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Game Warden Field Notes

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

--Not All Snapper are the Same--Game wardens boarded a sportfishing boat near Matagorda where they found three fishermen in possession of 17 undersized juvenile red snapper. The subjects commented that they had a great day and caught tons of “mingo” snapper (mangrove) offshore. Game wardens educated the three men that the snapper in their cooler were in fact juvenile red snapper and not “mingo” snapper. Wardens clarified the differences of the several snapper species found in the Gulf of Mexico to the three men, showing them photos of lane, vermillion, and mangrove snapper. Cases for possession of undersized and over the daily bag limit of red snapper are pending.

--Saved by Cell Phone-- Live Oak County game wardens responded to a call about two stranded kayakers on Choke Canyon Lake. The call stated they had launched from the Calliham boat ramp just before dusk. Wardens put in at the boat ramp and, using night vision, continued their search in the direction the winds would have likely blown the kayakers. About 800 yards from the boat ramp, one of the wardens noticed a faint glow in his night vision. Remembering the kayakers had an active cell phone with them, wardens maneuvered toward the glow and discovered the two

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kayakers. One of the kayakers was cramping, in extreme pain, and having a difficult time keeping himself upright and over the waves. The wardens pulled the kayakers onto the boat and safely delivered them to the ramp where EMS treated them for mild hypothermia and dehydration.

--No Blue Light Special-- In the early hours of the morning, a San Patricio County game warden worked his way quietly into Corpus Christi Bay and was able to catch three early night bait shrimpers. One of the captains said it wasn’t fair because “there was no blue light to show you were there.”

--Stranded Inshore “Paddlists” Call for Help--A Rockwall County game warden responded to a call from a local law enforcement officer about a traffic stop involving three subjects that had been driving the neighborhoods. The game warden arrived on scene, found three young men standing around a truck with a bed full of dead rabbits. One young man was only wearing a trucker hat, boots, and some brightly colored underwear. The subjects said they had shot a skunk earlier in the evening and when the individual approached it, the skunk sprayed him. The others wouldn’t let him back in the truck with his clothes on. Citations pending.

--Don’t Pull the Plug--Game wardens were patrolling for bank fishermen on Lake Ray Hubbard when they observed a vessel drifting away from the boat ramp that appeared to be sinking. Witnesses say they heard the boat’s operator yelling to call 911 after he forgot to install the drain plug. The wardens used their vehicle loud speaker to instruct the individual, who was seated in the bow of the boat, to put on a life jacket. He complied and the wardens asked another boat coming into the ramp to tow him to shore. Once the boat was back on a trailer and draining water, the owner confessed to the wardens that this was only his second time on the water. During his maiden voyage he had damaged his truck’s tailgate while attempting to load the boat on the trailer. The wardens provided some advice and a water safety digest to the new boat owner.

--Bagged and Tagged--Grayson County game wardens were tipped off about a white-tailed deer that was shot with a firearm in an archery-only county in November 2016. The wardens confronted the individual at his home and questioned him about the big buck. The subject eventually admitted he killed the deer with a pistol, after several shots, and then tagged the deer as being harvested in Fannin County. The deer was seized and several citations were issued. The cases are pending. The deer scored over 177 inches under the Boone & Crockett scoring system, netting a civil restitution value of over $10,000.

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Steakhouse Stir-Fry and Sponge Cake – The Cook’s Secret Ingredient

By Sue Hampton

Odds are, you have one of the most versatile cooking secrets in your cabinet and don’t even know it. It can help with recipes from stir-fry to cake.

The secret weapon is cornstarch. It has twice the thickening power of flour and, unlike flour, it has no taste, so it won’t change the flavor of dishes. Also unlike flour, cornstarch doesn’t need to be cooked before liquid is added to it, making it relatively simple to use in sauces, gravies, main dishes, desserts and more.

A savory, quick weeknight dish with great simmered-in flavor is Steakhouse Onion, Beef and Pepper Stir-fry. Lean sirloin and green or red pepper strips are deliciously sauced with Seasoned Beef Broth with Onion, soy sauce and garlic powder. Serve it to your family over hot cooked rice then top off the meal with this delicious “Easy Sponge Cake”!!

Steakhouse Onion, Beef and Pepper Stir-Fry
1 lb. boneless beef sirloin steak, ¾” thick
3 tbsp. cornstarch
1 can (14-1/2 oz.) Swanson Seasoned Beef Broth with Onion
1 tbsp. soy sauce
¼ tsp. garlic powder
2 cups fresh green or red pepper strips

4 cups hot cooked rice, cooked without salt
1. Slice beef into very thin strips. Set aside.
2. In nonstick skillet over medium-high, stir-fry beef until browned and juices evaporate.
3. Add peppers. Stir cornstarch mixture and add. Cook over medium heat until mixture boils and thickens, stirring constantly. Stir over rice.

(Eserves 4)

Easy Sponge Cake
4 eggs, separated
½ cup sugar
¼ cup cold water
¼ cup sifted flour
2 teaspoons Baking Powder
1-1/2 tablespoons Cornstarch
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon lemon extract

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease bottom only of one 9-inch cake pan. In medium bowl, beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored. Add sugar gradually and beat until smooth; stir in water. Combine flour, baking powder, cornstarch and salt; gradually add to egg yolk mixture. Add lemon extract and blend. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry; gently fold into batter.

Pour into pan and bake 30-40 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Split in half horizontally; fill between layers with preserves or other fruit filling. Frost top of cake (see recipe below).

Frosting
Pour 2 cups cold whipping cream into chilled medium bowl; add ½ cup granulated sugar and 2 tbsp. cornstarch; stir to mix slightly. With an electric mixer on low, mix for about 30 seconds, then whip on high speed until stiff peaks form – about 2-½ minutes.
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