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Game Warden Field Notes

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

--Caught on Camera Stealing Cameras--A Grimes County game warden responded to a call from a landowner stating he had captured video of an individual stealing game cameras and battery packs off his property. After reviewing the video evidence, the warden was able to link this case to an investigation earlier this year regarding the same individual. The suspect was found to be awaiting trial in the Brazos County Jail for burglary of a habitation. The warden made contact with the Brazos County district attorney and handed over all information regarding the suspect on this case. New charges of criminal trespassing and theft are currently pending.

--Mullet Runner--A Matagorda County game warden was checking bank fishermen when he observed an individual throwing a cast net and placing mullet in a large ice chest. When the warden made contact with the individual, he admitted to not having a fishing license, and did not have any other identification. He also stated he was catching mullet to sell to bait camps for another person under their bait dealer’s license. The warden could smell marijuana when he approached the individual, and when he asked about it, the subject took off running. The warden gave chase and observed the subject throw some kind of substance in the salt grass while running. He was able to catch the subject and place him into handcuffs. The subject admitted that he had a small amount of marijuana and he threw it while running away. A brief search along their back trail revealed a small clear plastic bag that contained marijuana residue. The subject told the warden that (See Game Warden... Continued on Page 3-B)

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he was scared and did not want to go back to jail. He was just released from jail the day be-
before, after being placed on probation for run-
ning from the police. The warden transported
the subject to the Matagorda County Jail where
he was charged with evading arrest/detention,
tampering with physical evidence, and no fish-
ing license.

--A Downed Fence is Still a Fence-- A Dimmit
County game warden was patrolling for fishing
enforcement when he spotted a pickup truck
parked behind a cluster of trees, up against a
fence, quite a distance from the river bridge.
Upon closer inspection, several fishing related
items were in the bed of the pickup. Figuring
that the person, or persons, possibly jumped the
fence next to the truck to fish further down riv-
er, the warden and an assisting county sheriff’s
deputy, initiated a search for the vehicle’s own-
er. They made contact with a local man and his
son who were returning from the river through
the private property and led them back to the
truck. When the man was informed that they
were trespassing, the man stated, “I thought it
was OK to go into the property because part of
the fence was pushed down from the last flood.”
The man was issued a citation for trespassing.
The case is pending.

--Failed Illegal Entry-- Game wardens were
patrolling the Rio Grande by boat when they
observed five individuals swimming across the
river in an attempt to make illegal entry into
the United States. Upon seeing the wardens,
the individuals turned back for the Mexican
shoreline. Four of the five successfully returned
to Mexico, but one struggled on the U.S. side
of the river. The individual was unable to stay
above water and began actively drowning. The
wardens rescued the individual and pulled him
aboard their vessel. The individual was brought
back to the boat ramp and turned over to U.S.
Border Patrol.

--Going Overboard--Over the Spring Break
extended holiday weekend, game wardens
patrolling Lake Travis around Lakeway and
Rough Hollow observed a boat pass by with an
individual standing up at the front bow “surf-
ing.” Upon seeing the warden boat, the subject
sat down and several other occupants appeared
to be hiding/stowing items in several compart-
ments as a stop was initiated by the wardens. In
all, there were 10 people on the boat ranging in
age from 15-18 years old. A strong odor of al-
cohol was apparent along with a large quantity
of evidence of alcoholic beverage consumption.
The boat and occupants were escorted ashore
where field sobriety tests were administered on
the vessel operator, who was later identified as
being 16 years of age with a blood alcohol level
of 0.196. Due to the level of intoxication of the
teenagers, their demeanor, and several attempts
by a few to leave the scene or incite violence
and interfere with the investigation, the wardens
called for assistance from other law enforce-
ment agencies. Multiple cases were filed and
are pending.

