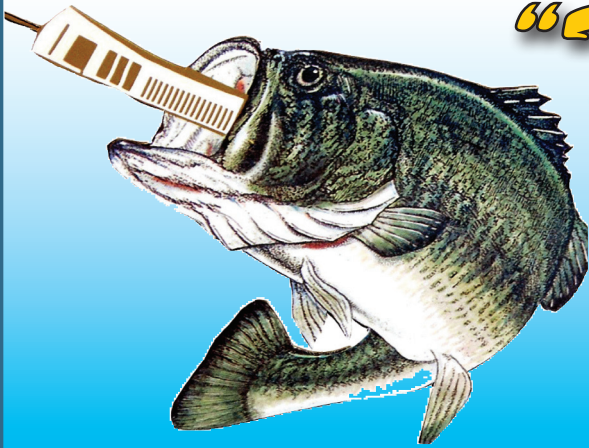


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Mike Adrian from Canada caught this nice Lake Fork bass while doing some winter fishing with guide Mike McFarland. C.P.R.



Mark Spaeth reeled in this nice Lake Fork hawg while fishing with guide David Ozio. C.P.R.



## 16th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament

By Don Hampton

Anglers get ready for one of the most exciting, fun filled bass catching tournaments of the year on Lake Fork.

The 16th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament to be held May 15, 16, 17 and hosted out of Lake Fork Marina. All boats, makes, and models are welcome to fish the tournament. You couldn't pick a better time of the year to catch that lunker bass and win some cash. There will be some big females on the beds, but on the most part they will have already spawned and feeding up with an appetite. At the 15th Annual there were 25 bass

over the 24" slot weighed in during the tournament with an 11.97-pound bass taking 1st Place overall and a 10.02-pound bass taking 2nd Place overall.

Fishing hours for the tournament are from 6 am to 2 pm with 11 paid places each hour. To add more fun to the tournament and not break some angler's hearts, the first each hour to be knocked out of 10th Place receives a \$100 gift certificate from one of the sponsoring businesses here on Lake Fork.

For added incentive to anglers there will be four Xpress bass boats given away. For the heaviest bass over the 24" slot caught during

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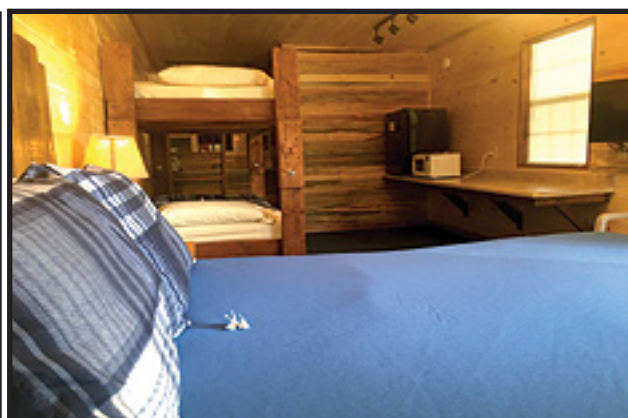
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## Bubba's Resolution Is Making A Naughty List For Next Christmas

By: Don Hampton

Twas the season, and as far as Bubba is concerned it's "Tis the season," still. While everyone else was making a list of New Year's resolutions, Bubba is making out his Christmas shopping list for December, 2020. While a resolution for the New Year is made to improve one's character or habits, Bubba's list is going to make better shoppers next year out of his family and friends.

Just like Santa, he has a list and he is checking it twice to see exactly who shopped naughty or nice for him. For those that bought Bubba "Fishing Stuff" their names are going on the nice list. This will be very beneficial for these individuals because he'll shop for them very meticulously and with much thought and care. I would believe his motives for this are truly self-serving.

His two favorites and on the top of his 2019 nice list were Bubbette and Bubba, Jr. They know him real well and know about the list he makes after Christmas each year. They always know just the right items to buy him. It also makes shopping for him real easy. Each year they buy him gift certificates so he can go buy his own "Fishing Stuff". Bubba keeps their names on the top of his list.

For those individuals that gave Bubba a present that didn't include "Fishing Stuff" and bought him items that just cannot or will not fit into his way of

life or thinking, well, they will find their name on his naughty list.

I quoted the old cliché to Bubba, "It's not the gift that counts but the thought!" Of course he quoted me back one of his own, "Well, they should have put a little more thought into these," he said holding up a paisley tie and a potted plant. On those two presents I had to agree with him.

I've known him longer than anyone and I haven't seen him in a tie for at least 30 years. I've gone to weddings, graduations, funerals, baptisms, and even a couple of bar mitzvahs with him and he has never worn a tie. He cleans up pretty nicely but you can't force him to wear a tie. He has even informed me that when the good Lord takes him he will not be wearing a tie. I'd say he feels pretty strongly about a tie.

