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Game Warden Field Notes

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

--360 Divided by 8
Equals Zero--Webb County game wardens on patrol encountered eight hunters who seemed to be having great success based on the amount of shooting that they were doing. Upon contacting the individuals, one of the wardens walked into the field and immediately noticed large amounts of milo scattered throughout the field. Baiting fields to attract migratory game birds during hunting season is illegal, as is hunting dove over bait. An inspection of one hunter’s vehicle revealed two empty bags of milo feed in the truck bed. After speaking with all eight hunters, they admitted to knowingly hunting the baited area, as well as placing the bait the previous day. The wardens subsequently seized approximately 360 mourning and white-winged dove and cited eight hunters for various hunting and baiting violations. Civil restitution is pending. All edible resources were donated.

--Good Catch--A Morris County game warden observed two people fishing on Big Cypress Creek and made contact to check for compliance. Neither subject had a fishing license. An ID check revealed a warrant against one of the individuals for organized crime out of Upshur County. While getting the warrant confirmed, a Lone Star police officer arrived on scene for backup. While being patted down for the officer’s safety, one subject was in possession of five grams of methamphetamine and prescription drugs in his pocket. Both subjects were transported to the county jail. Inventory was conducted on the vehicle and an additional 20 grams of methamphetamine was found along with a dig.

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--Fetch Him Up Rex--While checking fishermen at a local community lake near Greenville late one afternoon, a Hunt County game warden approached an individual who suddenly dropped his equipment and fled into the nearby brush. Rather than pursue the man into the brush in total darkness, the warden called the Greenville Police Department and requested K-9 assistance. A K-9 officer arrived shortly accompanied by his dog, Rex, who shortly after picking up a scent trail convinced the fugitive to come out of hiding. An investigation revealed the man was heavily intoxicated, and was in possession of syringes and other drug paraphernalia. He had also been fishing without a license and driving on a suspended license. An arrest was made and the cases are pending.

--Bagging Buzzards--Game wardens were working South Zone dove hunters near El Campo when they received a call from a local hunter claiming that he had seen several subjects in an adjacent field who had shot and killed vultures. The wardens made contact with three individuals who initially denied shooting anything but dove. After a brief interview, and several lies later, the suspects finally confessed to shooting and killing two vultures and revealed the birds' location. Citations for killing protected non-game birds were issued and restitution is pending.

--Apologies Accepted; Tickets Issued--Webb County game wardens checking dove hunters in the northern part of the county during opening weekend in the South Zone received information about a large group possibly hunting on a particular ranch. Upon entering the ranch, contact was made with the landowner’s son, who stated that he did not have any knowledge of any hunters being on the property. As they continued into the ranch they immediately noticed that there were multiple Mojo’s in the field next to the landowner’s residence. The wardens approached the field and subsequently noticed three hunters riding around on a UTV. While contacting the hunters, the wardens noticed large amounts of bait scattered throughout the field, as well as a half empty bag of “Wild Bird Food” within 50 yards of them. During the contact, the hunters admitted to placing the bait the previous day and apologized for their wrongdoing. The wardens subsequently seized approximately 140 mourning and white-winged dove and cited six hunters for various hunting and baiting violations. Civil restitution is pending. All edible resources were donated.

--Beached--Game wardens were patrolling South Padre Island near beach Access 6 in the early hours of Sept. 23 when they noticed an individual operating a vehicle recklessly. Upon trying to conduct a traffic stop, the vehicle led them on a pursuit on the beach southbound towards Access 5. The vehicle swerved in and out of vehicular and foot traffic on the beach while reaching speeds of more than 70 miles per hour. The vehicle finally came to a halt when it hit a sand berm at the Access 5 exit. Two individuals, both minors, were taken into custody and transported to the juvenile detention center. Three state jail felonoies and a Class B misdemeanor were filed. The cases are pending.

--Long Way from Home--While on patrol in Brewster County, a game warden stopped three men walking along Highway 118 approximately three miles south of Alpine. Two of the men were from Honduras and the third was from El Salvador. Border Patrol was informed and took the three men into custody.

--A “Dead” Giveaway--Circling buzzards are usually a “dead” giveaway, so when a Smith County game warden responded to a call about a suspicious personal watercraft beached on an island at Lake Palestine with vultures in the trees around it, he came prepared for the worst. The caller had stated that the watercraft looked abandoned and due to the presence of vultures he was concerned someone may be deceased nearby. Once on scene, the warden determined there was nothing for the vultures to scavenge other than the watercraft, which had recently been stolen from a Wood County lake and parked near a vulture roost. The craft was recovered and information forwarded to the Wood County Sheriff’s Office. The investigation into how it ended up on Lake Palestine is ongoing.

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Perhaps your man is not as adept with the tools of the kitchen, and creating a four-course feast is a frightening event for him. A quick and easy appetizer may boost his spirits. Have him try this recipe!

**BACON-WRAPPED SHRIMP WITH ONION MARMALADE**

*(Yield: 6 servings)*

- 12 shrimp (about 1 pound), peeled, with tails left on
- 12 thin slices smoked bacon
- 1-1/2 cups Onion Marmalade (see below)

**Preparation**

Prepare a grill. The temperature should be medium-high. Clean and devein the shrimp. Wrap bacon tightly around each shrimp. Preheat the oven to 500°F. Place the shrimp on the grill and cook them for 5 minutes. Turn them over and cook an additional 5 minutes. The bacon should be browned and crisp. Make sure the shrimp do not catch on fire from the bacon drippings igniting. Remove the shrimp to a sheet pan and place them in the preheated oven to finish cooking for 4 minutes, or until the bacon is cooked. Serve two shrimp with ¼ cup of marmalade per person as an appetizer.

**Marmalade**

- 2 large red onions (about 1-1/2 pounds)
- 2 large yellow onions (about 1-1/2 pounds)
- 4 bunches scallions, green part only
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1-1/2 cups balsamic vinegar
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Kosher salt to taste
- Freshly ground pepper to taste

Peel the onions and trim the root ends. Stand each onion on its root end and slice through the center top to bottom. Continue thinly slicing each half in this fashion to produce thin, semicircular julienne slices. Slice the green part of the scallions into thin slices. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add all of the onions and scallions and toss to coat with oil. Sauté until onions begin to soften. Cover the pan and cook until they are wilted. Remove the lid, increase the heat, and add the vinegar. Cook until the vinegar reduces by one half, stirring occasionally. Add the sugar and stir well. Taste the mixture; it should be sweet and sour. Onions have different amounts of natural sugar at different times of the year, so the amount of sugar may need to be adjusted to taste. Reduce to low heat and continue cooking the mixture until the liquid is almost absorbed and the marmalade is thick, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and serve. Store any extra in a jar in the refrigerator; it will keep up to a week.

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