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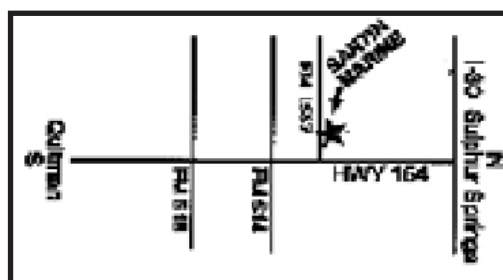


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TPWD Game Warden Field Notes

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

--DWI Lands Woman in Jail-- After observing a sports car speeding and veering into a median just north of Del Rio, a Val Verde County game warden pulled the car over. The female driver showed signs of intoxication, but refused all field sobriety tests. She was arrested for suspicion of driving while intoxicated and placed in the county jail. Case pending.

--Chase Nets Pot-- Game wardens were patrolling the western edge of their far west Texas district for deer poaching late one night when they saw a vehicle turn around suspiciously on a highway. Before the

wardens could activate their emergency lights to pull the vehicle over, the car accelerated rapidly and gained distance. The wardens found the vehicle ditched on a side road after a short pursuit, but the occupants had abandoned the vehicle and disappeared into the darkness. After securing the scene, the wardens inspected the vehicle and called for backup after finding multiple bundles of suspected marijuana. When backup arrived, an extensive search of the surrounding area for suspects began, but the officers were unable to locate the suspects. The 430.2 pounds of marijuana found in the bundles, as well as the vehicle were seized as part of an ongoing investigation.

--Running Out of Ex-

cuses-- A Parker County game warden completed an investigation and charges were brought against three subjects for killing six deer from a public road and dumping the deer off a bridge. It is unknown how many deer the subjects actually wounded and never found. One of the men said that they had run out of ammunition for the rifle and were shooting at the deer with a shotgun, using duck load. Restitution is pending for the three does and three fawns that were dumped.

--Sniffing Out the Truth-- While checking for fishing violations in east Travis County, two game wardens saw three male subjects smoking marijuana in plain view

(See Game Warden...

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By Dean Stroman

As you read this, most of Fork's big 'uns are in or very close to shallow water spawning sites. Some will be at back ends of major creeks. Others will be staging up next to their spawning sites. Catching these older-age class bass is easiest when they first pull up to shallow water spawning sites. They start cruising their new home site getting themselves familiar with their new surroundings. Once they become familiar with their new surroundings, they will set up their core area on or near the deepest available water, normally in six to ten feet depths. Some of these staging areas will hold large numbers of bass until they get ready to spawn,

and then move on to their spawning site. Water temperature will be the key factor as to when bass will actively start their spawning activities.

Lake Fork will normally have three spawns, one in February, March and April with a few left over in May. Older age class bass are normally the first group to spawn in late February and March with younger and more numbers peaking at the end of March through April. For February spawn water temperature will play a key role together with the moon phase. When water temperature reaches that magical sixty-two to sixty-five degree range, spawning activity will start in earnest.

For early spawn key in (See Strollin.....

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at a picnic table. The wardens along with K9 partner, Ruger, contacted the subject and the dog searched the vehicle previously occupied by the subjects and alerted the warden to the driver's-side door. Inside the vehicle, Ruger located a marijuana roach. Paraphernalia citations were issued to all subjects, who admitted to partaking in the illegal activity.

—Aiming for Trouble— A Williamson County game warden met with a hunter who had made an Operation Game Thief call about a hog hunter who shot across the property line about 15 yards from his position. The hunter shouted at the shooter after they shot onto private property. The hunter said the shooter wasn't shooting at a hog or deer. The warden tracked down the hunters who lived nearby along the San Gabriel River and found the person he was searching for. Within a couple of minutes, the man confessed to shooting across the property line. Case is pending.

—Case of the Missing Antler— A Polk County game warden discovered a white-tailed buck, with a missing antler, at a local processor. The antler looked to have been recently broken off. After speaking to the hunter, the warden discovered that the deer was originally a six-point buck, which is under the 13-inch antler restrictions. Case pending for taking an illegal white-tailed buck with less than a 13-inch antler spread.

—Unlicensed to Kill— Seeing a fresh, clean tag on a large buck brought into a local deer processor, a Polk

County game warden became a little suspicious. After checking the license with dispatch, the warden learned that it had been purchased a few minutes before the deer was dropped off at the processor. Several interviews later, the warden found that the man had already killed a large buck on opening day, also killed the buck in question on the same property. To avoid getting caught, the hunter called his brother and asked him to go and buy a license for another family member, who was not a hunter, and bring him a tag. The plan backfired when they forgot to get their stories straight. Charges filed included exceeding the annual bag limit of white-tailed buck deer less than 13-inch antler spread, hunting under the license of another, and possession of an illegally taken white-tailed deer. Cases and restitution on a 140 Boone and Crockett whitetail pending.

—Too Many Deer, Too Little Spread— Two Polk County game wardens investigated a local man suspected of exceeding his white-tailed deer bag limit. After a short interview, the subject confessed and produced the antlers from 8-point and 10-point white-tailed bucks he killed during the first week of the season. Case filed for exceeding the annual bag limit of white-tailed buck deer with less than 13-inch antler spread.

—A Photo Speaks 1,000 Words— After a detailed investigation, two game wardens served a felony warrant after a subject was caught on a trail camera with

a beer in one hand and a rifle slung over his shoulder. The wardens partnered with the justice of the peace and several community members and identified the subject. It was found that the subject had been convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the late '80s. With the photograph as evidence, wardens provided their case a few weeks later and acquired the arrest warrant.

