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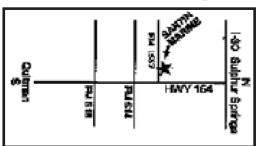
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Bassin' With Bubba



By Don Bubba Hampton

Fork's deep water bass are on the move during the month of August. A lot of Fork's deep water bass move from their deep water sanctuary to more shallow water areas setting up their core area around eight to fifteen foot water depth. This movement is caused by stratification water columns in deep water areas. With the lack of oxygen in these deeper water hangouts most big bass will spend most of their time in eight to fifteen foot depth range. This movement occurs every August on Fork making August one of the top trophy months of the year. If you are after that dream bass, now is the

time to spend a lot of time on the water and you might be surprised with a lifetime catch.

The day bite can be rewarding either early or late. The hottest part of the day is generally the best feeding times. Bass are more active at night during summer period. Telemetry studies have shown older age class concentrate as much as ninety percent of their activities during night hours when the water temperature is above eighty-two degrees. Other factors such as water oxygen content will affect bass activity at night. During the day plants convert carbon dioxide to oxygen. Just after dark the water around aquatic plants such as hydrilla has some of the highest concentrations of oxygen of the twenty-four hour period. However, during night hours plants start using oxygen in the water and oxygen levels will drop as darkness proceeds. During the period from several hours after darkness until daylight bass will move to the outside edge of aquatic vegetation to feed. This activity is in response to depleted oxygen.

Find the grass and find the outside edge close to deep water areas and you will be in business. Water temperatures will cool two to five degrees during the night. Cooler water not only feels better to the bass, but also has greater capacity to hold oxygen. Other important factor is water clarity. If water clarity is less than a foot you will have poor night fishing. The clearer the water, the better the fishing. Weather also plays an important role in your night fishing success. Better fish-catching

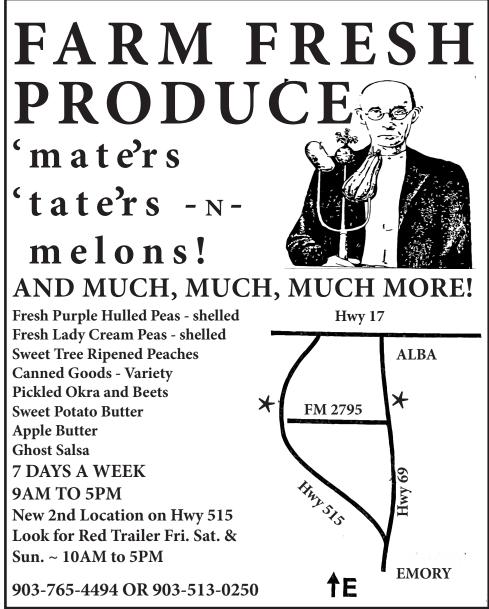
nights will occur after a still, hot day. Likewise, some of the poorest catching nights will occur after cool, cloudy, windy and rainy days.

Some avid night anglers believe the best bite is during the half moon coming up to half moon coming down. Others believe just the opposite, the darker the better. Generally they are both right. During moonlit nights, points that are close to deep water and aquatic vegetation are the hot spots. During periods of less moonlight, artificial lighting on marinas, boathouses, piers, launch ramps and any other man-made structures will draw more bass. On cloudy nights during moonlit periods artificial shore lighting can be the best bet. During bright, full moon period, grass and points close to deep water sanctuaries away from artificial lighting is best.

Thunderstorms during the night is a sure turnoff even though the weather may be nice afterwards. However, the following morning can be good fishing. High winds at night will also result in a poor bite, especially if the water has become off-colored as a result of the wind. The period just prior to the wind or in its initial stage will be rewarding. Good fishing and fish friendly!

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Game Warden Field Notes

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

--Working the Devils River- Two Val Verde County game wardens patrolled a rural part of the Devils River by kayak. Because of the river's location, it can be difficult to get the kayak and other equipment to the put-in point and then get it all out at the takeout point. Despite the logistical challenges, the game wardens were able to safely patrol the river, checking 12 kayakers and river users, with high voluntary water safety compliance.

