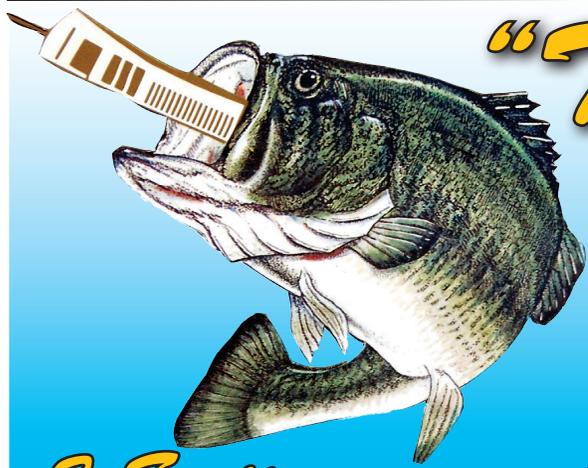


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Will Hughes and Carter Johnson won the 3rd Annual Lake Fork Open High School Scholarship Tournament held on Lake Fork July 23rd and 24th, with a two-day total weight of 22.88-pounds. They were presented the check for \$6,000 by Billy Sartin, Sartin Marine on behalf of Legend Boats.



By Don Hampton

The primary mission of the "Lake Fork Open High School Scholarship Tournament" is to provide college scholarship funds to high school students while teaching sportsmanship and responsibility in a fun and friendly environment. The tournament is open to

### Lake Fork July 23rd & 24th, 2016

all U.S. High School students entering 9th grade in 2016 to those 2016 graduates who have NOT started college classes as of the date of the tournament. Students can be a member of B.A.S.S. High School Nation, Student Angler Federation or show proof of membership in their high school independent fishing team program. If a student does not have a fishing program at their high school, they will need to show proof of being a student in good standing with the most current report card or letter

from school officials.

This year marked the 3rd Annual Event and drew a record number of 108 teams. Most of the teams represented were from Texas but some came from as far as Arizona and Kansas. Of the 108 teams represented 94 teams brought bass to the weigh in during the two day tournament that was held on July 23rd and 24th. Of those 94 teams there was a total of 565 fish weighed. Of that number 551 were released in good health back into the

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### Hook N' Cook Sand Bass Tournament



By Don Hampton

The 4th Annual Hook & Cook Sandbass Tournament will be held on Lake Fork August 13th. The tournament is brought to you by The Fisherman's Guide News and Fisherman's One Stop, Bro's Patio and benefits "Wish To Fish Foundation".

Everyone is invited to come out and participate in a fun filled day and help deplete the sandbass population on Lake Fork for a good cause.

Fishing hours are from 6 a.m. until 12 noon. There will be a drive through weigh in behind Fisherman's One Stop and all participants must check in and be in line by 1 p.m. This is an individual tournament and all persons in a boat or pontoon must be a paid entry. Each contestant can bring 5 fish to the weigh in. If you are fishing with a partner or group you would need to have a means of keeping your fish separated. All sandbass brought to the

scales must be at least 10" in length and become the property of the tournament to be filleted by board members and anyone who would like to volunteer their services. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services call me on my cell 903-360-6994. Beginning at 5 p.m. everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fish fry dinner and BYOB. The meal is free; donations will be accepted for "Wish to

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Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation Chairman Dick Doetz and executive assistant Ronna Morrison (rt) received a \$500 donation check from Sunrise on Lake Fork Lodge owners Mike & Jeannette Fatherree on July 4th.

## If Fishing Involved a Classroom, Bubba Would Be Playing Hooky On The Lake!

By: Don J. Hampton

When you listen to the professional anglers doing interviews, they all have a different definition for the success of fishing.

Some will say it is scientific, while others credit it to the study of marine biology. If this is truly the case, Bubba is going to be playing some "hooky" from those classes. Even in school he was never good at science class. When it came to dissecting a frog Bubba always thought of it as cut-bait. When he finally passed biology class it was with a C, but only after a "C ya next year" to the teacher!

Bubba believes having free stuff and not having to worry about your next boat payment would help anyone's fishing abilities improve. After all, an angler can only pitch and cast until perfection is reached or else they have gained the height of their limitations. Some anglers get precise with hitting their target they'd put a major league pitcher with a "No Hitter" to shame.

Another aspect of this equation is the movement of the lure. An angler can only move, shake, twitch, and twist their presentation so much. Then how do you explain dead-sticking, or the stories about the angler that cast out, was getting a drink or lighting a cigarette and caught the biggest bass of their life?

This is where Bubba's definition of fishing would come in. If anyone ever had the courage to inter-

view him on fishing he would say, "Fishing is luck, religion, and practice, and not necessarily in that order!"

Bubba believes there is a lot of religion in fishing. He'll start his day off with a prayer of thankfulness for all he is blessed with and the beauty of nature for him to enjoy, and pray for the fish to bite. When the fish aren't biting he'll pray more than a circuit preacher at a revival meeting. Then when he catches one, his favorite prayer is, "Thank You Lord, May I Have Another One?" Bubba believes there are a lot of prayers conducted in all bass boats, not just his.

Bubba's belief in the luck factor of fishing is almost borderline superstition. He has his lucky shirt, his lucky rod, his lucky shoes, his lucky socks, and his lucky underwear. As a matter of fact anything Bubba was using, wearing, or had in the boat when he caught a big fish is a new lucky token, and like an American Express Card, he won't leave home without it. It would not surprise me at all that if Bubba ever catches a "State Record" we will probably see him on television. Can't you just picture it coming on your TV, "Hi I'm Bubba, You don't know me, that's why I carry this card and 40,000 other things in my boat! Cause you never know when you'll need more stuff!" With his luck he'll probably do it some day!

