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Bluegill Family Fishing Tournament Sept. 28 at TFFC

The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center’s annual Bluegill Family Fishing Tournament will take place this year on Saturday, September 28. Numerous prize packages will be awarded, including an X-Box 360 with game, fishing equipment and gift cards from local businesses. More than $2,500 in prizes will be awarded.

Sponsors of the event include: Wulf Outdoor Sports, Lake Athens Property Owners Association, Aaron’s Sales and Lease Ownership, Best Western Royal Mountain Inn, Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites–Athens, Walmart Supercenter of Athens, Chicken Express and First State Bank.

Sponsors also include Lake Fork Trophy Lures and Brookshire’s Grocery. Brookshire’s will provide free bottled water to contestants.

The tournament awards prizes for the heaviest stringers of sunfish, but the event is really about adults and children having fun fishing together.

Teams must consist of one adult 18 years of age or older and one child under 18 years of age. Each team can weigh in a maximum of four fish. Multiple teams can fish from the same boat, making it possible for both parents to partner with different children and still fish as a family. Team members are not required to be related.

Teams may choose to fish either on Lake Athens, which is adjacent to TFFC, or in TFFC’s ponds and streams, some of which have been stocked with bluegills.

All species of sunfish or bream (except largemouth bass) are allowed; for information on identifying them, see http://w w w . t p w d . s t a t e . t x . u s / l a n d w a t e r / w a t e r / a qu a t - i c s p e c i e s / i n l a n d . p h t ml.

Pre-registration is required. Mail registration must be received by Wednesday, September 25. To request a registration form, call (903) 670-2222.

You may register in person on the day of the event by going to the admissions booth at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center AFTER 7:00 a.m.

A $15 entry fee per team will be charged. The entry fee includes admission to TFFC. Fishing will take place from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the weigh-in at the Anglers Pavilion at TFFC at 2:30.

For more information or to request an entry form, contact Craig Brooks at (903) 670-2222.
Strollin’ With Stroman

By Dean Stroman

September is finally here. It has been extremely hot with very little rain. Water levels are low. You can now see many stumps, brush lines and forests that make Lake Fork famous. A lot of folks think and are reporting on fishing forums that Lake Fork is dangerous to run your boat with all of the visual stumps.

Lake Fork has always been dangerous to operate your boat if you do not know where the boat lanes and clear areas are. There are areas on Lake Fork that I will not run my big motor because of the numerous stumps in any water conditions. During low water conditions you can see the numerous stump fields and isolated stumps. Let me assure you it is much safer now to operate your boat than during normal or high water conditions. You can see the many stumps you used to run your motor through. Get a good mapping system and follow the marked boat lanes that are in clear areas and be patient to get to your honey hole.

When the nights start cooling down and the day temperature starts dipping below the one hundred degree mark, Fork’s younger-age class bass start schooling up on most of Fork’s major points all day long. Most fish will be in the eight to fifteen inch range. Top water and small lipless cranks can catch you a wash tub full of bass. Most folks boast that (See Strollin... Continued on Page 7-B)
Streamlined Texas Hunter Education Process Approved

Starting this fall, new hunters who need to complete the state’s required hunter education will have expanded options designed to be more convenient, flexible and accessible.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission recently approved additional options for hunter education certification, including a streamlined, one-day basic course reducing the mandatory hours of classroom instruction from 10 to a maximum of 6 hours and creating an option for anyone 17 years of age or older to take the hunting safety training completely online. The new options should be available by late September. The combination online home study and 4 to 5 hour skills field day course will still be offered, as well as advanced hunter education available as part of high school and college courses across the state.

Anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971, must successfully complete a hunter education training course or purchase a one-time deferral good for one license year in order to hunt legally in Texas.

Based on 16 pilot classes held earlier this summer to assess new options, the core curriculum of the streamlined course brings an even sharper focus on the key reason behind the training requirement - improved hunter safety.

Since mandatory hunter education first started in 1988, the number of hunting accidents and hunting fatalities has steadily declined to less than 3 per 100,000 hunters. Accidents involving those who had completed hunter education training are only in the single digits each year.

