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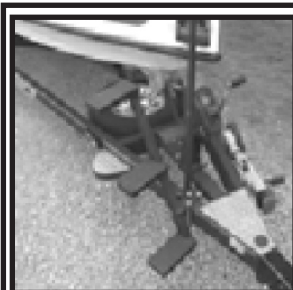
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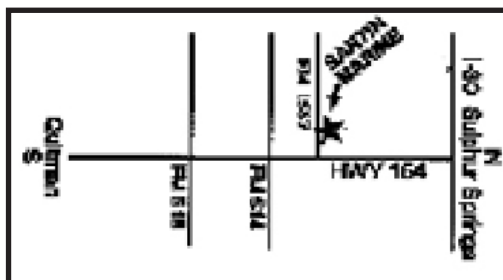


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By Dean Stroman

The dog days of summer are upon us with daytime temperatures in the mid-nineties to low hundreds and nighttime temps in the seventy to eighty range. This can be tough during the day especially on windless days. Day time bassing can be very rewarding during July. Prepare for the heat because the bite will start around midday to late afternoon. On most days the early bite is tough, but during the midday shad will start moving on most deep water humps, ridges and road beds fifteen to twenty-five tops falling off to thirty to fifty foot shelf are key areas. When you find bait-fish on the shallow side, ball will not be far behind. For lures, swim baits in shad pattern and Carolina-rigged or drop-shotting with methylate color worms or chartreuse rig fry are hard to beat.

For those of you who cannot stand the daytime heat,

you are in luck because Fork's night bite for that dream bass is at its best around midnight until day break. The most important factor contributing to the success of nighttime fishing is water clarity. Areas that are not clear generally offer poor night fishing. Some of the best night fishing is when there is a lot of daytime boat activity. On high traffic lakes during the day bass hold in deeper water, but at night they move up to shallow structure to feed.

During darker moon phases, boathouses, lighted piers, marina areas offer some of the best nighttime bass action. The lighter areas also act as attractants for insect which in turn attract bait-fish which in turn attract bass. During half-moon to half-moon when the nights start getting bright-

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Look for main lake areas that have a lot of grassy or rock and brush points. These are especially good. These spots are even better if they are near deep water. Weather can play an important role in your night fishing success. Some of the better nights will occur after still, hot sunny days. Likewise, some of the poorest nights will occur after cool, cloudy, windy and/or rainy days. A thunderstorm during the night is a sure turnoff even though the weather will be nice afterwards. However the following morning will be good fishing. Night time high winds can also result in

poor night bite, especially if the water has become turbid as a result of the wind. The period just prior to the wind on in its initial stage can be rewarding.

If you are coming to Lake Fork this summer, I'll be more than happy to help make your trip a successful one. If you want to book a trip or just need up-to-date information, give me a call at 903-850-5083 (cell) or 903-383-7214 (landline) or email me at 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.

**—The Brady Bust—** A McCulloch County game warden was patrolling a county road when a truck towing another truck on a flatbed trailer approached from the opposite direction. The warden met the approaching vehicle side-by-side in the middle of the road and began a casual conversation with the driver. The driver said that he and his buddy had met up in Brady to sell a truck at the scrapyard, but the scrapyard had not taken the truck due to some missing paperwork, so the guys decided to drive around and visit for a while before parting ways. Having been called out many times before to this specific county road for suspected road hunting violations, the warden asked if there were any guns in the truck. The driver revealed a loaded rifle tucked between the seat and the console. Further questioning and a driver's license check indicated that the driver had a suspended license and a felony conviction. A deputy was called in for assistance on a vehicle search, which turned up .6 grams of methamphetamines, drug paraphernalia and open containers of alcohol. The driver was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm, possession of a controlled substance and driving with a suspended license.

**—Up to No(se) Good—** A Travis County game warden and K-9 partner, Ruger, were requested by the Jonestown Police Department and the Travis County

Sheriff's Office for a canine sniff search of a vehicle. The vehicle had been stopped for a traffic violation and was deemed stolen. Ruger alerted and indicated to the presence of controlled substances. While searching the vehicle, officers found about 1 gram of methamphetamines, a glass meth pipe, a scale with residue, potential stolen phones and SIM cards, birth certificates and documents with other individuals' social security numbers. Charges were filed for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Further investigation of the potential stolen phones, SIM cards and sensitive documents is ongoing. Cases pending.

