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Joshua Franklin from West Virginia bested over 1800 anglers in the 7th Annual Ford Mega Bass Tournament of Lake Fork with this hawg weighing 10.9-lbs. (Fisherman's Guide Photo by Sue Hampton)

West Virginia angler wins the 7th Annual Ford Mega Bass on Lake Fork

By: Conor Harrison

Joshua Franklin makes the 940-mile one-way trip from his home in Huntington, West Virginia to Lake Fork several times a year.

His father-in-law used to own a house on the lake, and the draw of possibly winning a big tournament on the lake has kept him coming

back.

Franklin finally realized his dream when he hooked a 10.9-pound bass around 11:45 a.m. to win the event and take home a new Ford F-150, a Skeeter ZX 200, Yamaha 200 SHO and Minn-Kota-Humminbird package. The big fish allowed the Mountaineer state angler to best more than

1,800 other anglers at the biggest one-day bass tournament in the world. The Ford Mega Bass presented by Bio-bor.

"We got to the lake Tuesday night and began fishing Wednesday," he said. "The water temps were up and down and the rain

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The Fourth Annual Lake Fork Carp & Buffalo Challenge sponsored by the Lake Fork Sportsman's Association was held March 5, 6, 7 and 8. Twenty Three teams took to the banks of Lake Fork for a 72 hour fishing marathon. The weather forced a six hour delay at the start. We had extremes with ice and snow on Thursday morning and to close out the tournament on Sunday we had rain all day. Temperatures ranging from the 20's to the 70's challenged anglers.

Lake Fork is home to Common and Mir-

ror Carp that have been known to grow in excess of 40 pounds and Smallmouth Buffalo that are known to grow in excess of 80 pounds. Due to fallen timber and standing trees, the Lake Fork Carp & Buffalo Challenge is a real test to its competitors. The venue proved to be an exciting challenge to all competitors as they strived to capture champion Carp and Smallmouth Buffalo.

The Lake Fork Carp & Buffalo Challenge is an international event. Teams came to Rains and Wood County from Europe, Canada and all over the U.S. These

teams spent from 8 days to more than 2 weeks in our area. They stayed in motels, ate in restaurants and shopped in retail businesses. The economic impact for this tournament will be in the thousands of dollars.

The anglers were competing for over \$14,000 in prize money.

The Big Winners were the following:

Big Carp
1st Place 29 pounds 1 ounce Frank Kessler & Jason Aylott \$350.00
Big Buffalo
1st Place 54 pounds 11 ounces Norbert Samok

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What Bubba has to dream about...

By: Don Hampton

It wouldn't take a dream expert to analyze Bubba's dreams. For those of us that know him it would not be difficult to guess just what he dreams about.

In his younger years he will admit he dreamed about the "Hooter Girls and the "Dallas Cheerleaders", but that was before meeting Bubbette the love of his dreams. Now in what he refers to as his "Golden Years", Bubba's dreams consist mainly of drinking Bud Light and fishing anywhere except in Dallas.

Now when I refer to Bubba's dreaming, this doesn't mean he is always asleep. This man's daydreams can put Rip VanWinkle to shame. He can be driving his truck or speeding across the lake to get to one of his honey holes and just have a doosie of a dream.

A couple of times, with the fear factor present, I've had to arouse him. When I've asked him where he was at, he would reply, "Oh, I was just having a little daydream!"

Bubba has shared some of his dreams with me and believe me that man has a vivid imagination. The best thing about Bubba's dreams though is that no one ever gets hurt and evidently they bring him a lot of enjoyment.

One of his favorites and he insists it might

come true because it is a reoccurring dream is that he fishes his way to the Bassmasters and wins.

That is not so far fetched. Many anglers dream of that, but Bubba's dreams go in depth far beyond that point. In his dream he beats everyone in the competition by 50 pounds per day and at the end of the tournament all the pros want his autograph and insist he give them tips on his fishing expertise. I told him I didn't think he would ever be able to do that with a Zebco 33. (I can't tell you what he told me on that one.)

My favorite one he has shared with me is him catching the new world record large-mouth bass. He has even seen this one tilt the scales at 28.62 pounds. That is doing some mighty powerful dreaming. In this dream he even picks up sponsors and does television commercials. Can you imagine Bubba doing a Fruit of the Loom commercial? In case this dream does come true I want to be around for this one. Bubba has been practicing the American Express commercial. It doesn't quite sound like any I've ever heard, but who knows we might have to give him credit.

Bubba's version goes like this: "Howdy you all! You and yours probably don't have a clue as to who I are, that's why I carry this here plastic thang! People may not recognize me in my fishing gear at the rib house or at

the chicken fried steak place, which's why I carry this thang. Whether on the pond or on a lake, make no mistake, you present this and you can get a rib or steak! Don't leave your shack without it!"

Now if you saw this, wouldn't it just make you want to go out and extend your credit rating?

With all dreams there comes the scary ones and Bubba has a few of those. His consists of wanting to go fishing and not being able to find his boat, not being able to find the lake, Bubbette selling all his fishing stuff at one of her garage sales, and the "Dallas Cheerleaders" and the "Hooter Girls" all wanting to go fishing with him. (Well okay, maybe not the last one. I just wanted to see what Bubbette would do to him.)

To top all of this off someone made the mistake of sharing with Bubba a superstitious saying. Bubba being a country boy and believing somewhat in superstition isn't taking any chances. This individual told Bubba that if you have a dream and tell it to someone before having breakfast that dream will come true. Now when Bubbette tells him to shut-up and go back to sleep, he gets on the phone to his friends to tell them of fishing the Bassmasters or making an American Express commercial.

So, if you meet Bubba, don't give him your telephone number.

