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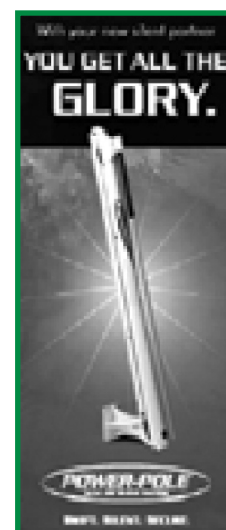
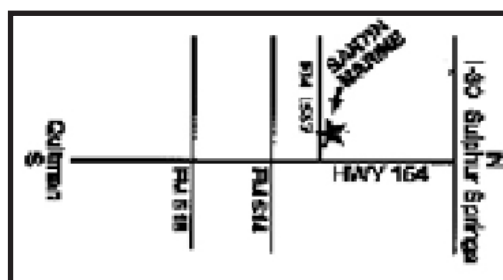


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Search Continues for Wildlife Affected by Recent Oil Spill

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department personnel are continuing to look for wildlife affected following the recent oil spill in the Houston Ship Channel.

As of Sunday, March 23rd, three birds were taken to a private wildlife rehabilitation service field station for rehabilitation and three birds were found dead. More oiled birds are expected to be found. Recently teams of state and federal biologists were checking eastern Galveston Island, Pelican Island and the Bolivar peninsula looking for other affected wildlife.

According to TPWD personnel on the scene, Bolivar Flats is currently a potential hotspot,

since it is a significant refuge for birds. Expectations are that oiled birds will fly there and with decreasing temperatures, more impact on birds is expected. High tides could impact further as habitats become inundated.

In addition to the field work underway, TPWD staff are participating in the incident command operation in Texas City and assisting with response activities for reported impacted wildlife.

How the public can help

--Don't pick up or try to assist any oiled wildlife, including birds or marine animals.

--If anyone observes impacted wildlife, please call 888-384-

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Video of the Galveston oil spill initial impact on wildlife at http://youtu.be/pG_SAU5x-sHE. For a high resolution download, go to <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/files/video/>

For updates Media inquiries about the oil spill response should be directed to the Joint Incident Command at (409) 978-2788 or by email to: texascitycollision@gmail.com



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By Dean Stroman

April is the time to plan as many fishing trips your work schedule will allow. It is also the best time to take a youngster or first time bass fisherman. Most bass will be shallow and have longer feeding periods and will be biting a wide variety of lures.

On the lower or south end of Lake Fork most bass will be in the spawning stage. In the upper or north end most bass will be in the post-spawn stage.

When fishing the north end, one good pattern to fish is creek channels with crank baits. To successfully fish creek channels stay on or near channel break-

lines and work your lure through these breaklines. The areas to check out are channels that run close to banks points and through shallow flats. Garrett, Lake Fork and Birch Creek are some top producing areas.

On lower or southern end, bass will be spawning in some creeks and spawned out in others so it pays to be mobile. Move from area to area until you find some active bass. Location and timing is the key to success. Areas may be hot one day and fishless the next. Don't overlook the main lake areas. Not all bass go to major creeks to spawn. Spawning action can occur anywhere there is shallow water; from one to eight feet. Most bass do spawn in

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Texas Buffalo Soldier Program Connecting New Audiences to Texas State Parks

The Texas Buffalo Soldiers program has scheduled some exciting programs and activities for families this spring. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department programs bring history to life with stories, costumes and activities, while providing an opportunity for audiences to explore what it was like to be a Buffalo Soldier.

Buffalo Soldiers were our country's first professional black soldiers. The 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments served on the western frontier more than 100 years ago. Their posts ranged from Texas to the Dakota territories where the soldiers' main job was to support the westward expansion of the United States.

"What many people don't

realize is that Buffalo Soldiers were some of the original outdoorsmen. These soldiers were hunting and fishing, camping, riding bikes and even serving as some of the country's first park rangers," says Texas State Parks outreach coordinator Ky Harkey.

"We teach outdoor skills while making connections to history and the outdoors," say Luis Padilla, Buffalo Soldiers Program coordinator. "Our goal is to not only share history, but to share Our Story."

