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Game Warden Field Notes

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

--Net Loss is Net Gain--Game wardens recently retrieved 31 sections of illegal gill net and four illegal crab traps from the Rio Grande River in Cameron County. The illegal net measured over 2,325 yards in length. The gill nets contained numerous species of fish including: snook, spotted sea trout, black drum, sheepshead, blue catfish, tilapia, carp and mullet. Many of the fish were able to be cut free from the net and returned to the Rio Grande River.

--Don’t Mess with Texas--While on patrol at Falcon Lake, game wardens spotted two plastic bottles floating about 100 yards inside U.S. waters of the lake. While littering is a crime, so is fishing by illegal means and methods. The bottles were attached to a line that connected five illegal hoop nets. Over 100 pounds of catfish were released back into Falcon Lake, as well as 50 pounds of catfish. The nets were seized.

--Untagged, You’re It--Game wardens patrolling the Rio Grande River in Maverick County conducted a water safety check on a vessel with three men in it that were out to set limb lines. Later that afternoon wardens discovered several limb lines while patrolling the river and none had the required gear tags attached. In total, 16 limb lines were recovered as well as one trot-line. The wardens later identified the lines as the ones that were in the vessel they conducted a water safety check on earlier that day. Wardens launched early the next morning and found the individuals that had set the lines. During the investigation the men admitted the lines belonged to them. It was also found that the boat the men were in had unauthorized numbers displayed on the vessel. Citations and warnings were issued to the three

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men for no fishing license, unauthorized numbers on bow, and untagged fishing gear/throwline.

--International Drifters-- A Val Verde County game warden responded to a boater in distress call. The subjects were on a disabled jet ski in the main part of the lake that was in danger of drifting into Mexican waters. The warden was able to quickly muster assistance from National Park Service Rangers and recover the subjects safely.

--Follow the Clues-- A Wharton County game warden was patrolling the Colorado River for recreational boating and fishing enforcement when he came across a small flat bottom boat tied to the river bank with no motor attached and a single paddle inside. He surveyed the immediate area for throw lines and located what he thought was a single line, but when he attempted to pull the line he discovered a larger piece of rope tied to a heavy piece of metal. The warden recognized this as a possible hoop net anchor and after searching the bank he found two of the illegal nets hidden in the brush further up the river bank. The warden left the nets in place and with assistance from other wardens set up surveillance cameras in hopes of gathering evidence of illegal fishing. The cameras captured the suspects running the nets on two occasions. One individual ran the hoop net from the boat, while the other suspect stayed up above as a look out on the bank where he would also take the fish from the boat. The two subjects were identified as a father and son from El Campo who the warden had previously dealt with for felony hunting charges as well as hoop net charges. The wardens seized the net and various other equipment and the two suspects were issued citations for taking fish by illegal means or methods. Cases and civil restitution are pending.

--Rapid Response Rescue-- Late one evening while patrolling Lake Meredith, wardens responded to a 911 call about two individuals stranded on kayaks. Weather conditions were unfavorable with winds blowing 20-25 mph, water temperatures in the high 50s and air temp at 68 degrees. The wardens located two teenage boys in the middle of the lake on a single kayak that was half sunk and full of water. The second kayak had already sunk and only one teen was wearing a life jacket. A rope was thrown to the boys and the kayak flipped. Luckily, both of them hung onto the rope and were pulled and then lifted into the patrol boat. Both teens were severely hypothermic and cramping from holding on so long in the cold. Once on shore, EMS took both teens to the hospital where they were treated and released.

--Warden Harassment?-- A Williamson County game warden was patrolling the San Gabriel River and had made contact with two fishermen on the lower water crossing bridge when a white Ford Explorer pulled up behind the warden’s patrol truck. The warden believed he was waiting to pass safely to the left, so he signaled to the driver to go ahead and proceed. Instead, the driver signaled some gesture with his hand and yelled back. As the warden accompanied one of the fishermen to his car to retrieve a fishing license, the Explorer’s driver barked at him, “Why can’t you just leave them alone?” Noting the driver exhibited slurred speech and a strong smell of alcohol, the warden suspected he may have been impaired. Further evidence on the center console, the warden observed an open container and two six packs of beer. On the passenger seat was a revolver within his reach. The warden immediately gave him instructions to keep his hands on the steering wheel and not make any sudden movements. The driver stated he didn’t have a permit and didn’t need one to carry his pistol. The warden retrieved the loaded .38 caliber pistol for officer safety and attempted to administer a field sobriety test, which the driver refused. The driver was subsequently arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated and unlawful carrying of a firearm. The two anglers were in compliance and went back to fishing. No further information at this time.
Pumpkin Cheesecake With Maple Glaze A Favorite This Season

By Sue Hampton

We were blessed to indulge in some delicious desserts this holiday season. I felt like the following recipe for a “Pumpkin Cheesecake With Maple Glaze” was the best and I had to share with our readers. A classic cheesecake is easily dressed up for the party season with the addition of pumpkin and a dramatic maple glaze studded with raisins and nuts. This cheesecake is easy to make and is best when made a day ahead.

Adding a touch of seasonal sweetness to a classic cheesecake will make friends and family smile. Happy New Year to all!

With the cheesecake made the day before the big event, all that’s left is to whip up the glaze just before the party begins. If you plan to travel with this dessert to a party (and what hostess wouldn’t be delighted by such a marvelous dessert?), carry the chilled cake in the springform pan and glaze separately. Upon arrival, simply remove the outer ring of the pan and pour the glaze on top of the cheesecake.

Maple Pumpkin Cheesecake

1-1/4 cup graham cracker crumbs
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup melted butter or margarine
3-8-oz. packages softened cream cheese
1-1/4 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
1-16-oz. can pumpkin
3 eggs
1/4 cup maple syrup
1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Heat oven to 300 degrees F. Combine crumbs, sugar and butter. Press firmly on bottom of 9-inch springform pan.

Pour into prepared pan. Bake 1 hour and 15 minutes or until edge springs back when lightly touched (center will be slightly soft). Cool and chill.

Raisin Nut Glaze

2 tablespoons water
4 teaspoons corn starch
2 tablespoons melted butter
1/2 cup pure maple syrup
1/2 cup chopped nuts
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Citations and warnings were issued to the three men who had unauthorized numbers displayed on the vessel. The individual vessels contained gill nets that were longed to them. It was admitted the lines belonged to them. Investigation of the men indicated they set the lines. During the investigation the men identified the lines as being set near Falcon Lake. The wardens later learned several illegal sections of illegal gill nets were seized. The bottles were attached to a line and returned to the Rio Grande River in Cameron County. The illegal gill nets were seized.

The following items were found:

- Game wardens located five illegal trot lines, and 60 pounds of catfish. The catfish measured over 2,325 yards in length. The catfish included: catfish, tilapia, carp, spotted sea trout, black fish including: snook, lady fish, and mullet. Many of the fish were able to be cut free from the net and returned to the Rio Grande River in Maverick County. The illegal fishing methods were also used to catch crab traps from the Rio Grande River, and mullet. Many of the fish were able to be cut free from the net and returned to the Rio Grande River in Maverick County. The illegal fishing methods were also used to catch crab traps from the Rio Grande River.

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