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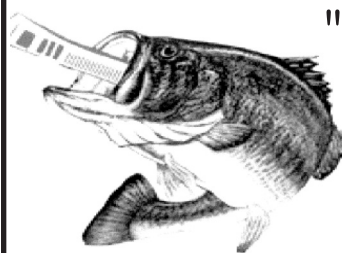
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4th Annual Carp & Buffalo Challenge (Continued from Page 1-A)

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Big Carp/Big Buffalo ~ 1st Place 76 pounds 14 ounces Norbert Samok & Laszlo Kovacs \$750.00

2nd Place 71 pounds 6 ounces Kenneth Keaton & Justin Keaton \$350.00

3rd Place 61. Pounds 1 ounces Dennis Moss & Gary Owens \$200.00

Big Four Carp ~ 1st Place 83 pounds 10 ounces Marcin Szwdlowski & Henryk Burza \$2,550.00

2nd Place 75 pounds 12 ounces Greg Hudson & Chad Hudson \$1,100.00

3rd Place 72 pounds 14 ounces Norbert Samok &

Laszlo Kovacs \$750.00

Big Four Buffalo

1st Place 122 pounds 6 ounces Paul & Lisa Hunt \$2,550.00

2nd Place 89 pounds 1 ounce Norbert Samok & Laszlo Kovacs \$1,100.00

3rd Place 47 pounds 4 ounces Dennis Moss & Gary Owens \$750.00

The Lake Fork Sportsman's Association would like to thank the many volunteers who endured extreme weather conditions to insure that fish were properly weighed and recorded. We also want to thank the

landowners, The Sabine River Authority, Keith Gilbreath, Jim Cotton and Mark Coker who allowed anglers to fish from their property., the Wood County Industrial Commission, Emory EDC, Rains Tourism, BTH Bank, CNB Bank and Lake Fork Chamber of Commerce. We appreciate their support in making this event a success. Oak Ridge Marina, tournament host, provided anglers with the type of service that makes them want to come back to East Texas, thanks Barry and Tracy for a job well done. Lastly, we want to thank our social committee and Allan's Hitchin Post for hosting the pretournament social. A dinner of the finest East Texas Chicken Fried Steak was served to anglers, volunteers, sponsors and landowners.



Paul and Lisa Hunt won 1st Place in the Big Four Buffalo weighing in 122-lbs. 6-oz.



Paul Hunt with one of the Big 4 Buffalo he caught during the course of the tournament.



Big Four Carp ~ 1st Place with 83-pounds 10-ounces was Marcin Szwdlowski & Henryk Burza.



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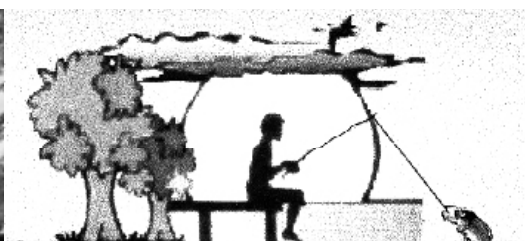
wouldn't go away. The day of the tournament, the water temperatures were 62 degrees, so we focused on catching fish in 8 to 10 feet of water."

Throwing a Flash Pop that was similar to a small Alabama rig with a secret swimbait attached, Franklin caught a fish below the slot limit and cashed an hourly check early in the tournament.

"Once we cashed that first check, I said, 'Well

now I'm going to catch an over,'" Franklin said. "My lure wasn't 5 feet from the boat when she hit. I set the hook and thought this is a big fish. She went under the boat and I thought I might lose her, but we got her in the net, made sure she was long enough and I knew we might have caught the big fish of the tournament." I said, "We need to go to the

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April is set for multiple patterns

By David Ozio

"It has been long awaited but April is finally here. We all have endured some strange weather over the past couple of months on Lake Fork and it's about time the giants come out to play. Recent rains have stained the water over most of the lake but, as of this writing, I expect the lake to start to clear and trophy bass to move shallow where everyone can have a true shot at a "once in a lifetime" wall hanger. The lake is only three foot low at this point and main lake water temps are inching upward toward 60 degrees. This bodes well for a shallow water extravaganza.

My sites are set for multiple patterns to evolve through April, one of which involves chunking

huge swimbaits. This calls for some clear water and I think this watershed should start to stabilize as we head into the early stages of the month. The next order of business will be ordering in some wind. Something on the lines of 10-18mph would be perfect but I will take what I can get. Plankton will get pushed up on main lake points, shad will follow as well as the green beasts searching for food. White or shad colored baits will work and don't be afraid to use a chartreuse/blue back if the water is off colored. The A-rig should also be front and center during the first two weeks of the month and the same color schemes apply. Focus these baits into the two to five foot water column and use heavy line on your reels for this application.

The next choice of champions will be the Carolina rig. I would focus on main lake points as well as the first secondary point heading into the coves and creeks. It's hard to beat a lizard at this time of the year and the baby brush hog will take home it's share of the bacon. No need to get crazy with the colors, dark hues on cloudy days, black emerald, junebug, redbug, and translucent baits on the sunny days, watermelon red or watermelon magic. Use a longer leader to help fool the wary bass, something in the four foot range will suffice. Make your casts into the four to ten foot range and

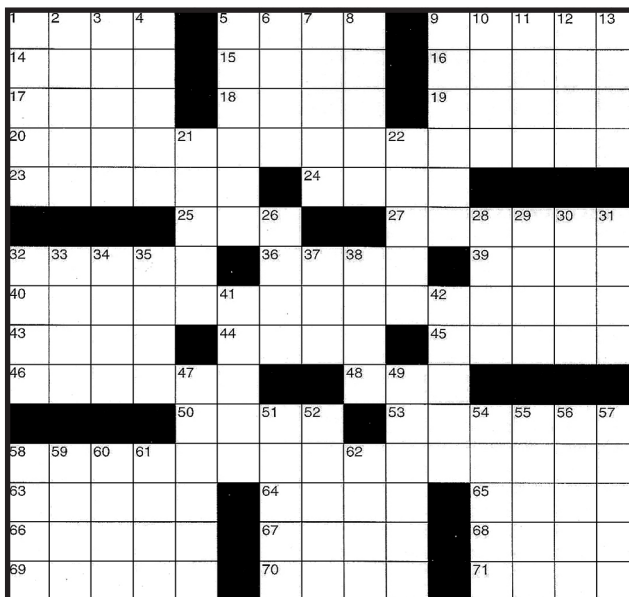


wait for the rod to load up.

