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By Don Hampton

to look forward to at the 18th Annual the year. Legend of Lake Fork 2023.

ter the most recent 17N. This would be a rains, we are sitting great time to get your at 1.25-feet low hav- reservations. We will ing come up at least be on location taking 6.5-feet in the past sign-ins and entries two months. With the on Thursday May spring rains we are 18th from 2 pm to 9 now having, the lake pm, on Friday from 5 should be at or close am to 6 am and 4 pm to full pull during to 9 pm. On Saturday the tournament with we will take entries all boat ramps open. from 5 am to 6 am Some bass will have and again from 4 pm already spawned and to 9 pm and on Suneating heavily to get day from 5 am to 6 their weight back, am. As usual anglers but some will still can fish one day, two

be on the beds. We all know what this Anglers have a lot means, great fishing and the best time of

As always and as Big Bass Tournament it has been in past which will be held years, the tournaon May 19, 20, 21, ment will be held out of Lake Fork Mari-At present time af- na just off Highway

days, or all three days of the tournament. We will be paying eleven places each hour.

If you need an entry form you can go to our website and print one off at www.legendoflakefork.com. If you are on the lake, you can pick one up at any of the marinas or email us at fishnews@lakefork.net and we will send you one. All entries that were received on or before April 30, 2023 qualify for the early entry incentive drawing of \$20,000.

If you have ordered a boat, a motor, or parts for your motor, you know what (See 18th Annual....

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Wood **Kidfish** 2023 **County**

By Don Hampton

Fork on June 3rd. This Officer annual celebration is to the pleasure of fishing. It truly serves

and creeks.

The Wood County Wood County Sher-27th Annual Kidfish iff's Department, Texas will be held on Lake Game Warden Peace Texas Parks and Wildheld each year on the life and the Sabine first Saturday of June River Authority and to introduce the youth will be held at Sabine River Authority Headquarters. All are to be to keep them off the commended for their streets and on the lakes diligent hard work and

the many hours they It is presented by the put in to make this event such a success for our children.

> For some children Association, this will be considered their first tournament of many more to come in their lifetime. The love of fishing for these children in their future could be accred-

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Lake Fork guide Randy Oldfield caught this Lake Fork hawg weighing 10.25-pounds. C.P.R.



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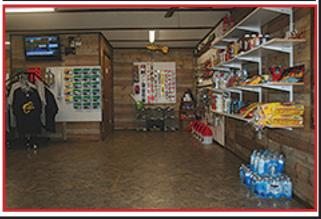






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"Bubbette

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Bubba's

Bass!"

By: Don Hampton

sport of fishing and their wife, children or Bubbette thinks he shows it too much sometimes.

I do believe every piece of Bubba's and show his buds. clothing has a picture of a fish or a bass on it.

His good luck tournament socks with on him. the bass on the front

If you ever see Bubof a bass on his shirt, funeral, a wedding, or church. At these times you could probably rest assured that is admiring his stuff. he has a picture of a

his person. Most fa-Bubba loves the thers carry pictures of grandchildren in their pictures of his latest big catch to pull out

They may be in his wallet or on his cell phone, but you can bet he will have them

In Bubba's home the (from the toe to the clocks have a picture ankle) are a little bit of a bass jumping out of the water. The pictures in his game ba without a picture room are all of fish. He has his Big Mouth you could just bet Billy Bass to sing he's on his way to a to him and a talking Channel Cat hanging on the wall. This is to entertain him while he

Bubbette likes to

the house. Bubba has them sitting in a bass shaped vase.

Bubbette likes to wallet. Bubba carries have pictures of the grandchildren placed around the house. Bubba has them all in frames with fish designs around the borders.

> Bubbette likes to have fine china for entertaining friends. Bubba bought her a set of plates for her anniversary in the shape of fish and glasses with plastic fish on the stems.

> Bubba and Bubbette's definition of class differ. Bubbette likes Waterford crystal. Bubba likes his "Ford" and crystal

bass somewhere on have pretty flowers in likes china, Bubba likes baggies that keep his sandwiches dry in his ice chest. Bubbette likes sterling silver forks and spoons. Bubba likes fishing the Fork with spoons. Bubbette prefers satin and silk. Bubba likes braid and monofilament. Bubbette likes ornamental curtain rods. Bubba likes custom angle rods. Bubbette loves rings and jewelry that is real, while Bubba is always looking for a new reel. Bubbette goes for glamour and glitz while Bubba goes for baits and

> We all know how much Bubba likes fishing stuff but I do clear waters. Bubbette believe his stuff is

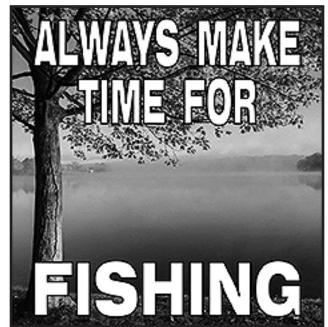
tackle kits.

about to be stuffed. this matter were, "I Bubba's obsession to love Bubba and can't fishing memorabilia is about to come to an things keep getting so end according to Bubbette. It would seem his BASS!" all of Bubba's stuff is pushing all of Bubbette's to the side and that is the wrong side to be on of Bubbette.

Her final words on

kick him out, but if fishy I'm going to kick

So if you see Bubba out fishing on the lake and he's standing up all the time, well you know what happened!



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Angler Recognition Program Shines Spotlight on Fishing Excellence

(TPWD) Angler Recognition Program (ARP) exists to recognize fishing excellence in Texas, and to further that purpose, TPWD staff recently completed a revitalization initiative for the program. The ARP was established in 1971 and maintains the fish record lists for all public and private waterbodies across the state, inspiring anglers to get outside and enjoy the water.

"I have seen how this program inspires and brings joy to people, and I know from personal experience the fond memories that fishing can provide," said Grace Simms, TPWD Angler Recognition Program coordinator. "My dad started taking me fishing when I was a young child, and he and I still fish together. Seeing people of all ages with such passion and joy for this program makes me feel privileged that I get to work with these amazing anglers."