**—Well-Hidden—** The Delta County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from their game warden after burglary suspects fled from a deputy. The deputy was unable to continue pursuit of the suspects due to the condition of the road, but the warden was able to locate the suspects' vehicle, which had become stuck in the mud. With the assistance of a Department of Public Safety helicopter and a Texas Department of Corrections K-9 team, the subjects were found clinging to the inside of an abandoned well. The well was covered by a cedar tree and appeared to be about 20 feet deep. A large amount of methamphetamines was also located a few yards from the vehicle.

**—Poachers See, Poachers Do—** A Harris County

game warden responded to an Operation Game Thief tip about a man seen walking around with a rifle in the Addicks Reservoir. When the warden arrived, he spotted a vehicle and tracked footprints that led inside the reservoir. After waiting in the brush alongside a nearby path, the warden heard a shot fired in the distance. Nearly 40 minutes later, the subject came down the path and was subsequently apprehended. After the warden spent some time questioning and investigating, two of the man's friends also poaching in the reservoir, turned themselves in without incident. Cases pending.

**—Five of a Kind—** While a Starr County game warden was on patrol, he came across an open gate leading to a ranch and decided to investigate. Upon entering the ranch, the warden spotted two vehicles and five people dressed in camouflage, standing around a hunting blind. At first the individuals said they were working on the ranch, but, after some questioning, admitted they were hunting. The warden followed the hunters down to where one of the hunters had shot an eight-point buck and helped the hunter load the deer. After further inspection, however, it was found that the hunter had marked the deer with a tag that expired in 2012 and also did not have a valid hunting license. The buck was seized and the meat was donated to a local family. Cases and civil restitution pending.

**—Poacher Scissorhands—** A Webb County game warden responded to a tip about a man seen walking around with a rifle in the Addicks Reservoir. When the warden arrived, he spotted a vehicle and tracked footprints that led inside the reservoir. After waiting in the brush alongside a nearby path, the warden heard a shot fired in the distance. Nearly 40 minutes later, the subject came down the path and was subsequently apprehended. After the warden spent some time questioning and investigating, two of the man's friends also poaching in the reservoir, turned themselves in without incident. Cases pending.

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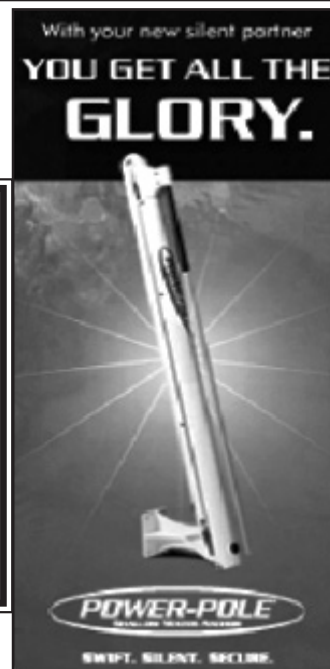
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warden received a call from a landowner who believed someone poached a deer on his ranch. The warden arrived at the ranch and began to investigate the area. There, he found evidence of a deer being shot, a fence being cut and a deer dragged under the fence. The warden then went to the adjacent property to see if anyone was at the deer camp and to begin looking for evidence. There was no contact made at the camp, but the warden saw evidence of a deer that was recently processed at the cleaning station. The material used to repair the cut fence was also at the camp. After investigating further and talking to landowners plus the hunters leasing the property, one of the men said he had shot the deer on the neighboring property and cut the fence to retrieve the dead deer. Multiple cases pending.

**--A Perfect Match--** One evening, a La Salle County game warden set up on a back road near Los Angeles, Texas,

where poaching activity was known to take place. Around 8:30 p.m. a slow moving truck made its way past the warden while shining a bright light. After following the vehicle for a short distance, the warden initiated a traffic stop. The two people in the car had a loaded rifle lying across their laps. A set of fresh deer antlers was also discovered in the bed of the truck. The two occupants were taken to jail for several Class A violations. A few days later, a deer carcass was discovered on a nearby ranch. The deer antlers from the truck bed matched perfectly. It was also discovered that one subject was a convicted felon. Felony charges are pending.