My next choice in the multiple pattern mad house would be the squarebill. Fish this hawg catcher in the same places that you would throw the swimbaits. The only difference will be the target depth. Swimbaits will be presented more to the shallow side where the squarebills will be launched into the four to seven foot corridor. Throw any version of chartreuse if the water is stained and shad patterns if the water is clear. I recommend using 15lb fluorocarbon line to get these shallow running crankbaits down to the desired depth and pay attention to the wind blown banks. BTW, keep the net handy.

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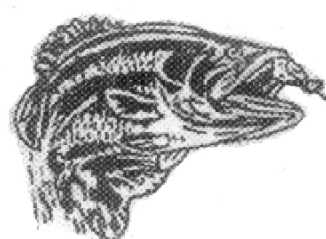
CLUES ACROSS

1. Put on the ____
5. Speed of sound
9. National capital
14. Goidelic language of Ireland
15. Chinese city
16. American followers of the Mennonite Bishop Amman
17. Yield
18. Aromatic ointment used in antiquity
19. Sergeant fish
20. Fabulous place
23. Conqueror
24. Loose, flowing garment
25. Wonderful (slang)
27. Type of numeral
32. Sports equipment
36. Turkish leaders
39. Quantity of no importance
40. Ill
43. Judicial proceeding
44. Margarine
45. Wooden-soled shoes
46. King of Camelot
48. Part of a relay
50. Naval Intelligence Support Center (abbr.)
53. Thin, translucent paper
58. Gable hit
63. Giraffelike animal
64. Longest division of geological time (var.)
65. Romanian city
66. Ancient Greek city
67. Italian seaport
68. Bodily fluids
69. Armor plate
70. Detailed description
71. Surrounds

CLUES DOWN

1. Medieval fiddle
2. ____ Baar, soprano
3. Hebrew letter
4. Nadas
5. Sacred phrase (Hinduism)
6. Female domestic
7. Makes apples easier to eat
8. Of water
9. Naughtier
10. Egyptian god of life (var.)
11. Supports trestletree
12. Bird genus
13. Melting
21. Traveler, in a way
22. Lower in esteem
26. East Indian stew
28. Punt
29. Thai currency
30. Content of cognition
31. Automotive vehicles
32. Former Persian Empire capital
33. Good
34. Nearly horizontal passage from the surface into a mine
35. Ninth letter of the Hebrew alphabet
37. Command right
38. Truant
41. Decorative portal
42. Texas team member
47. Lacking discretion
49. Cultural, in a way
51. Jabs
52. Catchpenny
54. Splash
55. Obsequious use of title (var.)
56. Disarm
57. Icelandic poems
58. Victim of ridicule or pranks
59. Gumbo ingredient
60. Gets to, in a way
61. Epic
62. Pulled

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Ford Mega Bass (Continued From Page 5-A)

dock now."

Franklin was fishing midlake, so he had a good run back to the weigh-in spot.

"I had that Skeeter pegged," he said.

Once the fish was weighed in about 12:45, it was a waiting game for Franklin.

"I was pacing a lot," he said. "All of these people started weighing in overs and I was thinking, where are these fish coming from? There were six in the last hour."

Once he had beaten out all comers, Franklin got emotional after a tough year.

"When our son was three months old, he

was diagnosed with a rare heart defect," Franklin said. "We had to fly him to Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He's now 6 months old and doing great, but it was real tough not knowing if your son was going to make it. Coming from that, I still can't believe I won the biggest one-day bass tournament in the world."

"That new Skeeter sure looks good being pulled home to West Virginia."

Six other anglers also weighed in fish good enough to take home a new Ford F-150 truck:

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PAT MOLINA Mesquite, TX 10.65 Ford F-150

BRYAN RHOADES Bowie, TX 10.25 Ford F-150

CHARLES VAUGHN Mountainbury, AR 10.03 Ford F-150

ANDY WILBURN Royse City, TX 9.79 Ford F-150

TIM RICHARDSON Blanchard, OK 9.22 Ford F-150

All told, fifteen fish over the slot limit were weighed in. More than \$250,000 in cash and prizes were handed out to 1,811 anglers from 32 different states.

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"The Moon Report"

First Wave of Spawners

By Terri Moon

It's been a long time coming but finally the first wave of crappie have committed to going shallow! I didn't think winter was ever going away (and I'm still not sure if it's done for good!) It's been the craziest year of weather and fishing I've ever seen! But so "thankful" to have the lake levels back up and not having the water pumped to Dallas! It's just my opinion but Lake Fork fish have never liked any current – and when they were pulling 1 – 2 inches a day, there was definitely current and it sure affected the fishing.

Now that things are stabilizing, water levels and water temperatures are finally where they need to be for some "awesome" fishing! There is nothing more fun than "Bobber Fishing" this time of year! After about a week of seeing that bobber go under, I start seeing it go under in my sleep and wake myself up setting the hook!! The added bonus of this time of year is you never know what you might catch – a giant bass, a monster catfish or a big



bream. It's all possible and so much fun on my Shimano ultralights!

We are rigging slip bobbers with 1/8 oz. jig heads with Bobby Garland's "natural shad" or "electric chicken" and working it along shorelines and timber in 1 to 8 ft. depths. The females are staging out a little deeper but will move in around the next full moon "big time"! April is going to be an incredible month for ALL species!

