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Cheryl Cavanagh of Lake Fork was fishing with guide Whitt Smith on December 6 when she caught this really nice bass. Weight not provided. C.P.R.



Kilina Goldenberg from Springfield, MO., was fishing with Lake Fork guide Whitt Smith when she caught this really nice bass. Weight not provided. C.P.R.

Discrepancies Arise Over SRA Proposals

Changes in rules and regulations that SRA is proposing could have a devastating effect not only economically for our lake. These proposals would not only effect our lake and area but also to Lake Tawakoni and Toledo Bend.

Every RV Park on Lake Fork was permitted by SRA to be developed exactly as they have been developed. Each park is inspected annually and required to correct any problems found within a specific time frame. SRA does follow-up inspections to make sure requirements are met. Failure to correct the problems would result in the loss of the permit. Park owners are required to have liability insurance and co-insure the SRA. Each park pay fees to lease the leaseback AND they also pay property tax to Wood County on the leaseback portion of our

parks.

There are 4 proposals that affect EXISTING RV parks.

1. Signage for 911 (no problem here, we all need to do this)

2. Changes in spacing requirements for ALL RVs, (not just park models), on SRA leaseback by 2027.

These proposed spacing requirements exceed the spacing in many housing developments. Most parks would have to eliminate at least half of their RV spaces to comply with this proposed requirement. This will devastate the tourism industry in our area that will destroy our fragile local economy.

3. New rules that will require park models and tiny homes to be removed by 2030. This will affect nearly all RV parks and will result in a huge financial and personal burden for park model owners and RV park

owners. The park models are generally the nicest and most well- maintained units in a park and owners have generally invested the most in their upkeep and improvements. Rules prohibiting park models are arbitrary and unreasonable.

4. New road requirements proposed within the RV parks on leaseback property. Proposed road requirements exceed the specs of many of our county roads. If all areas of RV parks are accessible to emergency vehicles and have adequate surfaces, no changes should be required.

Park owners have invested in all of the improvements that were APPROVED by SRA. This includes but is not limited to electricity, water, sewer, roads, ramps, etc. RV owners have invested

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in their RVs as well as improvements that have been APPROVED by SRA. All park models and tiny homes on leaseback are within the SRA size requirements. Park owners and SRA have always had a public-private partnership arrangement and up until now it has been cooperative and beneficial.

If these proposals are adopted, 40 plus RV parks will lose at least half of their customers. If any go out of business as a result, they will lose all of their customers. Do you think these people, if forced out of their spaces, will stay in our community? Is tourism not an important industry? For any of you who don't think this is important for the community at large, here are a few things to consider.

How many electric customers will Wood County Electric lose?

How many internet accounts will Peoples lose?

How many water customers will Bright Star Salem lose?

How many customers will local restaurants lose?

How many customers will local lumberyards and hardware stores lose?

How many customers will Brookshires and Dollar General lose?

How many churches will lose members?

How many customers will nail salons and beauty salons lose?

How many customers will local fishing guides lose?

How many customers will tackle shops, boat dealers, and boat repair businesses lose?

How many people will the fishing tournaments lose? The tournaments who bring in much needed commerce to our area are an important component of our local economy and they invest their resources to come here.

If the SRA drives all of these parks out of business, do you think lenders are going to lend money for businesses of any kind around the lake or towns that depend on Lake Fork tourism?

Is it fair for a state agency to arbitrarily ruin livelihood and run off friends and neighbors?

Businesses on Lake Fork have struggled to survive covid, 4 years of a struggling economy and inflation of every single expense. Last year the tax office tripled the value on many of the RV parks. YES, we pay PROPERTY TAX on this precious leaseback that we don't even own.

Now we are at the mercy of a state agency, with whom we have always had a good relationship, that suddenly wants to change the rules after we have invested capital to make improvements based on their APPROVAL of the plans. This is not right and you all know it.

Motel guests generally come and stay a few days. They eat at restaurants but rarely get out and do other things in the community. RV guests spend time here throughout the year, and become more invested in the local community. They have whole groups of family and friends who gather here to enjoy all that Lake Fork has to offer. Most visit frequently and some spend entire seasons here. Many from northern states summer in the north and spend all winter here.

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Bubba's Resolution is Making a Naughty List For Next Christmas

By: Don Hampton

Twas the season, and as far as Bubba is concerned it's "Tis the season," still. While everyone else was making a list of New Year's resolutions, Bubba is making out his Christmas shopping list for December, 2025. While a resolution for the New Year is made to improve one's character or habits, Bubba's list is going to make better shoppers next year out of his family and friends.

Just like Santa, he has a list and he is checking it twice to see exactly who shopped naughty or nice for him. For those that bought Bubba "Fishing Stuff" their names are going on the nice list. This will be very beneficial for these individuals because he'll shop for them very meticulously and with much thought and care. I would believe his motives for this are truly self-serving.

His two favorites and on the top of his 2024 nice list were Bubbette and Bubba, Jr. They know him real well and know about the list he makes after Christmas each year. They always know just the right items to buy him. It also makes shopping for him real easy. Each year they buy him gift certificates so he can go buy his own "Fishing Stuff". Bubba keeps their names on the top of his list.

For those individuals that gave Bubba a present that didn't

include "Fishing Stuff" and bought him items that just cannot or will not fit into his way of life or thinking, well, they will find their name on his naughty list.

I quoted the old cliché to Bubba, "It's not the gift that counts but the thought!" Of course he quoted me back one of his own, "Well, they should have put a little more thought into these," he said holding up a paisley tie and a potted plant. On those two presents I had to agree with him.

I've known him longer than anyone and I haven't seen him in a tie for at least 30 years. I've gone to weddings, graduations, funerals, baptisms, and even a couple of bar mitzvahs with him and he has never worn a tie. He cleans up pretty nicely but you can't force him to wear a tie. He has even informed me that when the good Lord takes him he will not be wearing a tie. I'd say he feels pretty strongly about a tie.

Bubba is the type that wouldn't say anything to the person that gave a present to him and he wouldn't even try to take something back to a store but he always seems to find a good use for everything. So don't be surprised or laugh when you see his boat tied up to a stump on Lake Fork with a paisley tie, unless you're the one on his naughty list.

When it came to the potted plant, this really spurred my curiosity. Whoever gave Bubba this surely didn't know about his naughty list. I even had the pleasure of watching him open

this one. What really surprised me at first was how many times he checked the name card. I asked him later why he kept checking the name card and he explained, "The first three times I was just making sure it wasn't meant for Bubbette and the fourth time I wanted to make sure I remembered who sent that to me!" I'm going shopping with Bubba next year just to see what that individual is going to get. Knowing Bubba the way I do it will probably be purchased at a gas station.

I did ask Bubba what his plans were for the potted plant just because I have one of those inquiring minds and you know how that goes. He had two options he was going to go with. First he was going to see if Bubbette wanted it, but since she doesn't really have a green thumb either I expect it will go to Bubba's second option. He's going to put some earthworms in it, keep the soil moist, put some coffee grounds in it occasionally so the worms will reproduce. That way he'll have plenty of bait for bream fishing in the summer.

If he does do the latter though, wouldn't that mean that person should be transferred to the nice list because technically it is now "Fishing Stuff". If that is the case and he uses the tie the way he plans to, shouldn't that person's name be transferred to the nice list. Oh well, I guess it really is the thought that counts.

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TPWD Completes Purchase of Lake Colorado City State Park

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) recently announced it has purchased Lake Colorado City State Park in Mitchell County.

Prior to the purchase, TPWD leased the 500-acre park from Vistra and its predecessors for more than 50 years. To purchase the property, TPWD utilized funding from Sporting Goods Sales Tax which was dedicated to the department through the passage of Proposition 5 in 2019. The proposition dedicates 93 percent of sales taxes on sporting goods to support state parks, historic sites and local park grants.

"I am thrilled that we were able to complete the transaction that will ensure public access to Lake Colorado City State Park for future generations of Texans," said Rodney Franklin, director of Texas State Parks. "Thanks to the support of our legislature and the voters of Texas, we will continue to acquire and protect the wild spaces of Texas."

"Vistra's Texas roots go back more than 140 years, and we value our longtime partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife," said Kyle Box, vice president of real estate at Vistra. "We're proud to have been able to provide public access to this privately owned land and lake for the last 50 years through a no-cost lease, and now it's exciting to see this land in new hands but serving its same purpose – as a respite for our fellow Texans."

