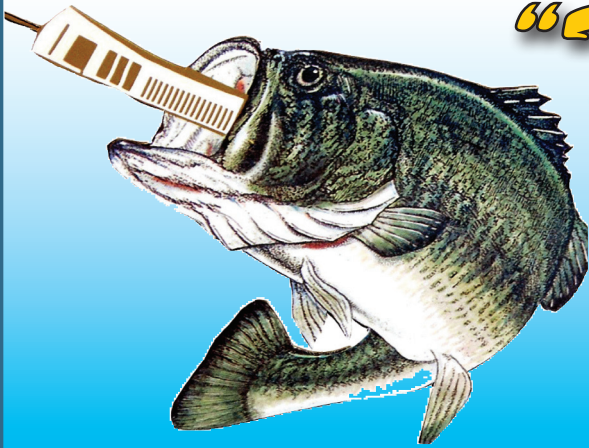


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On November 26, 1986 Mark Stevenson, Lake Fork guide, caught what may be the most famous bass in Texas History! Mark was fishing Lake Fork that day and caught "Ethel" weighing in at 17.67-pounds! Though it is not the state record fish, Ethel is still the 2nd largest bass ever caught in Texas and was the bass that helped kick off the famous Texas Parks & Wildlife ShareLunker program! We thank you Mark!

18th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament in May

By Don Hampton

For all anglers that have been anxious and calling about the dates, the 18th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament will be held on May 19, 20, 21, 2023.

At present time after

the most recent rains, we are sitting at 5.83-feet low having come up at least 1.24-feet in the past week. With the winter and spring rains on the way we should be at or close to full pool during the tournament with all boat ramps open.

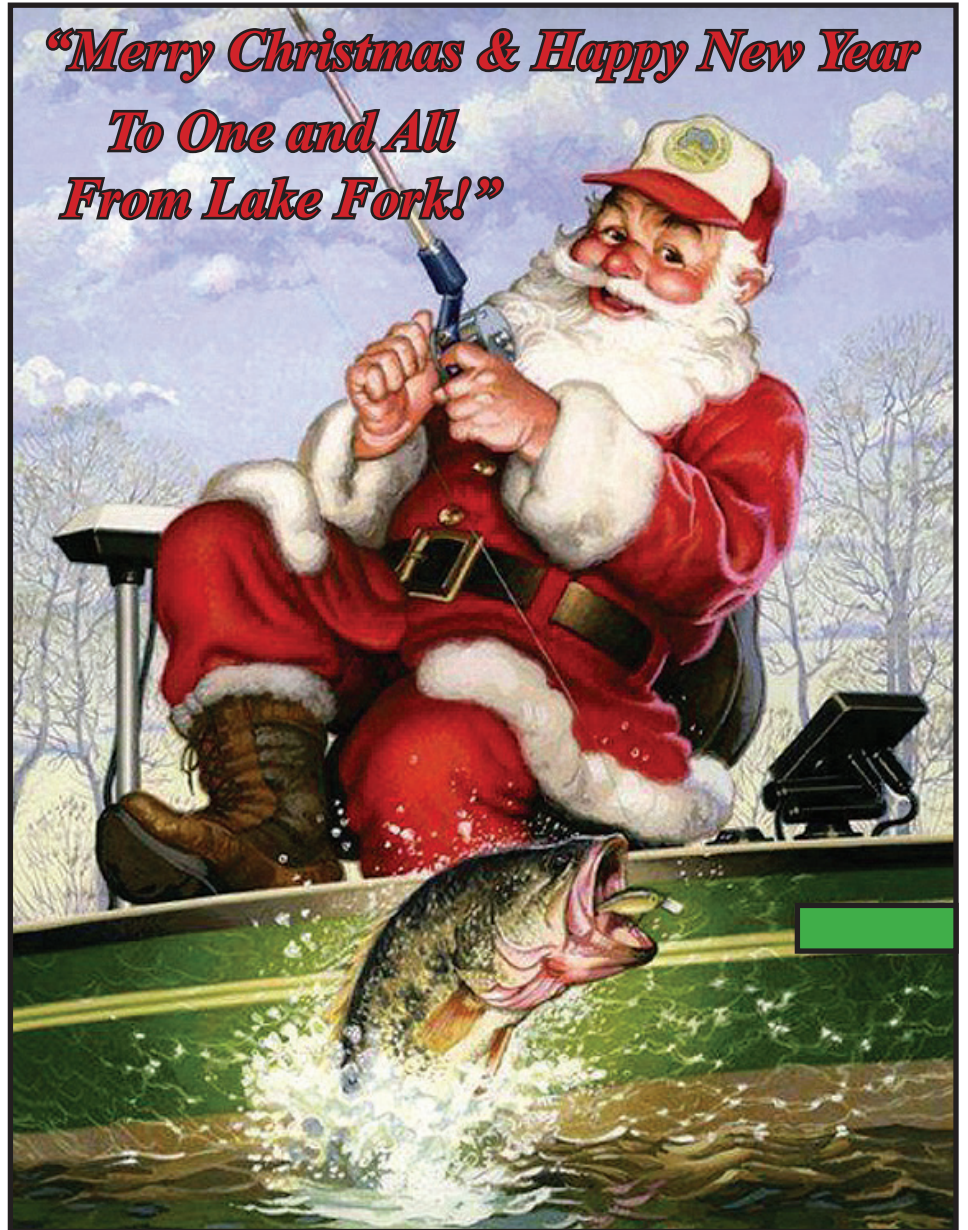
Some bass will have

already spawned and eating heavily to get their weight back, but some will still be on the beds. We all know what this means, great fishing and the best time of the year.

As always and as it has been in past

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**"Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
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Rainbow Trout Stocking Returns Statewide

The annual Texas winter tradition of rainbow trout stocking returned to waterbodies across the state to kick off the holiday season. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

(TPWD) will began stocking thousands of rainbow trout on Nov. 23, the day before Thanksgiving. "TPWD stocks catchable sized fish during winter months to create

unique winter angling opportunities throughout Texas," said Carl Kittel, TPWD Rainbow Trout Program Director. "Rainbow

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"Bubba's suggestions for buying Christmas Gifts for your Bubbette!"

By Don Hampton

When buying for your Bubbette this Christmas, take some advice from Bubba on gift selection. Bubba is not the smartest man in the world but he is a quick learner.

Bubba's suggestions of what not to buy:

- 1.) Don't buy her anything that can be construed or used as a weapon for inflicting pain if she doesn't like it.
- 2.) Don't buy her anything you could use if she doesn't like it, (see #1).
- 3.) Garden tools, lawnmower, or a chainsaw is definitely a no-no, (see #1).
- 4.) No new tires or parts for the automobile, (see #1).
- 5.) A new trolling motor will get you hurt, (see #1).
- 6.) A cover for the boat, (see #1).
- 7.) Don't buy her any household or kitchen appliances – ever! (#1 could apply).
- 8.) Tickets to boat shows, fishing seminars or the Bassmasters Classic, (paper-cuts really hurt, see #1).
- 9.) A gift certificate from a tackle store, (see #8 & #1).
- 10.) A replica of the biggest fish you've caught this year, (see #1).

With all ten of these don'ts, Bubba has assured

me they have been tried and true...but, for the ten don'ts Bubba suggests he has come up with ten do's. These are called the "Bubba Do's learned by paying his dues!"