It's such a relief to start seeing some really quality crappie and bass being caught after such a tough long winter. By the way it's a good idea to take some minnows along for when the fish aren't as aggressive. I'm looking forward to this years spawn and so glad

my mom and dad are able to be here to get in on the excitement! It's always great to get to spend time fishing with your family!!!

I want to send a HUGE "Thank You" to James, Jody and Darrell at "Popes Landing" for finding room for me to park my boat during our extreme low lake levels during this past winter. They are definitely examples of "Angels Among Us"! Many Thanks!!

Also I want to send my appreciation to Ken and Dana at Lake Fork Marina for having a slip available for me for all these years! It's so great to see the water around the docks!

Many Blessings to you all!

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Emily Breitreutz caught this nice 9.4-lb. bass while fishing Lake Fork with her Dad, Jason and guide Joe Ford. C.P.R. (Courtesy Photo Fisherman's Cove Marina)



Jacob Trahan caught this nice 10.2-lb. Lake Fork hawg while fishing with guide Doug Shampine on March 14th using a black & blue jig. C.P.R. (Courtesy Photo DSP Guide Service)



Rich Michaels won the 31st Semi Annual Texas Trails Bassmasters Open on Lake Fork with the help of this nice 8.75-lb. bass he brought to the scales. (Texas Trails Bassmasters Photo)

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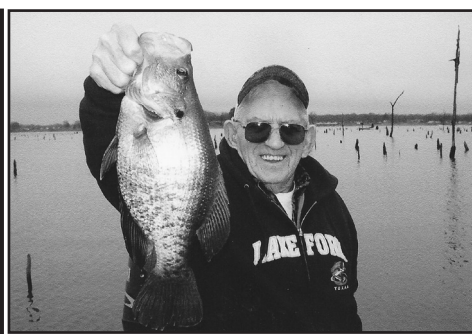
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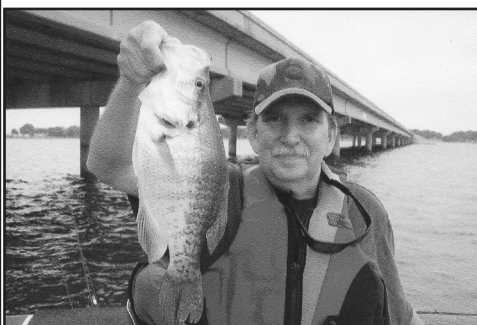
Momma Nova Carleton gonna be 85 and always catches the 1st one



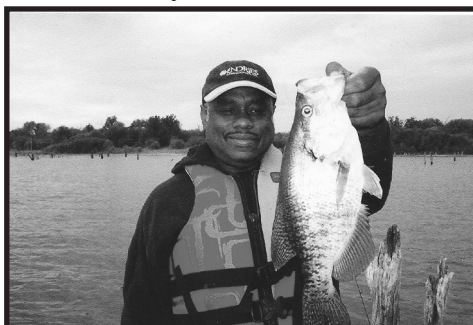
Pops Bobby Carleton, Leesville, MO., he always catches the most



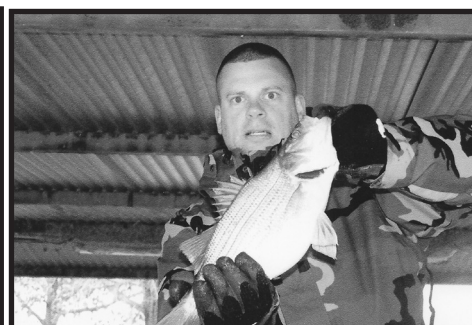
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The Toyota Texas Bass Classic (TTBC) has announced the concert lineup for the 2015 event, returning to Lake Fork on Memorial Day weekend, May 23 – 25, 2015 at the Sabine River Authority in Quitman, Texas. Concerts will be headlined by Billy Currington on Saturday, May 23; Lee Brice on Sunday, May 24 and Rodney Atkins and Joe Nichols finishing out the weekend on Monday, May 25.

"It is an exciting musical lineup this year," said Lenny Francoeur, Tournament Director. "Combining country music's biggest stars, the best bass anglers in the world, large outdoor expos and countless fan friendly activities; the ninth year of TTBC promises to be one of the most exciting yet."

Tickets went on sale Wednesday, March 11, 2015 and will be available online at www.ToyotaTexas-

BassClassic.com or at your local Toyota dealerships, Academy Sports + Outdoors, Brookshire's Grocery Stores and Kim's Convenient Stores throughout East Texas.

Georgia native, Billy Currington, will open the three-day outdoor music festival. Currington won the Hottest Video of the Year honor at the CMT Music Awards for "Must Be Doin' Somethin' Right" in 2006 which was the same year he received an ACM acknowledgement for Top New Male Vocalist. Currington's "Party For Two" earned CMA and ACM nominations, while his No. 1 hit "People Are Crazy" earned Grammy nominations for Male Country Vocal Performance and Best Country Song. The same song also earned nominations for Single and Song of the Year from the Academy of Country Music and Single, Song and Video of the Year from the Country Music As-

sociation.

Former Clemson lineman, Lee Brice, recently released his third album, *I Don't Dance*. Brice won the ACM Award for Song of the Year and the Single of the Year: Breakthrough Artist at the American Country Awards for "I Drive Your Truck." Brice has received numerous nominations from the Academy of Country Music Awards including Male Vocalist of the Year, Song of the Year, and Video of the Year.

