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Game Warden Field Notes

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

—Abandoned Ship—Denton County game wardens responded to a call of an abandoned vessel on Lake Lewisville. The wardens were able to locate the vessel and determine that it had been stolen the previous summer. The vessel was towed to shore and turned over to the reporting agency.

—Crossing the Line—Cooke County game wardens were contacted by a train approaching a railroad crossing. As the train approached, a vehicle from the opposite side of the tracks disregarded the crossing arms and zigzagged through. As the vehicle came alongside, the warden exited her patrol vehicle and made contact with the driver about the violation. At this time the warden noticed five children in the backseat of the SUV ranging in age from 1 to 6 and none were in safety seats. A local police department officer arrived and assisted. Neither the driver nor the adult passenger had a valid driver’s license so another party was called to pick up all the occupants of the vehicle. Multiple charges are pending.

—Something Fishy Going On—Tarrant County game wardens were patrolling the banks of Lake Worth and Silver Creek when they spotted three suspects trespassing on city property. When he approached the subjects to check fishing licenses and advise them that they weren’t allowed on the property, the three subjects acted extremely nervous. This prompted the warden to investigate further and after receiving consent to search the suspects’ vehicles, he subsequently found narcotics and drug paraphernalia. One subject was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. Citations were filed on the other two subjects. Cases are pending.

—Not Measuring Up—Williamson County game wardens received a call regarding two fishermen allegedly in possession of undersized fish. Upon locating the two subjects matching the description, the warden made contact and checked their stringers. Upon receipt of two fishermen allegedly in possession of undersized fish. Upon locating the two subjects matching the description, the warden made contact and checked their stringers. Upon receiving the two subjects matching the description, the warden made contact and checked their stringers. Upon receiving the warrants, the other two subjects. Cases are pending.

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were filed.

---Found Your Go-Pro--- Victoria County game wardens re-
sponded to a call regarding trespassers on private property
near the Guadalupe River. The wardens located and identified
two armed subjects. The pair were released after the wardens
informed them of the landowner’s intent to file trespassing
with a deadly weapon charges. The following day the com-
plainant contacted the warden about a GoPro type camera he
found on the property. After examination of the videos on
the camera, both individuals were subsequently charged for hunt-
ing without consent and trespassing with a deadly weapon.
Cases are pending.

---Eagle Death Investigated--- A Victoria County game war-
den responded to a call about an injured bald eagle in the
Bloomington area and took custody of the bird. Indications
suggest the eagle may have been shot and was subsequently
struck by a train. The eagle did not survive and an investiga-
tion is ongoing.

---Wardens Make Tragic Recovery--- Game wardens re-
ceived a call for assistance concerning a vehicle that had poss-
ibly gone off the roadway and into the San Antonio River
on Highway 77 at the Victoria County line. Several wardens
initiated a search and recovery operation using boats with side
scan sonar and located the vehicle in approximately 20 feet
of water. The following day the vehicle was pulled from the river.
Unfortunately, both the driver and passenger were deceased.

---Unabridged Violation--- Game wardens in Limestone and
Freestone counties filed cases on multiple individuals for fishing
from a bridge in clear violation of signs indicating the act
was illegal. They were using a cast net to catch crappie, an ille-
gal means and method for taking game fish in Texas. The net-
ters were also in possession of undersized crappie and had no
fishing licenses. In addition to citations, the individuals were
educated on species identification and the definition of fishing.

---One Too Many Trips to the Well--- A Montgomery Coun-
ty game warden apprehended an individual trespassing on a
deer lease, but the subject wasn’t there to poach, at least not
wildlife. Seems he trespassed with the intent to illegally dump
a boat. The subject was arrested for criminal trespassing and
for driving with an invalid license. After booking the subject
into jail, the warden drove to the address on the subject’s ve-
hicle registration and found three deer feeders in the backyard
that matched the description of ones reported stolen from the
deer lease several weeks earlier. After receiving consent to
search the residence from the subject’s mother, the warden
discovered two stolen game cameras and a stolen ATV, both of
which were also recovered. Additional criminal charges
pending.