"Buffalo Soldiers programs offer hands-on, interpretive exhibits where you can learn how to track an animal, fish with a cane pole, cook over a campfire, dress up in costume and even saddle a horse" says Padilla. "These programs are entertaining, engaging

and fun for the whole family. There is no way anyone can leave our programs and not feel a connection to the past."

Programs are offered across the state this spring, including several programs in the Austin area, as well as Lake Bob Sandlin and Lake Brownwood state parks. Interested audiences are encouraged to visit texasstateparks.org/buffalo-soldiers to learn more and find upcoming Buffalo Soldiers calendar listings. Volunteer opportunities also exist. Learn more by visiting the Buffalo Soldier volunteer website.

To schedule a visit for your group or school, contact Sgt. Luis Padilla at BuffaloSoldiers@tpwd.texas.gov or (512) 389-8569.



Justin and Josh Priest from Canton, Texas won the North Region, Bass Champs Tournament trail held on Lake Fork on March 29th. They had a 3 fish stringer that tilted the scales at 13.81-lbs. Their big bass, also big bass of the tournament, weighed 10.01-lbs. For their victory they took home a 2014 F-150 Ford truck and a cash prize for big bass of \$1,000. Anglers mark your calendars and clear your schedule to fish the Lake Fork Ford Mega Bass on April 6. This is the World's Richest One Day Hourly Big Bass Tournament hosted by Bass Champs. There will be a Ford F-150 given away each hour for the heaviest bass of the hour, plus 10 places paid per hour, with five extra places for BioBor and T-Shirt Bonus. Tournament sight is Lake Fork Marina.

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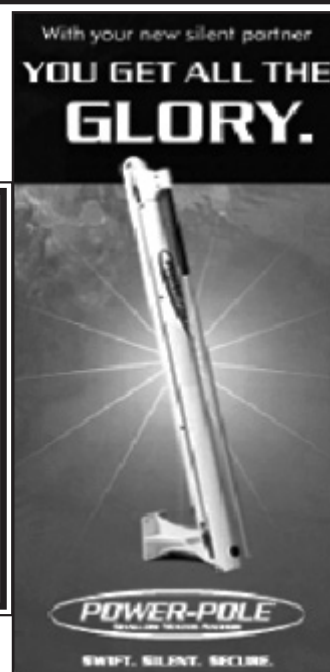
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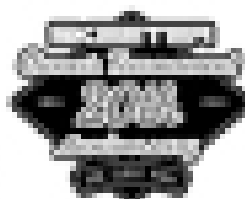
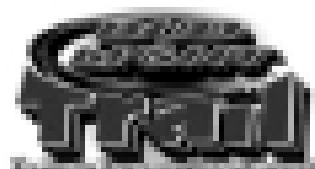
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Game Warden Michelle Mount Selected as SEAFWA Officer of the Year

Texas Game Warden Michelle Mount has been named Officer of the Year by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA).

The award was presented by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Executive Director Carter Smith and TPWD Commission Chairman Dan Hughes Jr. at a recent public hearing of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

This marks the 44th year that this award has been presented to a Texas Game Warden.

Mount began her game warden career in 2003 when she entered the 49th Texas Game Warden Training Academy.

Stationed in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, Mount is well-known for her expertise dealing with exotic game, fish and plant importation. During one case, Mount identified and helped stop the importation of thousands of tropical fish from China into Texas. If they had been released in public waters, the fish could have caused considerable damage. Numerous state charges and federal Lacey Act violations were filed on three importers.

Among her other responsibilities, Mount serves as the regional GIS coordinator for the Law Enforcement Division and often utilizes her skill with the map plotter to make maps indicating where violations have occurred for use during court testimony. As a GIS coordinator, she is prepared to be involved with any situation throughout the state to document movement and points of interest for follow up analysis by the Incident Command Team.

Utilizing her computer skills, Mount accessed the internet on numerous occasions to work cases in-

volving threatened, endangered, and invasive species.

Mount also excels with TPWD's public outreach mission and conducts numerous programs throughout the year. She also presents monthly hunter education classes, speaks to various school programs,

and works with inner city youth teaching them to fish through Operation Outdoor events. Additionally, she volunteers at safety fairs, women in the outdoors events and numerous school programs.