Bubba also believes that practice makes perfect! This is really a benefit to himself the most. To acquire the proper talent and techniques of fishing a

lot of practice is required. This requires Bubba to do a lot of fishing when Bubbette will let him and when he doesn't have to work to make boat payments and buy stuff. Somewhere down the line it has changed from, "Honey can I go fishing?" to "Honey I need to go practice!" I don't know how this sounds to Bubbette but to me it sounds more like piano lessons than fishing. But, it seems to work for Bubba and like he says, "Why change your line if it ain't frayed?"

So, while some anglers are taking Fishing 101 and learning about the advantages of rising and falling barometric pressures and migratory patterns of our scaly friends, Bubba will be playing hooky, hooky, hooky on the lake. He'll be out there practicing fishing, praying, and hopefully being lucky!



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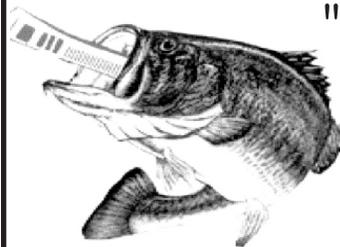
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lake. This is a 99% live release rate which is to congratulate these youth and their captains for the great care they took in preserving their catches. The Lake Fork Sportsman Association's Live Release Boat is also to be

commended for their great care in handling the bass after they were weighed in and released.

Winning the 3rd Annual Lake Fork Open High School Scholarship Tournament was the team of Will Hughes

and Carter Henderson representing Whitehouse. Their total weight for the two days was 22.88-pounds. Will Hughes also caught the big bass of the tournament on the first day weighing 10.04-pounds which won him an

additional \$500. For their great fishing they won a \$6,000 scholarship check to be shared. Second place was Cameron Smalley and Garrett Stefka with a total weight of 18.78-pounds for a \$4,000 check; 3rd

place was Jared Goebel and Bryce Roder with a total weight of 15.53-pounds winning them a check for \$2,000; 4th place was Garrett Cutler and Brandon Dominguez with a total weight of 14.89-pounds win-

ning them a check for \$1,500; 5th place was Hudson Daille and Austin Jones with a total weight of 14.08-pounds winning them a check for \$1,000; 6th place was David Steward

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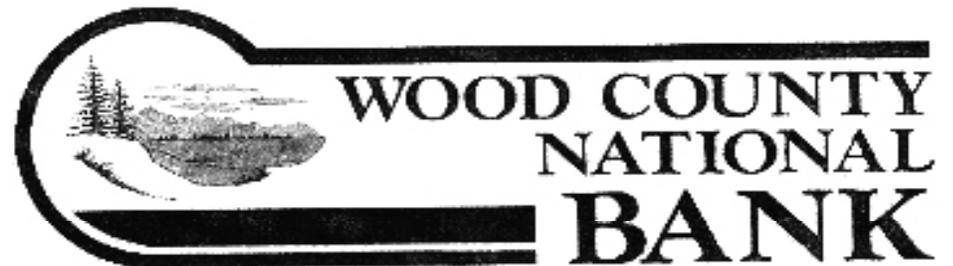
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Those words begin the narrative for El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail interpre-

tive project, a \$5.5 million project that will construct a new visitor center at Mission Tejas State Park in Houston County west of Nacogdoches, renovate the flood-damaged Smith Visitor Center at McKinney Falls State Park in Austin, repurpose a historic building into a new welcoming center at Goliad State Park and Historic Site, and place a new Camino Real interpretive display at Mission Rosario near Goliad.

The ambitious project has been in planning and design stages for years, but is getting new life thanks to record park funding approved in

the last session by the Texas Legislature. The project is getting \$3.5 million in new state dollars for the 2016--2017 biennium. This builds on about \$500,000 in seed money from previous years, plus \$1.5 million in federal transportation enhancement funding. Construction is set to begin by next year.

In 2004, Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Rep. Ciro Rodriguez co-sponsored congressional action to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail, a network of trails extending 2,850 miles from the Rio Grande

near Eagle Pass and Laredo through Texas to Natchitoches, LA.

Along this route, Native Americans such as the Caddo tribe met Franciscan friars who founded San Francisco de los Tejas mission, not far from today's Mission Tejas State Park. Set amid the tall trees of the East Texas Pineywoods, rich with both nature and history, the park is about to receive a once-in-a-lifetime improvement. Plans are underway to construct a new headquarters complex of three separate buildings and an interpretive path, including a new exhibit hall to tell the story of El Camino Real

and the park through engaging and interactive interpretive exhibit experiences.

Mission Tejas State Park attracts a variety of audiences from young families to retirees to large school groups. Visitors find peace and quiet in the park and spend their time hiking, birding, geocaching, camping, and attending events like the annual Folk Festival. With the new exhibits, from the moment visitors step out of their cars, they will set off on a path of discovery through pine trees and simple buildings that echo and complement the quiet, natural surroundings. As they

enter the exhibit hall, interpretive text, artifacts, visual elements like photographs and illustrations, and interactive, touchable components will draw visitors through, alongside a large glass window offering a view of the forest and the Rice Log Home, which was moved to the site to help interpret the Texas pioneer story.