The basic course will be streamlined to cover only essential skills of safe, legal and ethical hunting.

To pass the current course options, students must get 70 percent correct if they take the traditional two-day course or 80 percent if they take the course online.

Under the new system, the passing grade for all options will be a minimum score of 75 percent.

The certification is valid for life and is honored in all other states and provinces.

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Frozen Foods Provide Value
By Sue Hampton

Just because you hit the grocery store aisles with a budget in mind doesn’t mean you should sacrifice taste. Steer your cart toward the frozen food aisles, where you’ll find many delicious selections and monstrous values, whether you’re looking for fully prepared meals, snacks, side dishes or desserts. With frozen foods, there is no waste or spoilage. Save money by using just what you need and returning the rest to the freezer for another meal.

Planning meals in advance is another way to manage grocery spending. Having frozen foods on hand can be the easiest way to do this without compromising taste, nutrition and convenience. Plan a menu, make a list and create a “go-to” freezer pantry where you can prepare meals in minutes.

Here is a tasty example to whip up for family or guests without spending a bundle.

**Penne Shrimp and Broccoli**

- 1 lb. frozen shrimp, thawed, peeled and deveined
- ½ package (16 oz.) frozen broccoli florets
- 12 oz. penne pasta
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta and drain. In a large skillet, sauté garlic and onion in butter, oil and salt until tender. Add broccoli; cook and stir over medium heat for approx. 6 minutes. Add shrimp; cook additional 4-5 minutes, or until shrimp is pink and broccoli tender. Stir in pasta and sprinkle with cheese. Serves 4.

Top off this meal with a piece of delicious “Buttermilk Pie.” This recipe was one of my mom’s favorites!

**Buttermilk Pie**

- ½ cup Buttermilk
- 1-3/4 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 3 Tbsp. flour
- Pinch of salt
- 1 stick of butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- Nutmeg

Preheat oven to 400. Mix everything together and pour into an unbaked 9” pie shell. Sprinkle top with nutmeg and bake 15 minutes. Reduce oven to 350 and bake for 45 minutes. Cool to allow the filling to set. Enjoy!

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28 New State Game Wardens Heading to the Field

Twenty-eight new state game wardens soon will be spreading across Texas to begin their law enforcement duties after completing seven months of intensive training at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Warden Training Center in Hamilton County.

The 58th Game Warden class graduated in ceremonies recently in the House of Representatives chamber at the Capitol in Austin. Featured speaker at the event was Daniel Hodge, first assistant Attorney General of Texas.

The new game wardens will be reporting for duty at stations spanning the state from East Texas to El Paso. While the primary duty of state game wardens is to enforce hunting and fishing laws and water safety regulations, they are fully commissioned peace officers who also respond to natural disasters, assist other local and state law enforcement agencies as well as conducting public outreach on a variety of conservation-related topics.

“Their much-needed presence will be felt as they assume duty assignments all across the state,” said Danny Shaw, assistant director of TPWD’s Law Enforcement Division. “Texas game wardens have played a vital role for over 118 years and these officers are prepared to carry on that rich heritage and tradition.

The new game wardens received 618 hours of instruction to meet the state-mandated training requirements for their basic peace officer certification including criminal and constitutional law; firearms; self defense; use of force; defensive driving; arrest, search and seizure; ethics, and first aid.

In addition, their curriculum included another 700 to 750 hours of training related to wildlife and fisheries enforcement, the Texas Water Safety Act, wildlife and fisheries identification, public relations and communications, boat operation, ATV operation, and specialized patrol tactics. The new wardens also have become certified hunter education and boater education instructors.

The 28 new wardens will bring TPWD’s Law Enforcement Division to its authorized strength of 532 game wardens, a group of men and women who are carrying on a tradition of service to Texas dating back to 1895.

