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Strollin' With Stroman



By Dean Stroman

The best pattern for big bass now is in the grass beds, isolated small grass pockets, and isolated points with patch grass around the tip of points. Concentrate on fishing grass breaklines and grass points extending out to deeper water as well as deep cuts or deep pockets that are inside the grass beds. Bass will be setting up their core area in those locations. A lot of folks have a hard time finding the grass patch on Fork. All I can tell you is that you are looking up the wrong creeks.

Some of the best lures I have found for catching big 'uns are the jig/craw and large worms, the 12 to 14-inch variety. The jig/pig should be at least ½ ounce. If worm fishing, use heavy worm weights. Peg the weight with a toothpick to keep

it from sliding up your line when fishing thick grass.

The heavier weights, 3/4 to 1-ounce, are punching through the grass to get your worm near the bottom. Use heavier weights to fish the deeper pockets inside the grass beds as well. Lighter weights should be used to fish the grass points and outside breakline areas. Weightless twelve to fourteen inch worms swimming on top grass of beds early morning can be awesome.

The grass bed you should never pass up during fall is the one with a creek running through it. Position your boat in the center of the creek and pitch or flip your jig/craw or big worm to the edges. Key in on all the creek bends and grass points

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that come close to the creek channel. One key factor to remember when fishing grass beds is to keep boat noise to a minimum. Big bass spook easily and you have to get close to successfully fish for them.

If you are planning a trip to Lake Fork, 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. If you are wanting a guided trip, I still have openings for fall and winter trips. Good luck and good fishing!

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Game Warden Field Notes_

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

-The Fish Don't Belong to Us. No Wait, Yes They Do-- While patrolling Lake Granger for water safety compliance and recreational freshwater fishing enforcement, a Williamson County and a Milam County game warden found five fishermen on the water without a valid fishing license. The wardens asked if they had caught any fish, and the men said they had caught two little ones but released them. One warden went to their campground and found seven white bass in an ice chest. One of the fish was 9 inches long. The men said the fish did not belong to them. After a short interview, one warden got a confession and several citations and civil restitution were filed.

--A Tale of Two Wardens...and Undersize Crappie-- A Williamson County game warden received an OGT call about a man using a cast net to catch undersized crappie at the Granger Spillway. The warden got a description of the man and went to the spillway to meet with the complainant, who pointed out the suspect. The warden caught the suspect red-handed catching undersized crappie with a cast net and hiding the fish in a green plastic bag. As the warden took him up to his patrol truck to interview him, another warden was checking another

fisherman in the parking lot with 10 undersized crappie and no fishing license. The warden cited the suspect for illegal cast net over seven feet, illegal means and methods, no fishing license, catching undersized crappie and civil restitution. Both wardens recovered a total of 30 undersized crappie.

-- The Caged Birds Aren't Singing-- Acting on a tip, a Williamson County game warden found a backyard bird cage containing 10 doves, both mourning and white winged, and two blue jays. Next to the cage was a small trap with a mourning dove tied to it. The warden also found a small shed nearby with several cages inside and cracked corn on the floor. The door to the shed was tied to a nearby tree with string. The warden confirmed the homeowner was not a TPWD approved wildlife rehabilitator and then took evidence photos before liberating all the doves and blue jays, including the mourning dove that was tied to the trap. The warden came back to the house four hours later to make contact with the owner, who admitted doves would fly into the shed to eat the intentionally placed corn on the floor. When several dove had flown into the shed, the homeowner would pull the string attached to the doorknob, trapping the birds inside. He would then enter the shed with his young son to catch the doves by hand and put them in the cage in the yard. He admitted the dove tied to the

cage was a live decoy to lure more doves. The man received numerous citations for illegal baiting and possession of migratory game birds and songbirds and no hunting license. The cases are pending.

- --The Oysters Returned to the Water- Two Aransas County game wardens apprehended a commercial oyster boat in Mesquite Bay with a 23 percent undersized cargo of oysters. The wardens issued the captain of the boat a citation and returned 12 sacks of oysters to the water.
- --Team Takedown-- Three game wardens were patrolling for oyster violations by helicopter when one of them spotted a vehicle working a spotlight on the public roadway. Another game warden used the helicopter's onboard infrared camera system to observe and record the suspect spotlighting and releasing dogs from the public roadway. Three different game wardens contacted the four individuals on the ground and filed multiple cases against them.
- --Not Just Drugs But Assault Too-- After seeing two individuals in the woods on the roadside, an Ellis County game warden stopped next to a vehicle parked partially on the road and noticed signs of marijuana use. The warden searched a passenger in the vehicle and found a small bag of marijuana in his sock. The warden also searched the vehicle and found a small bag of cocaine and other parapher-

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nalia in a cigarette box. The passenger admitted the box was his after the warden found a bank card with his name on it in the box. The warden also discovered the passenger was wanted on Texas Crime Information Center warrants for indecent exposure, aggravated assault and probation violations. The individual was arrested and multiple charges are pending.