--Snagged in the Act of Snagging-- Smith
County game wardens were patrolling by truck
around Lake Palestine when they observed a
man in the water at an old boat ramp using a
metal pole with a large treble hook affixed to
one end trying to catch flathead catfish. After
making contact, citations were issued for fish-
ing with illegal means and methods and no fish-
ing license.

--Bucked Off and Busted--A Montgomery
County game warden responded to a reported
boat accident on Lake Conroe where a personal
watercraft operator had hit a wave, was ejected
from his jet ski and could not pull himself back
on. When the warden was asking the operator
about the accident, he believed alcohol could
be involved. After a complete investigation, the
operator was arrested for boating while intoxi-
cated. The case is pending.

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Add a Little Spice to Easter Celebrations

By Sue Hampton

Looking to shake up your traditional Easter fare? Why not save the ham for another night and surprise your guests with a sensational spiced duckling dinner. To prepare this seemingly complicated poultry dish you don’t have to worry about being a gourmet chef — in a little less than one hour you’ll have a delicious meal on the table with minimal fuss.

Succulent Spiced Duckling
(Serves 2)

This is a very stylish meal, perfect for special occasions – it looks impressive but is really simple to make. It goes down beautifully with a nice spicy red wine!

2 – 4 ounce duckling breasts
1 teaspoon mixed spice
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
½ teaspoon salt

For the Cabbage
Knob of butter (just enough to cover bottom of pan)
8 ounces red cabbage, shredded
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
1 tart apple, peeled and diced
2 tablespoons light raw brown sugar
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ cup red wine
Juice of one orange

4 tablespoons sour cream
Handful of chopped fresh herbs like basil, parsley, cilantro and chives
Salt & pepper

Score the duck skin in a lattice pattern. Mix the spices and salt in a shallow bowl and add the duck; using your fingertips, rub in the spices.

Cook the duck skin-side down in a hot griddle pan or frying pan for seven minutes on each side until browned and cooked through but still a little pink in the center. Remove from the pan and place on a warm plate to rest for five minutes.

Meanwhile, melt the butter in a wok or deep frying pan and stir-fry the cabbage over a high heat for one to two minutes.

Add the red onion and apple, and cook for another one to two minutes.

Add the sour cream and fresh herbs, and season to taste. Spoon the cabbage onto serving plates. Slice the duck breasts and fan out on top of the cabbage, top with a spoonful of herby cream, and serve immediately.
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Located in the heart of Lake Fork! No zoning, No restrictions, all city utilities! 5+ Acres, metal roof, home with 1 bedroom and 1 bath room plus 2 metal out-buildings, corral, barn and is partially fenced. Plenty of room for your small hobby farm and a big garden too. Walking distance to town and quick access to Sulphur Springs, 1-30 and just 5 mins to Lake Fork boat ramp. Great high way frontage for your business.

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Located on a high traffic area on FM 315. This 4,400 sqft shop building has all the electric you need for welders or other shop equipment plus 672 sqft of nice office space, with a kitchen area. Good gravel parking lot with plenty of acreage out back to expand and garden or storage. Possible Owner Financing with approved credit & 20% down.

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SITTING ON THE BANKS OF LAKE FORK! This 3560 Lake House Cabin features 19x24 attached garage & a 10x20 covered porch overlooking the lake, with a Boat House & pier with electric boat lift. Property is waterfront on the Glade Creek area. All ceramic tile flooring & oak cabin sets. Property is Deeded Restricted only, no HOA & no Manned Gate. This home is built off the side so there is plenty of room to build a main house & use this for a guest house.

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ACROSS THE STREET FROM LAKE FORK! This unique home comes completely furnished plus all appliances. Home features Laminated wood floors, granite countertops, 2 master suites and a very cute 5x8 x 11.7’ screened porch. Big open living kitchen area is perfect for entertaining all your friends. The views from this home are gorgeous! Located just 1 mile from Lake Fork boat ramp. This one is move in ready!

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This 1.117 acres is located in downtown Wintersboro, on Main St! Serious exposure for most any business! Ice machine is included in sale of property.

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