Bubba has it down to a fine art now and suggests you try these do's:

- 1.) Go with the heart.
- 2.) Consider her need for relaxation. This will make it easier for you to relax.
- 3.) Buy jewelry...it always works.
- 4.) If you buy her clothes, know her size; if not, buy a smaller vs. a larger size, (see #1, don'ts list).
- 5.) Listen for clues, hints, and suggestions. There will be plenty.
- 6.) Ask her friends, mother, or sister what she wants.
- 7.) Think of her unspoken wants and be daring and romantic.
- 8.) Don't be afraid to buy from a store she frequents. Wal-Mart's are everywhere!
- 9.) Buy what she wants, but that she wouldn't buy for herself.
- 10.) Make sure she knows where the gift is from, so she discreetly can return it.

For the last few Christmases, Bubba has practiced these do's and don'ts. I do believe they are working because I haven't seen any bumps or lumps on his head after Christmas. Those all ap-

pear after New Year's Eve, but that is an entirely different story.

Try some "Bubba Knowledge" shopping this year for your Bubbette. It could save you a lump sum!

Bubbette's suggestion for shopping for Bubba is simple..."Get some new fishing stuff...Bubba likes stuff!"



"Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from our family to yours! Be Safe and God Bless!"

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What size gutters does your home need?"

By Brooks Beeler

You may ask yourself what size gutters do I need?"

It depends; that would be the first answer, but let's dive in a little deeper.

Initially, you may think it's just 1"; how big of a difference could it be? The 1" can be pretty significant. A 6" gutter is 6" wide at the top and 5" tall at the back. A 5" gutter is 5" wide at the top and 4" tall at the back. To demonstrate how much 1" is in volume, we did a math exercise.

The 1" difference creates 11 square inches of volume for every linear inch and 132 square inches for every linear foot. These 132 inches per linear foot allow a 6" gutter to carry and hold .57 gallons of water MORE for every linear foot of gutter. This equates to over 100 gallons more capacity on a home with 200 linear feet of gutters.

If you have a smaller roof/slope (surface area), 5" gutters may work perfectly. However, if you have a large roof slope or surface area, you might consider looking at

6" gutters. For reference, 6" gutters only cost about \$1.00 per linear foot more than 5" gutters.

In closing, a simple reference: 6" gutters carry and hold about 1/2 gallon more water per linear foot than a 5".

This should help you in choosing the proper size of gutter for your home.



Patrick Smith and Clancey Sneed had a great day fishing Lake Fork in November with guide David Ozio. C.P.R.

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18th Annual Legend

years, the tournament will be held out of Lake Fork Marina. This would be a great time to get your reservations in early. We will be on location on Thursday taking sign-ins and entries on Thursday May 18th from 2 pm to 9 pm, on Friday from 5 am to 6 am and 4 pm to 9 pm. On Saturday we will take entries from 5 am to 6 am and again from 4 pm to 9 pm and on Sunday from 5 am to 6 am. As usual anglers can fish one day, two days, or all three days of the tournament. We will be paying eleven places each hour.

The new entries will be posted on our website www.legend-

oflakefork.com. All entries received on or before April 30, 2023 will qualify for the early entry incentive.

If you have ordered a boat, a motor, or parts for your motor, you know what a long wait it is and how the price escalates each month. With the economy being what it is I have made a change in the format.

After speaking with many of the anglers they agree this is great and they are looking forward to winning a grand prize.

For the angler that catches the heaviest bass over the slot in the tournament, that angler will receive a check for \$40,000. For the angler that

catches the heaviest bass under 16-inches he or she will receive a check for \$30,000. For the name drawn in the early incentive they will receive a check for \$20,000. With the economy being what it is, I have not heard any complaints.

I hope to see all of you there and hoping you are looking forward to the event as much as we are.

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"Lake Fork Undergoing The 'Perfect Storm'!"

By David Ozio

"It is my opinion that Fork is currently undergoing the "perfect storm" this late fall which is much different than last fall and even tougher than a year ago. The lake is a little over six feet low and still in the process of turning over. Surface temps range from 53 to 56 degrees, which as of this writing, are much lower than last year at this time. Pretty early for these cold temps and Florida strain green fish usually don't break out the sweaters till January. It's going to be interesting to see how this plays out through the end of the year and into 2023. It seems to me that the skill sets are going

to need to be sharpened to get the Fork monsters to the scale and adjusting to the conditions will be the key to the lunker of a lifetime.

This has been a strange fall season as shad normally migrate to the backs of the creeks which allow the hungry bass to load up for the winter season ahead. With the lake being this low, that movement didn't seem to happen this year. And if you did happen to see some rare shad activity in October it was gone by early November. The change in water temps alone should have helped the shallow bite and, oddly enough, these same cooler water temps haven't allowed the big bass to gang up deep as of this writing. This changes our focus to mid depth water patterns and this will continue into December while we are searching for the next ShareLunker. Provided the water continues to slowly cool heading into Santa month, good electronics will play a key roll in the search of these groups of monster green fish and the best place to start your search will be at the mouth of the major creeks, Birch, Penson, Mustang, Williams, Wolfe and Dale. Focus on the shad and scan for hooks that are surrounding the clouds of bait. All these bass will be suspended so target these fish with a flutter spoon if the wind is an issue or a weightless fluke if the water is calm. Count

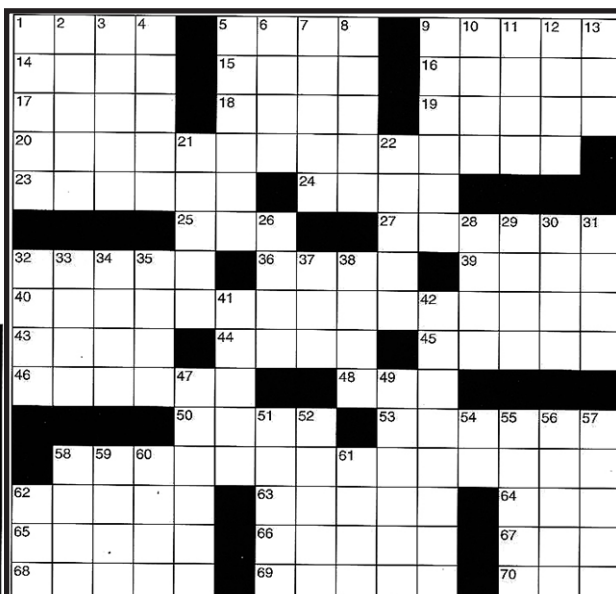


the bait down to the level where you marked them at the rate of a second per foot. At that point, twitch the fluke or rip the spoon. Stay in touch with the shad and see what happens. Any flutter spoon will do the trick if you are in the mouth of a creek that is inundated with timber. Let it flutter to the bottom and experiment with different retrieves to isolate what the fish favor. A standard spoon in the same silver or gold works better if you are in open water with no obstructions. Pay close attention to your graph and direct your efforts in areas where there are schools of sand bass or barfish. All year, the big black bass have been mixed in

with the schools feeding on the unwitting small bar fish. C-rigs and drop shots have worked well also using redbug and junebug Talon Carolina Worms. Locate the baitfish and go to work. Also, pay attention to deep roadbeds as barfish will gang up on these structures during falling surface temps and these little yellow critters are a Filet Mignon to big bass. A 10XD in barfish color will be the ticket.