The Angler Recognition Program, which is now housed at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) in Athens, features multiple award categories, including rod and reel, fly

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's fishing, bow fishing and the new state record standing Angler Award is a catch that does all-tackle category. In June 2021, the all-tackle category replaced the state record/other still deserves recognition. methods. The all-tackle category recognizes records for largest fish by species caught by rules, every catch will receive an award, even any legal means.

> Records are registered based on weight or length at the state level as well as for individual waterbodies. The ARP accepts lengthonly record applications for the catch and live release of selected species in Texas public waters. This record provides an opportunity for conservation minded anglers who don't have a certifiable scale available to weigh a record fish before returning it to the water.

> Fish Award, Big Fish Award, Elite Angler Award and Outstanding Angler Award. The First Fish Award acknowledges the first fish caught by an angler of any age. The Big Fish Award is handed out for multiple freshwater and saltwater species based on length requirements. Anglers then achieve Elite status by earning Big Fish awards for five different freshwater or saltwater species. The Out-

not qualify for any other type of award but

"Unless a catch is found to have broken the if they do not set any records or qualify as a big fish," said Simms. "Every catch that is submitted to us is special and represents fond memories and a joyful experience. It therefore deserves recognition."

Anglers are encouraged to familiarize themselves with program rules and how to submit their catch prior to heading out to the water. Anglers are advised to pay close attention to the requirements for proper weighing Anglers can also be recognized with a First and length measurements along with photos to accompany the application. Fish must be weighed on certified or legal-for-trade scales within three days of the catch date. However, anglers may also weigh their fish on their own personal scale and then get that scale certified within 30 days of the catch date.

> Once the Angler Recognition Award application is complete with all supporting docu-

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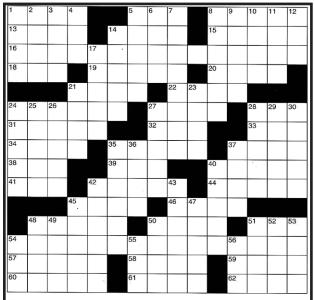
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"May Should Open the Door to a Deep Bite!"

By David Ozio

"Here we are in 2023 stuck in a cycle of adversity which has carried on now for the last several years regarding Lake Fork. Each season has dealt us with problems to navigate from high water one year to a frozen lake the next year to the lake being seven feet low followed by a quickly rising lake mixed with extremely warm spring days followed immediately by frigid temps, all contributing to a havoc level for Fork fish that has never been seen before. At least in my tenure here at this beast of an impoundment. Poor spawns over the past three years due to lack of cover



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Dry wine from southwestern 37. Invests in little enterprises
- Europe 5. Cheat
- Suburb of Bombay
- Repeat
 Swiss river
- 15. Like cereal16. Movie industry
- Create with cloth
- Way to make tight
- 20. Transport commercially 21. Bellies (slang) 22. Protects the chest

- 24. Cow 27. Mounted soldier
- 28. Come to pass Fencing swords
- 32. Calendar month (abbr.)
- In the manner of
- 34. Government agents 35. Approves

CLUES DOWN

- Arranges
- 2. Have a yen for
- 3. Masticate
 4. Indian unit of length
- 5. Skin disease 6. Russian city
- 7. Busby _____, film 68. Sound of an alarm film director
- 9. Jackrabbits
- 10. Egyptian sun god
- 11. Poverty
 12. Massachusetts cape
- Winged
- 17. Images
- Pastries
- Gorges
- Obscure
- 25. Classical music for the stage
- Sacred writings

- (abbr.) 38. Openings
- 39. Type of tooth 40. Pine Tree State 41. Fuel
- 42. Broad-winged, soaring hawk 44. Behaved
- 45. Ocean sunfish 46. Launch and mattress
- 48. Seaport in Cameroon
 50. Linear unit used in printing
- 51. Artificial language
- Gallantry award
- 57. Away from the outer edge 58. This (Spanish)
- 59. Bitter quarrel between two
- parties 60. Lotto
- 62. Chits
- 29. Adjust, in a way (var.)
- 30. Influenced, in a way
- 35. About visual sense 36. South Dravidian
- 37. Pouches
- 40. Woman of refinement
- 42. Ravel favorite 43. Narcotic drug
- Someone who is highly skilled
- 45. Someone who is highly skil 47. Extensive landed property
- 49. Arm bone
- 50. Posttraumatic stress disorder (abbr.)
- 51. Content of cognition
- Coat with plaster 53 GM auto
- 54. Person's brother or sister
- 55. Whale

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hasn't allowed the young bass to grow and start a life of pleasing anglers with the catchable numbers that has prided Fork for so many years. Finally, this 2023 spring season offers cover for these young green fish to hide and prosper signaling promise for upcoming years. Bed fishing has been the dominate pattern in April and now May should open the doorway to the deep bite which makes all guides extremely excited.

Heading into May, the best way to start your day is to get in on the action early in the A.M. and focus on the shad spawn. Cruise the lake and start combing the shore lines for white birds. Bass will push spawning shad up close to the bank lines and the shad will provide the sustenance base for all the hungry critters. There are many different ways to tackle these bass feeding on shad but I mainly key on using the squarebill and a small swimbait to bring home the bacon. Once the feeding frenzy subsides, back out into deeper water and throw a 1 1/2 oz spinnerbait to bag the giants. The first hour after daybreak provides the best opportunity to score a trophy bass and the above mentioned tools are a starting point. You can work the squarebill in 2-3ft of water and any shad colored option will work. Cover as many main lake points as possible and pay strict attention to any shad move-



ment. Birds will help you recognize where these shad are grouped up and make your way there as quickly as possible to get in a few casts before they disperse. Option two is a large spinnerbait or chatterbait. Run these two offerings by every stump that is available on a main lake or secondary point. Use a fast retrieve at first to see if the fish are positioned high on the stumps and if no one cooperates, slow down the lure and let it descend down towards the roots to trigger the strikes. A Carolina rig is a must if there is no wind present and fish it in the same areas as the squarebill and spinnerbait. Flukes are my favorite to use

on the c-rig along with a 4ft leader. Colors are standard, darker colors on overcast days, more translucent hues on sun-

ny days. Piece two of the puz-

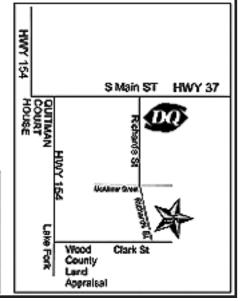
zle falls into place as the month of May progresses, these trophy bass will start to migrate out to deeper water and gang up in large schools. Now is when you start your search using your electronics to find out where they will be taking up residence. The one great thing about this time of the year is that, if you find them, they will be grouped up and much easier to catch. Start your search on main lake points setting your sights in the 20-30ft range. Humps, ridges and roadbeds also