Located south of I-20 between Midland and Abilene, Lake Colorado City State Park sits on the banks of the Vistra-owned Lake Colorado City, which serves as a cooling reservoir for Vistra's power plant. Vistra will continue to provide an easement for lake access to park visitors. The park and lake have been a place for visitors to swim, fish, boat, paddle, hike, camp, and enjoy nature since 1971. Last year, more than 24,000 visitors enjoyed the park as a respite from the

dry West Texas climate.

"Lake Colorado City State Park is a special place and we are thrilled that the park will continue to be a respite where people can recreate outdoors and build lasting memories that they can revisit year after year," said Leslie McGuigan, interim superintendent of Lake Colorado City State Park.

Lake Colorado City State Park is the most recent example of TPWD using the Sporting Goods Sales Tax fund to acquire park land. In September, the department acquired 630 acres adjacent to Enchanted Rock State Natural Area near Fredericksburg, allowing for the expansion of one of the state's most popular sites.

For more information about Lake Colorado City State Park, visit <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-colorado-city>.

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Garner State Park to Partially Close for Construction

The southern section of Garner State Park closed Dec. 1 to allow the Texas Department of Transportation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to complete road construction and facility repairs.

Construction is expected to last until summer 2025 with a limited reopening in March.

"As one of the most popular parks in the state, Garner consistently sees a steady flow of visitors wanting to swim in the Frio River or hike Old Baldy," said Jaime Creacy, regional director for Texas State Parks. "Though we are glad everyone is enjoying these iconic Central Texas vistas, the high volume of visitors at the park through much of the year hinders our ability to do large scale maintenance projects to our most popular areas. It is our hope that by completing these necessary construction projects during the slower winter months, we will be able to better serve our visitors in time for their upcoming spring and summer vacations."

Areas affected by the closure include the Pecan Grove and Oakmont camping loops and cabins, the pavilion, park store, mini-golf, Garner Grill, boat house, day-use picnic area, Frio River dam and rock beach.

Additionally, all trails will be closed except for the Nature Trail and the Frio Canyon Trail.

"Once construction is complete, we hope folks will be able to have a better experience when visiting Garner," said Creacy. "For example, one of the repairs we will be focusing on is the scenic overlook on Park Road 29 along the Madrone Trail which has been closed for three years. We are excited that visitors will be able to experience and use it again."

During the closure, visitors will still have access to more than 200 campsites available at the River Crossing, Shady Meadows, Rio Frio, Live Oak and Persimmon Hill campgrounds. The Cypress Springs Group area will also be open along with the group hall, 3.5- miles of

hiking and biking trails, a playscape and the bird-viewing blind. The park will continue offering interpretive programming and activities.

For more information about the park, including the closure, visit the Garner State Park web-page.



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"Happy New Year on Lake Fork!"

By Whitt Smith

Happy New Year! Legendary Lake Fork is in great shape to begin 2025. What a fantastic time of year, as we have all the fishing seasons and their respective patterns to look forward to on this historic fishery. I don't know about you, but I enjoy them all and the different techniques and lures that we use in each.

This month is a great time to lock a jerkbait in your hand and look forward to big Winter Bass suspend-

ed in timber, around bridge columns or near steeper banks/ drops/ points. I prefer 12 or 15 lb test Seaguar InvizX Fluorocarbon Line and a 6' 8" to 7' medium light to medium action rod for this technique, depending on cover present. A standard depth jerkbait and a deeper diving jerkbait are good to have on the deck. You can vary the depths these lures attain, and how they suspend or sink, by using suspend dots/strips or adding bigger or heavier gauge hooks. On sunny days, bass will rise in the warmer upper layer, making them vulnerable for the jerkbait. These fish are generally going to be near deeper water, as they like to move vertically this time of year to find their preferred water temperature.

The jig is the other iconic Winter Big Bass lure to have tied on in Winter. A pitching style for working timber and the root systems of such and a football jig for points, roadbeds, etc. With a pitching/ flipping jig, look for creek channel bends and the larger stumps along the creek channels. Throw in a creek channel swing bank and all the better. I like a 7' to 7' 6" Medium Heavy rod and 20 lb test Seaguar InvizX fluorocarbon line for this technique. Cast past the stump and



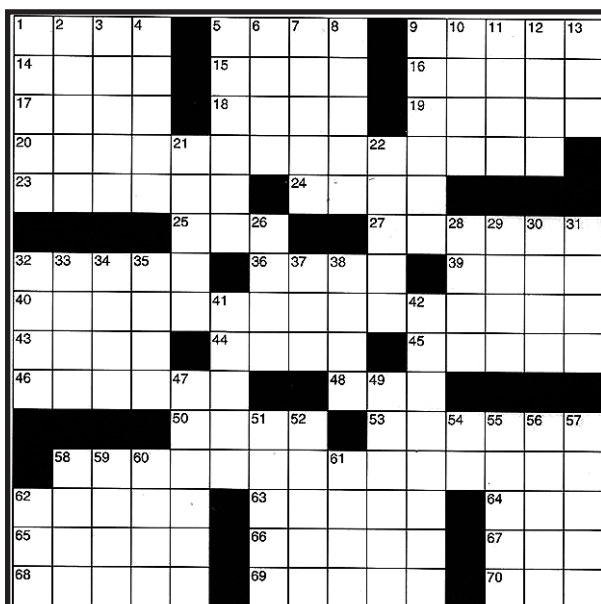
work the jig, with your favorite trailer, up to stump and roots. A 1/2 oz to 3/4 oz jig are usually the best.

It's also beginning to be time to have the East Texas legendary Red lipless crankbait tied on and ready to sling. Pro Tip on this lure is to use a Yo-Yo retrieve, sometimes, or all the time. Make long casts and let the lure hit the bottom or grass/ vegetation and then sweep your rod up, lower your rod toward the lure while taking up some slack, but allowing lure to hit bottom, again. They'll often hit it on the drop or bottom, thus a high speed gear ratio reel is necessary to take up the

slack. I prefer a 7' 3" Medium Heavy rod and 17 to 20 lb Seaguar InvizX fluorocarbon for the lipless crankbait. Areas to fish these lures are red clay banks/ points, flats on warmer afternoons or any areas with submerged vegetation. A 1/2 to 3/4 oz lipless crankbait is recommended this time of year.

Weather is important to pay attention to this month, as far as gear and fishing is concerned. Be sure to layer up accordingly for the cold and wind and carry extra clothes and a towel, in case you get wet or take an unexpected plunge! Wear those PFD's as hypothermia is real if you end up in the water.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Gull-like jaeger of northern seas
5. Make move
9. Marten
14. Compact
15. Field
16. Electronic communication
17. Businessmen
18. Egyptian goddess
19. Elias __, Nobel prize chemist
20. Swizzlesticks
23. Inactiveness
24. Graphite
25. Soviet labor camp inmate
27. Crystals
32. African title of respect
36. Inflammatory disease
39. Ancient Greek City
40. Couple's decision
43. Prevarication
44. Pastries
45. Awkward
46. Separates with an instrument
48. Jawless fish
50. Arthropod genus
53. Chordophones
58. Laws
62. Expression
63. Anchorage
64. Cookie
65. Emil von __, Czech engineer
66. Enameled metalware
67. Give temporarily
68. Helicopters
69. Type genus of the Otididae
70. Thomas __, British composer, 1700

CLUES DOWN

1. Attacks
2. Expressed gold
3. Shade
4. Niche
5. Fabric finish
6. Kiln
7. Run
8. Turn out
9. Break up
10. Egyptian god of life
11. Cartoon prankster
12. Consists
13. Town in Cambridgeshire
21. Indian title
22. David __, U.S. playwright
26. Japanese persimmon
28. 13 to 19
29. Protocist
30. Brainstorm
31. Flavor
32. Bacon-lettuce-tomato snacks
33. Harm
34. King of Huns (Scandinavian)
35. I
37. After B
38. Birthplace of Constantine
41. Recesses
42. Sunk in the sea
47. Curatives
49. Homes
51. Novo seaport
52. Traveling by foot
54. City in North Zambia
55. Panelist
56. Water
57. Rock
58. Turkish brandy
59. Wife
60. Venice beach
61. Colombian Town
62. Seasoner

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Camp Huaco Springs, located between New Braunfels and Sattler, features nearly a half mile of bank access along alternating pools and riffles on the Guadalupe River. Anglers can use the bank, which is gently sloped and rocky, or wade fish both upstream and downstream to take advantage of a low-water dam at the upper end of the property or a deep pool at the lower end. They can also launch non-motorized boats, canoes, kayaks or other floatable devices for the purpose of fishing.