Once the water cools into the low 50's the shallow bite will still be relevant on sunny days providing the water temps are warming. Rattletraps, squarebills, chatterbaits and spinnerbaits will all answer the call to duty. Look for vegetation in the skinny water and pay attention to any baitfish ac-

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CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Spoken in Sulu archipelago | 40. Jet (football) |
| 5. The queen of the gods in ancient mythology | 43. Square measure |
| 9. Behalfs | 44. Romanian city |
| 14. Jai __, sport | 45. Binds |
| 15. Supplements with difficulty | 46. Sits |
| 16. Forearm bones | 48. Unhealthy |
| 17. New Zealand black pine | 50. Brews |
| 18. Salesmen | 53. Came close |
| 19. Small brook | 58. Graham or Groza |
| 20. Blanda and Stabler | 62. Alar |
| 23. St. Francis of __ | 63. Stead |
| 24. Pokeweed | 64. The content of cognition |
| 25. Drop down | 65. Raise an objection |
| 27. Surfaced | 66. Gum |
| 32. Symptom | 67. Sea creature |
| 36. Arthur ____, Wimbledon champion | 68. Boyfriend |
| 39. Tableland | 69. Replete |
| | 70. One |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Island in the South Pacific | 33. Little (Spanish) |
| 2. Nom de guerre | 34. He fiddled |
| 3. Checks off | 35. Female sheep |
| 4. Garlic mayonnaise | 37. Female sibling |
| 5. Kind of rupture | 38. Progeny |
| 6. Supplemented with difficulty | 41. Cotton fabric |
| 7. Duplicate | 42. Displacement unit |
| 8. State in N.E. India | 47. Public house |
| 9. Check | 49. Go through |
| 10. Herb | 51. Greece |
| 11. Gnarl | 52. Antelope |
| 12. Sense organs | 54. Between Pisces and Taurus |
| 13. Monetary unit | 55. Western event |
| 21. Brazilian palm | 56. Confederate general |
| 22. Henrik ____, dramatist | 57. Enzyme |
| 26. Joyous | 58. Grounds |
| 28. Implements of war | 59. Panchen or Grand |
| 29. Jump | 60. Kind of purse |
| 30. This (Spanish) | 61. Tidy |
| 31. Dashes | 62. Promotional materials |
| 32. Open | |

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Rainbow Trout Stocking Returns Statewide (Continued from Page 1)

trout love cold water and can be caught on a variety of baits and lures (worms, commercially available pastes, corn, spinners, spoons, flies and more), and are great to take home and eat. Our winter rainbow trout program has been a favorite of anglers for over forty years."

TPWD plans to stock 337,469 rainbow trout in Texas from Nov. 23 through March 3. Because rainbow trout are unable to survive in Texas after winter, anglers are encouraged to keep up to their daily bag limit of five trout. Rainbow trout are an attractive, tasty fish and anglers can easily find recipes to prepare them online.

The Neighborhood Fishin' program offers some outstanding opportunities to catch rainbow trout for families and new anglers in and around major cities. TPWD manages 18 Neighborhood Fishin' lakes statewide in most major urban centers, including Austin, the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, Houston and San Antonio. These lakes are frequently stocked with rainbow trout during the winter stocking season and offer plenty of amenities so family members of all ages can enjoy a fun and relaxing day fishing and connecting in

nature.

Tailrace fishing is popular during trout season. TPWD will stock rainbow trout into the Canyon Tailrace on the Guadalupe River below Canyon Lake, and the Possum Kingdom Tailrace on the Brazos River below Possum Kingdom Lake for anglers willing to try their hand in tailrace fishing. Those locations often have very cool water and provide excellent conditions for trout fishing.

Other stocking locations include dozens of local city and county managed park ponds, the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center casting pond, and several rivers including the Frio, South Llano and Guadalupe rivers and the Clear Fork of the Trinity River.

In addition, anglers can pursue a fish in a Texas State Park from a bank, dock or pier for free without a fishing license. TPWD recommends anyone planning a trip to a park reserve a day pass in advance. Day passes can be reserved online through the TPWD website or over the phone by calling (512) 389-8900.

The good news is it doesn't take a lot of sophis-

ticated fishing equipment to reel in a rainbow trout. They can be caught using simple, light tackle or on hand-tied flies using a fly rod. However, anglers should keep an array of baits and lures nearby as well as ice to keep trout fresh. For more tips on how to catch rainbow trout, gain some insight from TPWD staff on the TPWD YouTube channel.

In Texas, children under 17 fish for free, but adults must have a fishing license with a freshwater fishing endorsement. An angler fishing in a Community Fishing Lake or from a dock, pier or jetty within a Texas State Park may use no more than two poles. The statewide bag limit is five trout, except on parts of the Guadalupe River where special limits are in effect.

The dates and locations are subject to change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Be sure to check the 2022-23 Trout Stocking Schedule online before you go fishing to confirm the stocking date, check fishing regulations and to find other winter trout stocking program angling tips.

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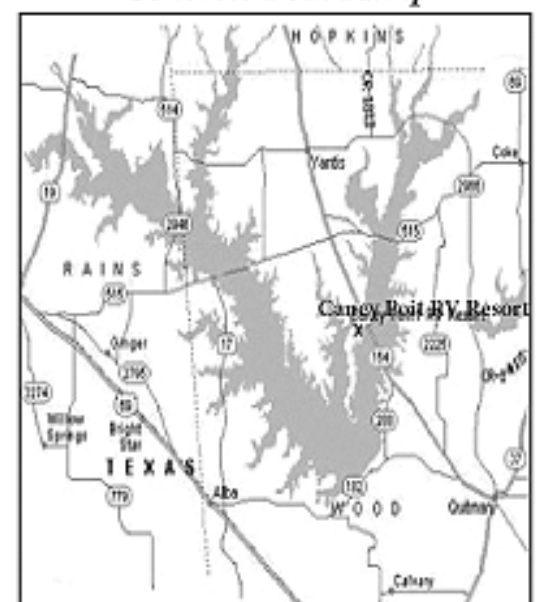
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"The Moon Report"

"Fork's Winter Transition"

By Terri Moon

Well – as much as I hate to say it – the cold weather has finally arrived! These 30 some degree mornings will sure remind you how old your getting! But, the motivation of knowing how good the fishing gets when the temperature falls and the crappie start their winter feeding frenzy – it's enough to make you power through the cold!

The surface temperature has dropped into the 50's so the crappie are making a big push out deeper. We are targeting 24 to 40 ft. depths – but, how deep they might be in those depths can change daily and throughout the day. They might be 12 ft. down or 25 ft. down. Just keep a close eye on the graph and target accordingly. Also make note of how deep the baitfish are running. If your fishing with Livescope, you will know exactly how deep to fish and in what direction! All you have to do is figure out what size and color jig they want that day. But, fair warning – you have to be able to take "rejection" with the Livescope because some days they are just not interested and just turn and swim away! Try your best to keep your bait above them and don't spook them by crashing down through them or erratically hopping your bait. This will definitely make them scatter. Try to hold your bait as steady as possible and maybe a light twitch now and then. If you see a fish headed for you, just slowly lift away



from it and generally that will trigger a strike!

Not all the crappie are deep – especially around a new or full moon. The last full moon when everyone was catching them in 30 to 40 ft., I found some nice ones in 10 to 15 ft. (I was very grateful because there was 4 ft. rollers out on the main lake!) Oh my gosh, the winds have been brutal! So, if you see a forecast of 5-10 or light and variable, take advantage of it – they have become rare!