Goliad State Park and Historic Site is known for Mission Espíritu Santo, a Spanish mission reconstructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. But the project will restore

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# "Tolerate the temps, the bass will ease the pain!"

By David Ozio

"As with most of the past summers, August is a hot month both with the external temps and bass fishing. Most anglers relegate their day to either early morning or late evening thinking that the middle of the day is just too warm to fish. With regard to the fishing, this is a myth that has long endured the test of time. In actuality, if you can tolerate the 95 degree temps, the bass will be there to ease the pain especially in the cooler water depths of the lake.

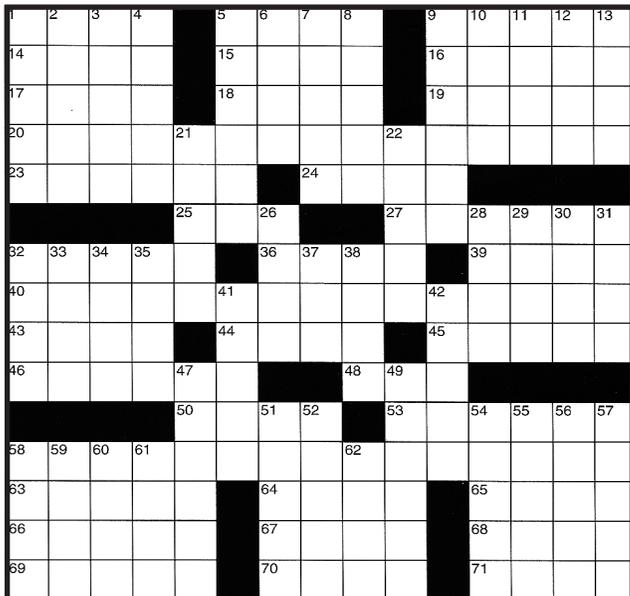
Lake Fork is currently about a foot under pool level and water clarity is ranging from stained to slightly stained across the expanse of the impoundment. Surface temps have been ranging from 86-92 degrees and these extremes have recently delegated where the bass have been

holding with regard to structure. When the surface temps are in the lower range, bass seem to be holding on the bottom relating to points, pond dams, ridges, roadbeds and hard structures. Recently, high winds have created vicious white caps on Fork turning up the top layer of the water column bringing cooler water to the surface. This newly oxygenated water tends to sink to the bottom giving the fish an opportunity to feed deep. When the wind stops howling, surface temps tend to rise establishing a strong thermocline which pushes the bass up into the water column forcing them to suspend. This is, more than likely, what happens to their food source and the bass follow suit. Targeting these fish is the directive and your electronics will be the tool to getting the job done.

Morning and late evening bass are no huge challenge as they will hit top water baits along with the squarebill crankbaits. Shad colors are always recommended and focus these efforts on main lake points. This action will be short lived as the bite dissipates as the sun starts to peek over the tree lines. This is when you shift gears and tie on a deeper diving crankbait and back out on these points and focus on the 8-15ft depth range. Same colors apply during this time of the year and covering water will be the ticket to success. Once mid morning is upon you, this will be the time to break out the Carolina and Texas rigs to probe the 15-25ft depths using any plastic of your choice. Big worms usually will get the job done and I



favor any version of red during the summer months. Redbug is hard to beat especially if you see the bass on the screen and decide to tackle them using a drop shot. I opt for 12lb line on the drop shot in this situation and use a 3/8 ounce weight on calm days, 1/2 ounce weight on the windy outings. If you are strictly after the biggest fish in any school, break out the one ounce football jig with matching trailer and hang on for dear life when the rod tip loads up. Flourocarbon lines in the 17-20lb range work well for this application and make sure you use the San Diego Jam knot to reduce break offs. As a matter of fact, use the jam knot on all line sizes of flourocarbon line. It will be a very smart move.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Commoner (abbr.)
- 5. Before sunsets
- 9. Thou \_\_\_\_ not
- 14. Lounge about
- 15. \_\_\_\_ Turner, rock singer
- 16. Shield
- 17. Phil \_\_\_\_, former CIA
- 18. Pay attention to
- 19. Soul
- 20. Wolfe novel, with "Of"
- 23. Chinese capital
- 24. Tennis matches
- 25. Austrian money
- 27. Figure of speech
- 32. Iraq man (var.)
- 36. Soothing plant
- 39. Scan
- 40. Gould work
- 43. Projection
- 44. Give advice, explain
- 45. Fakes
- 46. Yemen citizen
- 48. \_\_\_\_ Caesar, comedian
- 50. Egyptian goddess
- 53. Greek prophetesses
- 58. Waterway for Pierre
- 63. UC Berkeley museum
- 64. Cheese
- 65. \_\_\_\_ Frank's diary
- 66. After prayers
- 67. Heavier sword blade
- 68. Greek portico
- 69. Cap
- 70. Begetters
- 71. Thou \_\_\_\_ sinned

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. \_\_\_\_deutsch, low German
- 2. Maxims
- 3. Fragrant resin from tropical trees
- 4. Masks profane words
- 5. Cultural
- 6. Competed
- 7. Samoyedic
- 8. Hebrew letter
- 9. Rare
- 10. Loloish
- 11. Tel \_\_\_\_, Israel city
- 12. Green "lemon"
- 13. Czar (var.)
- 21. Scandinavian gods
- 22. Attila
- 26. Possess
- 28. Strongly suggest
- 29. Odd person
- 30. Hair
- 31. Not subtracts
- 32. Uncertain
- 33. Abnormal breathing
- 34. Styptic
- 35. Paul \_\_\_\_, Swiss painter
- 37. Light-emitting diode (abbr.)
- 38. Minerals
- 41. St. Pat's people
- 42. About some Norse poems
- 47. Most agreeable
- 49. Editions
- 51. Embed (var.)
- 52. Minute floating marine animal
- 54. Bold
- 55. Gossiper
- 56. Twisted yarns
- 57. Walter William \_\_\_\_, British lexicographer
- 58. Fatty tissue
- 59. Italy's capital
- 60. Vessel
- 61. Small integer
- 62. Necessity