**--Three Strikes, You're Out--** When a frustrated rancher in La Salle

County discovered his neighbor trespassing on his ranch, for the third time, he decided he needed to call the local game warden. Unlike the previous two times he had trespassed, this time the neighbor notified the rancher of his intent to enter the property. The neighbor said that he had crossed the fence the previous evening while hog hunting and shot a hog. The hog was too heavy to drag back, so it was left behind. The neighbor thought he could make it right if he called and told the rancher about what he had done. Charges pending.

**--Man Overboard--** Two Calhoun County game wardens spotted a skiff oystering in closed waters. As the wardens moved in, one of the occupants threw the oyster

dredge overboard, along with himself. When the warden was able to get the man back in the boat, both subjects were arrested. Multiple charges pending.

**--No Parking on the Grass--** A Dallas County game warden patrolling Lake Ray Hubbard near Barnes Bridge Park noticed the vehicle barrier that prevents access to the shoreline was pushed down and a vehicle was parked nearby. The warden saw a man and a woman who appeared to be sleeping inside the vehicle. The warden knocked on the window, identified himself and told them they had to move. The

passenger opened her window and the warden could smell marijuana coming from inside. Asked if they had any illegal drugs, the passenger handed the warden a container of marijuana. The warden instructed the couple to stay put while he returned to his patrol truck to run a check on their IDs. On his way, the warden came across three individuals walking up from the shoreline and again smelled marijuana. The warden conducted a search that produced a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

**--A Big Stash of Pot--** A Starr County game warden

patrolling for wildlife enforcement heard a Department of Public Safety call on the radio that Border Patrol had intel on marijuana bundles crossing the river close to his location. The warden and DPS assisted Border Patrol in apprehending two individuals at a stash house, along with multiple bundles of marijuana. More than 2,900 pounds of marijuana were seized and the individuals were turned over to Border Patrol.

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By Sue Hampton

With warm weather, flags waving and "bombs bursting in air," July ushers in the peak of barbecue season across America. Families from coast to coast are stoking the grill and serving up batches of backyard barbecue with all the trimmings – a really tasty "Avocado Caprese Salad, watermelon, fresh lemonade and of course, ribs.

This season, serve 'em up with extra flair with these easy recipes.



Add Fireworks to your holiday barbecues with delicately spiced "Ginger-Soy Ribs" and this delicious "Avocado Caprese Salad".

### Ginger-Soy Ribs (Serves 6)

*Baby back ribs – the smallest ribs from the pork back rib section – are good as finger food because they are more tender; don't become gummy-sticky and are small enough to be held in one hand. When purchasing, plan on 1-1/2 pounds of ribs per person for a main course 1/4-1/2 pound for an appetizer of baby backs.*

1/4 cup soy sauce  
2 cups rice wine vinegar  
1/2 cup hoisin sauce  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
4 teaspoons toasted sesame oil  
1 to 2 teaspoons hot red pepper flakes  
4 garlic cloves  
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh ginger  
2 tablespoons sugar

6 to 9 pounds baby back ribs

Heat the grill or grease a large pan with nonstick spray.

In the bowl of the food processor, combine the soy sauce, vinegar, hoisin sauce, vegetable oil, sesame oil, pepper flakes, garlic, ginger and sugar. Process until well-blended. Place in a zip-type 1- to 2-gallon plastic bag. Add the ribs to the mixture and seal. Shake to thoroughly coat. Marinate 30 minutes to overnight.

Remove the ribs from the marinade and place on the prepared grill or the baked pan. Pour the marinade into a small saucepan. Grill or broil the ribs, turning halfway through the cooking, until spotted with black and gold, done but slightly

pink, 10 to 12 minutes. Arrange the ribs on a serving platter or tray.

Bring the sauce to a boil, cook five minutes, and then pour over the ribs.

The ribs may be done in advance and reheated.