Check your main lake points, creek channels, timber lines, brush piles and bridges. I am seeing giant shad in their stomachs so you might want to up-size your bait – like a Bonehead 3 inch bait with a 1/4 oz. Bonehead jig head. Or you can tip a minnow on a Skipper 1/4 jig. The colors producing have been black/chartreuse, LSU, white/chartreuse, and blue/white.

Before I forget – December 1st to March 1st you have to keep the first 25 you catch – no culling.

The 10-inch minimum does not go back in effect till March 1st.

It's hard to believe this year is coming to an end. It's been another year of great challenges and heartbreaking losses for everyone. But, so grateful for all the blessings that came through during these tough times!

Heartfelt thanks to all that came to fish with me this year and especially those that have fished with me my whole career! (They were as happy as I was when the Skeeter Solera boat came along!) – they call it my "Luxury Liner"! So, a "BIG" thank you to Skeeter Boats for making my customers so comfortable on our fishing trips!

Also, be sure and check out Lake Fork Marina for your holiday shopping for all of the fishermen in your life. They have some great gift ideas and gift baskets!

I want to wish everyone a "Wonderful Holiday Season" and many Blessings to you all and especially to my family!



Scotty Taylor caught this nice bass while fishing Lake Fork with guide David Ozio. Caught * Photo * Release



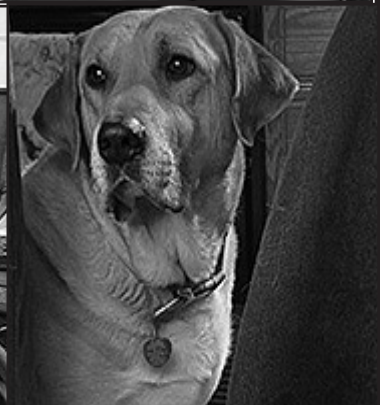
Gary Reynolds from Iowa was a happy camper when he caught this Lake Fork hawg fishing with guide Whitt Smith. C.P.R.



Tracy Byrd caught this nice bass while fishing Lake Fork with guide David Ozio. Caught * Photo * Release



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Texas Game Warden Search and Rescue Drone Program Yields Positive Outcomes Across the State

Three recent incidents requiring game warden drone support and successful coordination with local law enforcement led to an arrest in east Texas and two rescues of lost individuals in the hill country.

On the night of Nov. 3, Texas Game Warden Michael Hummert responded to an Erath County Sheriff's Office request for assistance. An elderly man had gone missing in Dublin, Texas. As the only law enforcement officer equipped with a thermal drone in the county, his services were necessary.

"The setting sun prevented us from locating him through usual means," Hummert said. "The thermal drone picks up body heat, which is necessary to locate someone at night. With the cold creep-

ing in, it was imperative to find him quickly."

Using cell phone records, the sheriff's office determined a general location for the individual and Hummert mapped out a search area. Working out of a control station attached to his vehicle, he located the individual through a thermal scan and led deputies to the location.

Just nine days later, in Bell County, federal officials reached out for assistance in another missing person case. Without another available drone operator in the area, Warden Hummert arrived on scene. In this case, family shared vital information to the person's location while federal support provided robust mapping systems. Again, the individual was found safe and secure.

Only in his second month of the Texas Game

Warden Unmanned Aerial System Program (UASP), Hummert has seen firsthand the benefit his skills and equipment bring to his community.

highly beneficial for any search and rescue but it's not always practical in rural areas. Responding with a drone cuts your response time and cost, allowing for more versatility. I respond to anything from car accidents to bomb threats."

Meanwhile, further east, Hummert's drone teammate Texas Game Warden Doug Williams received a request for assistance to locate a suspect who shot at and physically assaulted two individuals, then fled. Using another thermal drone, Williams circled the residence and spotted a heat signature in the woods.

Due to the freezing temperatures, the suspect was hiding in the brush curled in the fetal position. He was arrested and later treated for hypothermia.

"Empowering our division with the drone program in cooperation with Gear Up for Game Wardens donations creates a lifeline where there wasn't," said UASP supervisor Lt. Matthew Bridgefarmer. "Game warden drone operators arrive first on scene to locate lost boaters and hikers. We search in the aftermath of natural disasters. At the end of the day, this program saves lives."

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Texas Game Warden Honors Take Center Stage at TPW Commission Hearing

Harris County Game Wardens, K-9 and Critical Incident Teams recognized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) Commission during recent meeting for contributions across the state –

Houston Game Wardens Receive Top Law Enforcement Award

Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission recognized Houston-area game wardens nominated by the Harris County District Attorney's Office for the 2021 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Outstanding Law Enforcement Award.

The honor follows an increase of cases filed for driving and boating while intoxicated. According to Captain Jennifer Weaver, the award is an encouraging incentive for her team's determination.,

"We took on some of the county's most complicated drunk driving cases—cases that require long hours, immense paperwork and due diligence," she added. "Game wardens were not deterred. In several cases, they stepped up and out of their comfort zone to ensure intoxicated drivers were held accountable."

Game Warden of the Year Announced

With only six years as a game warden under his belt, Bo Hancock has proven himself a formi-

dable resource in the field. Serving first in The U.S. Air Force, then as a warden in Presidio and Brewster Counties, he set himself apart by cultivating supportive relationships inside and outside the game warden community. Externally, Bo created opportunities to share an appreciation of nature with younger generations through kid fish events, water safety programs and wildlife identification teams.

Internally, he leads the Critical Incident Response Team, a role he has held for three years. The team is specially trained to focus on supporting wardens, fellow law enforcement and community members who have experienced traumatic incidents. Through patience and connection, Bo helps unite communities after tragedy and utilizes his insight to teach his fellow wardens.

While stationed in Brewster County, Warden Hancock served as an ambassador across the agency assisting with numerous search and rescue operations in the Big Bend area. He continues to strengthen state and local partnerships while exemplifying service in the field.

K-9 Team Introduces Six Dogs to Service

The Texas Game Warden K-9 Team retired ten dogs while inducting another six into ser-

vice. Each dog commissioned specializes in a certain aspect of tracking, including licensed skills like wildlife resource detection, search and rescue and evidence recovery. K-9 teams operate across the Lone Star State as a force multiplier to local law enforcement involved in high-risk responses. Coordinating efforts with a K-9 team results in reduced search time and increased evidence recovery.