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come into play. You will

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days of the catch date. The application and documents can be emailed to anglers@tpwd. texas.gov or sent via mail to Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, 5550 FM-2495, Athens, TX 75752.

Each angler who submits an application to the program has a chance to be featured as the "Catch of the Month." One interesting catch will be selected by TFFC staff, and the photograph and description of their fish will be showcased on the Angler Recognition Program website each month. Photos must be submitted in conjunction with an ARP application for any of the award categories. Photos may be mailed or emailed but must be high quality and clear.

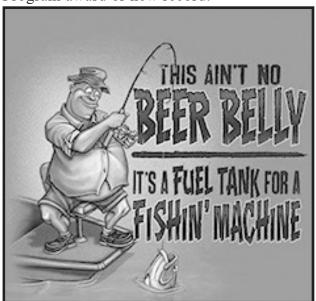
Participation in the program is growing, and in 2022, anglers received more than 660 official records or awards for their catch. Anglers set a combined 41 new state records and 393 waterbody records during the calendar year. State and waterbody records are awarded in overall and junior angler categories for public and private freshwater fisheries along with lease Record.

also officially recognized 307 Big Fish, 51 First Fish and 91 Outstanding Angler awards. A few notable catches entered into the program in 2022 are below.

- Gulf of Mexico with a rod and reel on February 20. The fish weighed 6.86 pounds and was 24.25 inches long. The catch is the new Jr. State Record and the new Jr. Water Body Record.
- * Brodey Davis set the new O.H. Ivie largemouth bass waterbody record at 17.06 pounds. It was the biggest in 30 years and the seventh largest largemouth bass ever verified in Texas (private or public). It had a length of 27.25 inches and a girth of 23.25 inches. The fish was caught on February 24 and donated to the Toyota ShareLunker program for spawning purposes.
- * Michael Springer caught a 12-inch Rio Grande cichlid with rod and reel on September 26. He was awarded a Big Fish award, State Release Record and the Water Body Re-

mentation, it must be submitted within 60 saltwater fisheries in the state. The program * Tim Kapp caught a bowfin at Lake Fork with a fly rod on May 4. The fish weighed 9.34 pounds and was 27.5 inches long. The catch set a new State Record and Water Body Record.

> * Andrew Ibarra caught a red porgy in the Spring is a great time to head out with the family and enjoy the outdoors, so check out the current records, grab a pole and make memories chasing an Angler Recognition Program award or new record.



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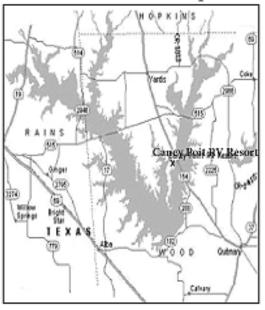
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"The Moon Report"

"Crappie? Or Morels?

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806 morel mushrooms.

kindergarten,

By Terri Moon

Well – It's that time of year again! For those of you that have followed my articles, every year - mid April through Mothers Day is the "Morel Mushroom" prime time throughout the mid west.

Unfortunately it al-

ways co-insides with when the crappie are spawning. The morels depend on ground temperature and the crappie depends on water temperatures. The dilemma is they seem to happen about the same time! But, there is only a short window of time to pick the morels in the spring, and you can catch the crappie year round. So, the morels always win every spring for me! It's something my family has done since we were kids. This year is bittersweet – it's the first year without my "Mama Nova". She would have been 93 this month and she so loved to hunt them! We would always celebrate her birthday with Lake Fork crappie and fried morels. Oh how I wish she could have been here for this years hunt. It was a hunt of a lifetime!

I found a post on Facebook from "B & D Outfitters" in Nebo, Illinois that offered morel hunts on private land of over 5,000 acres. They normally do deer and turkey hunts but decided to open it up to mushroom hunting as well.



They have a beautiful both on Facebook.

Now it's time to "amazing" host and switch my brain back guide Scott Bean who to crappie fishing! It lead my friend since sure seemed to take Aneta forever for the water temps to finally get and Salmons and I, to an 80 acre plot that in two stay where they needed to be this spring, so days we picked over everything was late Not bad for two "old spawning. Then came the "winds" - holy cow you just can't do much in 30-40 mph winds. But, I'm so grateful and blessed to be in a Skeeter Solera boat that was made for rough water - besides being so darn comfortable to ride in and fish out of. You definitely can tell that a lot of thought went into the making of this boat. (I love all the extras!) But, most of all I feel "SAFE" in it and that peace of mind is "priceless"!