Public access opened Dec. 6 and is available through March 3 from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

"This lease location provides great bank angler access to river trout fishing coupled with gor-

geous Guadalupe River scenery," said Patrick Ireland, TPWD Inland Fisheries Division San Marcos and Austin District Supervisor.

TPWD will stock this and other sections of the Guadalupe River, also known as the Canyon Reservoir Tailrace, with more than 20,000 rainbow trout during weekly stockings from early December through late February. The stocking locations include Guadalupe Park at the dam, fourth and third river crossings on River Road and Camp Huaco Springs.

The Guadalupe River Unlimited Chapter (GRTU), a partner of TPWD, also stocks Rainbow Trout throughout the river during the colder months. The GRTU trout are typically larger than TPWD stock. Anglers should check the 2024-25 Trout Stocking Schedule online before fishing to confirm the date and to find other winter trout stocking program angling locations and tips.

Camp Huaco Springs falls under statewide trout regulations, so anglers may keep up to their daily bag limit of five trout with no minimum length limit. Trout anglers 17 years of age and older will need a valid fishing license that includes a freshwater fishing endorsement.

Anglers may find public access to the river in other areas being stocked with trout – including Guadalupe Park, operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – but should note that special regulations and limits are in effect starting 800 yards downstream from the Canyon Dam release to the second bridge crossing on River Road.

Camp Huaco Springs is located at 4150 River Road in New Braunfels. For more information, or to find leased River Access and Conservation Areas (RACA) on other rivers in Texas, visit the RACA program website.



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"The Moon Report"

"Lake Fork Crappie January 2025"

By Terri Moon

First I want to wish everyone a "Happy, Blessed, and Prosperous 2025! Also I want to sincerely thank all of you that fished with me in 2024 with so many memorable moments! I appreciate you all!

I know January will bring cooler temperatures, with not as many fishable days – but, on those days be sure and check out the Boat and Tackle shows in your area. It's amazing to see the growth of the crappie fishing industry. From tackle to trolling motors, to electronics, and even the boat manufacturers are getting on board. There is even bigger and better payouts for the Crappie Tournaments giving way to more television coverage and exposure. So, whether you fish a little or a lot it's always fun to go to these tackle shows to check out all the latest inventions, and pick up some new things to try when the weather permits a fishable day.

Now as far as the crappie fishing – with the dropping water temperatures, the crappie will congregate out deeper in anywhere between 30 to 55 ft. along bends or intersections of creek channels, the 154 and 515 bridges are known winter hotspots, and deep water timber or brush piles, and deep water humps. Just watch your graph to see how deep you need to target. The colder water makes the fish less aggres-



sive, so a subtle presentation is key. The only problem with this time of year is the crazy wind we've had to deal with. It's not easy trying to find 40 – 50 ft. of water out of the wind!

I usually use a 1/16 or 1/8 oz. jighead but when it's windier I'll go to a 1/4 oz. In the hair jigs, Skippers in black and chartreuse or pink and chartreuse have been working. In the plastics, Bonehead brush gliders in silver shad or slick neon have been producing. But, don't be afraid to change up colors to adjust to conditions. All of these baits are available at Lake Fork Marina along with any of your fishing needs. There is also a new Berkley bait out called the Power Switch that features a weight forward design for fast drop-ins to quickly get your bait in front of the fish. They come in 1-3/4 inch up to 5 inches and come in 14 colors. The 3-inch is perfect for this time of year because it's matching the size of the shad they've been eating. This bait was made for bass

fishing – but, I've found the crappie love them too! These are also available at Lake Fork Marina.

I don't know about you – but, I'm sure hoping for a milder winter this year (and a little less wind would be awesome!)

Looks like Lake Fork is being celebrated as one of the top crappie fishing destinations along with trophy bass. Lake Fork doesn't disappoint – even in January. You just need to pick a nice day – bundle up, grab some hand-warmers, and your gear, the rewards are well worth braving the cold! Just keep thinking – Spring is just around the corner! Give me a shout if you want to get on the books for that excitement. You can reach me at 903-335-0941. Also, you can follow along on my adventures on my Facebook page under Terri Moon – My best to you all and looking forward to seeing you in 2025!

You can reach me at 903-335-0941 and on Facebook.



Herb King had a good day fishing on Lake Fork when he caught this really nice beauty. Weight not provided. C.P.R.



Issac from Dallas, TX., was fishing with Lake Fork guide Whitt Smith when he caught his personal best. C.P.R.



Bob Laskey was fishing on Lake Fork in December when he caught this nice bass. Weight not provided C.P.R.





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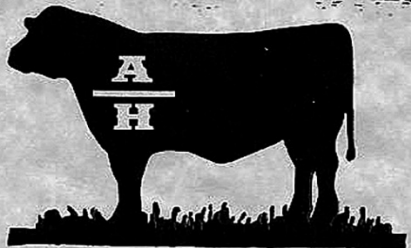
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Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Causes Several Mortality Events in Texas Birds

The National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) confirmed the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in multiple locations throughout the state. Disease experts indicate that HPAI is circulating among wild birds in Texas as waterbirds and waterfowl are on their wintering grounds.

Most recent detections have been found in Wharton, Galveston, and Harris counties.

Detected in all states across the U.S., HPAI is a highly contagious virus that transmits easily among wild and domestic birds. The virus can spread directly between animals and indirectly

through environmental contamination.

Because of the ease of transmission, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) recommends wildlife rehabilitators remain cautious when intaking wild animals with clinical signs consistent with HPAI and consider quarantining animals to limit the potential for HPAI exposure to other animals within the facility.

The public can assist in interrupting HPAI transmission by limiting all unnecessary contact with wild birds. Bird feeders and water sources should be cleaned at least every two weeks with a solution of one part bleach to nine parts water.

Change water in bird-baths every few days and regularly remove wet feed and seed from feed and water sources.

Additionally, game bird hunters should consider precautions

such as:

- * Disposing carcasses properly
- * Wearing gloves when processing
- * Avoiding consumption or processing of any sick bird
- * Cleaning and disinfecting tools between carcasses
- * Cooking meat to proper temperatures

Currently, the transmission risk of avian influenza from infected birds to people remains low, but the public should take basic protective measures if contact with wild animals cannot be avoided. The public and health care professionals can find more information about HPAI in humans from the Texas Department of State Health Services. If you had contact with an HPAI-positive animal and develop signs of illness, immediately contact your health care provider and let them know about the exposure.

If you encounter a wild animal with signs consistent with HPAI, contact your local TPWD wildlife biologist.

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Toyota ShareLunker Program Wraps Up Another Outstanding Collection Season

The 2024 Toyota ShareLunker program was full speed ahead and produced an exceptional collection season for the fourth consecutive year.

Anglers contributed 19 Legacy Class ShareLunkers from seven different lakes throughout Texas. Three new waterbodies recorded their first Legacy Class fish.

"Thank you to everyone involved in making another great Toyota ShareLunker collection season," said Natalie Goldstrohm, Toyota ShareLunker program coordinator. "We're grateful that so many anglers caught their fish of a lifetime this season and then decided to share their ShareLunker to support a future full of bigger, better bass in Texas."

TPWD biologists implemented a genetic analysis of this year's Legacy Lunkers and made some incredible discoveries. For example, they determined ShareLunker 666, reeled in by Larry R. Walker from O.H. Ivie, was a recapture of ShareLunker 646 originally caught by Mechelda Criswell on Feb. 27, 2023.

A 13.20-pound fish from Lake Athens proved

to be the offspring of ShareLunker 552 which was caught by Randall E. Claybourne on Jan. 12, 2014 at Lake Fork. This is the first time a Legacy Class descendant from this specific family tree was discovered in the ShareLunker program.

Of the 19 Legacy Class ShareLunkers, 13 of the fish had secondary relationships to either previous Legacy Class fish or other ShareLunkers that anglers submitted scale samples for genetic analyses. Tissue from a pair of full siblings from Oak Creek were submitted by Criswell through the ShareLunker app. One of these fish was caught in 2023 and the other in 2024. All of these findings highlight the valued partnership that the ShareLunker program facilitates with anglers throughout the world.

Unfortunately, one of this year's 19 Legacy Class fish, the 13.42-pound ShareLunker 662 from Inks Lake, perished due to extenuating circumstances. However, in the last five years, the program has achieved an excellent overall fish survival success rate of 94 percent. The last time a Legacy Lunker perished in TPWD care

was more than four years ago, in 2021.