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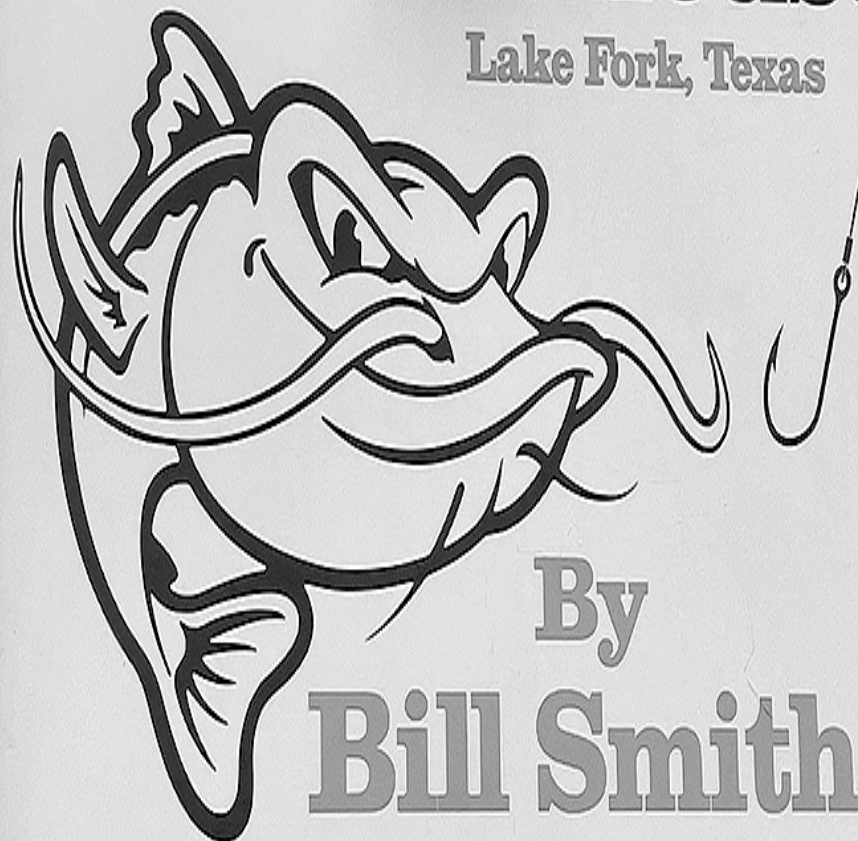
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Big Time Texas Hunts Winners Announced

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is pleased to announce the winners of this year's Big Time Texas Hunts. The winners were selected in a random drawing from 154,551 entries and the 14 lucky individuals have been notified.

More than \$1,408,000 was raised this year from Big Time Texas Hunts entries and proceeds from the drawing support wildlife research, habitat management and public hunting across the state.

"Big Time Texas

Hunts continues to be an important conservation fundraiser for TPWD and we greatly appreciate the support of our Texas hunters that purchase entries each year," said Kelly Edmiston, TPWD Public Hunting Coordinator. "If a hunter is lucky enough to win, they will experience the hunt of a lifetime. If they don't, they can feel good knowing the funds from their entry go directly to wildlife conservation and public access projects on public hunting lands in Texas."

This year's win-

ner of the Texas Grand Slam hunting package, Stephen Lambden of Point Comfort, Texas, is making plans for four separate guided hunts for the state's top four premier big game species – desert bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn and mule deer.

This year's winners from the other Big Time Texas Hunts categories are as follows:

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Big Time Bird Hunt – Weston Walker, Liberty, Texas

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Wild Hog Adventure – Roy Rendon, Joshua, Texas

"We want to congratulate the winners, but also thank all the hunters who bought an entry this year," said Janis Johnson, TPWD Marketing Manager. "They are the ones who made the Big Time Texas Hunt's 26th year a success. They helped us raise \$1,408,510 the highest amount in the history of the program, to support wildlife management, research and conservation efforts in Texas."

Entries for next year's Big Time Tex-

as Hunts will go on sale May 15, 2023.

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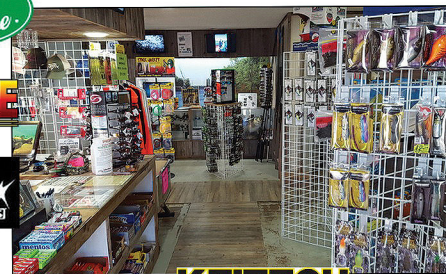
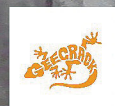
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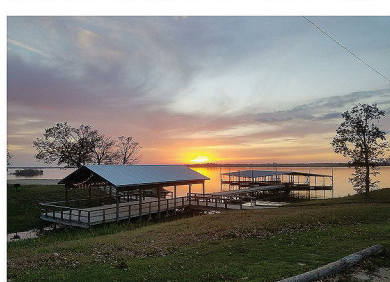


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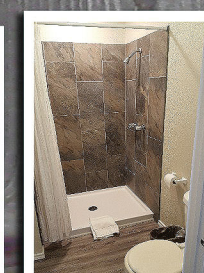
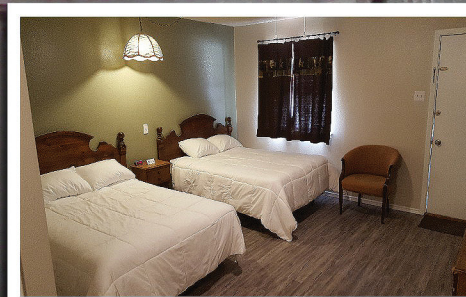
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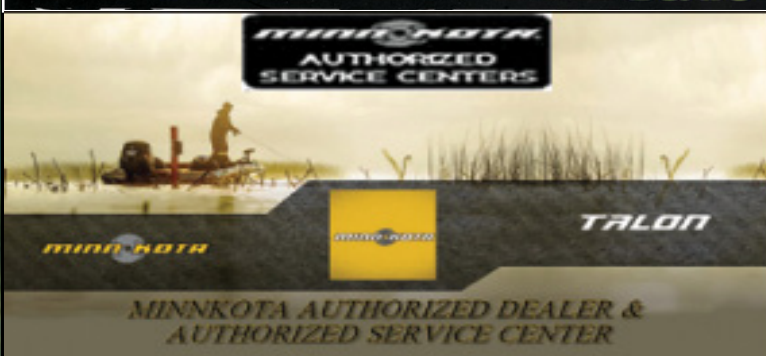
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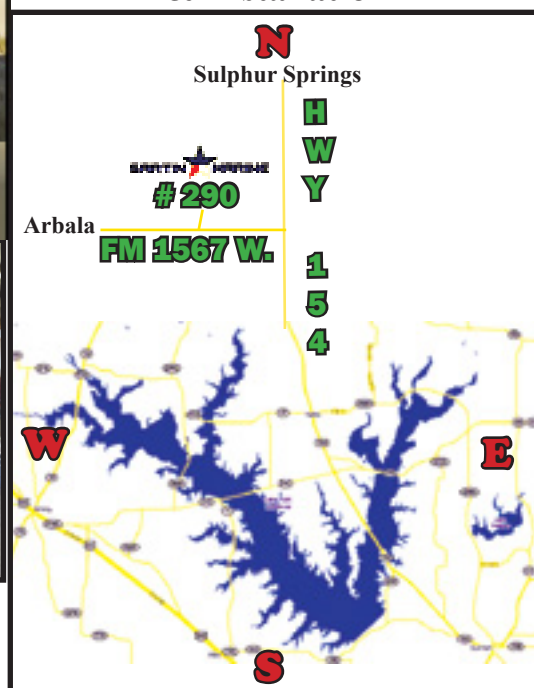
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Whooping Cranes Spotted on the Texas Coast During Annual Migration

With the first sightings of iconic, endangered whooping cranes along the Texas coast being reported, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is reminding Texans to be on the lookout for these impressive birds as they move through the state.

Janess Vartanian, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Acting Whooping Crane Coordinator, says that on October 21, a pair of whooping cranes were the first to arrive this season on Matagorda Island. Although this is a week earlier than last year, we still expect most will arrive in and around Aransas National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in December.