-- Drowning on Lake Bob Sandlin-- A Titus County game warden responded to a drowning on Lake Bob Sandlin after an 18-year-old male and his friend jumped from the bridge at Barefoot Bay Marina. The 18-year-old surfaced, but immediately went back under water and never resurfaced. His friend made it safely to shore and called for help. The warden and Titus County lake patrol officers recovered the body.

--Not Gone Fishing-- A Titus County game warden issued a citation for no Commercial Finfish License to an individual who sold four red snapper and 60 tilapia from his home using an online garage sale site. The case is pending.

-- Door Ajar-- When a Titus County game warden pulled over a moving vehicle after noticing the passenger door was open, he witnessed a female passenger throw coffee on the driver and slap him. After separating the two, the warden discovered the woman was intoxicated and had just come from her great grandmother's funeral. Her car door was



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open because she was attempting to jump out of the moving vehicle, having already done so once. Three Mount Pleasant police officers responded to the scene after the warden called them and told the woman they would give her a ride to the po-

lice lobby and find another driver to transport her. At this point, the woman tried to kick the officers and the police car window out with her high heels.

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- 2. Early entries must be postmarked by Oct. 17, 2015.
- 3. All entry fees must be paid before 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015.
- 4. Check in time: Friday, Oct. 23, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and
- Saturday, Oct. 24, 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. at Oakridge Marina. 5. To qualify, contestants must check in at tour-
- nament 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 (trailering allowed).
- 8. Contestants must fish from a boat. No
- bank fishing or leaving the boat to land a fish.
- 9. Life jackets must be worn any time their outboard motor is running. 10. All state, federal, and local laws must be obeyed or contestant and fish may be disqualified. No slot fish may be brought to weigh-in.
- 11. No one may have more than five (5) fish in their possession at any time. Only one (1) may be 24" or greater.
- 12. Largemouth bass 12" to 16" or 24" or greater in length may be weighed. No fish under 12" or between 16" and 24" will
- be weighed (or state law limits at the time of the tournament). 13. All fish must be caught on artificial bait by cast-
- ing. (No trolling with gas engine). Pork trailer may be used. 14. Weigh-in starts at 3:00 p.m. (official clock at sign-
- in). You must be in the weigh-in line by 3:30 p.m
- 15. All fish must be brought to the scales in weigh-in bags.
- 16. No iced or frozen fish will be weighed. Ice
- may be added ONLY to aid in survival of fish.
- 17. Each contestant will be responsible for weighing his or her own fish. (No pooling of fish).

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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 CON-TROLLED DRUGS are prohibited during tournament hours. Prescription drug use should be declared at sign-in. 23. Anyone who has ever been disqualified for cheating or misconduct from any tournament is ineligible to fish. 24. Any contestant who violates any rule may be disqualified. Any act of a competitor, verbal or physical, that reflects unfavorably upon Texas Trails Bassmasters effort to promote fishing, conservation, clean waters, courtesy or safety shall be reason for disqualification from this and all future Texas Trails Bassmasters tournaments. 25. Parent or guardian must accom-

pany contestants under 18 years of age.

26. All protests must be registered in writing with the tournament judges within 15 minutes after designated weigh-in time. All decisions of the tournament judges will be final in all matters. Anyone protesting the outcome of an Open tournament will have to pay for any additional polygraph test given. 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 29. Contestants will be subject to polygraph test. Failure to take and/or pass such a test will result in disqualification.

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Big Bass

Red Velvet Cake & Fried Chicken - Unlikely Combination

By Sue Hampton

My son's favorite cake happens to be Red Velvet and it just so happens, Bubba's favorite meal is Fried Chicken. Let's combine the two! It may seem an unlikely combination, but aren't those sometimes the best meals? Fried chicken and red velvet cake complement each other in this memorable dinner that is bursting with great and unique flavors.

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typical fried chicken. Instead of the usual breading for fried chicken, a red velvet cake is made and a piece is crumbled. That crumble serves as the "breading" for this chicken. Bonus – you are left with the rest of the cake after you've finished breading the chicken.