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and Aristeo Vasquez with a total weight of 12.67-pounds winning them a check for \$500. Seventh through tenth places received a tackle prize. They were in order Trever Tinkle and James Campbell with 12.12-pounds, Chase Fitz-gerald and Sydney Reagan with 11.95-pounds, Jason Quon and Andy Ortega with 11.75-pounds, and Jace Bridges and Remington Boykin with 11.73-pounds.

The youth of today are our future and what better place to be than on the lakes and

creeks rather than on the streets. With youth like these, the future looks brighter. All the volunteers that help make this event are to be commended for their diligence and hard work. Also a big thank you to all the sponsors that make this possible for the youth; Oak Ridge Marina, Lake Fork Chamber of Commerce, Legend Boats, Wood County Industrial Commission, Rains County Tourism Board, City of Emory, Shimano, Coca Cola, Dick's Sporting Goods, Kona Ice, Papa's Baits,

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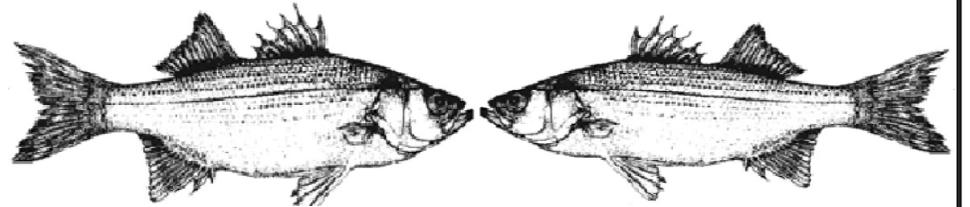
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5. To qualify, contestants must check in at tournament headquarters before fishing.
6. Fishing hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (official clock at sign-in station). NO FISHING from midnight till start time.
7. Fishing will be done on Lake Fork only (trailerling 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 casting. (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).
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 CONTROLLED 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 accompany 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.

### Additional Information

For more information or for information on joining Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork visit our website  
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### Entry Application

Entry fee of \$40 must accompany mailed entry and must be postmarked on or before Oct. 15, 2016 to Texas Trails Bassmasters, 538 PR 5861, Yantis, TX 75497, or you may pay \$45 at tournament headquarters before starting time of tournament. \$10 extra for Big Bass (optional). Print clearly.

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# "The Moon Report" Mid-Summer Crappie

By Terri Moon

Summer has definitely set in! It's been quite a 'heat wave' over us. But the mornings have been very tolerable and I'm very grateful for any clouds that happen by! The water temps are reaching the 90's and it's looking like a thermocline is setting in between 16 to 20 ft. So, that lets me know the most productive fishing spots will be at or near the depth of the thermocline. The exception would be early morning or early evening. You might find them as shallow as 8 ft. Also the depth of the baitfish will determine what depths you need to target. So definitely keep an eye on that depth finder. It's your number "one" tool in a successful day of fishing!

Right now the majority of the crappie population is relating to main lake features such as channel bends, roadbeds, bridges, and similar structure. They will look for areas that offer them access to cover like standing timber, stumps, or brush piles in relatively deep water.



Just keep searching for those baitfish around the humps, ridges, and points – the crap-pie should be nearby. The colors producing for us have been Lake Fork Tackle's chartreuse/pearl, curly tail shad and blue ice baby shad and blue ice live baby shad.

Now as far as the bream goes – we've caught some beauties this month! Around the new or full moon, they've been in 1 to 8 ft. of water -- otherwise back off to that 8 to 15 ft. of water. You can use a slip bobber or tightline a cricket or worm and really have some fun! (I think I've just talked myself into going out and catch me some more!)

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My best to you all and especially to all my family in Missouri!

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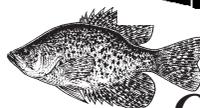
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### Additional CWD Cases Discovered at a Quarantined Captive White-tailed Deer Breeding Facility

Thirteen new cases of chronic wasting disease (CWD) were confirmed at a Medina County captive white-tailed deer breeding facility on June 29.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) discovered these cases while conducting an epidemiological investigation on the quarantined facility after a 3 1/2-year-old captive white-tailed doe tested positive for CWD in April 2016. This initial positive doe was tested for CWD due to increased surveillance testing required by the facility's TAHC herd plan. The herd plan was developed to assess the risk of CWD in the facility for its association with the first Texas CWD positive herd.

USDA diagnostic sampling funds were utilized to conduct the testing. Of the 33 samples submitted to National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) for testing, 13 of these samples revealed the presence of CWD prions. TAHC and TPWD will be working close-

ly with the facility owner to develop future testing strategies to assess the CWD disease prevalence within the facility.

With these new positive cases, 25 total white-tailed deer originating from captive white-tailed deer breeding facilities have been confirmed positive for CWD in the state, including the initial CWD positive deer detected in June 2015.