Once whooping cranes arrive on their wintering grounds, many stay in the same general area. Younger birds, however, often haven't paired yet and may wander a little off their usual flight path, using areas quite distant from the Aransas NWR area.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has predicted Texas will

experience a La Niña weather pattern for the third consecutive winter, prompting a warmer and drier winter across the Southwest and Gulf Coast. Vartanian says that an extended drought may prompt whooping cranes to seek out and use freshwater sources on the Aransas NWR and surrounding areas as winter progresses. The USFWS is encouraging landowners to consider providing freshwater on their properties as well to aid the birds during their migration and wintering period.

The public can help track whooping cranes by reporting sightings to TPWD's Whooper Watch, a citizen-science based reporting system to track whooping crane migration and wintering locations throughout Texas. More information about Whooper Watch, including instructions for reporting sightings, can be found online and by downloading the iNaturalist mobile app. These observations help biologists identify new migration and wintering locations and their associated habitats.

Whooping cranes are the tallest, rarest birds in North America. Currently, there is a population of around 543 individuals. Thanks to coordinated conservation efforts, whooping cranes are slowly returning from the brink of extinction.

Whooping cranes make a 2,500-mile journey from their Canadian breeding grounds in northern Alberta's Wood Buffalo National Park to the coastal marshes of Texas each year. The migration south to Texas can take up to 50 days.

During their migration, whooping cranes seek out wetlands and agricultural fields where they can roost and feed. The birds often pass large urban centers like Dallas-Fort Worth, Waco and Austin. Though whooping cranes rarely stay in one place for more than a day during migration, it is important that they not be disturbed or harassed at these stopovers. As a federally protected species, it is illegal to disturb or harass these birds.

With sandhill crane and waterfowl hunt-
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Texans Encouraged to Practice Bear Safety This Fall

With winter quickly approaching, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) encourages residents in the western, south-western and northeastern portions of Texas to practice appropriate safety measures and report bear sightings.

Black bears are native to Texas, a part of the state's natural heritage and ecosystem. They are guided by an excellent sense of smell, and their behavior is driven largely by appetite. Fall provides their last opportunity to feast before denning up for the winter.

These natural characteristics become a problem when they find easy meals from humans, such as garbage, pet food or corn from a deer feeder. If a bear continually finds food around humans, it can become habituated, losing its fear of people and creating a potentially dangerous situation.

Big Bend National Park cited increased bear activity as the reason to close two trails in August until the bears moved along to better feeding grounds this fall.

Sara Allen Colando, Brewster County Commissioner, recently posted a photo of a bear — dubbed a "new Terlingua Ghost

Town resident" — tearing up the trash behind a local barbecue.

"We need bear-proof dumpsters," she urged residents. "Contact your disposal company if there are bears in your area." Colando took her own advice and had her regular dumpster replaced with a bear-resistant unit.

Bear-proof garbage containers are a great option that many communities have deployed to reduce bear encounters. TPWD biologists encourage keeping trash bags in a secure location until the morning of trash pickup and feeding pets inside or limiting pet-food portions to an amount that can be consumed completely at each feeding.

More information can be found on the TPWD website, including how to secure deer feeders or apiaries with electric fence and the use of "unwelcome mats." Unwelcome mats, made from rough wood and nails or brads, can be placed under windows, at doors and fence openings and around outdoor freezers and refrigerators to discourage bears without causing serious injury.

Texas offers this non-game animal state protected status as a threatened species, so

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If you see a bear, stay away and do not attempt to feed it, and notify your local police or sheriff dispatch immediately to request that they contact the local TPWD biologist or game warden.



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"We are excited to unveil our Centennial Celebration product line, which was designed to commemorate every state park in Texas as we head into 2023," said Thomas Wilhelm, Texas State Parks Marketing and Brand Manager. "Our parks will be buzzing with activities throughout the centennial celebration, and

we encourage all Texans to get outside and explore both new parks and old favorites."

Products included in this product launch include:

*100-year celebration mug — This 14-ounce ceramic coffee mug has the name of all 89 Texas State Parks printed on the side.

*100-year scratch off poster — This 16"x20" scratch off map lets visitors keep track of the state parks.

*Centennial Edition Passport — These 100-page, spiral bound passports allow folks to tally which parks they have explored.

*100-year lapel pin — This special-edition

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*100-year keychain — This keychain includes the new 100-year anniversary design.

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Carolyn West, President 2022 LFSA

As the year nears an end, it is easy to reflect on 2022 and realize that there were so many new challenges for Lake Fork Sportsman's Association and so many new experiences. In grand style, LFSA persevered.

Who would have believed that the pandemic would leave so many aftereffects? Who would have expected the Lake to experience a drought that would leave it seven-plus feet low on a long-term basis? Who would have thought that the grasses growing in a high school greenhouse would need to be kept alive for 2 years without being able to plant them in the lake?

On the positive side, LFSA received a significant grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department funding expansion of the grasses program and allowing two additional schools to join. What dynamic students at Alba Golden and Quitman! The grant also allowed for experimental floating planters and seed generators. We look forward to working with

the school systems to make and deploy these projects, as well. Ed Swenson is our "inventor/designer" for the planters and generators.

The High School Tackle Program expanded and had the most productive year yet. Thank you to the leadership of that committee, Terry Long and Mike and Pat Kostial.

As always, our Live Release Boat provided an excellent service to tournaments by keeping the catch alive and returning the fish to the lake. Bruce Allen and Larry Lewis provided scheduling support and boat maintenance.

Our membership grew during the year with some energetic new members who bring promise of new ideas and a volunteering spirit.

In December at our annual membership meeting, our 2023 Board of Directors will be elected and several of us who are currently on the Board will be handing over the leadership to others to take LFSA to the next step in growth. Those of us who will be leaving the Board are appreciative of the support we have re-

ceived and grateful for the opportunity to serve in the past. We all look forward to continuing to volunteer in support of this new leadership.

The 2023 Board of Directors will be announced in LFSA's article at the end of December.



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"Cooler days are finally coming!" (Continued from Page 6)

tivity. There will also be other patterns that will work during this time of the year, one being the jig and craw trailer fished on the creek bends where wood is present. Black and blue is my fav, especially on cloudy days. If the water is fairly clear, switch to watermelon red front to back. Work it slow, especially through the roots of the trees. Sunny afternoons during this season can also be a gold mine. As the water cools into the mid-fifties, chatterbaits and traps are the go to baits worked shallow and be sure to focus on the 2:00 to 5:30pm window. Water warms during the afternoon

and the fish will move up for a free meal. Pay attention to any bird activity and they will lead you to the bass.

December/January is also a great month to catch numbers on the power plant lakes. If cabin fever has set in, give me a call and we can wear them out where the water temps are summer like. If you are headed out to Lake Fork in December searching for the trophy of a lifetime, I would love to be a part of this trophy quest. I still have a few dates open in December and some in January. I also have gift certificates available if you have friends or loved one's who have dreamt of landing a huge bass. You can contact me at 409 782-4269 or e-mail me at skeet21c@aol.com. You can follow me on Facebook and Instagram at DavidOzi-oLakeForkGuide. I post my daily trip results on this page. I would like to thank Okuma Fishing and Talon Custom Lures for making my job the blast that it is and 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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Whooping Cranes Spotted..... (Continued from Page 15)

ing seasons opening and whooper migration in full swing, TPWD urges hunters to be extra vigilant. Whooping cranes are sometimes found in mixed flocks with sandhill cranes, which are gray and slightly smaller. With their all-white body plumage and black wingtips, whooping cranes may also resemble snow geese, which are much smaller and have faster wing beats. A video detailing the differences between snow geese and whooping cranes can be found on the TPWD YouTube Channel.