These are the new game wardens, their home town, and the counties in which they will be stationed:
--Mark R. Anderson- Tyler, TX- Starr County
--Jason Garcia- Schertz, TX- Maverick County
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**Texas Sets Waterfowl Seasons for 2013-14**

For the first time in a half century, Texas waterfowl-
crs can take two canvasbacks daily under migratory
game bird seasons approved for the 2013-14 by the
Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

The increase comes with news of healthy waterfowl
populations, with all species except pintail and scap
numbering above the long term goals identified in the

“Overall, waterfowl are doing quite well,” Kevin
Kraai, Waterfowl Program Leader for the Texas
Parks and Wildlife Department told commissioners.
“We’re near record levels and in some instances in
the glory days for ducks.”

The commission also adopted a staggered split be-
tween the North and South Zones to allow for the op-
portunity of an additional week for those waterfowl-
ers who travel between zones.

In another change to the season framework that
should be welcomed by hunters, the possession lim-
its for all migratory game birds is now three times the
daily limit. For ducks, including teal during the early
Sept. 14-29 season, the possession limit is 18.

The only decrease in bag limit configuration in-
volves scaup, with a reduction to three daily. Follow-
ing are the adopted season dates and limits:
2013-14 Migratory Game Bird Seasons
Ducks
19 -- Oct. 20; Regular: Oct. 26 -- Oct. 27 and
--South Zone: Youth: Oct. 26 -- Oct. 27; Regular:
Nov. 2 -- Dec. 1 and Dec. 14 -- Jan. 26; “Dusky”
--North Zone: Youth: Oct. 26 -- Oct. 27; Regular:
Nov. 2 -- Dec. 8 and Dec. 21 -- Jan. 26; “Dusky”
Bag Limit: 6/day in the aggregate to include no more
than 3 wood ducks, 3 scaup, 5 mallards, of which only
2 may be hens, 2 redheads, 2 pintail , 2 canvasback,
(See Waterfowl Seasons for 2013-14...Continued on Page 9-B)
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1 “dusky duck” (mottled, black or Mexican-like) after the first 5 days. Mergansers: 5/day with no more than 2 hooded mergansers. Coots: 15/day

Geese

--Bag Limit: 3 Canada geese, 2 White-fronted geese, 20 light geese (no possession limit).

Sandhill Crane


Bag Limit: 5 dark geese with no more than one white-fronted goose, 20 light geese (no possession limit).

--West Zone: Light Geese Nov. 2 -- Feb. 2; Dark Geese Nov. 2 -- Feb. 2; Light Geese Conservation Order Feb. 3 -- Mar. 23.

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Sep 8 - Cedar Creek (Log Cabin)
Oct 6 - Cedar Creek (Log Cabin)
Nov 10 - R Chambers (Gander Mtn)
Dec 15 - Ray Hubbard (Bay View)

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Texas Fisheries Biologists Work to Make Fishing Better

Texans normally associate fall with the start of hunting season, but it is also a busy time for fisheries biologists. When you are on your favorite lake during the next few months, you may encounter a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Inland Fisheries crew conducting one of several kinds of surveys. Information from these surveys is used to guide management decisions for the reservoir, such as what kind and how many fish to stock.

Take Lake Bridgeport as an example. TPWD biologists will be conducting a creel survey on Lake Bridgeport beginning September and wrapping up in May of 2014. Creel surveys are conducted by contacting anglers in person while they are on the lake fishing or when they are at a boat ramp. The creel survey will determine harvest of all fishes from the lake, especially largemouth bass and Palmetto bass, during the period. (As part of an every-other-year stocking plan, 59,756 Palmetto bass fingerlings were stocked in May 2013.) Other information such as monetary value of the fishery, sizes of fish harvested and caught and angler residence will also be determined. After all the data are compiled and analyzed, a management report will be written which summarizes the results and recommends strategies to improve or maintain the fishery. The report will be available late summer of 2014.

An electrofishing boat (also known as a shocking boat) will be used to sample the fish in Lake Bridgeport in early November. Electrofishing works best at night in six feet of water. Fish are captured using a small dip net on the bow of the lighted electrofishing boat while the sampling. All bass are weighed and measured. A small sample of largemouth bass will be checked for the presence of Florida largemouth bass genes. All forage species are measured and released. Records are kept of all fish collected. Comparing numbers and sizes of fish collected over a period of years shows population trends and growth rates.

