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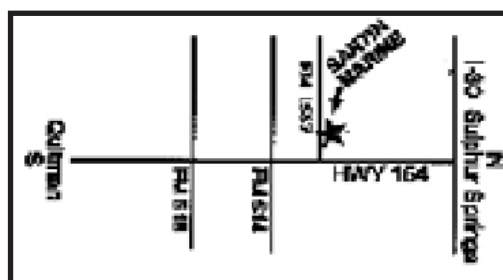


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TPWD Game Warden Field Notes

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

--A Deer Has More Meat Than Its Backstrap-- A Zavala County game warden received information about two white-tailed deer that were dumped on the side of the road without backstraps. The warden searched nearby residences and found fresh blood that seemed to be washed out of the bed of a pickup truck. In a hidden ice chest, four backstraps were found under ice. After a lengthy wait, two Arkansas women, who are currently working in the oil field, admitted to taking the two deer at night and dumping the

carcasses on the road.

--Sea Turtle Given a Second Chance-- Three Aransas County game wardens were in an airboat checking duck hunters, when they saw a green sea turtle struggling in the water. The turtle was rescued from the cold and shallow waters and relocated to deep water in Aransas Bay.

--Over the Limit-- A Lubbock District captain and a Garza/Lynn County game warden were about to call off their patrol efforts for the day because of heavy rains, when they saw the head-lights of an all-terrain vehicle going in to a ranch near Lake Alan Henry. The wardens gave the ATV a head start, then entered the ranch and tracked the vehicle's muddy prints.

With windows down, the wardens soon heard the squawk of an injured rabbit, scanned the area, and saw two men hunting coyotes and hogs over two white-tailed deer carcasses. One of the wardens checked the men's licenses and asked when the two bucks, both with sawed-off skullcaps, had been killed. The man soon confessed to killing one of the bucks the day before, his second of the season in Garza County, a one-buck county. The wardens were led back to a nearby house, where multiple citations were issued and the illegal buck and skullcap were seized. Criminal charges and civil restitution are pending.

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By Dean Stroman

Now is the time to catch that dream bass you have been thinking about all winter. Big females will be in shallow water areas either spawning or preparing to spawn. If you are after a ten-plus pound bass, March is the best month to catch her.

One thing you can count on is that the bite will be excellent one day and have you wondering where all the bass went the next day. With the weather changing daily, you must be mobile to consistently stay on fish. It can be seventy-plus degrees one day and freezing the next. Fishing can be excellent before and

during a front, but will be tough on days following.

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--Joyride Leads to Trouble-- A Titus County game warden received a call about riders of seven ATVs that were tearing up the road, throwing beer cans everywhere, and trespassing. The warden located the ATVs in a camp close to the area. Ten adults were found on the scene, two of whom were under 21. Citations were issued for minor in possession of alcohol, evading arrest, and operating an ATV on a public roadway. An investigation is pending on criminal trespass and burglary of a deer camp in the same area.

--Two Youths Earn Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt-- A Dallas county game warden organized a once-in-a-lifetime red deer hunt on a local ranch for two youths. Working with the landowner, the TPWD Hunter Education office, and the Dallas Safari Club's Ecological/Education Foundation, the group developed criteria for this opportunity by developing prerequisites that not only educated each hunter, but showed the importance of hunting and conservation. To qualify for selection, each hunter was required to be currently enrolled in his/her high school's outdoor education program, complete a hunter education course, show firearm proficiency, and write a one-page essay on wildlife conservation. Both hunters were chosen from a competitive group and were accompanied by their fathers. Both were successful in taking

two mature red deer stags, and one feral hog.

--Tossing up a White Flag-- A McCulloch County game warden was staking out Brady Lake when he saw an SUV stop nearby. After several minutes, the passenger tossed an empty bottle out of the window. After contacting the vehicle occupants, the warden discovered the driver and passenger had active arrest warrants for theft by check in McCulloch, Mason, Llano, and Burnet counties. Both individuals were booked into McCulloch County Jail.

--Tag, You're It-- While checking a father and his two daughters, who were hunting in Harris County, a warden found both daughters had multiple tags missing from their licenses. The girls said they had never harvested a deer before and that this was their first time hunting this year. The father said he knew nothing about the missing tags on their licenses because both girls live with their stepfather and mother. After a lengthy interview with the stepfather, citations were issued for hunting under the license of another and over the bag limit of white-tailed deer. Cases pending.