There are several other non-game species that are similar in appearance such as wood storks, American white pelicans, great egrets and others, but a close look will reveal ob-

vious differences. More information on look-alike species is available online.

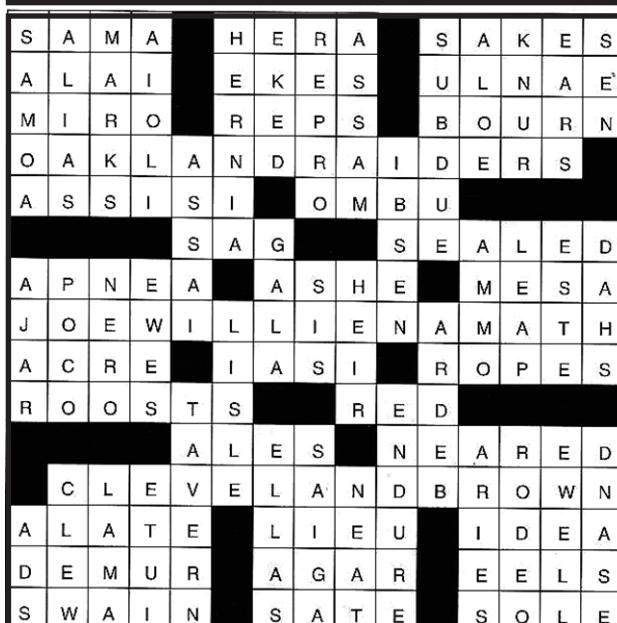
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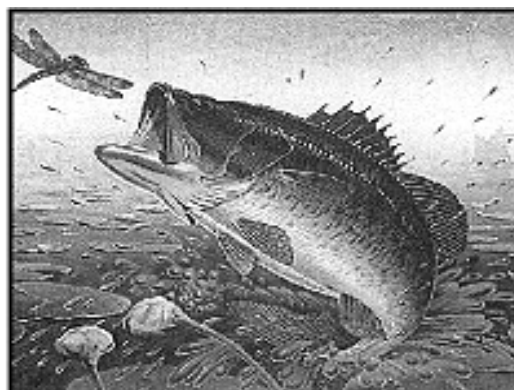
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Game Warden Field Notes

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

--Not His Biggest Fan--Following up on months of investigation and numerous tips, Lubbock district game wardens wrapped up an investigation dating back to 2015 when a landowner in Scurry County noticed several of his fences were being cut once every few months, with no other known fences in the area being tampered with. Within the last three months, it began to happen in

more spots and with increased frequency. The wardens decided to place an undercover camera on one of the county roads where the fence was most commonly cut, and on Sept. 28 the land owner called the wardens and told them that his fences had been cut in five different locations. After reviewing the video there was only one vehicle spotted during the suspected timeframe, and foot prints were found at each location where the fence was cut. After further investigation the wardens located the driver and he admitted to cutting the

fences on separate occasions dating back to 2015. He stated he was mad at the landowner because he chose not to put wind turbines on his land and it made it harder on him in planning and building roads for the turbines on the neighboring properties. He also told the wardens that his company offered the landowner a good price to put them on his land and he should have participated like everyone else. During the interview, the individual also admitted to hunting without landowner consent on two different occa-

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By Sue Hampton

Are you expecting a houseful of hungry guests this holiday season? Don't panic – even though time might be hard to come by, entertaining can be fun and stress-free. As any host or hostess knows, avoiding a "food frenzy" is a key ingredient for easy-going entertaining.

Here are a couple of easy appetizer recipes for your holiday guests!

Onion, Mushroom & Pepperjack Quesadillas



From our family to yours we want to wish everyone a very "Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!" Have a blessed holiday season!

1 teaspoon olive oil
1 large onion, thinly sliced
2 cups sliced fresh white mushrooms
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon sugar
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup frozen or drained canned corn kernels
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
4 flour tortillas, 8" diameter each
¾ cup shredded pepperjack cheese

1. In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil over high heat. Add the onion, mushrooms, garlic, sugar and salt; cook stirring frequently, until vegetables begin to soften, about 3 minutes. Add corn; cook, stirring frequently, until mushrooms are tender and onions are lightly brown, about 5 minutes. Transfer mixture to a bowl; stir in cilantro.

2. Arrange tortillas on a work surface and spread the lower half of each with ¼ of the onion mixture (about ½ cup). Sprinkle each with 3 tablespoons of the cheese. Fold top half of the tortilla over filling and press lightly to seal.

3. Wipe out skillet with a paper towel and return to high heat. Add 2 quesadillas to skillet and cook, turning once, until cheese melts and tortillas are lightly browned. Repeat with the 2 remaining quesadillas.

Cheesy Chicken

Quesadillas

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
½ cup Ketchup
2 cups shredded cheese
1 pound boneless chicken breast, cut into strips
1 medium green bell pepper, diced
1 medium onion, diced
4-1/2 ounces chopped mild or hot chilies
Flour tortillas
Sour cream and guacamole (garnish)

To prepare, quickly cook chicken in 1 tablespoon vegetable oil in a large skillet, set aside. In the same skillet saute green pepper and onion until slightly tender. Stir in ketchup and chilies and add chicken. Brush one side of half of the tortillas with remaining oil and place them oiled-side down on a baking sheet. Evenly top tortillas with half of cheese, chicken mixture and then remaining cheese. Top with remaining tortillas and brush with oil. Bake in a preheated 400 degree oven, eight to ten minutes or until cheese melts and tortillas are golden-brown.

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sions, along with burglary of a building. Overall, the individual was arrested and charged with the following: 10 counts of criminal mischief – state jail felony, burglary of a building – state jail felony, two counts of hunting feral hogs without landowner consent – class A misdemeanor, two counts of criminal trespass with a deadly weapon – class A misdemeanor, and one count of possession of a protected species (owl talons) – class C misdemeanor.

--**On The Lam**--In October, a Schleicher County game warden received a call from a concerned citizen about a "big turtle" in the middle of the highway on Toe Nail Trail. Upon arriving at the scene out in the middle of a very rural part of the county the game warden found a large sulcata tortoise just hanging out on the farm to market highway. After a newspaper article, Facebook postings and multiple phone calls the game warden was able to locate the sulcata tortoise's owner. Apparently, the large tortoise had escaped his enclosure by pushing on a weak spot of a fence and had been on the lam in the West Texas countryside for 10 days. Another happy ending in Eldorado, Texas.

--**The Camera Doesn't Lie**-- A Williamson County game warden received information about a woman who posted a picture on social media taking her first teal the previous weekend

on Granger public land. The game warden found her contact information and discovered that she was from Hays County. The game warden conducted a record check and although she did have a valid hunting license, she had no hunter education. When wardens contacted her at her residence and conducted a field interview, she denied shooting it the previous weekend and said it was shot the last weekend of teal season. The husband came out and told the game warden they shot it two weekends ago. The game warden kept interviewing both parties and the husband finally admitted taking out his waterfowl decoys to see if any teal would come in. The warden got a confession from both parties that they both took a teal each during closed season. Citations and civil restitution were filed.