Now is a good time to have a rod rigged with a slip bobber to check shallow water or suspending fish in 1-6 ft. and also a rod rigged for deeper water fishing. The crappie depth (Continued on Next Page)

ladies"! As a matter of fact, we decided to name that 80 acres the "GRANNY HOLE" because it was easy enough for two "old ladies" to hunt! Scott also introduced us to Rick of "Rotten Richards" who reps the new "Fungeyes" glasses that are designed to enhance the contrast between mushrooms and the forest floor making them easy to spot. It's kind of like having "live scope" to find the mushrooms! They also use them to spot deer sheds in the woods. This has been a magical trip of a lifetime thanks to Scott Bean of "B&D Outfitters" and Rick of "Rotten Richards". You can

find information about

can change throughout the bream will start the day so keep an eye on that depth finder to see what depth to tar-

water, go to darker low during the new and jig colors like black/ full moon throughout chartreuse or navy/ chartreuse. If your in clearer water try white/ chartreuse or yellow. I low. There will be anuse Skipper jigs, Limits tackle and Bonehead baits all available next full moon - in at Lake Fork Marina. the meantime, back out Some days they want a very slow presentation and other days they want it moving. So change it up to see what to you all and espewill work for the conditions you are fishing.

get to 68-75 degrees,

their spawn. There is nothing more fun or better to eat! They sure go good with morels If you are in murky too! They will go shalthe summer. Just check the same areas you caught crappie shalother wave of crappie come in to spawn the deeper 16-24 ft. around tree lines, bridges and brush piles.

Happy Mothers Day cially to my mom in heaven! Also, Happy When the water temps Heavenly Birthday to "Mama Nova"!



Mike McWhorter was having a fun day fishing Lake Fork when he caught this really nice bass. C.P.R.



Peggy McWhorter wasn't about to let hubby have all the fun fishing Lake Fork when she caught her pretty bass. C.P.R.



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State-Fish 2023 **Announces** Winners **Contest** Texas Art

is pleased to announce the Texas division winners of Wildlife Forever's Fish Art Contest for 2023.

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 First place, Lydia Ireland of San Antonio; Sec-

The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) Center director. "We always look forward to this Kamilla Pashayeva of Plano. 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 352 total entries. These top 12 works of art will be featured at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center and in the 2024 Texas Fish Art Calendar.

> In the K-3 category, the winners were: First place, Claire Liu of Coppell; Second place, Jackson White of Hawkins; Third place, Aarya Doddapaneni of Dallas.

In the grades 4-6 category, the winners were:

ond place, Audrey Cunningham of Hous-Lee of Prosper. In the grades 7-9 cate-

gory, the winners were: First place, Grace Cao of Sugar Land; Second place, Sophia Liu of Coppell; Third place,

In the grades 10-12 category, the winners were: First place, Arim Jun of Carrollton; Second place, Mia Macias of Pasadena; Third place, Sofiya Berzhanskaya of Highland Village.

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 awarded as follows: 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 supplementton; Third place, Claire ed by the William E. Armentrout Foundation and Friends of the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Cen-

> "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," said Kate

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Barkalow, TFFC education and interpretation coordinator.

At the conclusion of the contest, the TFFC hosts a celebration for the 12 state finalists, their teachers and families on Free Fishing Day.

"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," Barkalow said. "None of this would be possible without the help of our sponsors and teachers. 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; Sejun Cho of Houston; Weston Ireland of San Antonio; Alice Kochubey of Prosper; Yueran Lang of Austin; Yena Lee of Denton; Isabella Naiser of Boerne and Masaki Yamaguchi of Houston.

Honorable mentions in grades 4-6 were awarded to: Anshuk Gotur of Coppell; Anya Hegde of Irving; April Hyun of Irving; Chloe Lee of Lewisville; Shaurya Parmar of Mckinney; Dheesha Reddy of Irving; Laina Sidlik of Plano; Erin Sung of Flower Mound; Nina Vargas of Farmers Branch and Mau Yamaguchi of Houston.

Honorable mentions in grades 7-9 were award-

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Coppell; Azel Han of Carrollton; Naila Jamshid of Waco; Marc Kader of The Colony; Justin Luo of Coppell; Elizabeth Naiser of Boerne; Eliana Ortega of San Antonio; Jiaqi Rong of Coppell and Rebecca Thomas of Southlake.

awarded to: Divij Adhikarala of Frisco; Elise Akin of Irving; Brett Baker of Hallettsville; Caroline Cabral of Boerne; Khadija Conteh of Houston; Natalia De Leon of Plano; Emily Heng of Garland; Jennifer Miranda of Houston and Bridget Rivers of Fort Worth.

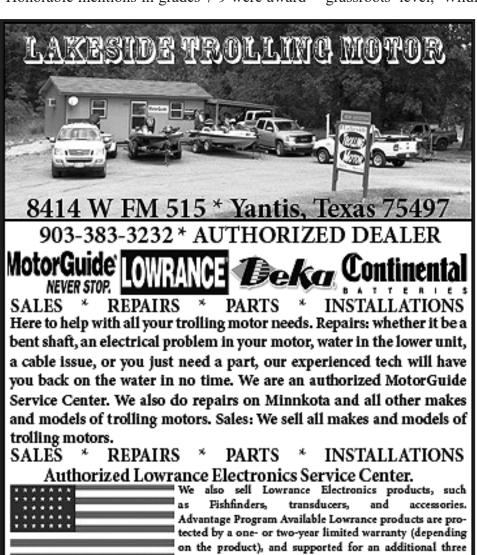
Educators who wish to have their students enter the 2024 contest can find entry forms, rules, guidelines and more online. A lesson plan offers interdisciplinary curriculum including lessons and activities, a species identification section profiling each state fish, a glossary and student worksheets. Learn more at www.wildlifeforever.

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

ed to: Yena Chae of Lewsville; Ararush Gotur of 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 Honorable mentions for grades 10-12 were of the winning artwork, visit the 2023 Fish Art Contest Album on the TPWD Flickr page.

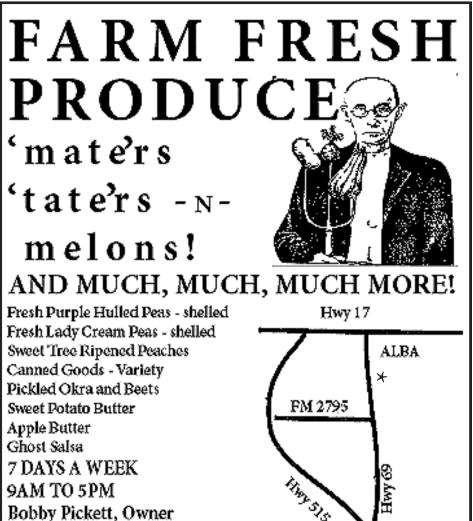




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2023 Wood County Kidfish (Continued from Page 1)

ited to Kidfish.