"The TPWD hatchery teams work diligently to provide the absolute best fish healthcare for each and every ShareLunker bass," said Goldstrohm. "We continue to learn from these experiences and further refine big bass healthcare and life supporting treatments."

Anglers who caught and loaned one of these 13-plus pound lunkers earn Legacy Class status, receive a catch kit filled with merchandise, a 13lb+ Legacy decal for their vehicle or boat, VIP access to the Toyota ShareLunker Annual Awards event, a high-quality replica mount of their fish from Lake Fork Taxidermy, and Bass University will provide a swag pack and annual subscription. These anglers also receive entries into two separate drawings – a Legacy Class Drawing and the year-end Grand Prize Drawing. Both drawings will award the winner a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree.

While the Legacy class season has ended, the year-round Toyota ShareLunker program offers anglers three additional levels of participation

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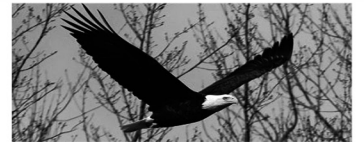
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for catching bass over eight pounds or 24 inches in Texas. Each of these levels still provide vital data to TPWD fisheries biologists, helping them to continue to create bigger, better bass in Texas.

Anglers who enter data for any lunker they catch greater than eight pounds or 24 inches during the 2024 calendar year also receive a catch kit, a decal for their vehicle or boat, a one-month subscription to Bass University and an entry into the year-end Grand Prize Drawing to win a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree. ShareLunker entry classes include the Bass Pro Shops Lunker Class (8 lb.+), Strike King Elite Class (10 lb.+) and Lew's Legend Class (13 lb.+).

Once a lunker is reeled in, anglers need to enter the catch data on the Toyota ShareLunker mobile app – available for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play – or on the Toyota ShareLunker online app at [TexasSharelunker.com](https://www.texassharelunker.com).

In addition to providing basic catch informa-

tion, anglers have the option to send a DNA scale sample from their lunker bass to TPWD researchers for genetic analysis. Anglers who contribute a sample to the program in 2024 will receive a Lew's baitcast reel valued at up to \$200 while supplies last, with a limit of one reel per angler. Anglers who send in a genetic sample will also get a three-month subscription to Bass University. Instructions for submitting DNA samples are located on the Toyota ShareLunker website.

The Toyota ShareLunker Program is made possible in part by the generous sponsorship of Toyota. Toyota is a longtime supporter of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation and TPWD, providing major funding for a wide variety of fisheries, state parks and wildlife projects.

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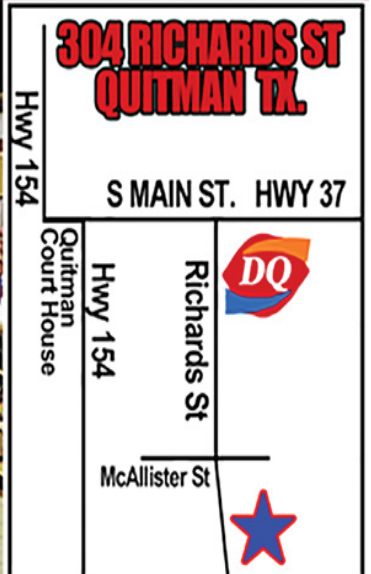
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Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork to Host Open Tournament March 8th

By Don Hampton

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This is an individual tournament. More than one angler can fish in a boat, but all must be a paid entry and have a means of keeping their catches separated.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$45 with 80% of all entry fees paid back and Big Bass Pot \$10 with 100% pay back. Based on 100 entries 1st Place pays \$1,040; 2nd Place \$780; 3rd Place \$520; 4th Place \$260; 5th thru 10th \$100. Big Bass Pot pays 3 places with 1st Big Bass paying \$500, 2nd paying \$300, and 3rd paying \$200.

Fishing hours for the tournament are

from 6 am to 3:30 pm. All anglers must be checked in by 3:30 pm. Lake slot rules apply. A bass can touch the 16-inch mark but not exceed and be at least 12 inches in length. An over the slot must at least touch the 24 inches in length to be legal. Any bass between 16 and 24 inches brought to the weigh-in is illegal and the angler will be disqualified. The official measuring stick for the tournament is the Chek-It-Stick.

A great thing about this tournament, even though it is Spring, the top water bite and deep bite will be kicking with the stable weather conditions.

Anglers can enter the tournament by picking up an entry at one of the area businesses and mailing it in at the address listed on the entry. For those of you who wish to enter at tournament headquarters on March 7th, time is from 4 pm to 9 pm

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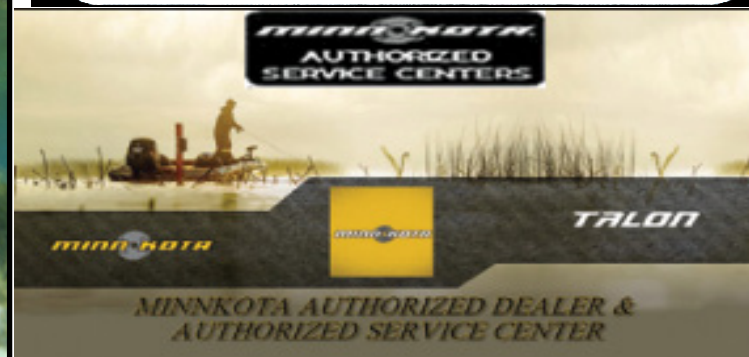
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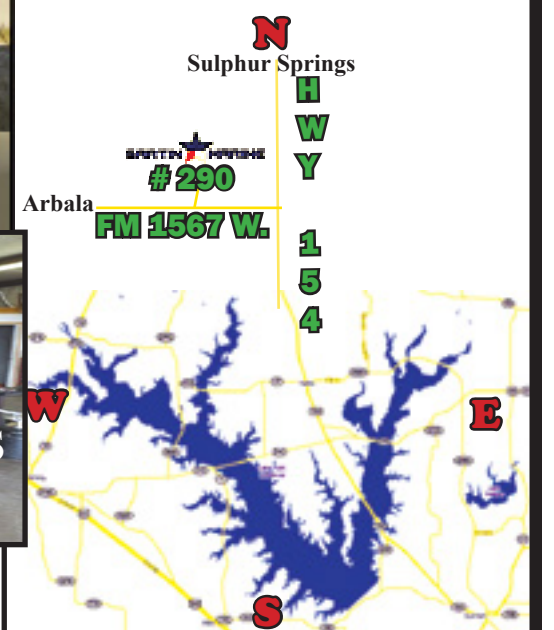


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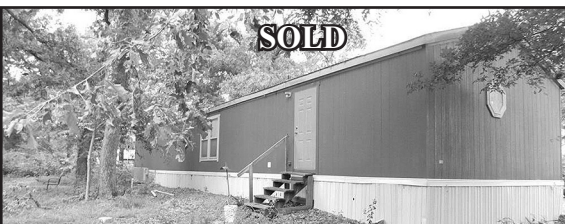
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Longview Mountain Lion

In the early morning hours on Tuesday, Dec. 10, a mountain lion was struck by a Longview Police Department (LPD) patrol vehicle. The police department contacted the Gregg County Game Warden and coordinated the retrieval of the deceased lion.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) staff took possession of the deceased lion to collect DNA and other biological samples. The lion was estimated to be a 3-4-year-old female weighing

83.5 pounds.

Several of the samples will be sent to the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute as part of an ongoing research project and some were retained by TPWD staff as part of our effort to learn more about mountain lions in Texas.

In Texas, mountain lions are primarily found in the Trans-Pecos and parts of South Texas, however individual lions can move long distances and can show up in areas where they are not typically known to occur.

East Texas residents are asked to please report any additional mountain lion sightings to TPWD Non-game Wildlife Biologist Dave Holdermann, dave.holdermann@tpwd.texas.gov.

More information about mountain lions can be found on the TPWD mountain lion webpage.

Mountain Lion Harvest Reporting Now Available on Texas Hunt & Fish Mobile App

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently added an option for hunters and trappers to voluntarily report mountain lion harvest in the Texas Hunt & Fish mobile app.