The disease was first recognized in 1967 in captive mule deer in Colorado. CWD has also been documented in captive and/or free-ranging deer in 24 states and 2 Canadian provinces. In Texas, the disease was first discovered in 2012 in free-ranging mule deer along a remote area of the Hueco Mountains near the Texas-New Mexico border. Earlier this year, a free ranging mule deer buck harvested in Hartley County was confirmed CWD positive.

CWD among cervids is a progressive, fatal disease that commonly results in altered behavior 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. To date there is no evidence that CWD poses a risk to humans or non-cervids. However, as a precaution, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization recommend not to consume meat from infected animals.

More information on TPWD's CWD web pages, or at the Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance website.

More information about the TAHC CWD program may be found on the TAHC website.

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## New Texas Drawn Hunt Opportunities Available First Application Deadline Aug. 3

Hunters can start making plans for the upcoming seasons now by applying for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Drawn Hunts. The online system is currently accepting applications and the first hunt category deadline is less than a month away.

This year there are more opportunities available than ever before as additional drawn hunts on public and private lands are being consolidated into TPWD's online application system, including a new dove hunting category featuring slots on prime private dove fields. Among

the other offerings available through the online system are hunts for white-tailed and mule deer, pronghorn, exotic gemsbok and scimitar-horned oryx, turkey and alligator, as well as a guided hunt for desert bighorn sheep.

In addition to drawn hunts managed by TPWD, the system now includes applications for hunts administered by other entities, including about 1,500 big game hunt positions on several U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuges in Texas and antlerless deer permits for U.S. Forest Service properties in East Texas.

"Since moving our drawn hunt application process entirely online two years ago, we've seen a huge increase in interest from hunters as well as other entities who offer public hunting opportunities on their lands," said Justin Dreibelbis, public hunting program director at TPWD. "We had over 31,000 hunters apply last year from every state except Rhode Island and in many foreign countries. Most hunters applied, on average, 6-7 times each to take advantage of the wide range of opportunities available through our system."

All hunt opportunities can be viewed by category or by area using an interactive map. The entire process is handled online -- from browsing opportunities, to applications, fee payments and permit issuance. To participate, applicants will need internet access, an email address and a credit or debit card. The Customer ID number from the applicant's hunting or fishing license is one of the easy ways to access the system.

The first application deadlines are in August. August 3 is the deadline for the alligator hunt categories, and August 11 is the deadline for archery deer, exotic, javelina and the new private lands dove hunts. Other hunt category deadlines occur from August 23 through January 26. A full list of category deadlines can be found online. Hunters can apply up to 11:59 p.m. Central Time on the application deadline, and after the application is submitted, they can check their drawing status online at any time. The Drawn Hunts program offers affordable hunting experiences throughout the state, including several Youth-Only hunt categories. Application fees are \$3 or \$10 depending on the hunt category. Adult hunters that are selected may also need to pay a Special Permit fee of \$80 for regular hunts and \$130 for extended hunts. Some categories, such as the Youth-Only hunts, require no application fees or permit fees.

For more information or to get started in the application process visit the TPWD drawn hunts web page. For questions, contact [hunt@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:hunt@tpwd.texas.gov) or call 512-389-4505 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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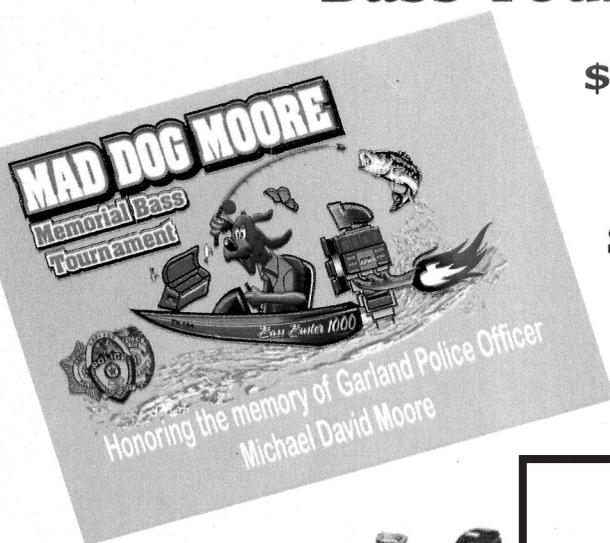
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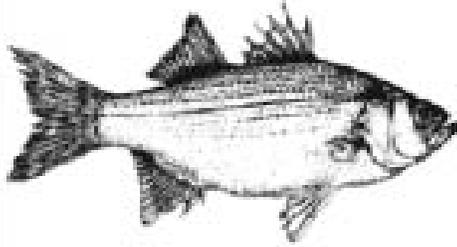
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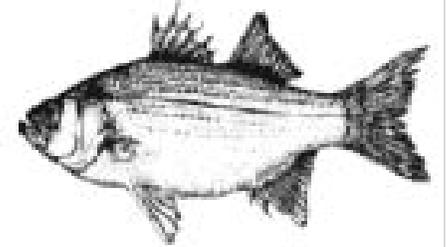
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2. Early entries optional (No Discount)
3. All entry fees must be paid before 6 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016.
4. Sign Up: Friday, Aug. 12, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 13, 5 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. at Fisherman's One Stop.
5. Tournament is open to any person with a Valid Texas Fishing License. Minors can compete but must have signed release form.
6. All State and Local Laws Apply.
7. No alcohol or drugs allowed during tournament hours.
8. Trailering is allowed.
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10. Trolling with big motor is allowed.
11. Each contestant may weigh-in only 5 fish.
12. 10" Minimum Length. Live bait is allowed.
13. No pooling of fish, all persons in boat must be paid entry.
14. Contestants can only fish with as many rods as they can.
15. Contestants must agree to submit to a polygraph.
16. Tournament Director & Committee Decisions Are Final.
17. Mail in entries must be received by July 31, 2016
18. All fish become property of tournament to be fried.