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Ham: An Easter (And Everyday) Family Favorite

By Sue Hampton

When you sit down to Easter dinner, hopefully you haven't forgotten the essential dish – ham! Ham is a classic (and lean!) Easter dish as well as the perfect year-round dinnertime meal choice. That's because ham is so simple to prepare that it practically prepares itself; and it's so versatile that it pairs well with nearly any side dish.

This year, honor the Easter tradition with an easy meal for your whole family to enjoy. This delicious recipe for Baked Ham with Honey-Apricot Glaze is sure to



Many may be surprised at how easily a spiral-cut ham can wind up as the centerpiece of a great meal!

make your Easter meal memorable.

Fascinating Ham Facts Love Ham?

You're not alone. Seventy-seven percent of Americans eat at least one ham entree every two weeks.

Ham For The Holiday!

According to a recent National Pork Board survey, 67 percent of Americans serve ham at their Easter dinners.

Holiday Leftovers?

According to data collected by the NPD Group, ham is the No. 1 sandwich national wide. A perfect use for holiday leftovers!

Baked Ham with Honey-Apricot Glaze

10-14-pound spiral-sliced, fully cooked smoked ham
1 cup honey
1- 6-ounce orange juice concentrate, thawed
1/3 cup soy sauce

1/3 cup apricot jam

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Place ham on rack in shallow roasting pan. Stir together remaining ingredients in medium bowl; set aside. Bake ham for 30 minutes; pour glaze over ham and continue to bake until ham is heated through to 140 degrees F, about a total of 2-1/2 hours (about 15-18 minutes per pound).

After your delicious Easter meal with your family, try this simple dessert! The caramel ice cream topping in the filling and drizzled on top makes this creamy cheesecake irresistible.

Spiced Creamy Caramel-Peanut Torte

1 roll (16.5 oz) Pillsbury

refrigerated chocolate chip cookies

2 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened

1 jar (12.25 oz) Smucker's caramel ice cream topping

1/2 cup creamy peanut butter

1/3 cup powdered sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1 container (8 oz) frozen whipped topping, thawed
1-1/4 cups honey roasted peanuts

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray 10- or 9-inch spring-form pan with Crisco Original No-Stick Cooking Spray. Press cookie dough on bottom and 1/4 inch up side of pan. Bake 16 to 23 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely, about 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, in large

bowl, beat cream cheese, 2/3 cup of the caramel topping, the peanut butter and powdered sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Beat in vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg. Fold in whipped topping until well mixed. Fold in 1 cup of the peanuts. Cover; refrigerate until crust is completely cooled.

Spoon cream cheese mixture over cookie crust. Freeze at least 30 minutes until set.

Just before serving, top cheesecake with remaining 1/4 cup peanuts and drizzle with remaining 1/3 cup caramel topping. For easier cutting, wipe knife after each cut. Cover and refrigerate any remaining cheesecake.



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For those of you who sight fish, April is the best

time. Weather and wind permitting April can be an awesome month for fishing. If you are planning a trip to Fork, want up-to-date fishing information or pointers give me a call, I'll be glad to help.

I still have some April and May day trips available and am booking for day and night trips in June and July. So call soonest to get the date you

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3. All entry fees must be paid before 6 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2014.
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.
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 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. Contestants may not have served as a compensated guide on Lake Fork 30 days prior to this tournament.
21. Contestants may fished 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.
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25. Parent or guardian must accompany contestants under 18 years of age.
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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.
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For more information or for information on joining Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork visit our website



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Entry Application

Entry fee of \$40 must accompany mailed entry and must be postmarked on or before Mar. 30th 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.

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Apr. 6 ~ Ford Mega Bass
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Apr. 19 ~ Budlight Trail
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Apr. 19 ~ Media Teams
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Apr. 25 ~ JC Outdoors Team
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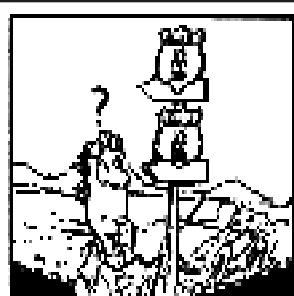
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