The app allows hunters and trappers who harvest a mountain lion to enter data on that

animal. The information gathered will help advance our understanding of lions in Texas. The data requested in the app includes:

- * Date of harvest
- * County of harvest
- * Sex of the lion
- * Age class of the lion (kitten/subadult/adult)
- * Method of take
- * Effort (how many days hunted/trapped)
- * Photographs in specific poses (so TPWD can verify sex and age)
- * Optional text box for providing any other information

Users who already have the app downloaded on their devices will need to update to the new version to get all the latest features and to ensure proper app functionality.

The mobile app is used by hunters and anglers across the state for harvest reporting, electronic onsite registration, digital license display and more.

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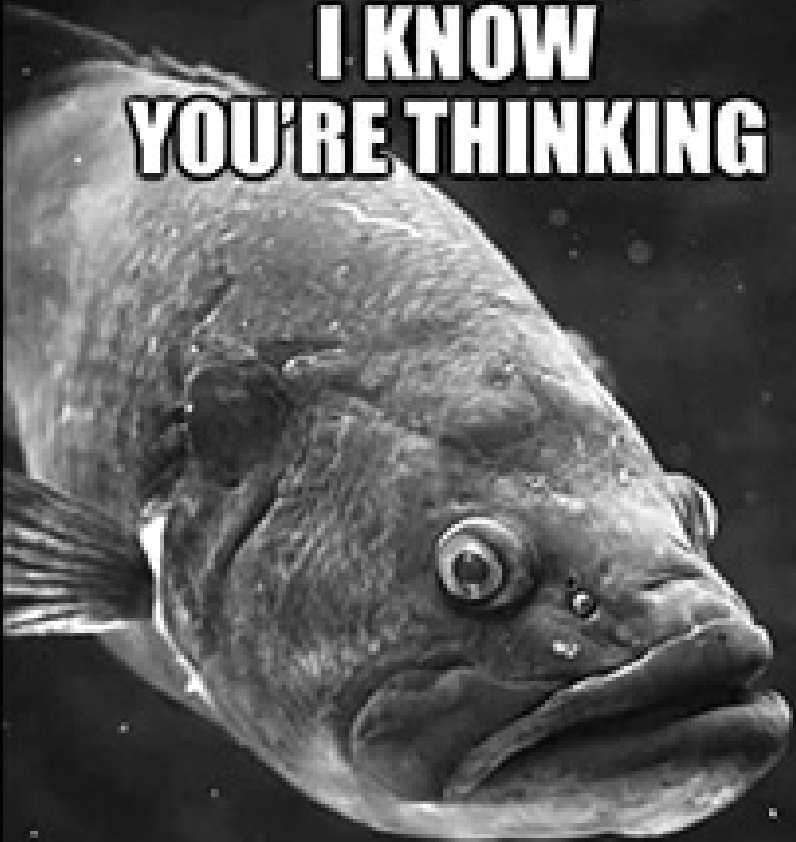


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Discrepancies Arise *(Continued from Page 2)*

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People should urge that they grandfather existing RV parks as they currently exist and deal with any is-

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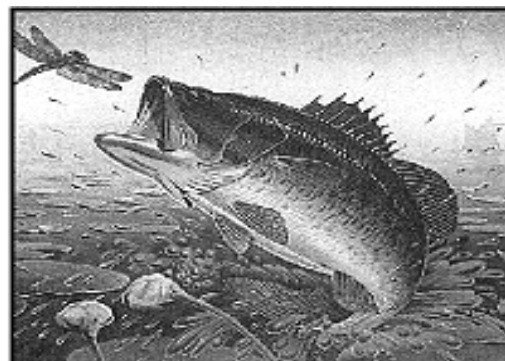
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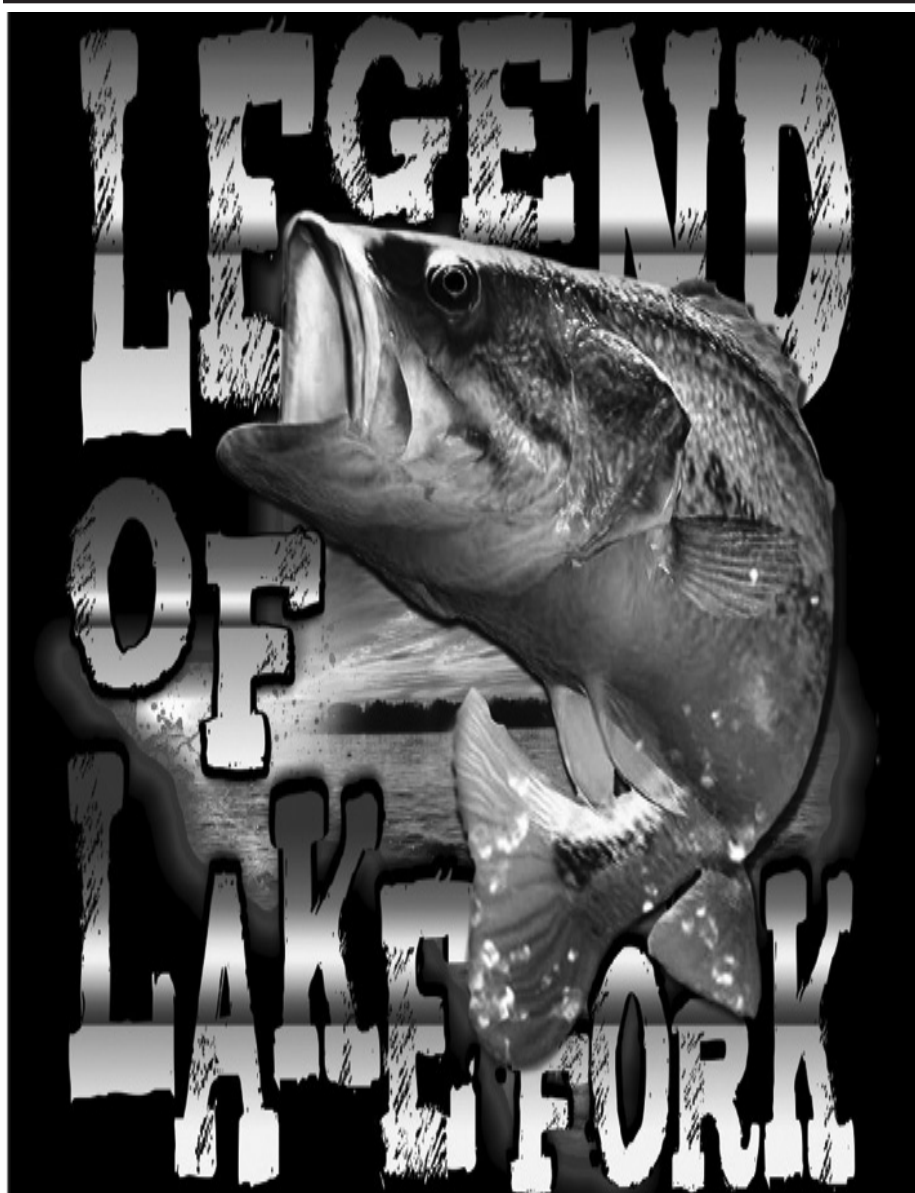
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Game Warden Field Notes

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

--When Will You Learn?-- Two Polk County game wardens were on night patrol with their deer decoy "Corby" when Corby caught someone's eye. A truck passed the decoy, slowed to a stop, then quickly reversed and the headlights were positioned onto the decoy. After a brief pause, the sound of a small caliber rifle shot was heard from the vehicle. The war-

dens approached the subject and they were apprehended without incident. A .22 caliber rifle was found in the back seat of the truck with a spent casing still in the ejection port of the rifle. The subject also admitted to being charged for spotlighting on a public roadway near the same area a few weeks prior to this incident by a different Polk County game warden. The subject was charged with hunting white-tailed deer at night, hunting white-tailed deer using artificial light and multiple Class C citations

and warnings. Cases pending.

--Liar Liar Deer on Fire-- An Upshur County game warden received a call about two deer carcasses dumped along a shared fence line with a neighbor. The caller said the two carcasses had not been quartered and only some of the meat had been taken off of the two deer. The warden called for additional back up from another warden and when they arrived at the property, the two deer were no longer on the fence line. The

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Making the Most Of Holiday Leftovers

By Sue Hampton

Holiday time means turkey, and turkey usually means leftovers. Now you can jazz up roast turkey and watch it disappear.

The Reuben Tortilla offers another opportunity to savor the holiday leftovers. It's easy to make, and thanks to sauerkraut, it's healthy.