--Swimming To Safety-- While checking a fisherman in a kayak in a fairly remote location, a Comal County game warden noticed something in the water swimming towards his patrol boat. After closer inspection, the warden saw that it

was a dog. He grabbed the pup and brought it aboard. The warden saw that the dog had no collar, was in need of a meal and since the water was about 53 degrees, he offered the pup a ride back to the shore. The dog was turned over to the New Braunfels Humane Society.

--Wrong Time, Wrong Place-- A Starr County game warden was informed about an ATV theft that had occurred. When the warden arrived on scene, a description of the missing ATV was obtained, but was not found. The next day while returning from a routine patrol, the warden noticed an ATV that matched the description of the one reported stolen the previous night. Contact was made and the ATV was identified as the one that was stolen. The operator was placed under arrest and the ATV was recovered.

--South Texas Peyote Bust-- Two Starr County game wardens were notified about hunters trespassing on a ranch. When the subjects returned to their vehicle, the wardens, who were waiting on scene, discovered that they were harvesting peyote on the property. The subjects were found in possession of 32 pounds of peyote and admitted that they were harvesting the plant and were intending to deliver it. The two subjects were charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, a first-degree felony.

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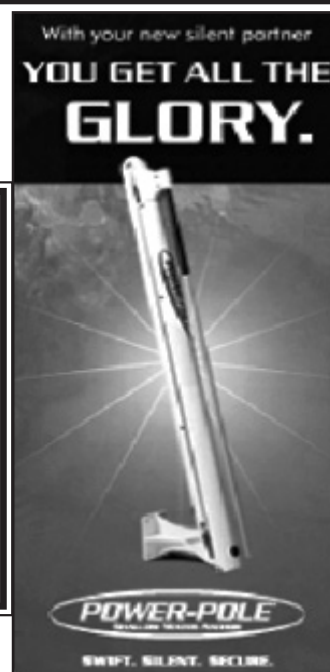
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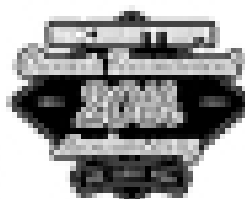
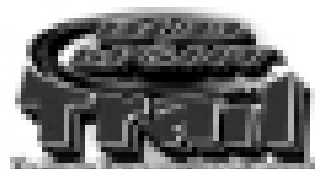
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Steakhouse Stir-Fry And a Toast to St. Patrick's Day

By Sue Hampton

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love the aromatic flavor of slow cooked onions but don't have the time to peel, slice and sauté and prefer not to add fat.

A savory, quick week-night dish with great simmered-in flavor is Steakhouse Onion, Beef and Pepper Stir-fry. Lean sirloin and green or red pepper strips are deliciously sauced with Seasoned Beef Broth with Onion, soy sauce and garlic powder. Serve it to your family over hot cooked rice and bask in the compliments.

Steakhouse Onion, Beef and Pepper Stir-Fry

1 lb. boneless beef sirloin steak, 3/4" thick
3 tbsp. cornstarch
1 can (14-1/2 oz.)

Swanson Seasoned Beef Broth with Onion
1 tbsp. soy sauce
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
2 cups fresh or thawed frozen green or red pepper strips
4 cups hot cooked rice

1. Slice beef into very thin strips. Set aside. Mix cornstarch, broth, soy, and garlic powder. Set aside.

2. In nonstick skillet over medium-high, stir-fry beef until browned and juices evaporate.

3. Add peppers. Stir cornstarch mixture and add. Cook over medium heat until mixture boils and thickens, stirring constantly. Serve over rice.

Raise a Toast to St.

Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is for celebrating Ireland's heritage, having a little fun, and of course toasting to the luck of the Irish. No revelry or traditional meal would be complete without a favorite drink raised in good spirits.

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When cold fronts hit, the appetites of most bass change and their feeding activity will slow down dramatically. They don't move out to deeper areas. They are already committed to these shallow water areas and set up on breaklines that have heavy cover and lay up tight to cover. They are not in a feeding mood, but cannot stand any company in their core area for very long. Dead sticking soft plastics can pay off big during and after cold fronts. Use Gene Larew's six inch Salt Flick'R, rigged with a big hook, Texas-style with no weight. You can throw it a country mile and it is deadly on big females.

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There will be different stages of spawn from one end of the lake to the other. There will be pre-spawning, spawning and post-spawning. One thing you can be sure of is that most bass will be in shallow water and will hit a wide variety of lures. Figuring out what stage most of the bass are in is the key to consistently catching them. Luck plays a role in catching a trophy bass, but you can put

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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).
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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.
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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.
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