This meal is tasty and sure to please a crowd. It goes well with some fresh fruit and a green salad, but mashed potatoes would be a fun side dish as well.

Red Velvet Fried Chicken Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 red velvet cake mix plus ingredients called for
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

2 large boneless skinless chicken breasts ½ cup flour Salt and pepper, to taste 1 large egg, beaten

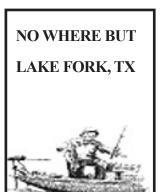
Vegetable oil, for frying

Directions:

- 1. Prepare the red velvet cake according to package directions, adding in 2 teaspoons vanilla extract. Bake according to package directions.
- 2. When cooled, cut out and remove a large slice from the cake. Crumble it into crumbs in a bowl.
- **Fried** 3. Fill up your fryer with vegetable oil.
 - 4. Preheat your deep-fryer to 325 degrees F.
 - 5. Place the flour and salt and pepper in another bowl and the beaten egg in a third bowl.
 - 6. Cut the chicken breasts into large pieces.

7. Cover each piece in the flour mixture and then dredge in the egg mixture.

- 8. Transfer the chicken into the red velvet mixture and make sure the crumbs completely cover the chicken.
- 9. Fry the chicken for about 5 minutes on each side or until the chicken is completely cooked through.
- 10. Remove from the fryer with tongs onto a paper towel-lined plate.
- 11. Enjoy immediately!!



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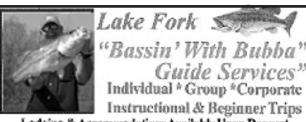
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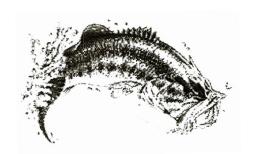








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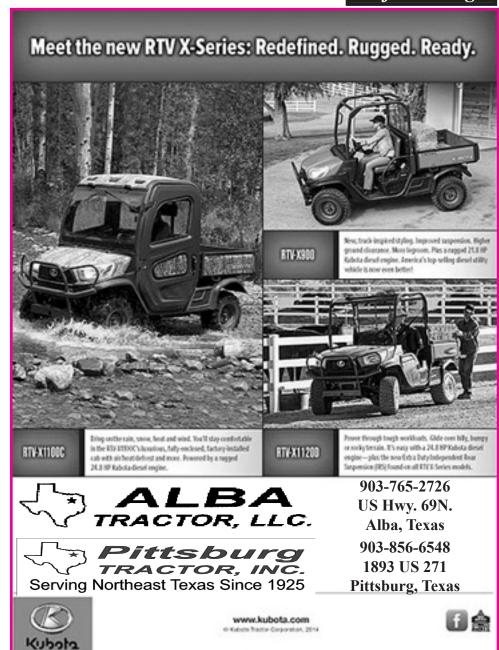
-- A Truck Goes Down with Its Boat-- A Titus County game warden responded to the Lake Monticello boat ramp after a truck and boat sank in the lake. A man trying to put his boat on his trailer allowed his grandchild to drive his truck, but the child accidentally put the vehicle in reverse. Both the truck and trailer went into the lake. A second child in the back seat was safely removed from the truck

before it sank.

--"We thought you had left..."-- As he was patrolling the border between Uvalde and Real counties, a Real County game warden approached three individuals who were about to launch a 12-foot aluminum boat to go fishing. The warden, who checked for lifejackets and did not find any, explained the men needed lifejackets if they were planning to put the boat in the water. The men said they would check the nearby store for lifejackets, and the warden left the scene to continue his patrol. However,

as the warden was driving across the nearby bridge, he saw the individuals launch the boat and paddle downstream. The warden turned around and contacted with the individuals again. The boat owner said, "We thought you had left, so we decided to launch the boat anyway, even though you told us to get lifejackets." The warden issued the boat owner a citation for insufficient number of personal flotation devices.

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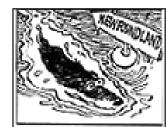
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If you know a family that has a child that meets our criteria, just have them call us.

We'll take over from there!



"Every child deserves a chance to fish!" Children diagnosed or who have experienced a life-threatening illness or accident sometimes do not have that opportunity. Now through the "Wish to Fish Foundation" they can have that day in the sun with their family. Any family with a child between the ages 3 to 18 years of age that has been diagnosed or treated for a life-threatening illness or accident is invited to come fish Lake Fork for any species of fish at NO COST! Lodging, meals, and fishing are provided for. This allows the family to spend quality time together fishing without worries or expenses. The outing includes one night lodging, meals, refreshments, snacks, all on a 26' Tritoon Pontoon, (accompanied with a 9-1-1 chase boat for any emergency that may occur. All bait and fishing equipment provided. If you are, or know of a family that meets the above criteria, contact us! Help us spread the word, we are here for the children!