Sauerkraut contains chemical compounds thought to prevent several types of cancer – including colon, lung, and breast cancers. A university women's health study observed



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that girls who ate four or more servings of sauerkraut per week during adolescence were 74 percent less likely to develop breast cancer than those who ate little or no sauerkraut.

Once the leftover "Turkey and Reuben Tortillas" are gone, take advantage of sauerkraut's versatility and use it during your next holiday party as an ingredient in contemporary hors d'oeuvres such as Kraut-Stuffed Mushroom Caps. Also, sauerkraut juice can be used to mix dirty martinis and Bloody Marys.

Reuben Tortilla

4 8-inch Soft Flour Tortillas
 ½ cup Thousand Island dressing
 4 oz. cooked turkey
 4 slices (¾ oz. each) Swiss cheese
 1 cup well-drained Libby's Crispy Sauerkraut
 Spread each tortilla with 2 Tbsp. dressing. Top with 1 oz. turkey, 1 slice cheese and ¼ cup sauerkraut. Fold opposite edges of tortilla over to cover filling. Roll up from one unfolded edge to the other, forming wrap sandwich. Microwave each 20 seconds to 30 seconds or serve at room temperature. Serves four.

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 2 cups sugar
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 cup butter softened
 4 eggs
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 2 cups grated sweet potatoes
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Mix sugar and butter together. Add remaining ingredients stirring after each addition. Bake in a 10X13 inch greased pan at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes until toothpick comes out clean.

Glaze:

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 ¼ stick melted butter

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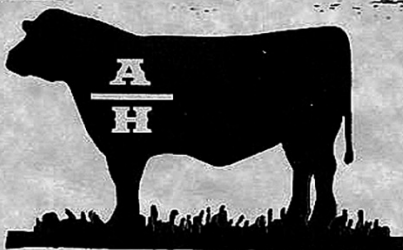
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wardens interviewed the property owner, but he denied knowledge of the two deer. After a quick investigation, it was determined that a nine-point buck was harvested that morning by his juvenile son. When asked about the carcass, the landowner said they had taken the carcass to a creek a mile away to dispose of it. When questioned about the second deer, the landowner continued to deny claims of there being another deer. After further questioning, the landowner confessed to not harvesting all of the meat from the nine-point buck that morning and showed the wardens to a burn pile on the property where they found the wasted buck with its two front shoulders intact and on fire. The landowner continued to deny there had been another deer until one of the wardens found a partially quartered doe hidden in the high brush. The landowner then confessed. Multiple cases pending.

--If I Could Turn Back Time-- Henderson County game wardens were conducting an inspection on a local processor when they came across a license that did not have an archery endorsement. During the inspection, wardens found out the deer was harvested the same day

the license was purchased, but the license was bought by the hunter later in the evening. The wardens visited the hunter and learned that the deer was harvested under the license of another individual. After further questioning, it was discovered that the hunter asked his wife to go buy a hunting license the same day he harvested the deer so that he could use her tag to harvest another buck. After denying the incident, the wardens were able to use cell phone photos with consent from the couple to put together a timeline proving the deer was harvested by the hunter before the license was purchased by his wife. To further the false claims that his wife had harvested the deer, he had her pose for photos with the deer, which wardens found on the phone. Cases pending.

--Oh Deer-- A Lavaca County game warden was on patrol when they heard a rifle shot come from an area where they had previously seen deer hunting violations. When they went to investigate, the warden saw a man drive out of the brush, head home, pick up his wife and then

return to the woods. An hour later, the wife returned to the house with the head and meat of a white-tailed buck. The warden approached the wife, who then lead the warden to where she was meeting her husband in the woods. The man was surprised when his wife showed up with the game warden to their hidden cleaning rack. Citation was issued for taking a white-tailed deer in closed season and civil restitution was filed. Case pending.

--Crossbow Drive-by-- Two Trinity County game wardens received a call from the local sheriff's office about a hunter who had just shot a buck in a yard from a vehicle. The landowner thought a rifle was used and was able to write down the license plate number and get a good description of the vehicle. The wardens and sheriff's office called a local constable who lives in the same neighborhood for some back up. The constable was able to find the vehicle quickly while the wardens traveled to the scene. After a brief interview upon their arrival, the hunter

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admitted to shooting the buck out of his vehicle with a crossbow from the public roadway. Wardens filed multiple charges for hunting from the public roadway and hunting during closed season. Cases pending.

--Drunk and on the Hunt-- A Cass County game warden was on patrol when they saw a vehicle stop twice near a large pasture and stick what they thought was a rifle out of the window. While following the vehicle to confirm what they had seen, the subject was driving erratically on the county road. When the vehicle stopped again, the warden conducted a traffic stop. The warden then approached the vehicle and saw an AR-15 rifle in the passenger's seat. The weapon was secured, and the driver was checked for warrants. The warden noticed the thermal scope was still on, so they asked the driver about hunting and told him that they had seen him stick the rifle out of the window. The driver then admitted to hunting the field for hog and admitted to being intoxicated. The driver was arrested and charged with hunting without landowner consent and hunting non-game from a motor vehicle.

--Penny Pinching-- A Shelby County game warden followed up on an ongoing investigation of a

local individual who had hunted without a valid hunting license when he shot a buck in 2019. The subject confessed to not buying the license to save money for college. Case pending.

--Mama's Got Your Back-- Two Harris County game wardens followed up on a local poaching complaint and discovered a suspect who had harvested a white-tailed doe had done so without landowner consent. The suspect confessed to poaching and when asked to collect the deer meat, was surprised to find his mom had hidden the illegal deer meat under the couch while the wardens visited with him outside the home. Multiple charges and restitution pending.

--Holy Crappie-- An Upshur County game warden received an anonymous tip about a substantial amount of fish that had been cleaned and dumped at Lake O' the Pines near Ore City. The warden and his partner responded and inspected the property where the fish were dumped and discovered that two out of state fishermen were responsible. The two fishermen had been fishing every day for a week and were staying at a motel at the local marina. Further investigation revealed 273 crappie, 173 fish over the legal state possession limit, were taken, filleted and stored

in ice chests and freezers on the property. More than 350 crappie fillets were seized and donated to multiple families around the area. Multiple charges and restitution pending.

--Turtle-y Illegal-- A warden was notified about a complaint regarding a local pet store in San Antonio that had a tortoise for sale. Upon inspection of the pet store, the warden seized a Texas Tortoise (a threatened species) that was "given" to the store. Further investigation revealed the store was also selling Mississippi Map Turtles and River Cooter Turtles without a non-game dealers license. The Texas tortoise was released back into the wild. Charges pending.

--What's in the Bag?-- A Val Verde County game warden was patrolling the northern end of the county for white-tailed deer hunting compliance when he contacted several subjects who were acting evasive when asked simple hunting related questions. Further questioning revealed the group had been trespassing and duck hunting without licenses or duck stamps in between their deer hunt. The breasted-out ducks were found neatly stored in a potato chip bag. Multiple cases and restitution pending.

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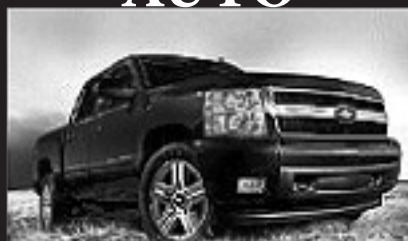
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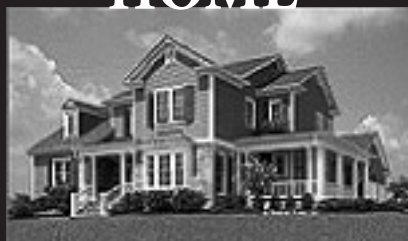
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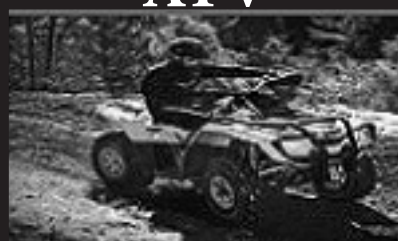
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By Dianne Spradling, President

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We are looking forward to 2025. We have several projects planned for this year. We will be working with Texas Parks and Wildlife and Sabine River Authority on these projects to help improve Lake Fork.

As usual we will be at all of the Bass Tournaments this year and look forward to seeing everyone. We would love to have everyone join us for an adventure with a great group

of people.

Don't forget to come out to our monthly general meetings at Jamie's Restaurant. The meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month and starts at 6:30 pm. Quite a few of us show up about 5:30 and eat a great dinner. If you have any questions or concerns please email us at Lakeforksportsmansassociation@gmail.com or feel free to email me at Di61462@icloud.com or call my cell number at 214-794-2340. We hope to see you soon.