Bridgeport’s crappie population will be sampled in December with a piece of gear called a trap net. It works like a minnow trap and funnels the crappie into the net, where they cannot escape. The net is set in the afternoon and taken out the next morning. The crappie are weighed, measured and released.

Finally, in March or April, channel catfish, Palmetto bass and white bass will be sampled with gill nets. Gill nets are 125 feet long by 8 feet deep and entangle fish with varying mesh sizes. Gill nets are set in the afternoon and taken out the next morning. Once again the target fish will be weighed, measured and released, if possible.

Not all lakes are surveyed every year, but chances are good that TPWD boat you see on the lake this fall and winter will not carry a game warden but a fisheries biologist working to make fishing better. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

The goal of all this activity is to make sound management decisions based on the best data available. Many times anglers ask, Why not stock (kind of fish) into (name of reservoir)? The answer may be that the reservoir does not contain habitat suitable for that species of fish. Or it may be that survey data show that fish of that species already in the reservoir are growing at less than a desirable rate, which may indicate there is not enough forage in the reservoir to support more fish. On the other hand, survey data may show that a reservoir has a forage base capable of supporting a different predator sportfish, in which case biologists may recommend stocking that species.

Stocking requests from biologists across the state are compiled and ranked. TPWD’s fish hatcheries are then requested to produce fish to fulfill as many of the requests as possible.

So while you are sitting on a comfortable couch in a warm room watching sports on TV this winter, remember that fisheries biologists are out there working to see that when you go fishing, there will be fish to catch. If you have questions about the management of a lake, contact the fisheries biologist in charge of it. Contact information for TPWD fisheries biologists is at http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/about/divisions/inland_fisheries/offices/index.phtml/biologist.

Meanwhile, if you catch a fish you think is a lake record, you can go online at http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/programs/fishrecords/ to check the current records and download an application. Take good pictures to aid in identification, and weigh the fish within three days of the catch on certified scales.
Game Warden Kevin Glass Named 2013 Texas Marine Officer of the Year

State game warden Kevin Glass has been named the 2013 Texas Marine Officer of the Year by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s Law Enforcement Division.

The award was presented to Glass by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Executive Director Carter Smith at a recent meeting of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission at TPWD Headquarters.

With twenty years of service and experience, Glass, stationed in Waller County, has proven himself to be an asset to Texans.

In 2012, Glass participated in more than 160 Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education training hours, including the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators Tactical Boat Operators course and the NASBLA Seated Sobriety course.

Glass is also actively involved in training his fellow game wardens, in and out of his district, in various subjects ranging from firearms to water safety. He is one of 15 trainers instructing the Seated Standard Field Sobriety Test. In addition, he is also the primary instructor for the DWI/BWI/SFST refresher course for his district and has assisted in the instruction of the SFST portion at the Texas Game Warden Academy for the last five years.

Warden Glass has arrested and filed five or more boating while intoxicated cases every year since 2009 (21 total) and has arrests for boating while intoxicated dating back to 1995. As a result of his success in the enforcement of BWI laws and many hours and late nights on the water assisting and teaching his partners, Glass is involved in nearly all BWI arrests in his district.

Year after year, Glass has been one of the leaders in his district in terms of cases filed, boat hours logged (more than 2,000 in the last four years), and training hours instructed.

In June 2011, Glass arranged a meeting with the Harris County District Attorney to discuss and demonstrate the new sobriety test and invited the assistant district attorneys to ride along and witness the test being administered in the field. Harris County is the third largest county per capita in the nation and consistently leads the state in alcohol-related crashes.

Since that meeting, the warden has filed five BWI cases using the Standard Seated Sobriety Test and has taught and supervised others in the district resulting in the filing of six more BWI cases utilizing this test.

In addition, Glass volunteers to patrol Harris County waterways increasing the assigned game wardens of Harris County and providing leadership, experience and motivation to detect and arrest violators of BWI
cases as well as other penal code and Parks and Wildlife code violators.