### Avocado Caprese Salad

1 ripe, fresh avocado, halved, seeded, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch slices  
2 lemons, juiced  
2 ripe tomatoes, each cut into 1/4-inch slices  
8 medium fresh basil leaves  
1 (8-oz.) ball of fresh mozzarella cheese, cut into 1/4-inch slices  
1/4 cup lemon-scented olive oil

3 Tbsp. capers, drained  
Sea salt, to taste  
Fresh ground black pepper, to taste

### Instructions:

1. Place avocado slices in shallow bowl and

dress with lemon juice, making sure all slices are coated.

2. On individual salad plates, layer tomato slice, fresh basil leaf, mozzarella slice and avocado slice along-side. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle capers over all. Repeat process for each plate.

3. Season with sea salt and fresh ground black pepper, to taste.

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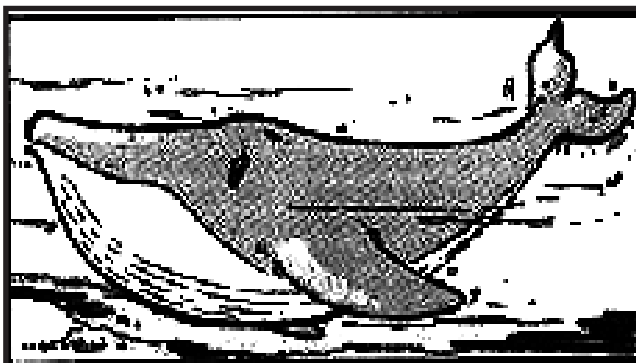
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East Tawakoni \$119,000

**LOCATED NEAR LAKE TAWAKONI** with Rains County Schools. Totally updated brick home with 3-4 bedroom or office with 2 bath and two living areas. Home has new flooring, fresh paint, triple paned windows, radiant barrier and a wood burning stove. This would be a great first time buyers home.



Yantis \$179,900

**A RARE WATERFRONT FIND** on Lake Fork! Built in 2008, this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home sits high on a hill with an awesome view of Lake Fork! This home is in like new condition with a detached over sized garage, fishing pier, privacy fence & lighted flag pole. Sitting on the banks of Birch Creek, one of the best fishing areas on Lake Fork. Move in ready in every way!



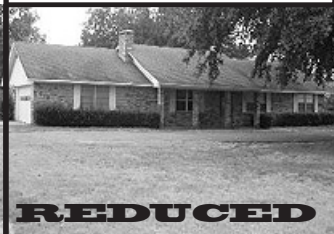
Point \$147,900

**BUYER PICKS NEW GRANITE** kitchen counter tops to be installed at sellers expense! Custom built home features brick, hardy board & metal roof, Rectified Porcelain Tile with inlay design in living room, carpet in master bedroom, wood flooring in other bedrooms, office & walk-in master closet, walk-in master shower w/copper colored tile design & a partially covered deck.



Quitman \$89,500

**BRING YOUR BEST OFFER!** This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home has a 8 x 24 covered front porch. There is a 25 x 25 shop building, 15 x 22 storage building, 15 x 22 carport & a greenhouse. Interior has been completely updated & home sits on 1.5+ acres for plenty of privacy, off the beaten path. Home is located walking distance to all city services in Quitman & has city utilities.



Quitman \$114,900

**WALKING DISTANCE TO SCHOOL** Deep well to water the yard to beat those high city water bills, city water & sewer to house. Gorgeous hardwood floors, ceramic tile in kitchen, bathrooms & utility. Large backyard with privacy fence, 12x12 storage building & covered patio. Garage for a Big Bass Boat & workshop area.



Alba \$59,900

**WALKING DISTANCE TO LAKE FORK!** This 2 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home is on a .58 acre lot with community boat ramp to Lake Fork. New flooring, new AC & new septic. There is a 10x12 workshop, 10x12 storage building & 23x25 garage. Covered front porch & chain link fenced back yard. Plenty of room for your bass boat and the rest of your toys too!



Yantis \$144,500

**BEAUTIFUL WATERFRONT** property on Lake Fork with pier, boat house and has a concrete driveway to the lake. This two bedroom, 1.5 bath home sits on over half an acre and has a 12x37 screened-in back porch & 12x22 porch with storage space underneath, detached 2 car garage & 8x10 storage bldg. Home has metal roof, storm windows & ceiling fans.