Rodney Atkins is an award-winning country music singer/songwriter whose six chart-topping hits include "Take A Back Road," "It's America," "Cleaning This Gun (Come On In Boy)," "These Are My People," "Watching You" and "If You're Going Through Hell (Before the Devil Even Knows)." His new single, "Eat Sleep Love

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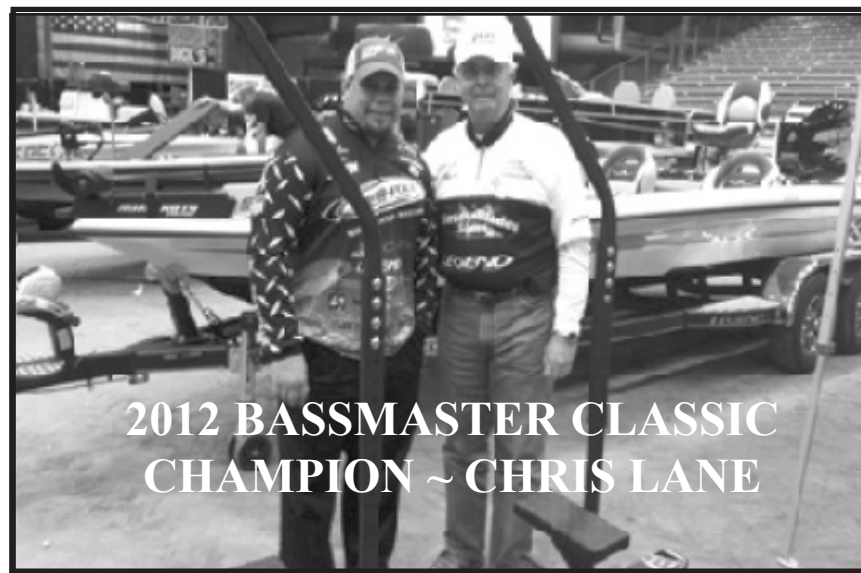
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You Repeat," is currently at country radio and available on all digital retailers. Atkins released his fifth album, Rodney Atkins - Greatest Hits, via Curb Records in February.

Arkansas native, Joe Nichols, holds two awards and numerous nominations. In 2003, Nichols received the Top New Male Vocalist award from the Academy of Country Music Awards, the Horizon Award from the Country Music Association Awards and multiple Grammy nominations including Best Country

Album and Best Male Country Vocal Performance. Nichols boasts five No. 1 hit singles including "Brokenheartsville," "Sunny and 75" and most recently "Yeah."

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& Wildlife Outdoor Adventures Area, incredible food and a fishing industry expo featuring seminars and the latest in fishing equipment, gear and accessories. Merchandise will be available for purchase at the Tournament venue.

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Purchase Tickets to the Ninth Annual Toyota Classic

Tickets to the ninth annual Toyota Texas Bass Classic (TTBC) are now available for purchase. The event will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 23 – 25, 2015 at the Sabine River Authority in Quitman, Texas.

Single day general admission tickets are \$8 in advance (online) and \$15 at the door, Saturday through Monday of the tournament weekend. Three-day general admission passes are available at Brookshire's Grocery Stores, Kim's Convenience Stores and Academy Sports + Outdoors throughout East Texas for \$15. Children ages 15 and under will be given free admission when accompanied by a ticketed adult. In honor of Memorial Day weekend, military members and their families will be given free admission all weekend.

New to the tournament this year are two upgraded daily VIP ticketing options, Stage Pit and Lunker Club tickets. Both are only available in limited quantities. Daily Stage Pit tickets are \$30 and include general admission, a TTBC concession meal voucher and exclusive access to the pit area in front of the stage during the headline concert. Daily Lunker Club tickets are \$75 and include general admission, access to a climate-con-

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TPWD's Inland Fisheries Recent Activities at Lake Fork

By Dan Bennet
TPWD Marine Biologist

Many Lake Fork anglers have noticed an increased presence of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Inland Fisheries staff around the lake recently. This surge of activity is primarily related to a year-long economic study of fishing at the reservoir funded by TPWD and administered

by Dr. Kevin Hunt, Human Dimensions Professor at Mississippi State University. A similar study was conducted exactly 20 years ago, in 1994 and 1995, by Dr. Hunt while stationed at Texas A&M University. Just like during the survey 20 years prior, TPWD staff has been visiting Lake Fork to collect names and addresses for the survey. Angler contact information will be collected for the survey until the end of May 2015. Results will

be used to help local businesses and economic development groups decide the best way to make improvements to the resources available at Lake Fork and in surrounding communities.

In addition to estimating how much money anglers spend for a typical fishing trip to Lake Fork, the survey also asks questions to learn about angler's opinions and attitudes. Answers and comments from the original 1994-95 survey were used to support modifications of fishing regulations at Lake Fork in subsequent years. The current study will provide biologists and economists a unique understanding of how fishing and angler opinions may have changed during the 20 years since the original study.

In addition to the economic study, TPWD Inland Fisheries personnel have been working on multiple fish habitat improvement projects at Lake Fork. Anyone familiar with Lake Fork knows that fish habitat has been a major reason the reservoir has been such an incredible bass fishery for the past 35 years. The unique formula comprised of nutrient-rich water, submerged timber, aquatic vegetation, and a healthy dose of Florida-largemouth bass genetics have come together to create one of the premier bass fishing destinations in the world. However, even though the reservoir still maintains an abundant supply of submerged timber and prime habitat, anglers who have been fishing Lake Fork for many years also know that the submerged timber isn't what it was 20 years ago. Combine that with drought, and an ever-increasing human population and increased water demands; the resulting water level fluctuations have made it difficult to maintain an abundance of aquatic vegetation.