--Turkeys Are Not Toys--An Atascosa County game warden received a tip about a person keeping a wild Rio Grande turkey in captivity on his property. The warden responded to the location and found the turkey tied by its leg in a makeshift coop. The suspect admitted to chasing the turkey down and capturing it. The warden cited the suspect, seized the turkey and released it in suitable habitat along the Atascosa River

-The Devil's in the (Expired) Details-After an Atascosa County game warden noticed a vehicle with an expired registration pulling into a Wal-Mart parking lot, he pulled the vehicle over and made contact with the driver. Upon running her license information,

the warden found the female driver had an active felony arrest warrant for violation of probation for cocaine possession. The warden impounded the female's vehicle and transported her to the Atascosa County jail.

--Flee on Foot--Two game wardens were checking a fisherman at a local lake in Lubbock when they discovered the man did not have a fishing license. Upon further investigation, the wardens learned the man, who had several felony arrest warrants, had given them a false name. When the wardens confronted him about the warrants, the man tried to flee on foot, though he did not get far before the wardens caught up to him

and arrested him. Several charges, including failure to identify as a fugitive, resisting arrest and evading arrest, are pending against the fisherman.

--Restricted Air Space--A game warden received a call from an Archer County landowner about a helicopter illegally hunting over his property. The warden visited a nearby property, where he found the helicopter, pilot and crew. The warden interviewed the pilot and crew, who said they had flown over the landowner's property to film feral hogs for a television show. After consulting the landowner and a game warden captain, the warden determined the crew was in violation for managing wildlife by

aircraft, a Class A misdemeanor, without landowner consent. "Managing" wildlife includes photographing wildlife. The warden arrested four crewmembers for managing wildlife by aircraft without landowner authorization. The cases are pending.

--Buy and Bust--A Gonzales County game warden and a Guadalupe County game warden teamed up with a special operations sergeant to set up a buy/bust operation in Gonzales County. The investigation was a response to an Operation Game Thief call the wardens received a few weeks prior about an individual selling wildcaught raccoons over the Internet. The wardens'

investigation revealed the suspect did not possess a current furbearing animal propagator's permit. The wardens successfully caught the suspect in the illegal act of selling several live, wild raccoons. Cases are pending against the seller.

-Scary Catch-Two Aransas County game wardens assisted the Aransas County Sheriff's Department and the Corpus Christi Police Department bomb squad in responding to a potential bomb threat on the water. A commercial oyster boat had accidentally scooped up several old U.S. military mortar rounds. The crew was afraid the mortar rounds could still be active and called the

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Refreshing, Easy Recipe For Warm Weather

By Sue Hampton

From mixed greens to pasta supreme, summer days just aren't complete without a heaping bowl of salad. Maybe it's because they are so light and tasty that these simple dishes complement a day around the pool. However, be sure to experiment with as many salad recipes as you can to fill the 90 or so days the warm weather lasts.

For a tasty and fresh flavor that will work well



Summer wouldn't be the same without a refreshing and light salad. Fresh tuna adds flair to "Tuna-Pepper Salad," perfect for luncheon entertaining.

for entertaining, try "Tuna-Pepper Salad." Using fresh tuna in the recipe will yield amazing results.

Tuna-Pepper Salad (Serves 6 to 8)

Fresh tuna that has been steamed grilled and then flaked for salad tastes nothing like its canned 4 stalks celery, diced cousin found at the 1 tablespoon minced market. While this fresh chives fish isn't always available fresh, this salad fresh tarragon will make the most of it when it's in season. This is an excellent luncheon dish that can be prepared in advance for guests. Sliced oranges, tangerines and seedless red grapes complement the tuna, pepper and herb medley with

contrast. Add 2 cups of cooked tomato or spinach penne for a heartier dish.

1 - 8-ounce tuna steak, grilled and cooled

1 orange or red bell pepper, finely chopped 1 cup seeded and finely chopped green ol-

2 tablespoons minced

½ cup extra-virgin olive oil

1 teaspoon white wine vinegar

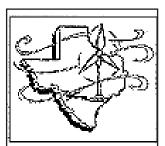
Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Place the tuna in a large bowl and gently break it into chunky flakes with a fork.

Add the peppers, ola tangy sweetness and ives and celery and toss. Blend in the chives and tarragon. Add the oil and vinegar and blend into the salad with the fork to coat all of the ingredients. Season with salt and pepper.

Note: This salad stores well in the refrigerator for two to three days.