During this event no have a fishing license. This gives parents that do not usually fish an opportunity to spend this time with their children and perhaps introduce the love of family.

The event is free to all children and their parents. Each child is given their own rod n' furnished. Cold drinks, refreshments, hot dogs and chips are provided for the parents and children. This year serving the parents and children are the many volunteers that give their

time for this event.

The format of this one participating in event is a mock tourthe event is required to nament and divided in age group divisions., These divisions include 4 years old and younger, 5 to 8 year old, 9 to 12 year old, and 13 to 16 year old. Each child weighing fishing to the whole the heaviest fish of that species in their age group wins a trophy and a year's worth of bragging rights.

Texas Trails Bassmasreel, bait and tackle are ters of Lake Fork will again be doing an excellent job of weighing in all the fish and of course the turtles. This will be my 25th year to be the weight master over the event. Volunteers from Lake

Fork Sportsman Association will be keeping the scores as the fish are weighed and keeping the scoreboard in order.

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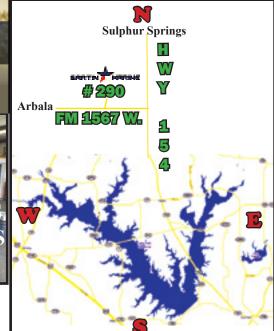




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Spring is here and tonio, and one each fishing to a friend

Each lake will re-Texas Parks and Waco and Wichita ceive channel catevery "Neighborhood weeks through the hood Fishin' lakes Fishin' lakes are end of October across the state. The conveniently locat- with a brief pause program provides ed in urban and sub-during the heat of an opportunity for urban areas so that August — to enfriends and families Texans don't have sure there are plenty to participate in the to travel far to have of angling oppor-Texas traditions of a great experience," tunities for everyoutdoor recreation said Craig Bonds, one throughout the by reeling in catfish director of Inland spring, summer and

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TPWD, DPS Advise Gun Storage Safety for Spring Hunting

gun, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and Texas Department of Public Safety storage saves lives. Proper storage protects those you love and keeps firearms out of the hands of criminals.

The Pew Research Center estimates more than 45 percent of Texans own a gun. One-third of homes with children have a firearm, and many of these may be unlocked and loaded, according to DPS.

The Keep 'Em Safe Texas program was created three years ago to inform and educate gun owners about the importance of safely storing firearms when not in use.

"Education about home firearm storage and safety is paramount to keeping guns out of the wrong hands," said Assistant Chief Jason Hester of DPS Regulatory Services. "We appreciate the efforts of our partners statewide, as they are diligently and consistently helping us to communicate this lifesaving message to protect Texas families and prevent accidents."

As the state's hunting authority, TPWD developed a Hunter Education program more than 50 years ago, teaching 1.5 million Texans how to safely handle and store guns. Hunting-related ac-

Now that spring turkey hunting season has be- cidents in Texas are at an all-time low since the TPWD manages and conserves the natural and course became mandatory in 1988.

"We spend a lot of time teaching about safety (DPS) want to remind gun owners that safe gun in the field — it is equally as important to safely store your gun before and after the hunt," said TPWD Hunter Education Coordinator Steve

Three Simple Rules for Gun Safety

children or other visitors.

- 1. Store Firearms Properly. Store guns unloaded and secured by a trigger lock, biometric lock, gun case, strong box, gun cabinet or gun safe.
- 2. Lock Up Ammunition. Store ammunition safely, always locked away separately from firearms. 3. Restrict Access. Keep others from access to stored firearms 24/7; this includes family, friends,

Partner participation is key in educating the public about safe gun storage and reducing the risks of gun-related incidents. Keep 'Em Safe Texas provides a partner toolkit that includes training presentations, informative videos, posters, coloring pages, infographics and other resources. The associated social media resources page includes turnkey posts for partner use. Contact info@ safegunstoragetexas.com with questions.

About the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Hunter Education

cultural resources of Texas and provides hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Every hunter in Texas (including outof-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete hunter education. The minimum age for certification is 9 years old; cost is \$15. Mandatory hunter education became law in 1988. Since 1972, TPWD has offered hunter education courses which have certified nearly 1.5 million students.

About the Keep 'Em Safe Texas Campaign

DPS cares deeply about protecting and serving the citizens of Texas. In 2019, at least 3,683 deaths in Texas were due to firearms, higher than the national rate. This number has risen every year since 2011. In 2021, the Texas Legislature appropriated \$500,000 to DPS over the next two fiscal years (2022-23) to establish and promote a statewide safe gun storage campaign. By educating the public about safe gun storage, we can reduce the risks and better protect the citizens of Texas. So far, more than 50 partners, including more than two dozen local law enforcement agencies throughout the state of Texas, have united to help spread this crucial message.

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Chronic Wasting Disease Discovered in Deer Breeding Facilities in Frio and Hamilton Counties

and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) received confirmation of two new cases of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in separate deer breeding facilities in Hamilton and Frio counties. These cases mark the first detection of the disease in each county.

A single case in a Hamilton County facility was detected using antemortem (live animal) testing to determine if the animal was movement qualified, or approved for transfer from the property to a registered release site. A single case in a Frio County facility was detected using postmortem testing following a natural mortality conducted to meet TPWD surveillance requirements.

The samples submitted to the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station were ultimately confirmed by the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa. Officials took immediate action to secure all deer at the facilities. TPWD and TAHC plan to continue working together to conduct additional investigations into the extent of the disease within the facilities.

CWD has an incubation period that can span years, meaning the first indication in a herd may likely come through testing rather than observing clinical signs. Early detection and proactive

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) monitoring improve the state's response time to a deer and elk. For more information on previous disease outbreak and can greatly reduce the risk of further disease spread. Antemortem testing provides a continuous testing baseline that can further clarify the epidemiological uncertainties related to the origin of a disease outbreak. In addition to postmortem testing and other surveillance requirements, this testing helps guide future changes to the disease management strategy.