Despite this unfortunate dose of reality, it has been made clear through fish habitat improvement projects around the country that fishing quality doesn't have to slowly recede along with the timber and water level. Perhaps one of the biggest scale and best examples of this is the Lake Havasu Fisheries Improvement Program started in 1992 at the Arizona reservoir (http://www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/w_c/fishing_millions.pdf). Lake Havasu, constructed in the late 1930's, experienced decades of gradual decline in fish habitat and fishing quality before fisheries managers, local angling groups, and governments decided something needed to be done to restore quality fish habitat and fishing to the reservoir. That ongoing initiative has resulted in acres of quality natural and artificial fish habitat throughout the reservoir. As a result, biologists have observed tremendous improvements in fish populations of all species, and fishing quality has sky rocketed to the point of record setting tournament results at Lake Havasu.

Habitat improvement initiatives at Lake Fork

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have been made possible through multiple partnerships with the Lake Fork Sportsman's Association (LFSA), Friends of Reservoirs, Yantis ISD, and local fishing clubs. Ongoing habitat improvement projects have been conducted at Lake Fork for several years now; and, some additional projects are being conducted this year.

TPWD fisheries staff and LFSA members initially began to plant a native wetland shrub called buttonbush (buckbrush) along the shores of Lake Fork in March 2011. Initial trials involved planting bare-root plants along exposed shorelines. Since survival of potted plants is higher, TPWD and LFSA decided in November of that year to pool their resources and purchase 400 potted plants. In late 2012, LFSA started to work cooperatively with staff and students at Yantis High School on a project to grow out their own buttonbush from bare-root plants. In November 2014, volunteers from LFSA, TPWD, and Yantis High School cooperated to plant over 500 potted plants that were raised in the greenhouse at the high school. On March 23, 2015, TPWD staff planted a further 498 plants that were purchased using restitution funds made available through TPWD's Kills and Spills Team (KAST). This fall another crop of plants from the high school will hopefully be ready for planting.

Buttonbush is a small wetland shrub that grows up to about 12 feet high, and will live in wa-

ter up to about four feet deep. The shrubs will naturally sprout from seeds when water levels are low, and then continue to grow in shallow water when water levels increase, creating excellent habitat for fish and other aquatic organisms. Buttonbush has become a common species along the shoreline of many older reservoirs in Texas with greater water level fluctuations, where the shrubs have had time to sprout before water levels return to normal (usually in the spring). Older lakes like Toledo Bend and Sam Rayburn have extensive naturally occurring stands of buttonbush, which most anglers enjoy fishing around when water levels are high and the small trees' branches are flooded. The goal at Lake Fork has been to artificially speed up this natural phenomenon, by raising and planting small trees in three to four feet of water throughout the reservoir.

TPWD also started experimenting with the emergent aquatic plant waterwillow in 2012 and plans are in place to expand the project with additional species in 2015. These species include both emergent and submerged aquatic species which will hopefully add to the diversity of aquatic plants already found in the lake. It often takes decades to naturally establish abundant and diverse seed banks of aquatic plants in a reservoir, so this is a step biologists can take to speed up this process and increase the number of species in the lake that provide fish habitat.

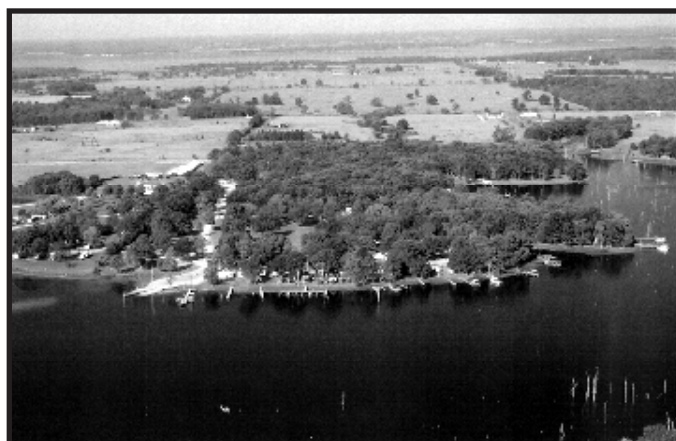
Along with the ongoing planting projects, TPWD and the LFSA have partnered to develop and construct several "fish attractor" sites in Lake Fork. They are constructing artificial habitat from PVC, brush, and bamboo and placing these structures in predetermined locations around the lake. The approximate coordinates are published on the TPWD website along with fish attractors at other Texas' Reservoirs at http://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/lakes/fish_attractors.phtml. In addition to adding habitat for fish, the attractors also provide an easy option for anglers to locate somewhere to fish if they don't have an extensive list of "honey holes". Many anglers travel long distances to fish Lake Fork and may be unfamiliar with the lake, so these sites may provide a good starting location to find fish.

The number of fish attractor and habitat improvement sites will continue to increase and improve at Lake Fork. For questions or to get involved with projects at Lake Fork or area lakes, contact TPWD Inland Fisheries Biologists Kevin Storey or Dan Bennett at 903-593-5077 or kevin.storey@tpwd.texas.gov and dan.bennett@tpwd.texas.gov. Also follow us on our Facebook page for images and information at www.facebook.com/tpwdif3B.

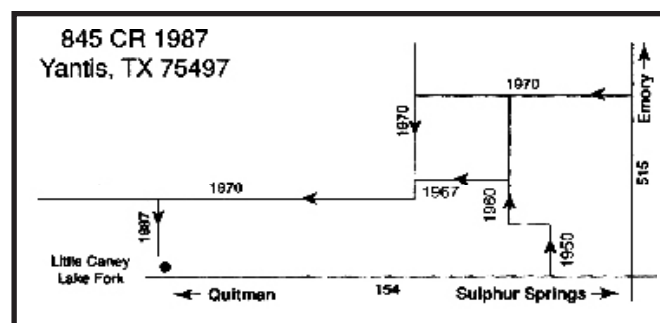
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2015 Toyota Texas Bass Classic at Lake Fork is accepting volunteer applications

The Toyota Texas Bass Classic (TTBC) is looking for volunteers to help support the Texas-sized outdoor music festival and world championship fishing event. The 9th annual TTBC is returning to Lake Fork Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-25, 2015. The event will host the world's greatest anglers as well as chart topping country music performances. This is a perfect opportunity for fishing enthusiasts or those looking to make some great Memorial Day weekend memories to come out and assist with this action-packed event.