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Lake Country

LOCATED NEAR









HIGH QUAILITY, BUILT, builders personal waterfront nome on Lake Fork has all the ame nitits you could ask for. From Foam nsulation to Travertine tile, Granite Counters & Knotty Alder Cabinets. In-ground pool with hot tub & waterfall plus a bonus foom upstairs with an office. Home is on 2 lots with 1.3 acres plus leaseback, plenty room for peir and a boat house GORGEOUS LAKE



TAWAKONI with Rains Count 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



Quitman \$99,000

with an attached two stall carport sits on 2 acres, is partially fenced & features new flooring. No zoning or restrictions. Great hwy exposure for your home business! Home is move in ready & conveniently located to Quitman, Harmony & Gilmer. Would be a great first time byuers home or even better retirement home



waterfront custom home with boat house, electric lift and your owr private boat ramp. Home features an eat-in kitchen with butlers pan try, formal dining room, outdoor kitchen, an attached 2 car garage and a detached garage workshop, guest apartment over garage and a charming covered porch. Some furnishings may be negotiable.



Quitman \$79,500

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



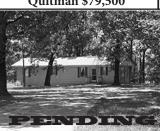
Quitman \$399,000

FABULOUS 2,000+ SQFT HOME secluded on 50 beautiful wooded unrestricted acres, private and remote Home is like new condition, has laminate wood flooring and porcelain tile, no carpeting. Fenced back yard and garden area. Detached 300sqft guest ouse with above ground pool and vorkshop with HVAC. Pipe fencing and good county road frontage.



Area Home. 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath w/lot on private pond & private boat ramp. Large windows, wbfp & hand painted tile & sinks imported from Mexico! 4 car garage, 8x97 deck & 16x36 deck facing pond, 5 ton AC, 500 gallon propane, water softener system. Home is furnished with many Antiques & Authentic Persian Rugs. Al Furnishings Negotiable!

SOUTHWESTERN LAKE FORK



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 oof, storm windows & ceiling fans.



Emory \$87,500

TOTALLY UPDATED and no re strictions with this 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath on shared private pond. All new granite counters in kitchen and bathrooms, ceramic tile floors in bath and kitchen, ceramic tile showers, laminate wood floors and metal roof. Covered front and back porches, fenced yard, storage shed and a pole barn. All furnishings negotiable & new appliances stay. HOME IN GREAT LOCATION

This three bedroom home with at

tached 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 INFORMA



Sulphur Springs \$79,900

RECENTLY UPDATED 3/2 HOME 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 stall carport & a storage shed in the city limits of Sulphur Springs. Lots of recent updates, currently used as a 2 bedroom with a nursery & has a good split floor plan, great for first time buyers with kids. New privacy fence around back yard. Very convenient to town & quick access to I-30. Bring your best offer!



BRING ALL WRITTEN OFFERS! 3 bedroom, 2 bath with attached car garage home sits on 1.183 par cially wooded acres for privacy Home has an enclosed Bonus Roon 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 Fa mous Lake Fork with community

WATERFRONT

boat ramp across the street.

GORGEOUS



Yantis \$62,500

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.



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 othrs are available. No restrictions or coning. MOTIVATED SELLER with reasonable offers!

pest gated communities. These one of a kind waterfront lots on Lake Fork have over 600 ft of shoreline has an elevated building site and stunning views of Lake Fork. This is the perfect spot to build a high end home on Lake Fork with plenty of space on the deeded property & over 5 acres of leaseback

00x40 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

LOTS located in one of Lake Fork's



Winnsboro \$109,000

Yantis \$219,900

Plenty of parking plus a full acre of and to expand if needed.



Emory \$235,000

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 \$179,900

WATERFRONT PARK MODEL RV AT LAKE FORK Immaculate condition with an attached covered deck \$20,000

List Your Property

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And See It Here

LAKE FORK WATER FRONT & OFF-WATER LOTS FROM \$17,900 TO \$219,900 LAKE FORK AREA ACREAGE FROM \$56,350 TO \$179,900

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 ass frass log guest house that is not yet completed inside. This is a rare opportunity & rare find on Lake Fork! Yantis \$549,900