Yantis \$399,000

**A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY!** Lake Fork area Complete Restaurant & Sports Bar with everything you need. Pool tables, shuffle board, dishes, silverware, refrigerators, fryers, tables, chairs and a great dance floor with stage, plus a full inventory. Full security system and video surveillance & POS system in place. Great location in high traffic area new Lake Fork. Bring Offer!



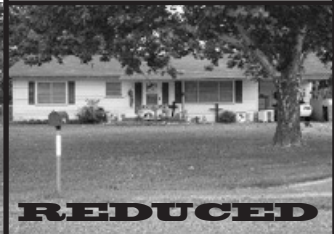
Yantis \$575,000

**CUSTOM BUILT ON LAKE FORK** Pier, 2 stall boathouse & concrete path from house to lake & a sea wall. Located on edge of creek channel with deeper water than most homes in area. Gas log fireplace, Crown molding, office, formal dining, dry bar, granite counters, Jacuzzi tub, ceramic tile & hardwood floors. Covered porch overlooking lake & a 3 car garage.



Yantis \$82,500

**BRING ALL WRITTEN OFFERS!** 3 bedroom, 2 bath with attached 2 car garage home sits on 1.183 partially wooded acres for privacy. Home has an enclosed Bonus Room that is 32' across the back of the home and has wood flooring with a wood burning stove. Home is neat, clean and very close to World Famous Lake Fork with community boat ramp across the street.



Yantis \$62,500

**HOME IN GREAT LOCATION!** This three bedroom home with attached carport and fenced backyard is in downtown Yantis. Let your kids walk to schools just across the street and with Lake Fork boat ramp just five minutes away you are close to your weekend fishing getaway. CALL TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Yantis \$42,900

**NO ZONING, CODES OR RESTRICTIONS** AND all City utilities!! This 1 bedroom 1 bath is the perfect fisherman's hideaway or would be a great place to downsize & retire. Walking distance to town, schools and quick access to Sulphur Springs & I-30 and 5 minutes or less from boat ramp to World Famous Lake Fork.



Yantis \$59,900

**4 ACRES IN YANTIS** on Hwy 154. Property is partially fenced and has all city utilities and sewer. There are two workshop buildings in front plus a barn and a corral in the back of the property with an open pasture area. Just minutes from Lake Fork public boat ramp. This property would give great highway exposure to any business.



Emory \$235,000

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ON HWY 515** between Emory & Lake Fork. This 4,400 sq ft. shop building has all the electric you need for shop equipment. There is 672 sq. ft. of office space with kitchen area. Gravel parking lot on 4.8 Acres. Possible owners financing with approved credit & 20% down.



Hawkins \$199,000

**LOCATED IN HOLLY LAKE RANCH AREA** - This 4 unit property is in a high traffic area, any business will get serious highway exposure. Property has great income potential. One unit is currently rented, 3 others are available. No restrictions or zoning. **MOTIVATED SELLER** with reasonable offers!



Winnsboro \$109,000

**90x40 OFFICE BUILDING** with nice entry. Kitchen/break room with 3 offices and large work area. Overhead door at rear and door at side. Two updated HVAC units, commercial phone system in place. Plenty of parking plus a full acre of land to expand if needed.

**RARE 50 ACRE TRACT OF LAND**  
Property sits outside Quitman city limits & features some of the best views anywhere in Wood County. Property has been planted with rye grass, fescue, millet & other mixtures. Underbrush has been cleared, no trash piles or dump sites. Tons of deer! Super clean property with dogwood, wild plum, persimmon, huge post oaks, red oaks, black walnut, pines, tickle tongue & cedar trees. This is one of those properties you have to see to believe! **QUITMAN Reduced \$209,900**

**WATERFRONT PARK MODEL RV AT LAKE FORK**  
Immaculate condition with an attached covered deck **\$20,000**  
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**A GREAT FIND ON LAKE FORK**  
Established RV park with a long waiting list for RV lots. There are currently 39 RV lots & 13-16 acres of leaseback to expand the RV park. 4 septic systems with room for 30 additional RV sites on current septic systems. Property includes a water well for RV park with a 35 gpm pump, 2011 manufactured home, a deep water boat ramp & a sass frass log guest house that is not yet completed inside. This is a rare opportunity & rare find on Lake Fork! **Yantis \$549,900**