Along with the memories, volunteers will receive exclusive tournament gear; including an official TTBC t-shirt and hat, a lunch volunteer badge (serves as general admission Saturday, Sunday & Monday) and a parking pass. Below you will find a list and brief description of the Toyota Texas Bass Classic Volunteer Committees.

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"With an event of this size, we rely heavily on the support of our volunteers in order to create a seamless event for all to enjoy. Whether you're a fishing enthusiast or simply looking to get involved in a major community event, there is a volunteer committee for you," said Lenny Francoeur, Tournament Director of the Toyota Texas Bass Classic. "Volunteering also provides an excellent opportunity to join in on the support of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department."

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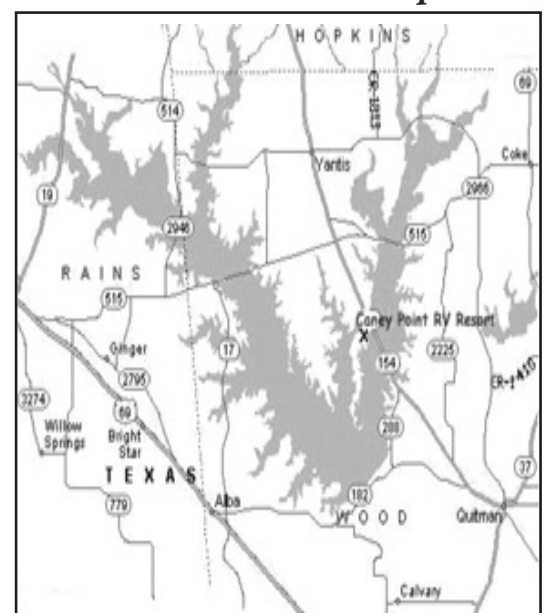
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By Andrew Grills

Spring is officially here and so are the fishermen! This is the time of year that the bass are most heavily pressured. I wouldn't expect to catch many fish if I were fishing behind several other boats using the same techniques they were using. Out here on Lake Fork in the spring we have no choice but to share water, therefore changing our tactics is often critical for success.

"Finesse fishing" is not one of my favorite terms in the angler's dictionary, however this approach

can produce some quality fish when not much else will. When the fishing gets tough, shaky heads, drop shots, and wacky rigged worms can save the day.

When I downsize on Lake Fork, I'm talking about stepping from heavy tackle to what might be considered medium-heavy tackle. On most lakes, if one were to take a finesse approach, they might use line as light as 8 or 10 pound test. But, here 15 pound test is about as low as I will go. There are just too many obstacles in our lake and too many big fish too take a chance on losing them in heavy cover. 15 pound fluorocarbon covers most finesse applications for me.

In my opinion, the most important thing to keep in mind with a finesse approach is to slow down. As a guide, I have to remind most of my customers to slow down on a regular basis. I believe fishing too fast is the most common mistake we make in most cases. I tell my customers to fish so slow you can count each root at the base of a stump. Working the bait with your rod tip, with occasional pauses, as the worm inches along the bottom is hard for a bass to resist.

Also important, is not to overwork the bait. I find the less movement the better with finesse applications. Keep in mind that each pebble, shell, or root that worm touches will give it some move-

ment. I believe this looks much more natural to a fish than a gyrating piece of plastic. Often, I will find myself letting the bait sit totally motionless for several seconds at a time. Of course there are other methods that might work for other anglers, however fishing slow and giving the bait very little action has worked well for me.

Finesse techniques shine under calm conditions. Usually a day or two after a cold front when the wind lays down means tough fishing. This is a good time to consider finesse. If the wind is blowing it can be difficult to effectively finesse fish, and finesse fishing may not be necessary as fish are often more active when there is some wind.

When opting for a finesse approach you are definitely going to catch some smaller fish than with many other applications, but that doesn't mean you can't catch some quality fish as well. The biggest fish I've ever seen on the end of a customer's line was hooked on a shaky head under very tough conditions.

Next time you're out on the water and you see several boats ahead of you throwing big plastics, jigs, and spinnerbaits, consider downsizing, slowing down, and taking a finesse approach. It just might turn a bad day of fishing into a great one.

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"Without the hunter check stations and the strong cooperation of hunters and landowners, we would know very little about the prevalence of the disease or where it exists," said Mitch Lockwood, Big Game Program Director with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Also included in the sampling effort last sea-

son, 143 deer and elk brought to check stations were tested for bovine tuberculosis as part of a cooperative effort between TPWD and Texas Animal Health Commission to monitor for bovine tuberculosis. No positives were found.

To date, 839 deer and elk have been tested through the CWD check stations and strategic sampling that occurred during the summer of 2012; 282 were in the Containment Zone, 205 were in the adjacent High Risk Zone, 117 were in the Buffer Zone, and 235 were outside of the CWD zones. The disease has been detected in only 7 animals, all within the Hueco Mountain area, indicating a disease prevalence of 10-15 percent within that population.

"Additional sampling is necessary to develop more confidence in the geographic extent and prevalence of the disease, but the fact that CWD has not been detected in Texas outside of the Hueco Mountain area of northern El Paso and Hudspeth counties is encouraging," said Lockwood.

CWD is a member of the group of diseases called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs). Other diseases in this group include scrapie in sheep, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE or mad cow disease) in cattle, and Cruetzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans. CWD among cervids is a progressive, fatal disease that commonly results in altered behav-

ior as a result of microscopic changes made to the brain of affected animals. An animal may carry the disease for years without outward indication, but in the latter stages, signs may include listlessness, lowering of the head, weight loss, repetitive

walking in set patterns, and a lack of responsiveness. CWD is not known to affect humans or livestock.