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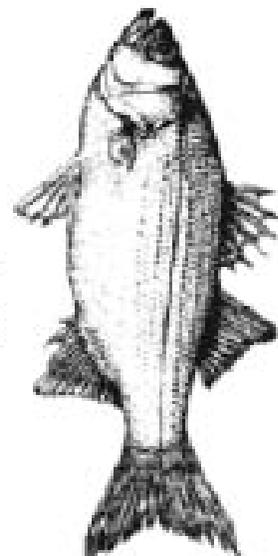
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## Texas Game Wardens and Menard County Sheriff Find Large-Scale Illegal Marijuana Operation

On June 29, the Menard County Sheriff's Office and Texas Game Wardens served an evidentiary search warrant on a ranch in eastern Menard County that was conducting an alleged illegal large-scale marijuana growing operation. Texas Game Wardens initially spotted the marijuana while conducting an aerial patrol of the county.

As of today, the case remains under investigation by Menard County Sheriff's Office, Texas Game

Wardens, and Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigation Division. Approximately 40,000 marijuana plants worth millions of dollars have been seized, as well as other evidence pertaining to the case. The site included substantial infrastructure including camps and irrigation.

As in other states, game wardens help investigate large-scale illegal marijuana grows in rural areas because they often involve wildlife poaching,

criminal trespass, and environmental crimes, including the potential for water pollution related to runoff associated with rodenticides, insecticides, fuel, and chemical fertilizers. Texas Game Wardens have recently documented marijuana grow sites where large old-growth timber has been cut on public lands.

"Our game wardens have encountered armed subjects protecting grow sites, located discarded firearms within the sites, and have been contacted by hunters and landowners who have unknowingly come across these sites," said Colonel Craig Hunter, TPWD Law Enforcement Division Director. "These large grow sites introduce a significant criminal element into the rural areas of our state. We will continue to assist local, state, and federal law enforcement whether we come across grow sites incidental to our normal patrols or are called to assist."

Numerous other agencies have assisted with the investigation, including the Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigations Division, Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol, Texas Department of Public Safety Aviation, McCulloch County Sheriff's Office, Drug Enforcement Agency, Homeland Security Investigations / ICE, Tom Green County Sheriff's Office, and National Guard.

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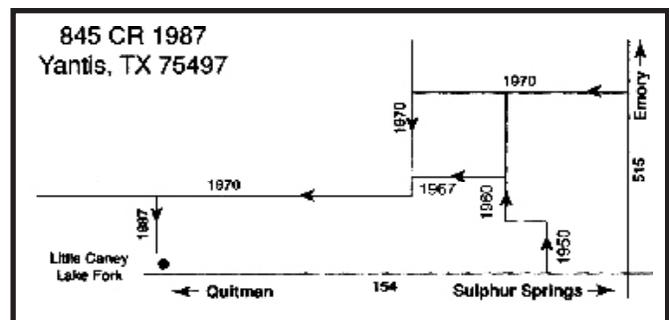
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**Historic El Camino Real To Get Fresh Look with New State Funding** *(Continued from Page 5-A)*

that of the CCC architects who sought to faithfully recreate the bygone era of the Spanish empire through the mission restoration. Among

other offerings, visitors will have the chance to create their own architectural sketch on a piece of "blueprint" paper, inspired by their own connection to the

stories they hear in the museum.

Just four miles from Goliad State Park are ruins of the 18th-century Spanish Franciscan Mission Nuestra

Señora del Rosario, now Mission Rosario State Historic Site. Other than an historical marker and occasional guided tours, the mission site has not been easy to access or understand. The project will provide a new parking area, access path, and interpretive signs to convey the mission's story. The idea is to show visitors how the mission may have originally looked, put the ruins into the wider contexts of the Spanish mission system, and tie the site to El Camino Real, Spanish Texas and Native American history.

McKinney Falls State Park in southeast Austin is one of the state's most visited parks. The 744-acre park offers camping, hike and bike trails, fishing and swimming--but it's also rich in history. The project will breathe new life into the park's Smith Visitor Center on Onion Creek, which suffered serious damage from several floods in recent years. It also will make the building more resistant to future flood damage and provide up-to-date accessibility for people with disabilities. The new exhibits will include interpretive media and interactive elements telling the story of El Camino Real's influence on the settlement and growth of central Texas. Project subthemes include how geology and water converge to form a dynamic ecosystem, humans connect with nature to take advantage of natural resources, Texas and Mexico travel in op-

posite directions on the road to independence, and Spanish influences continue to shape Texas.

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### Leave That Wild Animal Alone, Experts Advise

It's not uncommon during the summer months to see what appears to be abandoned fawn deer or fledgling birds in need; that's when humans need to resist the urge to help, wildlife experts say.

Some species, including birds, deer and snakes, are normally very active this time of year and are typically seen more frequently. With the abundance of recent rainfall,

increased sightings of displaced wildlife in flooded areas can also be expected, but if left alone these critters will return to their natural environment once water levels subside.

This is the time of year that young birds are out of their nests but cannot fly. If the bird's eyes are open, it has a coat of feathers and is hopping around, it is probably

fine, according to staff at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's wildlife information center. Grounded fledglings will usually be up and flying within a few days.