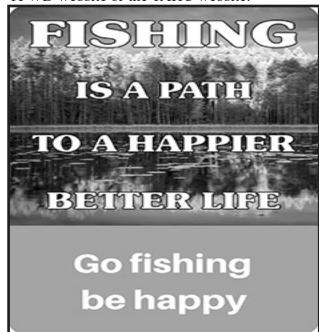
CWD is a fatal neurological disease found in certain cervids including deer, elk, moose and other members of the deer family. It is a slow and progressive disease, and due to a long incubation, cervids infected with CWD may not produce any visible signs for several years after becoming infected. As the disease progresses, animals with CWD show changes in behavior and appearance. Clinical signs may include progressive weight loss, stumbling or tremors with a lack of coordination, excessive thirst, salivation or urination, loss of appetite, teeth grinding, abnormal head posture and/or drooping ears.

In Texas, the disease was first discovered in 2012 in free-ranging mule deer along a remote area of the Hueco Mountains near the Texas-New Mexico border. CWD has since been detected in captive and free-ranging cervids in the state including white-tailed deer, mule deer, red

detections in Texas, visit TPWD's CWD page.

To date there are no known cases where CWD has infected a human but recent research suggests that CWD transmission from infected animals to humans should not be ruled out. As a precaution, it is recommended that hunters test harvested cervid species for CWD and not consume the meat of infected animals.

For more information about CWD, visit the TPWD website or the TAHC website.





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For Scheduling or More Info Contact: Don Hampton, Founder & Program Director visit our website: www.wishtofishfoundation.com

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

By Pat Kostial, LFSA

Fork, helping to raise our needed annual tickets to support our programs! We can't do this without community support. Raffle tickets will be available for sale now through June 10th at Go Fish Tackle Shop and Cafe. We will also have a booth set up selling tickets at the 18th Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament May 18 through May 21. The drawing will take place at the end of the Skeeter Tournament on June 11th.

Congratulations goes to CADEN FER-RON of Seneca, Missouri! Caden is the winner of a \$100 Visa Gift Card and a \$25 Gift Card to Go Fish Tackle Shop and Cafe, courtesy of LFSA and Go Fish. Well done Caden!

LFSA also provided our Live Release boat (LRB) for the Mega Bass Tournament. Thank you to Roger Belk and our other members for staffing the LRB!

LFSA had a very successful weekend ing and Kayak Expert and President of WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE as we at the Mega Bass Tournament on Lake the Texas Council of Fly Fishers. He provided input on the pulse of kayak you can become involved. LFSA is a funding through raffle sales. We appre- fishing's growth in recent years as well 2018 Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of ciate each and every person who bought as Lake Fork as a resource and how to Fame Inductee, whose mission is to preimprove attracting this growing group of serve the Legend That is Lake Fork. For

Our next meeting will be held on Tues- Long at 214-206-7504. day, May 9th at GO FISH Tackle Shop



Caden Ferron from Seneca, Missouri with Susan Jarrell, Chairperson for 2023 LFSA Raffle Committee. (Photo by Pat Kostial).

In addition, our April Meeting featured and Café beginning at 6:30 p.m. (Future guest speaker Jerry Hamond, Fly Fish- meeting sites will be announced soon.) discuss our upcoming projects and how fishermen to utilize our lake community. more information, please contact: Terry



LFSA Raffle Committee Members - Ed Swenson, Carolyn West and Marti Jarrell. (Photo by Pat Kostial).



"May Should Open the Door to a Deep Bite!" (Continued from Page 6)

probably stumble on herds of sand bass but don't be dismayed. At this time of the year, trophy black bass will run with their cousins and feed along side them on balls of shad. Spoons work well provided that the bottom is free of timber but the c-rig will do most of the heavy lifting. It's also a good time to tie on a football jig in black/blue or peanut butter/jelly. Any craw trailer will work and be sure to match the skirt of the jig as close as possible. I would also set up an A-rig if an abundance of sand bass are present. Rig this presentation with any white swimbait in the 3 1/2 to 5 inch length. Make a long cast and let it sink to the



bottom. Start a slow retrieve and hold on. You may have to weed through several pesky sand bass but a giant could latch on to the rig and totally make your day. Don't forget, the drop shot is a prime numbers strategy in May. Dark colored worms in the clouds and translucent reds in the bright sunshine. I normally use a 3/8 oz weight on this rig and it works perfectly on most all occasions.

If you are headed out to Lake Fork in May searching for the trophy of a lifetime, I would love to be a part of this trophy quest. I also have gift certificates available if you have friends or loved one's who have dream't of landing a huge bass. You can contact me at 409 782-4269 or e-mail me at skeet21c@aol.com. You can follow me on Facebook at https://www.facebook. com/davidoziolakeforkguide. I post my daily trip results on this page. I would also like to thank Okuma Fishing, Talon Custom Lures, Skeeter Boats and Dakota Lithiums for making my job the blast that it is. I hope to see a lot of you on the water. Romans 10:13. "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". I wish all of you a blessed day."