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CCPD bomb squad to inspect the rounds and take possession of them. The wardens assisted because of their knowledge of the bay system and the dynamics of oyster boats.

--Working the River--Five game wardens patrolled a 26-mile stretch of the Rio Grande River by kayak on a two-day trip. Their goal was to gauge resource law compliance on a stretch of river that is usually very difficult to access and navigate by conventional methods. The wardens also gathered intelligence on possible river-crossing areas, trails and commercial and recreational fishing gear used along the river. The wardens seized several illegal drop lines and jug lines along the way.

--Game Wardens Re-

spond Overdose--An Atascosa County game warden responded to a call about a possible overdose at a local hotel. The warden and a local police officer were first on scene. They saw a man outside a hotel room frantically waving his arms to signal them to come over. The warden and officer assessed the situation while EMS took a female heroinoverdose patient to the hospital. While inspecting the room, the warden found hidden heroin and drug paraphernalia that the male suspect admitted to using. The warden booked the male into the Atascosa County Jail for public intoxication heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia.

-Searching for Sunken"Treasure" - A Taylor

County game warden discovered a submerged vehicle in a local lake using side-scan sonar. Divers attempted to recover the vehicle but had to stop their recovery efforts because of 35 mph winds. When recovery efforts resumed, a wrecker service fished it out of the water. The vehicle had been reported stolen out of Abilene. The investigation is ongoing.

--Stuck in the Mud--

Val Verde County game wardens patrolling the Rio Grande River encountered a Spanish goat stuck in deep mud along the bank. It had apparently been there for several days and was facing almost certain death had the wardens not taken action. As goats are prone to do, this one began to eat immediately after the

wardens freed it. One goat saved.

--Repeat, Repeat Offenders-A Bowie County game warden observed a truck that he'd received several complaints on and, recognizing the driver from prior contacts, knew that he did not have a valid driver's license and made a traffic stop. The driver admitted to driving while license suspended, but also appeared extremely nervous. When asked if there was anything illegal in vehicle, the driver replied "It's not my truck" and told the warden he'd have to ask the owner, his dad, who was sitting in the passenger seat with a large pitbull in his lap. The passenger consented to a search of the vehicle and the warden discovered a meth pipe

in the ashtray and a pistol hidden in the seat. Both suspects were convicted felons multiple times over and although neither claimed the pistol nor the meth pipe, both were arrested and transported to Bowie County Jail. Once at the jail, staff conducted another search and found meth, marijuana and another meth pipe in the dad's underwear. Both suspects were booked for multiple violations. Information gained during the stop resulted in another agency conducting a traffic stop and making two more drug related arrests.

-Snapping Turtle Photos Snap Back--Information on a subject who had captured an alligator snapping turtle and posted pictures of the protected reptile on Facebook sparked an investigation

that resulted in the recovery of several items of drug paraphernalia and items that had been used to catch the turtle. Game wardens also discovered evidence that one of the subjects at the residence had been fishing illegally. The wardens determined that the turtle had already been released near Lake Wright Patman. Several citations and warnings for the violations that had been committed were issued. Cases pending.







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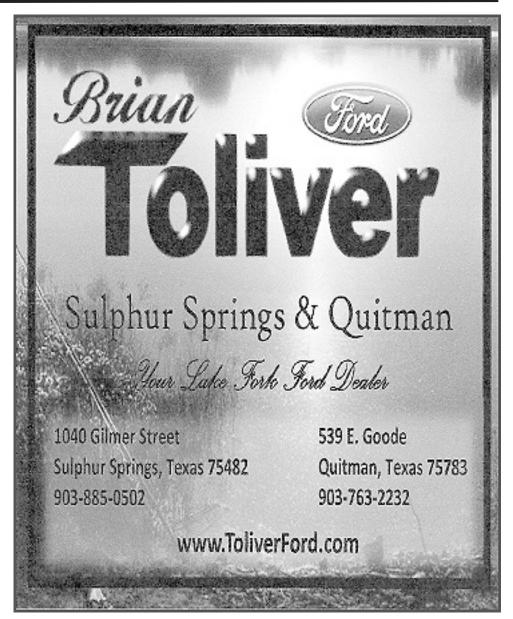
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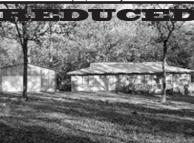
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