The fawning season is well underway, although the newborns may not be visible to the casual observer for several weeks because of excellent camouflage of

their mottled coats and their mother's care in hiding them from predators.

Deer will typically leave their fawns for hours at a time, returning only to nurse them. Fawns are often discovered lying quietly in tall grass or brushy areas. Well-meaning people sometimes pick up these

fawns, thinking that they have been abandoned by their mothers and need help. This is rarely the case.

A fawn should only be picked up if it is covered in fire ants or is otherwise seriously injured. These fawns need assistance and should be taken to a wildlife rehabilitator immediately.

If it is determined that a wild animal is sick or

injured call the TPWD wildlife information line, (512) 389-4505, during business hours for a referral to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

After-hours callers can get the names of rehabilitators from TPWD's dispatch line at (512) 389-4848 or by accessing the department's website.

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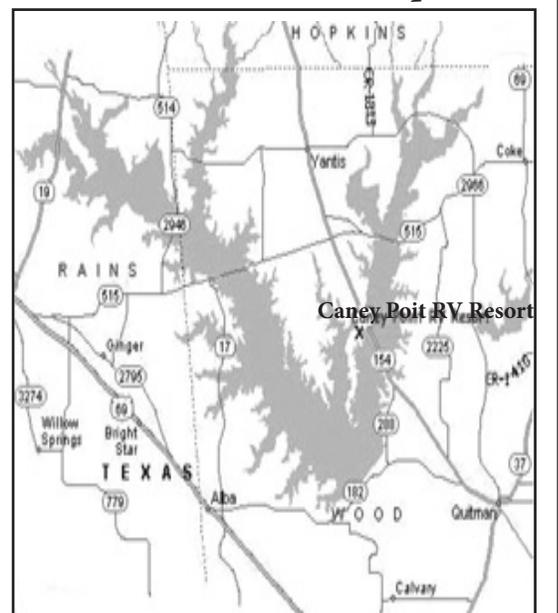
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## "Pack of Knowledge" "Summer School Bass"

By Andrew Grills

August can be one of the most difficult months to consistently catch quality bass here on Lake Fork. The deep fish have been pressured for a couple months and can be tough to catch. The shoreline usually holds some fish, but chances for good sized bass are slim. A great alternative is keeping an eye out for surface activity.

While it can be difficult to abandon the typical areas and techniques that worked so well all summer, I find I have some of my most productive days targeting "schooling bass". Because fish are

on the move, I try to be as well, watching for surface activity or birds. When we see a bird dive or a bass break the surface, it is often just the tip of the iceberg and a big time feeding frenzy is taking place below. Its also important to check areas where you've seen schooling activity in years past. It isn't unusual to find bass using the same areas year after year, even though there may not be any noticeable structure nearby to attract them.

In order to catch these schooling fish, I put my slow moving, bottom crawling techniques aside. This is the time to reach for moving baits that will appeal to bass from the surface, or even those suspended in the water column. There are quite a few presentations that will work. However, my favorites are a walking topwater bait, a soft plastic jerk bait, and a big spoon.

A Spook is a great choice for a walking topwater bait. There are many other brands that work as well, and some work better on certain days. I like to have a couple sizes on hand in order to see which gets bit best, and to find out if there is potential to draw a bigger fish with the larger bait (even though it might not get as many bites). Many of us are tempted to fish these baits too slow, in order to entice a bass to bite, but I prefer a fast, erratic retrieve to get the fish to react out of impulse. I use 15-lb monofilament line for this application.

Zoom's Super Fluke is probably the most popu-

lar soft jerk bait, and I use both the standard and magnum sizes. I will rig these weightless on an EWG hook with 15-lb fluorocarbon line. A moderate retrieve with a twitch and pause cadence can be effective, keeping the bait on or just below the surface. I also like to deadstick them, and count them down to the suspended fish I see on my sonar. This is a great way to get down to the bigger fish.

Finally, a spoon is one of my favorite lures any time. It will work great for catching the better quality fish in the midst of schooling activity. I let the spoon go to the bottom, then crank 3-5 times and allow it to fall back down. M-Pack Lures' Structure Spoon is one of my favorites. I like it because the unique weedguard gives us the liberty to fish it wherever the fish are without worrying about snagging. This just hit the market and is available at some of the marinas around the lake or at [mpacklures.com](http://mpacklures.com).

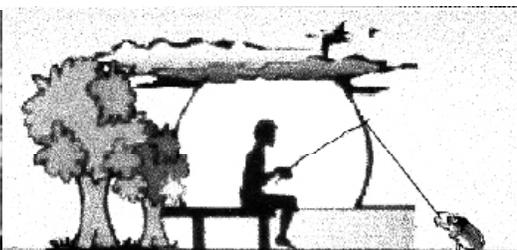
As I mentioned earlier, there are a lot of ways to catch schooling bass, these are just my favorites. Hopefully these tips will help you put a few more fish in your boat and give you an extra perspective during what can be a tough month to catch them. If you would like to book a trip with me, you can reach me at (903) 638-1170 or email me [andrew@lakeforkguideandrewgrills.com](mailto:andrew@lakeforkguideandrewgrills.com) or visit my website: [www.LakeForkGuideAndrewGrills.com](http://www.LakeForkGuideAndrewGrills.com).