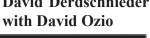
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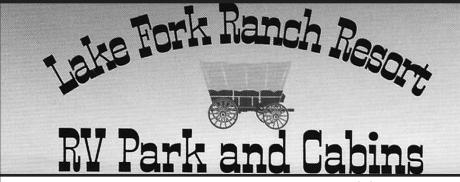


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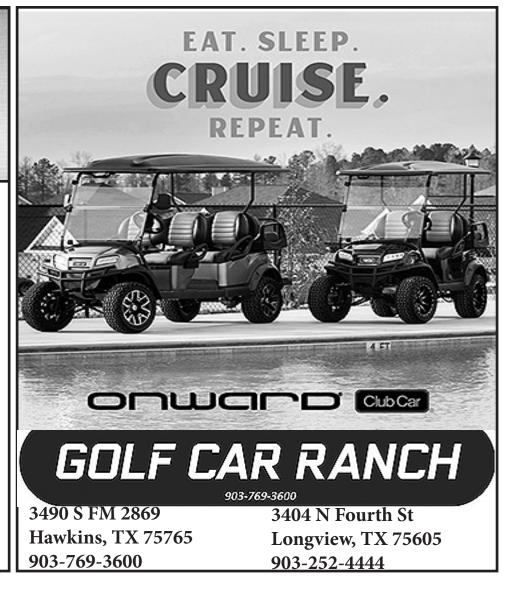


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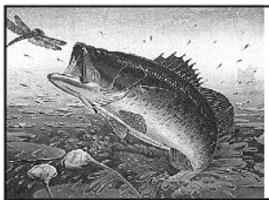
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Game Warden Field Notes

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

--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.

--Not Buying That Story--A game warden got a call regarding a possible trespassing and deer poaching case in Leon County, and

along with several Leon County sheriff's deputies made contact with the complainant. The landowner informed the officers that he heard several shots near his property line and observed a kid with a .22 rifle on his side of the fence. The landowner stated that he fired three shots into the air with his 9mm handgun to scare the trespasser off his property, and then observed the juvenile subject quickly drive away on an ATV from a freshly killed white-tailed deer. The warden searched the area and could not locate fresh footprints, ATV tire tracks or spent .22 rifle cartridges. The warden (Continued on Page 24)



Smokey, Flavorful and Bold Barbecue

By Sue Hampton

Burgers rank highly as one of the favorite foods of all times – perhaps coming in second only to pizza. A common fast-food item, burgers are perfect for lunches, dinners or are the ideal date food at a local diner. It is hard to resist a juicy, mouthwatering burger.

On Memorial Day, many people celebrate the beginning of the summer season by firing up the barbecue or smoker for the first outdoor meal of the year. What better recipe to cook than smokey burgers.



It is hard to resist a juicy, mouthwatering burger any time! Enjoy!!

SUNDAY BURGERS

(Serves 4)

This recipe uses a smoker to cook the burgers. If using a barbecue, estimate a new burger cooking time

Dry Rub

1 teaspoon ground caraway seeds

1 teaspoon ground black pepper

1 teaspoon onion powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 pounds ground beef

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon salt

Filling

1 tablespoon butter

3/4 cup thin-sliced button mushrooms

2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons commercial steak sauce

2/3 cups grated Swiss cheese

1 teaspoon prepared horseradish

1 teaspoon ground caraway seeds

4 or 8 rye bread slices, toasted

(Additional commercial steak sauce (optional)

About 45 minutes before you plan to smoke the burgers, combine the dry rub ingredients in a small bowl.

In a medium bowl, mix the meat with the Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Form the mixture into 8 thin patties at least 4 inches in diameter.

Make the filling. Warm the butter over medium heat in a small skillet, add the mushrooms and saute until limp. Spoon the mushrooms and any accumulated juice into another medium bowl and mix in 2 tablespoons of the steak sauce and the remaining filling ingredients. Spoon equal portions of the mixture over four of the ground-beef patties. Top a filling-covered burger with a plain patty. Press down firmly and seal the edges well. Repeat with the remaining burgers. Coat your fingers with the rest of the steak sauce and rub each patty with a thin film of sauce. Sprinkle dry rub evenly over both sides of the patties. Cover the patties with plastic and let them sit at room temperature.

Bring your smoker to its appropriate cooking temperature.

Transfer the patties to the smoker and smoke until cooked through, about one hour at a temperature of 225 to 250 F. Remove the burgers from the smoker and place each on a slice of toasted rye bread, topping them with a second slice of toast, if you wish, for heartier sandwiches. Serve with additional steak sauce if desired.

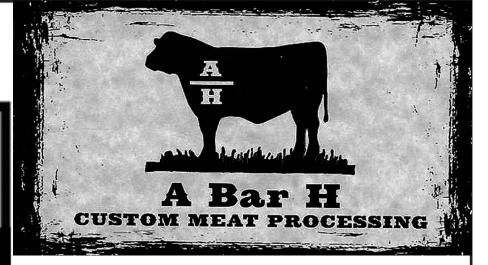
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then asked the landowner the location of where he discharged his 9mm handgun and after searching that area could not locate any spent pistol cartridges. The white-tailed deer was located, and the warden determined that the direction the deer was laying did not match up with the stories from the landowner. Upon further investigation, the landowner admitted that he had made it all up and admitted to killing the whitetailed deer. The landowner stated he was operating his riding lawn mower and fired three shots at the whitetailed deer with his .22 rifle. Charges and civil restitution against the landowner for taking deer out of season are pending.

--Sting Operation--In March, Bexar County game wardens received a call from a complainant that a store was advertising the sale of a freshwater stingray on Facebook. Freshwater stingrays are illegal in Texas. Game wardens went to visit the seller to verify the exotic species. The seller was unaware of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Prohibited and Exotic Species list. The seller stated the freshwater stingray was bought from another store in another state. Many thanks to the concerned caller who alerted game wardens.

--That's a Match--Henderson County game wardens responded to a trespassing call concerning a group of hog hunters. The hunters reportedly entered a property without permission and released their hog dogs. The dogs chased a hog and bayed it on an adjoining property. It just so happened that the landowner's

agent was watching this all unfold and sent the wardens a photo of the trespasser's pickup. While patrolling in the area, the wardens passed a pickup with a dog box in the bed that matched one from the photo the landowner sent earlier in the day. The wardens made contact, questioned what was in the dog box, and after a brief conversation the truck's occupants admitted to trespassing and hunting without landowner consent. Numerous cases were filed.