Glass is now in the running for the Southern States Boating Law Administrators Association Marine

Officer of the Year Award, which, if chosen, would make him eligible for the National Boating Safety Officer of the Year Award given by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

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Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork

27th Semi-Annual Open Tournament
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1. Entry fee is $40.00 - late entry is $45.00.
2. Early entries must be postmarked by Oct. 19, 2013.
3. All entries must be postmarked by Oct. 26, 2013.
4. Check-in time: Friday, Oct. 25, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 26, 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. at Oakridge 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 (trailering 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 (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).
15. You must be in weight-in line by 3:30 p.m.
16. All fish must be brought to the scales in weigh-in bags. No ice 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 (0.5) pound. All fish weighed in become the property of Texas Trails Bassmasters 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 position will be combined and evenly divided between the tying contestants.
20. Contests may not have served as a compensatory guide or person.
21. Contests may fish with a guide on Lake Fork prior to the day before fishing this TTB tournament.
22. Use of ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES or CON-TROLLED 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 Texas Trails Bassmasters effort to promote fishing, conservation, clean waters, courtesy or safety shall be reason for disqualification from this and all future Texas Trails Bassmasters tournaments.
25. Parent or guardian must accompany contestants under 18 years of age.
26. All contests must be registered with the tournament judges within 15 minutes after designated weigh-in time. All decisions of the tournament judges will be final in all matters. Any protests against the outcome of an Open tournament will have to pay for any additional polygraph test given.
27. All boats must be 8 feet in length or longer. An aerated live well 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 Texas Trails Bassmasters 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 Bassmasters 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 Oct. 19, 2013 to Texas Trails Bassmaster, 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.

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

Contestant Signature ____________________________

Minor’s release: Signed by Parent/Guardian ____________________________

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When a sea elephant gets angry, his nose fills with air, swells like a balloon and forms a snout up to 80 inches long.
Frozen Foods Provide Value

By Sue Hampton

Just because you hit the grocery store aisles with a budget in mind doesn’t mean you should sacrifice taste.

Steer your cart toward the frozen food aisles, where you’ll find many delicious selections and monstrous values, whether you’re looking for fully prepared meals, snacks, side dishes or desserts. With frozen foods, there is no waste or spoilage. Save money by using just what you need and returning the rest to the freezer for another meal.

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Penne Shrimp and Broccoli
1 lb. frozen shrimp, thawed, peeled and deveined
½ package (16 oz.) frozen broccoli florets
12 oz. penne pasta
3 garlic cloves, minced
¼ cup chopped onion
2 Tbsp. butter
2 Tbsp. olive oil
¼ tsp. salt
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta and drain. In a large skillet, sauté garlic and onion in butter, oil and salt until tender. Add broccoli; cook and stir over medium heat for approx. 6 minutes. Add shrimp; cook additional 4-5 minutes, or until shrimp is pink and broccoli tender. Stir in pasta and sprinkle with cheese. Serves 4.

Top off this meal with a piece of delicious “Buttermilk Pie.” This recipe was one of my mom’s favorites!

Buttermilk Pie
½ cup Buttermilk
1-3/4 cup sugar
2 large eggs
3 Tbsp. flour
1 stick of butter
1 tsp. vanilla
Pinch of salt
Nutmeg

Preheat oven to 400. Mix everything together and pour into an unbaked 9" pie shell. Sprinkle top with nutmeg and bake 15 minutes. Reduce oven to 350 and bake for 45 minutes. Cool to allow the filling to set. Enjoy!

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boat than during normal
or high water conditions.
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your motor through. Get
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and follow the marked
boat lanes that are in
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- Teams must consist of one adult 18 years of age or older and one child under 18 years of age. Each team can weigh in a maximum of four fish.
- **Pre-registration is required.** Mail registration must be received by Wednesday, September 25. To request a registration form, call (903) 670-2222.
- You may register in person on the day of the event by going to the admissions booth at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center AFTER 7:00 a.m.
- A $15 entry fee per team will be charged. The entry fee includes admission to TFFC. Fishing will take place from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the weigh-in at the Anglers Pavilion at TFFC at 2:30.

For more information or to request an entry form, contact Craig Brooks at (903) 670-2222.