—Shining a Light on Untagged Deer— An Atascosa County game warden was assisting the Jourdanton Police Department and the Department of Public Safety with the search for an intoxicated man who was causing problems. The warden shined his flashlight in a driveway of a residence and saw a buck deer hanging. After making contact with three men, two citations were issued for two untagged deer and warnings for not filling out the hunter harvest log. Cases pending.

—Trail of Bread Crumbs Leads Wardens to Guilty Hunters— While checking duck hunters on Redfish Bay, two San Patricio County game wardens encountered a group of hunters using bread crumbs as bait. As the wardens approached the blind, they noticed pieces of what turned out to be bread floating in the water around the blind. The hunters said that since they did not have decoys they decided to use the bread to lure in the ducks. Inspecting the hunter's bag, the wardens found a cormorant, which the hunters claimed was a pintail. Cases pending.

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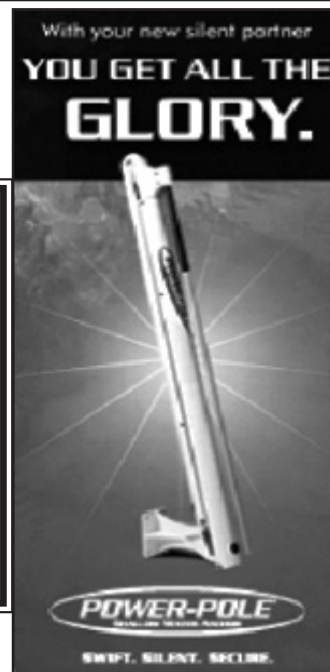
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Special Sweets for that Special Sweetie this Valentine's Day

By Sue Hampton

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Here are two recipes you may care to try:

Chunky Macadamia Bars



Bars and brownies made with macadamia nuts are nutritious and delicious! Happy Valentine's Day!

1-1/2 sticks butter or margarine, softened
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2-1/3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1-3/4 cups (10-oz. pkg.) Hershey's Mini Kisses Brand Milk Chocolates, divided
3/4 cup coarsely chopped Macadamia Nuts
Vanilla glaze (recipe follows)

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Beat butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar in large bowl until fluffy. Add egg and vanilla; beat well. Add flour and

baking soda; blend well. Stir in 1 cup baking pieces and nuts; press into ungreased 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with remaining 3/4 cup chocolates. Bake 22 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Drizzle vanilla glaze over top; allow to set. Cut into bars. About 24 bars.

Vanilla glaze: Combine 1 cup powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons milk and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract in small bowl; stir until smooth. About 1/3 cup glaze.

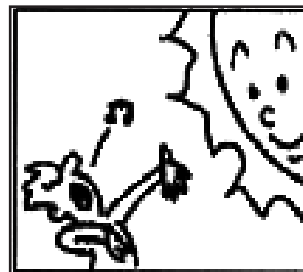
Supreme Chocolate Saucepan Brownies

2 sticks butter or margarine
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup Hershey's Co-

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4 eggs, beaten
2/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 cups (12-oz. pkg.) Hershey's Special Dark Chocolate Chips or Hershey's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips
1/2 cup Macadamia Baking Pieces

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Melt butter in medium saucepan over low heat. Add sugar and cocoa; stir to blend. Remove from heat. Stir in eggs. Stir together flour, salt and baking soda; stir into chocolate mix-

ture. Stir in vanilla, chocolate chips and nuts. Spread in prepared pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until brownies begin to pull away from sides of pan and begin to crack slightly; do not underbake. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. About 24 brownies.



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on areas that have the warmest water temperature. Find those areas that get the most available light and are the warmest. Weather conditions also play an important role. The northwest side of coves and creeks are generally the first to warm up. If Mother Nature gives us a warming trend the last week of February, the spawning activities will begin in earnest. This activity will be best on Fork's upper ends of Lake Fork Creek. Garrett, Elm, Magee Bay, Broad Tree, back ends of Birch, Little and Big Caney and the Glades will also have early spawning activity. Find the areas that have the warmest water temperature that is protected from prevailing winds, sloping banks in back of major creeks, secondary points that have creek channels that come closest to shallow water areas or drainage, back ends that have two to four feet of water, on the edge falling to six to ten feet in creek channels. Bass will be either in or on the edge of these channels. Find these and you should be in "hawg heaven."

During warming trends and during the start of a cold front, fish the shallow sides two to four feet after the fronts. Fish the deeper areas until water temperature warms back up. A few days of seventy degree weather can warm these shallow areas quickly. The biggest key is water temperature. Every creek and cove will have a different temperature. Find the warmest and you will get bit.

When fishing these areas, lipless cranks in red color, suspending jerk baits with black/blue chrome or gold sides with an orange belly, and spinner baits in chartrreuse and white with a touch of red or burnt orange is hard to beat. When bass become inactive and you can't get bit on these reaction lures, switch to jig/craw, plastic Texas-rigged or split-shot lizards, or Senko-type baits. On really tough days a split-shot French fry-type bait will be your best bet.

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4. Check in time: Friday, April 11, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, April 12, 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 (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 brought to the scales in weigh-in bags.
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.
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Apr. 2014



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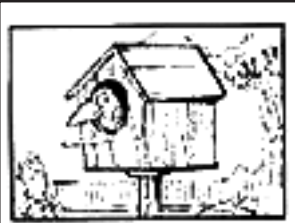
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