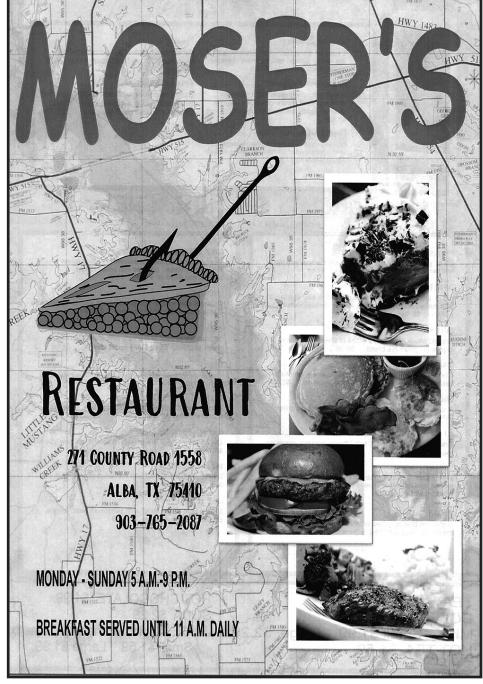
--Netted in the Act--Game wardens received a tip through the wildlife crimestoppers Operation Game Thief hotline about an individual using a cast net to catch game fish at the San Gabriel River in Williamson County. The complainant also provided photographic evidence of the illegal act. Upon arrival at the scene, a warden observed a fisherman in the middle of the river catching white bass with a cast net. The subject had a stringer full of white bass, and other species of fish, but no fishing pole. Criminal citations and civil restitution were issued for illegal fishing and possession of 18 white bass, 2 crappie, and 2 largemouth bass.

--Random Acts--Game wardens in East Texas recently caught up to individuals responsible for several random illegal acts involving wildlife. A Jasper County warden and a Houston County warden are investigating a case concerning the alleged illegal killing of at least three whitetail deer at night, with one of the animals being bludgeoned to death with a piece of wood in a convenience store parking lot. The wardens were able to locate the suspects in Jasper and interview them. It was determined that two deer and three rabbits were killed from a public road in mid-December. The three suspects had also shot another deer at night from a public road that was not recovered, shot and missed two bucks at night from a public road, and road hunted multiple times at night, while attempting to take whitetail deer. The meat that was taken from two of the killed deer was left to rot in an ice chest for three months. It was also confirmed the subjects beat a wounded deer to death after trying to break its neck and cut its throat. The wardens seized and processed

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three cellular phones related to the investigation and are going through the digital evidence to confirm the original information received and to sort out additional charges with regards to possession of an alligator snapping turtle and catching alligators with a rod and reel. The investigation continues, and charges are pending.

--Joy Riding in the Riverbed--In March a Montgomery County game warden was patrolling along the San Jacinto River and stopped a man for operating an ATV in the riverbed. After running the ATV identification numbers through dispatch, the ATV was found to have been stolen from the Beaumont area in 2013. The ATV was seized and transported to storage for safekeeping.

--A Soaring Full Recovery-- A Titus County game warden responded to a call of an injured hawk laying in a county road bar ditch. On arrival the warden discovered that the bird was actually a very rare juvenile southern bald eagle that was very sick and could not stand. The bird was transported to Last Chance Forever Bird of Prey Conservancy in San Antonio for extensive rehabilitation. The bird was suffering from a severe case of botulism. After making a complete recovery, the eagle was returned to Monticello County Park in Titus County where it was released back into the wild by conservancy staff.

--Oh, Snap!--In the early morning hours, a Morris

County game warden received a text informing him there was a video on SnapChat of an airboat with underage people on it possibly bow fishing and consuming alcohol. The warden remembered a trailer parked at a boat ramp on the north end of Lake O' The Pines that could possibly be a trailer for an airboat. He was able to locate the airboat from the shore and waited until the boat arrived back at the boat ramp. The boat was found to be occupied by six males all under the age of 21 and alcohol was found in a cooler onboard the vessel. All occupants confessed to bow fishing as well. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for Minor in Possession of Alcohol, no fishing license, and improper lights on the vessel. All cases are pending.

--Busted by the 'Gram-- A Real County game warden received an Operation Game Thief wildlife crimestoppers hotline call about a video of someone shooting a turkey off the roadside. The warden contacted the caller and they stated there was a video on Instagram of a male subject shooting a turkey out of a truck window. Upon viewing the video, the warden recognized the area near Barksdale, and referencing images of the individual's truck and license plate that also were posted to that Instagram account was able to gain the suspect's ID and address in Laredo. The warden enlisted assistance from a Webb County game warden, who interviewed the subject and his accomplice, and gained confessions to shooting the turkey from a pub-

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--Left the Life Jacket at Camp--A kayaker learned recently the hard way that a life jacket doesn't work unless you wear it. Bexar County game wardens responded by boat to assist a San Antonio man who was in distress after his kayak had flipped over at Calaveras Lake. A fisherman met the wardens at the boat ramp and pointed to the victim about 100 yards from shore struggling in rough water. Wind gusts were at about 20 mph as both wardens approached the struggling kayaker, who was drifting further into the lake. The wardens observed the man go underwater at one point as they got close, but were able to grab hold of him. After assessing his condition, the wardens secured the kayak and returned to shore. An examination of the kayak revealed a crack in the hull, which may have contributed to the accident. When asked why he wasn't wearing a life jacket the victim explained that his life jacket was back at the camping site and he forgot to bring it. The man was issued a citation for not having a life jacket while operating the kayak.

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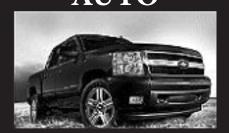
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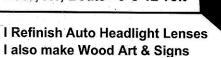
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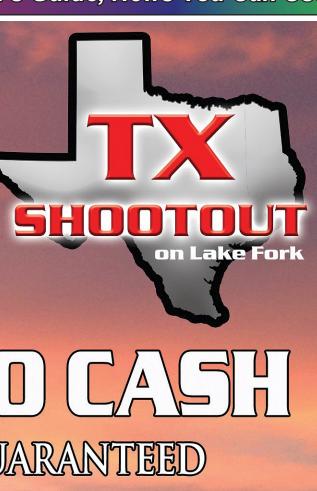
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