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By Dean Stroman

Now is big bass time on Fork. Deepwater structure fishing is at its best. During November, schools of bass, barfish and sand bass, yes sand bass are teaming in the lake. Fork is loaded with them this year. They are showing up in great numbers in areas where traditionally bass and barfish were the main predator fish, feeding on shad. Sand bass are now competing on the same humps, ridges and road beds that were traditionally the main feeding areas for bass during the fall months. You can catch hundreds of them along with bass and barfish now. Spoons and tail kickers will be hard to beat. But if you are after Mr. Big, swimbaits are the ticket fishing in the same areas.

Look for schools of baitfish and shad. When you find them, bass will be close by. During warming trends, most bass will be holding in shallower water. During frontal conditions and right after, most bass will be holding around the edges of deeper water. The main key is finding the baitfish. Now is the time to fine tune your LCP technology and hone in on your GPS coordinates for those open water humps, ridges and points.

Don’t give up on the shallow bite during warming trends, it can be rewarding. Look for areas that have good hydrilla, points or any break line that has a creek channel close by. They are all good areas to connect with these shallow bass. Lipless cranks and suspended jerk baits are hard to beat on these fish.

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!

Dean is a professional guide on Lake Fork and is sponsored by Legend Boats, Mercury Marine, Century 21 Lake Country, Gene Larew, V&M the Ultimate Bass Bait, Mossy Oak and Easy Step Systems.

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

--Underage Drinking and Other Activities-- While on patrol at Canyon Lake, a Bexar County game warden and Comal County game warden found four minors drinking alcohol. The wardens also found a backpack at the scene with a bag of marijuana, a bag of a white powder substance—which later tested positive for cocaine—and several other small bags of both substances. After sorting through the evidence, the wardens found the backpack owner had a total of 22 grams of mari-juana and 13 grams of cocaine. The owner was charged with the manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance and with the delivery of marijuana, a state jail felony.

--Hide and Go Truck-- An Atascosa County game warden was patrolling the south end of the county when he heard a McMullen County deputy sheriff had engaged in a high speed pursuit with a truck nearby. The truck allegedly held eight undocumented aliens and was fleeing from the deputy. The warden joined the pursuit. After the truck intentionally drove through a high fence onto a 30,000-acre ranch, several agencies responded to help search the area. The warden found the truck hidden in a large open barn and discovered that it wasn’t stolen; it was a rental truck from Dallas with an amber light on the roof, similar to those on oil-field workers’ trucks. Another game warden and U.S. Border Patrol agents arrived to help track the undocumented aliens for about half a mile in the brush. The agents apprehended six of the eight undocumented aliens. The truck and all other information were turned over to the Border Prosecution Unit for follow up on human smuggling.

--Shot in the Dark-- An Atascosa County game warden received a call from a Lytle police officer who had detained four individuals with a freshly killed doe in the bed of their truck. They told the officer the deer was road kill, though they had spotlighted and a .17 HMR rifle with them in the truck. When the warden arrived, the individuals admitted they went for a road hunting adventure and one of them shot the doe at night from a public road. Cases and civil restitution are pending.

--No Prescription-- After stopping a red four-door truck for not having a Texas OHV decal, a Moore and Sherman County game warden noticed both of the truck’s male occupants were a little nervous. The warden asked to search the truck and all of its contents, and the owner consented. During his search, the warden found a plastic bag with three types of prescription medications that were not in properly marked bottles, as required by state law. While arresting the individuals with the help of a Potter County warden, the Moore and Sherman County warden noticed one of the men start gagging. The warden retrieved a plastic bag from the man’s mouth with less than two ounces of marijuana and two prescription pills. The warden transported the man to the Potter County Jail, where he was charged with tampering with physical evidence, four counts of possession of a dangerous drug and possession of marijuana. The man also had a felony arrest warrant pending for him out of Michigan for possession of dangerous drugs.

--Bird on a Wire-- A Shelby County game warden received a call about a red-tailed hawk being shot off a power line. When he arrived he found the hawk, and interviewed the witness. The witness said that he saw a vehicle come to a stop, heard a shot, and saw the hawk fall as the vehicle sped away. A few miles down the road, the vehicle matching the description was found parked at a residence. The rifle was found still in the vehicle.

--Staying Afloat-- Two girls learned the importance of life jackets at Falcon State Park. A Starr County game warden got a call from a woman who said her daughter and a friend had drifted out from shore on Falcon Lake in kayaks. She said the wind was blowing them toward the middle of the lake and the girls couldn’t paddle against the wind and waves. Almost immediately after hanging up, the mother called back and said one of the girls had flipped out of the kayak and could barely be seen. The warden asked a state park officer to assist in

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The Healthier Side for Your Thanksgiving Meal

By Sue Hampton

During the winter months, light, fresh dishes are replaced by warm, hearty meals. While comfort foods are family favorites, their rich ingredients aren’t always the healthiest choice. If you’re looking for a side dish that is full of flavor without all the fat this Thanksgiving, try a sauté of winter vegetables, using heart-healthy olive oil along with sesame seeds, almonds and thyme.