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For the Heaviest Bass Over The Slot
\$30,000
For the Heaviest Under The Slot
\$20,000 Draw
(Early Entries ONLY and Must Be Present to win.)

Bonus!
T-Shirt Hour Every Hour
of the Tournament

Early Entry Incentive: Only Early Entries Received on or before 4/30/25 will Qualify For Drawing To Win \$20,000 in cash.
To Qualify for drawing, Early Entries Must Be Received on or before April 30, 2025

For More Information Call: 903-360-6994 or 903-360-6993
Email: fishnews@lakefork.net

Rules & Regulations

Please read all official tournament rules and regulations prior to signing entry form. The following items will be checked when contestants weigh in. Violation of any rules regarding the following items will be cause for immediate disqualification.

- Fishing License
- Boat Registration
- Alcohol
- Horsepower Rating
- Alcoholic Beverages/Drugs
- Life Jacket, Flare, Choker

The tournament will be held regardless of weather. Special conditions may occur. Please read the rules and regulations.

DECISIONS:
1. All decisions of the Tournament Directors are FINAL. Contestants only appeal for one (1) ground only.
2. All protests must be reported in writing with a Tournament Director within 15 minutes of the disputed weigh in.

INFORMATION:
Any and all announcements concerning emergencies and hourly results will be broadcast over the DFWC (A radio tower KACQ 93.5 FM, 800's portable radio in your boat).

ELIGIBILITY:
1. All State & Federal boat rules shall apply at all times.
2. All State, Coast Guard, Federal Parks & Wildlife regulations shall apply at all times.

3. This tournament is designed strictly for amateurs; therefore, anyone who has fished 4 or more tournaments within the past 12 months of this tournament with an entry fee over \$1,000, or anyone who has received prize money for any other tournament, shall not be eligible to compete in this tournament.

4. Contestants must have a valid fishing license to tournament date on their person at all times.
5. Each person in boat must be a participant of official tournament and abide by all tournament rules and regulations. Boat must remain at weigh-in while longer 4 or more hours played.

6. Non-competitors will not be allowed to participate in any time during official tournament hours.
7. Any contestant found to be in violation of any tournament rules and regulations will be subject to disqualification from this tournament and all future tournaments.

8. All boats caught by contestants together will be disqualified if any of the said contestants are found to be in violation of any tournament rules and regulations.
9. Any person who has been disqualified from any previous tournament may be subject to being inducted into the tournament.

10. Tournament officials have the right to remove any boat.
11. Participants under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or adult with written parental permission.

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE:
1. Entry form with complete entry fee must be received before fishing.
2. NON-REFUNDABLE OR CASH TO THE TOWN OF LAKE FORK FOR THE TOWN OF LAKE FORK.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:
1. No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed by tournament contestants on any boat. (Alcohol is allowed in containers that are not used for drinking, such as beer, wine, etc.)
2. No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed by tournament contestants on any boat. (Alcohol is allowed in containers that are not used for drinking, such as beer, wine, etc.)

SAFETY: 1. All boats must be equipped with some type of emergency system (e.g., fire extinguisher, etc.) on any boat. (Alcohol is allowed in containers that are not used for drinking, such as beer, wine, etc.)
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PERMITTED FISHING AREAS AND HOURS:
1. All boats caught during tournament hours must tournament day. (Alcohol is allowed in containers that are not used for drinking, such as beer, wine, etc.)
2. All boats caught during tournament hours must tournament day. (Alcohol is allowed in containers that are not used for drinking, such as beer, wine, etc.)

3. Contestants may leave from any launch site on Lake Fork. No casting until 6am official clock. Official start-stop times will be determined by Official Radio Station.
4. No fishing within 50 yards of a marina gas pump.

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:
1. All bass must be caught on artificial bait by casting. No trolling with big motor. Contestants may use only one rod at any one time. Other rods may be in the boat for substitute purposes.
2. All fishing must be done from a boat. No bank fishing is allowed. Angler cannot leave boat to land fish.

3. No electronic tracking devices (implanted microchips) may be used to locate fish for tournament purposes. (Depth finders and graph charts are the only exceptions).
WEIGH IN, SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONSERVATION:

1. Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation are expected from every participant.
2. All bass weighed in will become the property of the tournament and will be released back into the lake each tournament day alive if possible.

3. All contestants shall be required to bring their boat and respective partner(s) with them to the weigh-in site when weighing in bass.
4. Trailering is permissible.

5. No bass on ice. Bass must be alive to be weighed in.
6. All bass brought to weigh-in station must be in an official weigh in bag with water.

7. No contestants may weigh in more than one bass per tournament hour. Only one bass per weigh in bag is allowed. The number of times you may enter separate Big Bass of the Hour is restricted to the Lake Fork limit per day. Bass entered in the Big Bass of the Hour contest do not carry forward from hour to hour. Your biggest bass is registered into the final overall standings. No ties, 1st heaviest fish weighed in wins that prize. One grand prize per angler.

8. Bass must be weighed in by the contestant who originally caught the bass and it must be in said contestant's physical possession in the weigh-in line.
9. Any artificially weighed or preserved bass will be disqualified and that contestant will be subject to prosecution under state and/or federal laws.

10. Any questionable entry will be subject to inspection by a marine biologist or similarly qualified expert from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.
11. Minimum length of bass to be weighed is less than 16" (cannot touch the line) or 24" or more. If it touches the line on 24" it is a legal catch and can be weighed in. Official measuring board is the Check-It-Stick.

12. Only largemouth bass will be weighed in.
13. No contestant may have more than three bass in their possession at any time during official tournament hours. One bass only is allowed to be weighed in during any tournament hour.

14. This is a mandatory catch and release program during Official Tournament Hours. When tournament is officially over each day all bass must be released back into Lake Fork.
15. Contestants are to be attentive to litter and should make every effort to maintain their trash in their boat and dispose of it properly.

POLYGRAPH:
1. Each contestant by signing the entry form, agrees to submit to polygraph.
2. Polygraph test will be given on a random basis and must be passed.

3. There will be random polygraph tests given as soon as possible after the conclusion of each official Tournament hour as soon as that hour has elapsed. All contestants who have placed during said hour, their respective partners and boats, if any, must remain at the official Tournament site until said hourly winners are declared official. If not present, contestants will be automatically disqualified.

4. Any contestant determined by the polygraph examination or other Tournament Officials to be intoxicated or in violation of illegal drugs at the time said contestant is required to take the polygraph examination, or in violation of Tournament rules, will be disqualified from this and all future Tournaments.

5. Any contestant found to be in possession of any illegal substance will be subject to disqualification and prosecution.
BOAT INSPECTION:

All contestants, by entering this Tournament, hereby agree to allow their boats to be boarded and inspected by Tournament officials at any time during said Tournament, to include, but not limited to, their boat registration, Coast Guard horsepower rating plate, and boat contents to include livewell, rod boxes, closed storage compartments, tackle boxes, life jackets, PFD's and safety equipment. Refer to checklist.

*The above mentioned rules are for your own safety.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Please complete Entry Form and submit to our office.

“Legend of Lake Fork Tournament”, 538 P.R. 5861, Yantis, TX 75497 * (903) 360-6993

Cell: (903) 360-6994 To qualify for early entry, application must be received no later than 4/30/25.

Indicate number of days to fish ☐ \$130 (1) Day Entry ☐ \$215 (2) Day Entry ☐ \$290 (3) Day Entry

If only fishing one or two days please indicate which day you will participate: ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday

(Take \$10 Off If Paying By Cash, Check, or Money Order)

Entry Fee After 4/30/25 at Tournament Headquarters ~ Lake Fork Marina

1 Day ~ \$145 2 Day ~ \$235 3 Day ~ \$310 *(No Checks Will Be Accepted At Late Registration)

Entries and Check-In, Lake Fork Marina, Thurs. 5/15/25 ~ 2 P.M. to 9 P.M. Fri. 5/16/25 ~ 5 A.M. to 6 A.M.

& 4 P.M. to 9 P.M. Sat. 5/17/25 ~ 5 A.M. to 6 A.M. & 4 P.M. to 9 P.M. Sun. 5/18/25 ~ 5 A.M. to 6 A.M.

