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Game Warden Field Notes

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

--Caught in a Cast Net--
Game wardens have been actively pursuing cast net violations at the Lake Somerville spillway. An OGT (Operation Game Thief) hotline tip led local wardens to catch several groups of violators in the earlier part of this year. The violators were intentionally cast netting and possessing game fish. Numerous cases have been filed.

--Next Time Buy a Hunting License--
Game wardens routinely check tags and other documentation at local deer processors and taxidermists in their district. Toward the end of the deer season, Willacy County wardens discovered nine white-tailed bucks and one white-tailed doe harvested by two different hunters who failed to purchase Texas hunting licenses. Contact was made with the local landowners and the two hunters. Several white-tailed deer were seized and multiple citations issued. Cases and restitution totaling over $10,000 are pending.

--The One that Got Away--
A tactical flight officer aboard a Department of Public Safety helicopter on patrol noticed a Val Verde County game warden about a gill net being set out in the Rio Grande River. The individual setting the gill net was observed crossing back and forth between the Mexican and Texas shorelines. The warden quickly responded to the location and observed the gill net stretched across the river and the individual who set it still in the area. It took the warden several minutes to make his way through dense river cane and, upon breaking through, he saw the illegal netter cross back into Mexico with a large fish in hand. The warden seized approximately 50 feet of gill net.

-Packing Crappie-

While patrolling late nights along Gladewater Lake’s public fishing piers earlier this year, a Gregg County game warden encountered two
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separate groups of fishermen attempting to flee the scene as he made contact. Gladewater Police Department officers were also patrolling nearby and quickly apprehended one of the subjects after he unwittingly ran directly toward their patrol vehicle. The other group’s runner was also located a short distance from the lake and apprehended with help from Gladewater Police Department officers. Undersized crappies were located in the subject’s backpack. Collectively, charges filed included: no fishing license, possession of undersized crappie, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to ID fugitive, and arrest on other agency warrants. Charges are pending.

--Stolen and Found-- A Gregg County game warden was responding to suspicious gunshots in the Little Cypress Creek bottoms near Gilmer when he discovered a stolen cargo trailer concealed in a remote wooded area along the creek. It was learned that the trailer was recently taken from a nearby dealership and used to commit burglaries throughout Gregg, Upshur and Harrison counties. The investigation is ongoing.

--Those Wascal Wabbits-- A Bailey County game warden responded to a call regarding shots being fired toward a highway intersection near the Texas-New Mexico state line. Bailey County sheriff’s deputies assisting encountered one of the suspects on a county road and detained them until the warden arrived. During interviews, all three subjects admitted to road hunting rabbits and claimed that they didn’t think a license was required. They also indicated their father, who sells hunting licenses as a local vendor, told them that a license was not needed to hunt rabbits. The warden advised them to educate their father on licensing requirements. Numerous citations were issued including no hunting license, hunting from a public roadway, and no hunter education.

--A Turkey Shoot-- Game wardens responded to a call concerning a turkey shot from the road. A landowner reported he had heard two shots close by, investigated and found a turkey flopping in the bar ditch. He also reported seeing a truck drive by slowly, not long after the shots, and identified the driver as a local man who lived just down the road. An empty shotgun shell was recovered from the roadway. Upon arriving at the suspect’s residence, the wardens located a truck that matched the vehicle description and saw two rifles and a shotgun inside the vehicle. While talking to the suspect, the wardens obtained consent to search the truck and located a box of shells that matched the spent shell obtained from the roadway. After a lengthy discussion, the man admitted to shooting the turkey from the road. Citations are pending for hunting from a public roadway and hunting turkey in closed season.

--Night Moves-- A Palo Pinto County game warden patrolled the Morris Sheppard Dam on Possum Kingdom Lake to check the restricted area for fishermen after receiving word from Brazos River Authority Lake Rangers that they had caught on surveillance video six individuals recently enter the restricted area and fish for three hours. The warden arrived at the dam just after midnight and watched two subjects with headlamps fishing from the base of the dam. Both were apprehended before they could get rid of their fish or equipment and after questioning admitted to knowing that they were in the restricted area. They were arrested and taken to the Palo Pinto County Jail. Five striped bass ranging from 22 to 33 inches in length were seized and civil restitution is pending.

--The Old Switcharoo-- Game wardens were patrolling the Brazos River when they observed a vessel operator and passenger switch positions. The wardens made contact and, after field sobriety tests, the driver was arrested for boating while intoxicated.

--Four-Wheeling in High Gear-- While patrolling Lake McQueeney, wardens spotted several ATVs being operated in the Guadalupe River bed. The wardens beach their boat and were able to approach the ATV operators on foot and stop them. Subsequent investigation revealed three of the men to be in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Cases are pending.

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November
Decadent Dessert Sure to Drive You ‘Nutty’

By Sue Hampton

It’s rich, creamy and a staple item in nearly 75 percent of American homes – it’s peanut butter of course, and while many tend to think of peanut butter as a “kid’s food,” adults actually eat more of this perennial favorite than children each year.

A nutritional powerhouse, peanut butter is an excellent source of protein, fiber, folic acid and unsaturated fat – “good fat” which may actually help lower cholesterol.

In fact, because peanut butter is so versatile, good-tasting and nutritious, it is included in many medically endorsed weight-loss and diabetic diets.

In honor of Peanut Butter Lovers’ Month, here are a few more nutty historical facts about this American favorite.

**Africans ground peanuts into stews as early as the 15th century. The Chinese have crushed peanuts into creamy sauces for centuries and Civil War soldiers dined on “peanut porridge.” Peanut butter as we know it has been around over a 100 years. In its early years, it was called “nut meal.”**

**On average, a person consumes about 3 pounds of peanut butter each year, totaling about 500 million pounds – enough to cover the floor of the Grand Canyon.**

**The world’s largest peanut butter and jelly sandwich, created November 6, 1993, in Peanut, Pa. was 40 feet long and consisted of 150 pounds of peanut butter and 50 pounds of jelly.**

**The average American child will eat 1,500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches before graduating high school.**

**Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of peanut butter stuck to the roof of your mouth.**

In honor of Peanut Butter Lovers’ Month, try your hand at this easy no-bake recipe for Peanut Butter Pie. Full of delicious, creamy peanut-butter flavor and with just 13 grams of fat, this recipe is as easy on the waistline as it is on the taste buds.

**Peanut Butter Pie**

**(Makes 8 servings)**

8 chocolate wafer cookies, crushed

½ cup creamy peanut butter

4 ounces light cream cheese

4 ounces fat-free cream cheese

1 can fat-free sweetened condensed milk (14 ounces)

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 cup frozen light whipped topping, thawed (8 ounces)

2 teaspoons chocolate syrup

Lightly coat a 9-inch pie plate with non-stick spray. Scatter the cookie crumbs evenly over the bottom. Set aside.

In a large bowl, using an electric mixer set on medium speed, beat together the peanut butter, light cream cheese and fat-free cream cheese until smooth. Gradually beat in the milk and lemon juice. Fold in the whipped topping. Spoon into the pie plate, spreading evenly over the crumbs. Drizzle with chocolate syrup. Using the top of a knife, decoratively swirl the chocolate syrup. Cover with plastic wrap and chill for at least 4 hours, or until set.

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