There is no vaccine or cure for CWD, but steps have been taken to minimize the risk of the disease spreading from beyond the area where

it currently exists. The Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas Animal Health commissions adopted rules to restrict movement of deer, elk, and other susceptible species within or from the CWD Zones as well as increase surveillance efforts.



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April is set for multiple patterns (Continued from Page 6-A)

Another famous pattern will be bed fish. They should start to show up in mass around the full moon. There are several ways to attack these fish starting with a simple fluke cast randomly to the bank. Always dye the tail chartreuse as the perch naturally have the same trademark. Twitch-twitch pause and wait for the line to jump. A wacky worm also works well for this pattern and bags fish of all sizes. Last but not least is sight fishing the beds. Use a bright colored bait of your choice, just about anything will work, so that you can see it while it rests in the living room of the bass. Most

times, you can see the fish flare the gills and the lure is gone. Set the hook immediately and hold on for a close quarters battle. The south end of the lake is the best place to start your bed fish hunt as the water will always be more to the clear side. If a cold front barrels through, the fish will pull back to the first breakline. I have seen a Talon spinnerbait pick up the slack during this tough fish catching time and slow rolling it is the key. Double willow leafs will get the job done and skirt colors should favor shad or bream patterns.

If you are headed out to Lake Fork in April searching for the trophy of a lifetime, I would love to be a part of this trophy quest. I still have a couple of dates open in April and some in May. I also have gift certificates available if you have friends or loved one's who have dreamt of landing a huge bass. You can contact me at 409 782-4269 or e-mail me at skeet21c@aol.com. You can follow me on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LakeForkGuideDavidOzio>. I post my daily trip results on this page. I run a Skeeter FX21 with a Ya-

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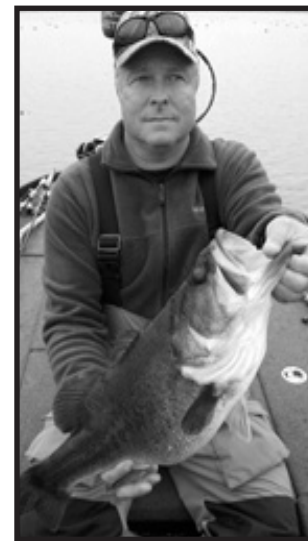
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Guy Morrison while fishing with David Ozio on Lake Fork. Weight not provided. C.P.R. (Courtesy Photo)



Zach Turner while fishing with David Ozio on Lake Fork. Weight not provided. C.P.R. (Courtesy Photo)



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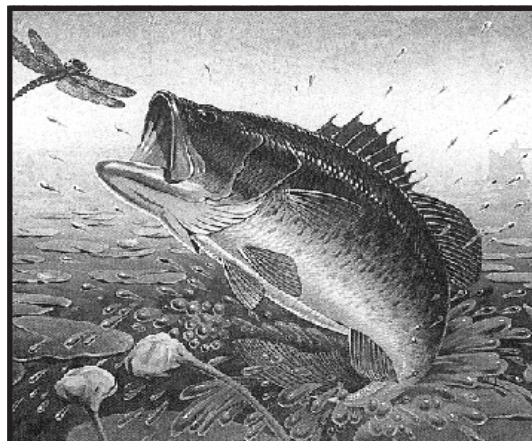
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Astronomy Find

Find the words dealing with space and astronomy hidden throughout the puzzle below. See how many you can find and circle.

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--Takes Two to Tango-- A Grimes County game warden noticed two vehicles parked along the side of the road. As the warden approached, he saw the occupants engaged in what he believed to be a hand-to-hand drug transaction. The warden followed the vehicles and requested assistance from the Grimes County Sheriff's Department. The warden and a sheriff's deputy stopped both cars, and a subsequent search yielded a total of 28 grams of methamphetamine and a stolen pistol. The occupants of the vehicles were placed under arrest. Numerous charges pending.

--That's What Friends Are For-- An anonymous tip was given to a Grimes County game warden regarding a group of individuals who placed a photo of two illegally taken deer on a social media site. The warden followed up on the lead and eventually tracked down one of the individuals involved. After a short interview, the warden secured a statement from the individual who shot the two deer and also received the names of the other people in the vehicle. The warden was able to recover meat from the two deer and the firearms used in the offense. He was also able to get state-

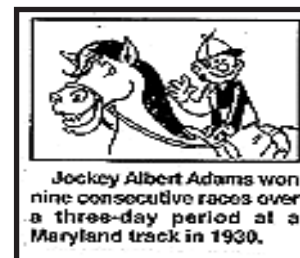
ments from four other individuals involved. Numerous charges pending.

--Deerly Beloved-- A Karnes County game warden entered a camp to check reports of possible illegal deer being shot. As he approached, he saw a buck hanging from a tree and two antlerless deer in the bed of a truck. A female had harvested the buck, and her husband had taken the two antlerless deer. All deer were not tagged, and neither the ranch nor hunter had permits for the two antlerless deer. The warden seized all three deer. Cases pending.

--In the Spotlight-- A Real County resident

called the local game warden to report hunters who were riding around in a pasture and shining a spotlight into homes of the neighboring subdivision. When the warden arrived on scene and made contact with four individuals, he found three whitetail doe in the bed of the truck. When asked if the deer had been shot after legal hunting hours, all individuals stated that the

deer were shot around 5 p.m. The warden confirmed with the caller that no shots were heard after legal hunting hours. When asked why they were shining a spotlight into people's homes, all four said that they were looking for a wounded deer. The warden then asked why the gutted deer hadn't been tagged, to which both subjects replied that they didn't have time or something to tag them with. Both subjects were cited for possession of untagged whitetail deer. Cases pending.



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