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## Game Warden Field Notes

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

**--Big Turtle Not Hot to Trot--**A Harrison County game warden got a call about a large alligator snapping turtle that had been in the same spot on the river for a couple of days. The warden found the big turtle and was able to get close enough to free him from the trotline on which he was caught.

**--July 4th Weekend Keeps Wardens Busy--**Texas Game Wardens had their hands full over the Fourth of July holiday weekend as heightened water recreation participation across the state led to numerous calls for assistance. In all, wardens responded to 12 drowning fatalities and two near drownings, 34 boating accidents that resulted in one fatality and eight serious

injuries, filed 57 cases for boating and driving while intoxicated, and made 55 other arrests. By the time they closed the books on the three-day affair, wardens had made contact with more than 56,000 boaters on-board 16,000 vessels.

**--Hog Hunter on the Run?--**In June, a Cooke County game warden was called in to assist with a missing hunter along the Red River. An adult male had separated from the group during the early morning hog hunt and had not been heard from. The warden deployed an ATV to cover the large adjoining property. Local air support and search dogs were also called in but the subject, who also is believed to have several outstanding felony warrants, was not located. Missing person investigation continues.

**--Unlawful Boating Warrants Further Investigation--** A Hen-

derson County game warden was patrolling Cedar Creek Lake when he came in contact with a vessel that had expired registration and a non-serviceable fire extinguisher. After further investigation, it was determined the owner of the vessel had an active warrant for criminal non-support. The owner of the vessel was transported to the Henderson County Jail. As the warden continued his water safety patrol, he observed a ski boat driving recklessly near residential boat docks. After several attempts, the warden was able to get the boat to stop. He noticed the driver and passenger "huddling" as if they were trying to get their story straight. During the contact he observed the operator of the vessel seemed very uneasy and didn't know where any of his water safety equipment was located. Upon fur-

ther investigation, it was determined the vessel had been stolen back in April. The driver and the passenger were both transported to the Henderson County Jail for Unauthorized Use of a Vessel. The operator also had several outstanding warrants in several different counties.

**--Impaired Judgment Call--** Limestone County game wardens were refueling at a local gas station when a car with

three females drove up and attempted to flirt with the officers. The driver exhibited several signs of intoxication including slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, and impaired judgment and delayed motor skills. SFST (Standardized Field Sobriety Tests) were performed and the driver was subsequently arrested for driving while intoxicated.

**--Can't Outrun the Game Wardens--**Two Calhoun County game

wardens were patrolling Keller Bay for commercial oystering compliance when they saw a boat crew harvesting oysters in closed waters. Once the crew spotted the wardens, they attempted to elude them, but they didn't get far. The wardens arrested two individuals for oystering in closed waters, which is a state jail felony. The cases against the individuals are pending (See More Game Field Notes in B-Section)



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The other half of this deep bass equation equates to the suspended fish. These are much tougher to catch and require great patience both in locating them and putting them into the boat. Again, the electronics play a huge roll in determining where these fish are holding in the water column and then there is the challenge of matching the right lure with the conditions. If it is windy on that given day, choose the flutter spoon as your means of attack. Size may matter so try smaller versions first then gravitate to the magnum beast if the bite is good. Colors may also vary based upon cloud cover, silver on

clear days and gold when the light level is much lower. If there is no wind period, tie on a magnum fluke in any shad color using a 7/0 hook only. In both cases, experiment with the countdown to establish the correct depth range of the given lure. Remember that sequence when a toad grabs hold of the bait and stretches your line into oblivion.

I hope this helps and gives you a starting point on your Lake Fork adventure. If you are headed out to Lake Fork in August searching for the trophy of a lifetime, I would love to be a part of this trophy quest. I still have a few dates open in August and some in September. 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 run a Skeeter FXi with a Yamaha 250SHO and would like to thank Skeeter for making my office on the lake the best in the country. I would also like to thank G-Loomis, Shimano and Talon Lures for making my job the blast that it is. A special shout out to Nautical Mile Marine in Tyler for all their help in keeping me on the water seven days a week, no issues. I hope to see a lot of you on the water. Romans 10:13. "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". I wish all of you a blessed day."



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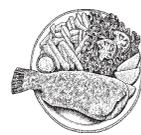
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**Hook N' Cook Sandbass Tournament** *(Continued from Page 1-A)*

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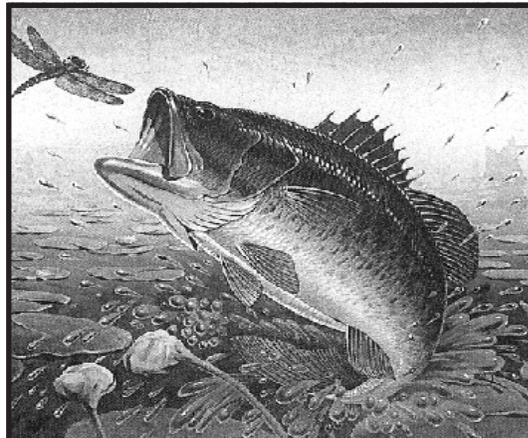
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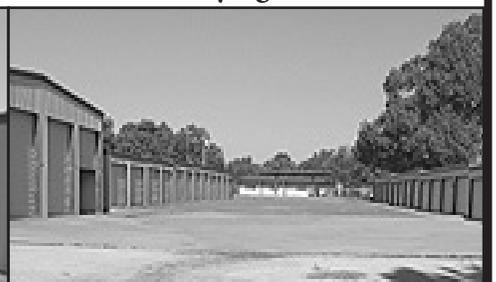
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