--**Cracked Under Pressure**-- A Llano County game warden responded to a call from San Saba dispatch regarding an active poaching situation. Once on scene, a landowner claimed to have

witnessed someone shoot one of his red stag deer from the neighboring property. The scene was photographed, and evidence was gathered, but the warden was unable to contact the other property owner. The following morning, game wardens went back to San Saba to meet with the hunters from the alleged violators property. One subject was identified as having been hunting in the blind near the incident at the time it occurred. The subject swore he did not shoot across property lines and even provided a written statement claiming he didn't shoot. The subject appeared nervous and the game warden advised the subject of the charges he was facing. The subject finally cracked and stated, "I messed up." The subject went on to confess to shooting the red stag, even though he had already lawfully shot a doe on his property 45 minutes prior. The subject will be charged with hunting without landowner's consent and the case is still pending.

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--**Prong Side of the Law**--Amarillo district game wardens made contact with three individuals on a side by side ATV. At first contact they admitted they had shot a doe pronghorn. After interviewing all three individuals the doe was shot approximately an hour before and they were on the way to a different property to dump the carcass, in hopes that no one would find it. Citations for hunting in a closed season and invalid permit were issued.

--**Blinded by The Light**-- A Montgomery County game warden was notified of road hunting activity from a caller who said that he was awoken by headlights being shined in his window. He got up to see a vehicle turning around in his driveway. The caller claimed that he was able to document the license plate and then went to sleep. The next day, he noticed the shaft of an arrow and blood in his front yard. The game warden located the owner of the vehicle and received a full confession. The suspect admitted to shooting a buck in the caller's yard. He also admitted to shooting at two other deer on the same night. Charges of hunting deer at night and hunting deer with an artificial light were filed.

--**Follow Your Arrow, Unless You're This Guy**-- A Liberty County game warden received a call from an employee of a private subdivision

near Dayton, Texas reporting that he had just observed a man dragging and trying to load a whitetail deer into his vehicle from private subdivision property. When he confronted the man, the subject said he had just found the dead deer and didn't want it to go to waste. The employee noted the deer had what appeared to be an entry and exit wound from an arrow that had apparently been used to kill it. After a brief investigation, the subject confessed to shooting the deer while hunting without landowner consent. Cases and restitution are pending.

--**Hiding in Plain Sight**-- A Jefferson County game warden was patrolling along Hwy 73 in Port Arthur when he recognized a truck parked alongside the highway near a popular fishing spot as one that belonged to a local subject that he had an arrest warrant for. Less than six months prior, the game warden had issued the subject a citation for no fishing license and then later discovered his license was suspended. An arrest warrant was obtained for the offense of fishing while license suspended at that time, but it hadn't yet been served. The game warden watched with binoculars from a distance and observed the subject with the outstanding warrant fishing yet again. He contacted the subject and placed him under arrest for the outstanding warrant and a

new charge of fishing while license suspended and placed him in the Jefferson County Jail. Cases pending.

--**The Apple Doesn't Fall Far From The Pop-Up Blind**--Two Harris County game wardens responded to a request for assistance from the University of Houston Clear Lake (UHCL) Police Department when they were alerted to a suspicious person in a wooded portion of the campus. The campus police found a father and son, one of whom was holding a crossbow, in the process of cleaning a recently harvested buck. The officer detained the individuals and secured the scene until the wardens arrived. The officers and the wardens worked together to search the area and interview the suspects, when they discovered a pop-up blind, corn and drug paraphernalia. One of the men confessed to shooting three additional bucks during the last week in the same area. After further investigation, it was revealed that the father had a previous charge for poaching a 12-and-a-half-foot alligator from a nearby county park. When searching the individual's home, the wardens later recovered the heads of two bucks. Charges for hunting without landowner consent, hunting without a license, and possession of drug paraphernalia are pending.

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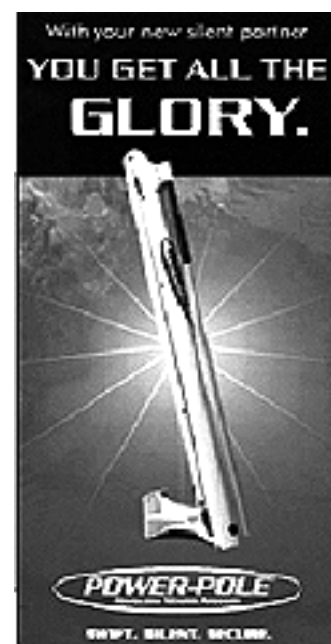


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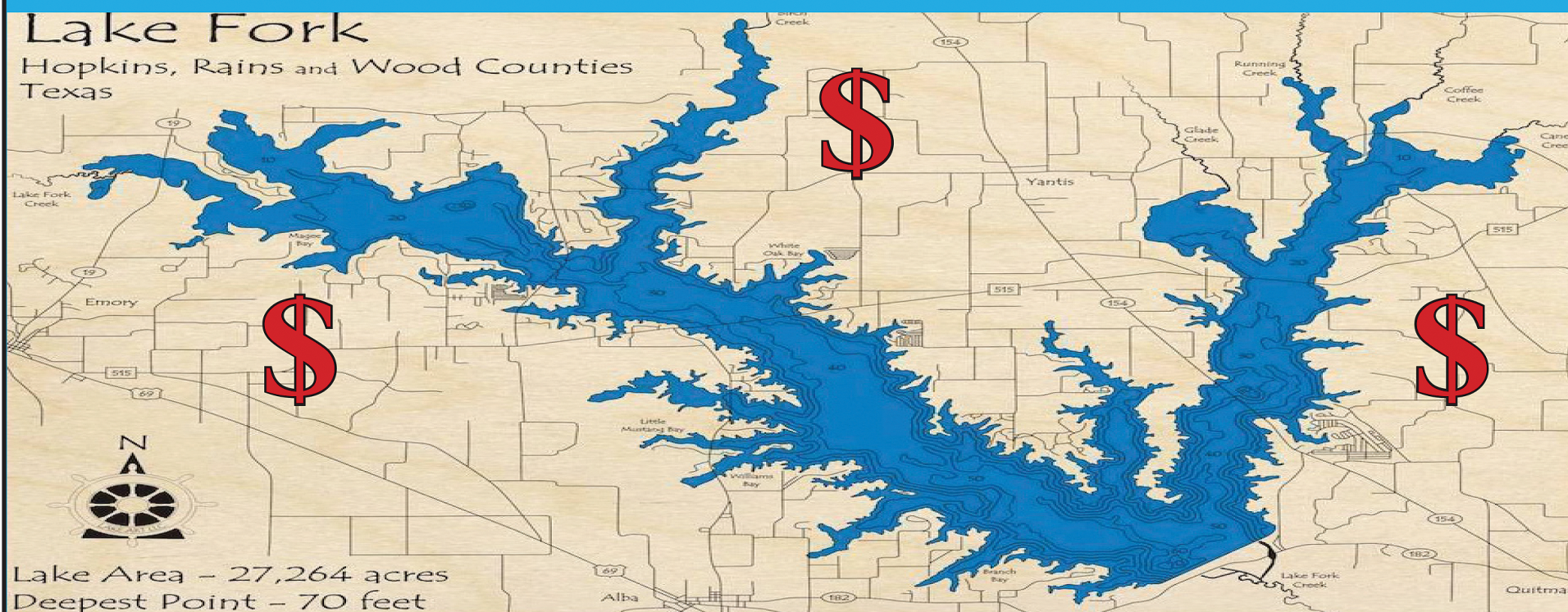


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