---Can’t Outrun the Law--- A Grimes County game warden
found himself in a rundown after responding to a crash site on
Highway 6 where a driver fled the scene on foot to a nearby
ranch. The suspect was discovered hiding behind a barn and
following a short foot pursuit, the warden, along with Grimes
County sheriff’s deputies, made an arrest. Driver impairment
is believed to be the cause of the accident. Charges are pend-
ing.

---Stopping a Dump Truck--- Live Oak County game war-
dens completed a two month investigation stemming from
complaints by concerned hunters about the illegal dumping of
deer and hog carcasses off a bridge near their hunting lease.
The wardens set up remote surveillance on the site by mount-
ing a game camera on a nearby tree, but several weeks passed
with no activity. In early January when the wardens checked
the bridge they observed two recently harvested white-tailed
doe carcasses, one recently harvested hog carcass, a bucket
full of guts, and several feed bags that had been dumped.
Upon checking the camera, the time stamp indicated that the
dumper had been there just a few hours before the wardens
arrived. The images clearly showed the individual stopping on the
bridge and exiting his truck. His truck bed was full of feed
bags and deer/hog carcasses. As the vehicle left the bridge, the
last game camera photo showed an empty truck bed. The
wardens collected evidence and noticed that each doe carcass
had one small caliber entry wound in the head they believed
to be from .22 caliber bullets. Based on the images captured,
wardens were able to locate a residential address for the vehi-
cle and interviewed the individual at his residence where it
was determined that he had dumped deer/hog carcasses at the
same place for over 15 years. When asked who shot the deer
that were dumped, he informed the wardens that it was his son
and nephew. His nephew, who lived out of state and did not
have a valid non-resident hunting license, had harvested a .22
point buck. Inspection of the father and son’s hunting license
indicated only one buck tag missing. In total, two bucks and
two doe were harvested by the son. The father admitted that he
allowed his son to shoot the doe in the head with a .22 caliber
rifle and that they rarely tag deer. A total of 11 cases were filed
along with civil restitution.

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Bake a Batch of ‘Yammy’ Biscuits

By Sue Hampton

To some people there is nothing better than pulling apart the flaky layers of a warm biscuit. These quick breads come in all shapes and sizes – drop or rolled – and a variety of flavors. Traditional biscuit recipes contain a few basic ingredients, but there is no limit to the type of biscuit you can create.

Sweet potatoes or yams baked in their skins, split open and sprinkled with toasted pecans, are superbly sweet. And, if you incorporate the same ingredients into a mouth-watering biscuit the result can be something quite delicious. Serve the biscuits with apple butter or orange marmalade for an early fall snack or to accompany a full meal.

Sweet Potato Pecan Biscuits
(Yield: About 8 biscuits)

- 1 orange
- 1/3 cup milk or unsweetened soy milk, or as needed
- 2 cups whole wheat pastry flour
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 3/4 to 1 cup mashed baked sweet potato or yam
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup

Maple syrup for glazing
Preheat the oven to 450 F.

Finely grate the orange zest and mix with the orange juice, milk, syrup, and the chopped nuts. Mix well.

Sift the flour. Measure 2 cups of the sifted flour back into the sieve; set aside the remaining sifted flour for kneading and shaping. Sift the measured flour, salt, baking powder and baking soda into another bowl. Stir in the chopped nuts.

Add the mashed sweet potato, oil and syrup to the orange zest and mix thoroughly. Make the curdled mixture.

Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients. Pour in the wet ingredients all at once and mix gently, just until a soft dough forms. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead gently a few times, pat or roll the dough about 1/2 inch thick. Cut out biscuits and arrange them on an ungreased or parchment-lined baking sheet.

Bake 15 minutes, or until the biscuits have browned and a tester inserted in the center comes out clean. Place them on a cooling rack and lightly brush the tops with maple syrup. Cool the biscuits about 15 minutes before serving.

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