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Overcast and windy days fish the windiest point you can find. Wind pushing plankton and other micro-organisms over these points draw baitfish from around the

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area to feed. Every bass in the vicinity will be feeding on these points during the day. Do not overlook Fork’s nighttime action. Big worms, jigs, craws, big spinners and a couple of buzzbaits are all you need to catch Fork’s night bass. Main lake points or well lighted marina areas and lighted boathouses are top locations. Familiarize yourself with the area you are going to fish before it gets dark and don’t forget the bug spray and bring a big net. If you are after that dream bass, nighttime in August on Fork is the best there is anywhere.

I am booking now for night trips and some full day trips so call me soonest to get the date you want. Call now to book fall and springtime trips. Remember that a good night trip begins with good planning and preparation. If you are un-easy about venturing out on a night trip for the first time, you can book a trip with me and I will help you navigate your way around and show you some really good night spots. If I can help make your fishing trip to Lake Fork a good one, give me a call. I’ll be happy to help. Land line: 903-383-7214, Cell: 903-850-5083 and email: dstroman@peoplescom.net.

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Game Warden Field Notes

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

--Smoke Signals-- A game warden patrolling the Lakeside subdivision noticed a car parked at the end of a street. When he approached the vehicle, he saw the passenger smoking something. The driver sped off and turned onto another street without using his blinker. A traffic stop was made and as the warden approached the vehicle, a strong odor of marijuana could be smelled. During the vehicle search, the warden found a backpack with a scale, ziplock bags, individually packed with a scale, ziplock bags, individually pack with a scale, ziplock bags, individually pack with a scale. An odor of marijuana could be smelled. During the vehicle search, the warden found a backpack with a scale, ziplock bags, individually wrapped bags of marijuana and two larger bags of unprocessed marijuana. The individual was placed under arrest and taken to the Webb County Jail.

--"Owls" Well That Ends Well-- Two Starr County game wardens attending career day at a local high school got a chance to make one student wiser, at least when it comes to game laws. While speaking to a student, the wardens learned that he had an owl in captivity. After a few more questions, the wardens were able to locate where the owl was being kept. The owl was recovered and released.

--Blood-shot Eyes Were a Clue-- Two game wardens were patrolling Lake Brownwood with a Brownwood Lake patrol officer when they stopped a pontoon boat for a routine water safety check. The operator had blood-shot eyes and slurred speech. One of the wardens took the driver ashore for further testing, including field sobriety tests, and arrested him for boating while intoxicated. The man consented to a blood draw and was transported to the Brown County Jail.

--Safety First-- A Shackelford County game warden and a Stephens County game warden received a call about three teenage boys missing at Hubbard Creek Lake. The boys had left before dark in a canoe and had not returned. The wardens found the boys stranded on an island in the middle of the lake.

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3 large oyster mushrooms
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
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Discover the Subtle Secrets of Stir-Fry

By Sue Hampton

Although the terms are often used interchangeably, stir-frying and sautéing are two very different cooking methods. Both techniques are designed to maximize flavor while minimizing cooking time. However, the key to stir-fry lies in keeping the food moving continuously in the pan by lifting, tossing and yes, stirring to ensure that each piece is evenly exposed to the heat without scorching and to seal in the flavor.

Following are a few more stir-fry secrets. Practice your way to stir-fry perfection with this easy stir-fried beef & mushrooms. Don’t let its simplicity fool you – made with cubes of tender flank steak, portobella and oyster mushrooms, there’s plenty of flavor going on here.

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--With a Little Help From My Friends-- A Tarrant County game warden was checking bank fishermen at Benbrook Lake, when she noticed a man walking carrying an ice chest full of fish quickly to his truck. After contacting the subject, the warden found two ice chests full of white bass. The man said he was told by his friend that the limit was 75 white bass per day. The man insisted that he was under his limit. A total of 56 white bass were in the man’s possession. The warden seized 31 white bass, issued citations, and gave the man a copy of the Outdoor Annual. Cases pending.

--In the Heat of the Night-- A Shelby County game warden patrolling Toledo Bend boat ramps and camping areas checking night fishermen, noticed a campfire along the shoreline near a boat ramp. As he approached the fire, he heard cast nets hitting the water. After watching the two subjects fish for a while, he made contact. The warden found an ice chest containing bass, crappie, and catfish. Multiple citations were issued for undersized largemouth bass, and fishing using illegal means and methods. Cases and restitution pending.

--Wild Blue Yonder-- Four Tarrant County game wardens and a K9 warden assisted local agencies by patrolling the perimeters of the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth during the Air Power Expo that featured the Blue Angels. In addition to patrolling for water safety, the wardens made sure boaters maintained a safe distance from the airfield and end of the runway.

---Fifteen and Seven Equals Ticket and Jail-- A Montgomery County game warden performed a water safety check on a 15-foot boat with seven adult passengers on Lake Conroe. The boat was found to only have three lifejackets, displayed invalid registration, and had no fire extinguisher. Following field sobriety tests, the driver was also arrested for boating while intoxicated. Charges are pending.

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