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: (____) _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
EMAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE (mm/dd/yy): _____

I hereby enter the above “Legend of Lake Fork Tournament”. I have read and understand the rules and waive and release all other Contestants, Tournament Directors, Tournament Sponsors, and their agents from all claims of personal injuries, accidents and/or damaged, lost or stolen property incurred in connection with the tournament. I understand that \$5 of my entry is a voluntary contribution to the “Wish To Fish Program”. I hereby grant permission to the tournament and all tournament officials the right to publicize, video tape, photograph and/or broadcast my name, character likeness or voice and the fact that I was a participant and/or prize winner, and all other matters incidental thereto. If I place for any prize, I will submit to a polygraph examination or be disqualified and will abide with such results. Contestant Ratifies and approves entry in the above “Legend of Lake Fork Tournament” made on his/her behalf by another and agrees thereby to be bound by all rules of the tournament.

SIGNATURE: _____

Entry Form Must Be Signed To Be Valid

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION): This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OF ABOVE MINOR

☐ CHECK ☐ CASH ☐ MONEY ORDER ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD #: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: ____/____/____ SEC: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

TO EMAIL ENTRY: fishnews@lakefork.net

EARLY ENTRY INCENTIVE:

Only early entries received on or before 4/30/25 will qualify for drawing to win \$20,000 in cash.

Anglers can purchase TFO Roads \$65

BONUS T-Shirt Hour every hour

of the tournament!

Must have T-Shirt with you when weighing in!

Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork

48th Semi-Annual Open Tournament

Mar. 8, 2025 * Lake Fork, Texas
Oak Ridge Marina * Hwy 154 N.

Guaranteed Pay-Out Based on 100 Entries
Drawings Held After Weigh-in for prizes

903-360-6994



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| 1st Place | \$1,040.00 |
| 2nd Place | \$780.00 |
| 3rd Place | \$520.00 |
| 4th Place | \$260.00 |
| 5th ~ 10th | \$100.00 |



There will be a big bass pot ~ \$10 per person entry
Big Bass will pay Three (3) places. (Based on 100 entries)

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|-----------|-------|
| 1st Place | \$500 |
| 2nd Place | \$300 |
| 3rd Place | \$200 |

1. Entry fee is \$40.00 - late entry is \$45.00
2. Early entries must be postmarked by Oct. 5, 2025.
3. All entry fees must be paid before 6 a.m. Sat., Mar. 1, 2025.
4. Check in times: Fri., Mar. 7, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sat., Mar. 8, 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. at Oak Ridge Marina.
5. To qualify, contestants must check in at tournament headquarters before fishing.
6. Fishing hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (official clock at sign-in station). NO FISHING from midnight till start time.
7. Fishing will be done on Lake Fork only (trailer allowed).
8. Contestants must fish from a boat. NO-bank fishing or leaving the boat to land a fish.
9. Life jackets must be worn any time their outboard motor is running.
10. All state, federal, and local laws must be obeyed or contestant and fish may be disqualified. No slot fish may be brought to weigh-in.
11. No one may have more than five (5) fish in their possession at any time. Only one (1) may be 24" or greater.
12. Largemouth bass 12" to 16" or 24" or greater in length may be weighed. No fish under 12" or between 16" and 24" will be weighed (or state law limits at the time of the tournament).
13. All fish must be caught on artificial bait by casting. (No trolling with gas engine). Pork trailer may be used.
14. Weigh-in starts at 3:00 p.m. (official clock at sign-in). You must be in the weigh-in line by 3:30 p.m.
15. All fish must be brought to the scales in weigh-in bags.
16. No iced or frozen fish will be weighed. Ice may be added ONLY to aid in survival of fish.
17. Each contestant will be responsible for weighing his or her own fish. (No pooling of fish).
18. Dead fish at weigh-in will be penalized 1/2 (.5) pound. All fish weighed in become the property of TTB and will be released (with the exception of trophy

or dead fish).

19. In the event of a tie for any position, prize money for that position and the following positions will be combined and evenly divided between the tying contestants.
20. Contestants may not have served as a compensated guide on Lake Fork 30 days prior to the tournament.
21. Contestants may fish with a guide on Lake Fork prior to the day before fishing this TTB tournament.
22. Use of alcoholic beverages or controlled drugs are prohibited during tournament hours. Prescription drug use should be declared at sign-in.
23. Anyone who has ever been disqualified for cheating or misconduct from any tournament is ineligible to fish.
24. Any contestant who violates any rule may be disqualified. Any act of a competitor, verbal or physical, that reflects unfavorably upon TTB's effort to promote fishing, conservation, clean waters, courtesy or safety shall be reason for disqualification from this and all future TTB tournaments.
25. Parent or guardian must accompany contestants under 18 years of age.
26. All protests must be registered in writing with the tournament judges within 15 minutes after designated weigh-in time. All decisions of the tournament judges will be final in all matters. Anyone protesting the outcome of an open tournament will have to pay for any additional polygraph test given.
27. All boats are welcome to participate. An aerated livewell is recommended to aid in fish survival for live release. Anglers cannot leave boat to land a fish.
28. All contestants are responsible to have read these rules and must agree to abide by them (by signing the entry form) while competing in this TTB event.
29. Contestants will be subject to polygraph test. Failure to take and/or pass such a test will result in disqualification.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information or for information on joining Texas Trails Bass-masters of Lake Fork visit our website: www.texastrailsbassmasters.com

Entry Application

Entry fee of \$40 must accompany mailed entry and must be postmarked on or before Mar. 1, 2025 to Texas Trails Bassmasters, 538 PR 5861, Yantis, TX 75497, or you may pay \$45 at tournament headquarters before starting time of tournament. \$10 extra for Big Bass (Optional). Print clearly.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Having read and understood all the tournament rules, by my signature I agree to accept all decisions of the judges final, by my signature I waive, release and hold harmless all members, officials and sponsors of any and all alleged liabilities to me or my equipment.

Contestants Signature _____

Minor's Release: Signed by _____

Parent/Guardian _____

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Entry # _____

Entry Fee _____

Big Bass _____

Cash _____ Chk# _____



2025 Schedules

\$25,000 Guaranteed for 1st place at each event

Over 100% Cash Payback Guaranteed

- 1st.....\$25,000 cash
2nd.....\$10,000 cash
3rd.....\$6,000 cash
4th.....\$5,000 cash
5th.....\$4,000 cash
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26th.....\$1,000 cash
27th.....\$1,000 cash
28th.....\$1,000 cash
BB.....\$1,000 cash

\$18,500
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highest Skeeter finisher

***\$5,000 to**
next highest finisher
***Skeeter must be within 3**
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January 18 - Sam Rayburn

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February 15 - Lake Fork

Presented by **GARMIN**

March 1 - Sam Rayburn

Presented by **YAMAHA**

March 15 - Cedar Creek

Presented by **YAMAHA**

March 29 - Lake LBJ

Presented by **YAMAHA**

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Presented by **YAMAHA**

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LAKE - TBA

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Sunday, April 6 - Fork

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October 18-19 - Fork

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Over \$150,000 Guaranteed at Championship

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2nd.....\$10,000 cash
3rd.....\$6,000 cash
4th.....\$5,000 cash
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Oct. 11-12th
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February

Feb. 15 ~ BassChamps Team Trail
Lake Fork Marina
Feb. 22 ~ JC Outdoors Teams
Minnow Bucket



March

Mar. 2 ~ Media Bass Solo
Minnow Bucket
Mar. 8 ~ Tex. Trails Bassmasters Open
Oak Ridge Marina
Mar. 15 ~ JC Outdoors Solo
Minnow Bucket
Mar. 22 ~ JC Outdoors Teams
Minnow Bucket
Mar. 23 ~ Media Solo
Minnow Bucket

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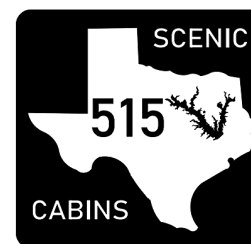
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\$200,000 In Cash & Prizes

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**\$30,000 For the Heaviest Under The Slot, \$20,000 Early Incentive Draw
(Early Entries Only, Received Before April 30, 2024 and must be present to win)**

**11 Places Paid Hourly: 1st - \$600 * 2nd - \$400 * 3rd - \$300 * 4th - \$200 * 5th - \$175
6th - \$150 * 7th - \$135 * 8th - \$125 * 9th - \$115 * 10th - \$110 * 1st Out of 10th \$100 GC**

BONUS T-SHIRT HOUR EVERY HOUR OF THE TOURNAMENT

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LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL ANGLERS