp. minced fresh parsley leaves
½ small red onion, diced
Lemon and Olive Oil Dressing:
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 tsp. rice vinegar
¼ tsp salt
Freshly ground black pepper
5-1/2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil

Bring 1 gallon of water to boil. Add salt and macaroni and cook until just tender; drain and rinse with water until cool.

While pasta cooks, mix remaining salad ingredients in large bowl. When pasta is cooled, add to salad. (Can be covered and refrigerated up to 2 hours.)

For the dressing, mix lemon juice, vinegar, salt and pepper. Slowly whisk in oil to form a thick dressing. When ready to serve, add dressing to salad, toss to coat, and serve.

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Game Thief incident in progress regarding an individual in Killeen selling crappie and catfish on a social media website. The warden located the post and found the seller's address. After arriving at the seller's location, the individuals admitted to the warden that they had been trying to sell the crappie and catfish they caught at Stillhouse Hollow Lake on social media for the last two days, but no one purchased them. The warden issued a citation for the sale of protected game fish and seized seven blue catfish, one yellow catfish and a bag of crappie meat. Case pending.

--**Fishy Business**--A Harris County game warden was notified through a Facebook post of an individual selling crawfish and oysters from a truck. Contact was made with the seller at the location posted online, and when the warden arrived, a transaction was occurring. When asked whether the seller had current licenses, he said that he did and went toward his vehicle. After a few moments the warden realized the individual was taking too long to retrieve his paperwork and shortly thereafter the individual admitted to not possessing a commercial license. When the warden asked about the invoices for the product, the seller was only able to produce a receipt from the crawfish and was unable to produce any documentation for the two boxes of crab or the 11 sacks of oysters. The seller was issued the ap-

propriate citations.

--**Spring Breaking the Law**--A group of spring breakers celebrating their time off at a house in Concan decided to begin spring turkey season a little early. One March morning, a Uvalde County game warden was contacted by an individual who had seen several boys use turkey calls to call up a gobbler. One of the boys killed the turkey and retrieved it from the brush. The warden, along with a Real County game warden, arrived at the house and contacted the boys. When asked about the turkey, the guilty party readily cooperated, admitted what he had done and showed wardens where he had hidden the bird.

--**You Can't See Me**--A Karnes County game warden was on patrol when he noticed a deputy's patrol vehicle on the side of the road near the San Antonio River bridge. The deputy approached the warden and told him that there was a truck that had been there for a short while without any occupants. The warden looked in the bed of

the truck and found a fishing pole. The deputy and warden looked under the bridge and found two individuals fishing. They watched for a short time to make sure the individuals were both fishing before announcing their presence. When the warden called out to the fishermen, the two individuals squatted down. The warden watched with his binoculars, and both men still didn't move. The warden called out to them again and told them to stand up. The two men then stood up and came to talk with him. Neither of them had a fishing license and both were issued citations.

--**Right Place, Right Time**--A Hardin County game warden was patrolling Village Creek by boat when he came across a woman in distress at just the right time. Two ladies had been paddling in two separate canoes when one of the women flipped over in deep water with a strong current and couldn't get loose from the trees or get her

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belongings out of the canoe. The warden gave her his life jacket and instructed her to swim away from the canoe and move downstream to a sandbar. He then grabbed the canoe and pulled it in his patrol boat and met both ladies downstream at the sandbar to make sure they were ok. He retrieved the lifejacket that she lost and gave it back to her and they were on their way again.

--**Pinocchio and Pinocchietta**-- A Hardin County game warden wrapped an investigation that began when the warden was looking for information on social media about a possible stolen boat. It turned out that the boat wasn't stolen, but one of the individuals he was investigating had posted a photo last November of his fiancé posing with a white-tailed doe she had harvested. The warden checked his records and saw that the woman had purchased her hunting license at a store near her home the same day as the post, but at 7 p.m. which was later than the social media post. Further investigation revealed that the deer was killed on a ranch in Real County and the warden enlisted the help of a Real County game warden to check the logbooks at the ranch. When the Hardin County game warden interviewed the couple, they were adamant that they had purchased the hunting license before they had gone on their week-long trip to the Hill Country and

denied buying when they returned. The warden explained to the couple that he had time and date stamped information about when the license had been purchased and they had posted the picture of a harvested deer in Real County the same day she purchased a license in Hardin County. The couple still wasn't convinced, so the warden went to the store where the license was purchased, and the loss prevention manager looked up the transaction. As expected, the video showed the couple together at the store at 7 p.m. purchasing the hunting license. After showing them the pictures of themselves from the video, they admitted to buying the license when they returned from their trip. Citations for taking a white-tailed deer without a hunting license and restitution are being filed. Case pending.