For Sesame-Almond Vegetable Sauté, simmer a mix of squash, carrots, cauliflower and broccoli with chicken broth, then combine with a sauté of extra virgin olive oil, onion, garlic and thyme. Olive oil used for sautéing not only adds extra flavor, it’s a heart-healthy choice, because olive oil is high in monounsaturated fat – the good fat. To add a little kick and texture to this dish, sprinkle with red pepper flakes, toasted almonds and sesame seeds. The result is a warm, tasty side dish that is sure to complement your Thanksgiving meal.

Keeping your pantry stocked throughout the winter with a variety of spices, herbs, olive oil, and vegetables such as carrots and squash that have a longer shelf life makes recipes like these a snap.

**Sesame-Almond Vegetable Sauté**

1. In Dutch oven or large skillet, combine 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds, ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes, and 1/3 cup slivered almonds; turn into serving dish. Sprinkle with sesame seeds. The result is a warm, tasty side dish that is sure to complement your Thanksgiving meal.

2. In Dutch oven or large skillet, combine 1-1/2 cups cauliflower florets (about 1-1/2 inches) and 2 cups broccoli florets (about 1-1/2 inches), 1-1/2 cups butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 1/4-inch pieces (about 2 cups), 1 cup baby carrots, halved crosswise, and 1/3 cup slivered almonds; turn into serving dish. Sprinkle with red pepper flakes, toasted almonds and sesame seeds.

3. In Dutch oven or large skillet, combine 2 cups broccoli florets (about 1-1/2 inches) and 1-1/2 cups cauliflower florets (about 1-1/2 inches), 1/3 cup slivered almonds; turn into serving dish. Sprinkle with red pepper flakes, toasted almonds and sesame seeds.

Makes 12 servings!

Blessings to your family from ours this Thanksgiving holiday!

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a rescue and as they launched their boat, the wind was blowing hard and the waves were white capping on the lake. A red life jacket was floating between the waves. As they reached the floating girl, she could barely speak from exhaustion. After helping her into the boat, she said she almost gave up hope of being rescued. The officers then went to the other girl who was still in her kayak and got her safely in the boat as well.

---Ill Fated Four--- An Atascosa County radio dispatcher said that there were reports of multiple gunshots at a residence in Charlotte. A game warden and a county deputy were the first to respond and found a person dead in the front yard from apparent gunshot wounds. The two men cleared the house and tended to the homeowner, who had multiple gunshot wounds, also. The homeowner was flown by Airlife to San Antonio and homeowner, who had multiple gunshot wounds, also. The homeowner was flown by Airlife to San Antonio and the warden stayed behind. Shortly after daybreak four people allegedly involved in the shootout were in custody.

---Three Amigos--- Wardens were suspicious of a vehicle driving on the shoulder of a highway in Potter County. They pulled the vehicle over and discovered open containers of alcohol and the warden found a man fishing without a license on Lake Pflugerville. When the man handed over his driver’s license, the warden noted that he was a registered sex offender. After probing the records, wardens discovered that the subject had not reported where he lived. The warden obtained a warrant for arrest with a third degree felony for failing to register.

---The Attempted Exodus--- A small-scale version of The Great Race went down in Travis County. A warden was on duty at Lady Bird Lake and met two men poised to inject suspected narcotics into their arms. The first scrambled over and under fences, fleeing his impending arrest. He left behind his backpack with color copies of his ID, social security card, and monthly calendar of all his appointments. The warden obtained a felony warrant for evasion and the following day other officers found the suspect on IH 35 near Waco in a stolen car. Records revealed this wasn’t his first time to butt heads with law enforcement and he was returned to Travis County to face the evasion and auto theft charges.

---The Other Two Shots--- A Harris County landowner reported hearing three gunshots. When game wardens arrived on scene they found two men who had permission to hunt hogs and coyotes, but who had killed a buck instead. The wardens found with them a scabbard with the knife missing, along with two hunting rifles and a pistol. The men were taken to the Waller County Jail with misdemeanor charges. Later one of the wardens went back to gather GPS and photo evidence and found a knife that matched the scabbard found earlier and two more deer carcasses, explaining the two other gun shots heard. The evidence was gathered and the wardens added a felony charge of taking game without landowner’s permission.

---Femme Non Fatale--- A game warden was patrolling after the flood in Atascosa County when he heard a radio alert for a car involved in an assault with bodily injury incident. Moments later the warden spotted the vehicle coming his way, so he stopped the woman driving. More officers arrived for backup and an officer arrested her on site for assaulting a man in Jourdanton and for two stalking warrants.
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