--**Losing all my Cool**-- A Polk County game warden was checking fishermen on a nearby shoreline for freshwater fishing compliance when he spotted a man emerging from under a bridge with a pole and tackle box. When the warden asked if he had a fishing license, the man said he didn't need one because he wasn't fishing. The warden showed the man the fresh bait and water dripping off the hook and asked if he would like to start over. The man then confessed to fishing, not having a license and being on probation.

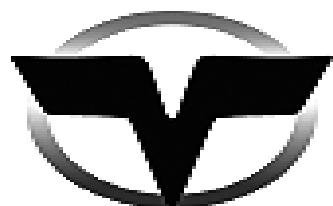
When asked if he had any weapons or illegal narcotics, the man said he didn't want to go to jail and admitted to having marijuana in his car. The warden started to do a pat down search when the man turned and tried to distract the warden, then confessed to possibly having cocaine in his possession. The warden found multiple folded dollar bills containing a white powdery substance. A Polk County Sheriff's Office Narcotics and Probation Officer was contacted and took over the case. Charges pending.

--**Road Hunting is Not OK**-- A Red River County game warden received a report about possible road hunting that had just occurred. According to a witness, the vehicle had an Oklahoma license plate. After receiving information about where the road hunting had happened, the warden set up and waited at the intersection with the only routes back to Oklahoma. A short time later, a vehicle matching the witnesses description approached the intersection and the warden conducted a traffic stop. The passenger admitted to shooting feral hogs from the road on a private property and was taken to the Red River County Jail where the appropriate road hunting charges were filed. The rifle, equipped with night vision and an attached spotlight, was seized. Cases pending.

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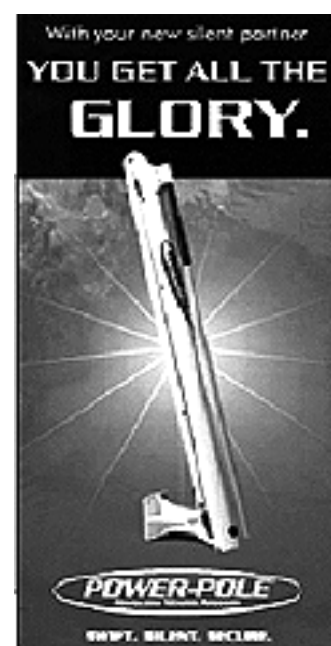
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Eighteenth Annual **LEGEND** OF LAKE FORK Big Bass Tournament

All Boats, Makes, Models Welcome

May 19, 20, 21, 2023

\$210,000 Guaranteed in
Cash & Prizes

Benefiting "The Wish to Fish Foundation"

Tournament Host: Lake Fork Marina, Hwy. 17, 903-765-2764

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GRAND PRIZES INCLUDE:

(3) 2022 Xpress Boats, Powered by Yamaha, MinnKota, HUMMINBIRD Electronics
To Be Awarded For: 1 for the Heaviest Over The Slot,
1 for Heaviest Bass Under The Slot, 1 for Draw Boat
(Early Entries ONLY and must be present to win.)

11 PLACES PAID HOURLY 1ST - \$600 • 2ND - \$400 • 3RD - \$300 • 4TH - \$200 • 5TH - \$175
• 6TH - \$150 • 7TH - \$135 • 8TH - \$125 • 9TH - \$115 • 10TH - \$110 • 1ST OUT OF 10TH \$100 GC

BONUS T-SHIRT HOUR EVERY HOUR OF THE TOURNAMENT

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