Bubba is the type that wouldn't say anything to the person that gave a present to him and he wouldn't even try to take something back to a store but he always seems to find a good use for everything. So don't be surprised or laugh when you see his boat tied up to a stump on Lake Fork with a paisley tie, unless you're the one on his naughty list.

When it came to the potted plant, this really spurred my curiosity. Whoever gave Bubba this surely didn't know about his naughty list. I even had the pleasure of watching him open this one.

What really surprised me at first was how many times he checked the name card. I asked him later why he kept checking the name card and he explained, "The first three times I was just making sure it wasn't meant for Bubbette and the fourth time I wanted to make sure I remembered who sent that to me!" I'm going shopping with Bubba next year just to see what that individual is going to get. Knowing Bubba the way I do it will probably be purchased at a gas station.

I did ask Bubba what his plans were for the potted plant just because I have one of those inquiring minds and you know how that goes. He had two options he was going to go with. First he was going to see if Bubbette wanted it, but since she doesn't really have a green thumb either I expect it will go to Bubba's second option. He's going to put some earthworms in it, keep the soil moist, put some coffee grounds in it occasionally so the worms will reproduce. That way he'll have plenty of bait for bream fishing in the summer.

If he does do the latter though, wouldn't that mean that person should be transferred to the nice list because technically it is now "Fishing Stuff". If that is the case and he uses the tie the way he plans to, shouldn't that person's name be transferred to the nice list. Oh well, I guess it really is the thought that counts.

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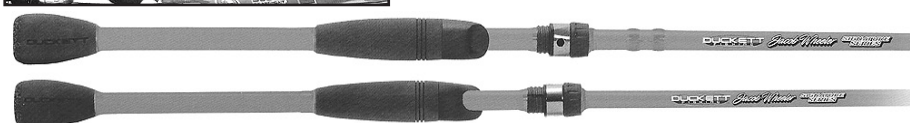
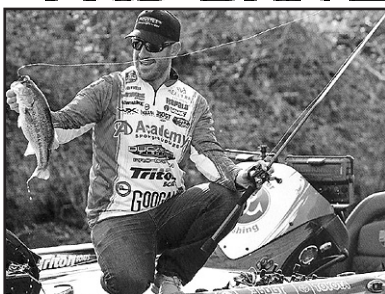
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the tournament they will not only be taking home a check for 1st Place in an hour but also an Xpress X21Pro equipped with Yamaha, MinnKota, and Humminbird electronics.

This is the same type of boat that Bassmaster Elite Pros, Bill Lowen, Harvey Horne, Dale Hightower, and Caleb Sumrall fish the circuit in. For the 2nd heaviest bass over the slot they will be taking home a check and an Xpress X19Pro fully equipped.

Having been a guide on Lake Fork for 18 years and owned this newspaper for 21 years

I can attest to many anglers having never caught a bass weighing over 10-pounds. Well, Lake Fork is definitely your best chance to do this. For this very reason when I began this tournament, I wanted an extra incentive for the anglers. This is when my wife and I came up with the great idea to give a grand prize to the heaviest bass under the 16" slot. For the angler that catches the heaviest bass under the 16" mark, they will be taking home a check and an Xpress X19Pro fully equipped.

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April 30th you could also be a big winner. In a drawing of all the early entries, one lucky angler will be taking home an Xpress H20B, 20-foot center console, equipped with Yamaha, MinnKota, and Humminbird electronics.

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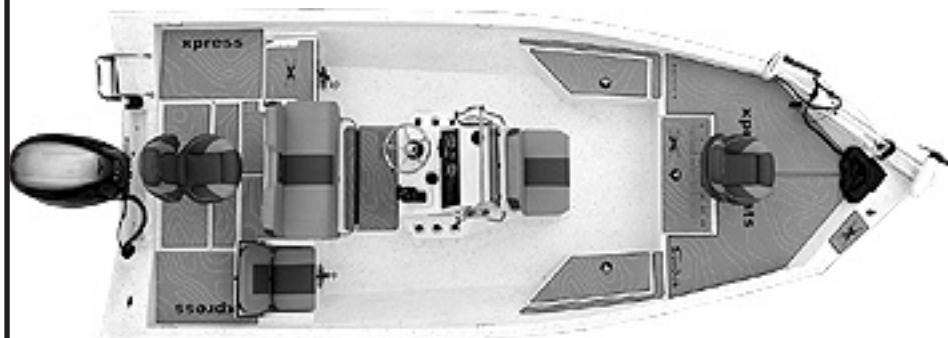
Hope to see you at the tournament or on

the lake.

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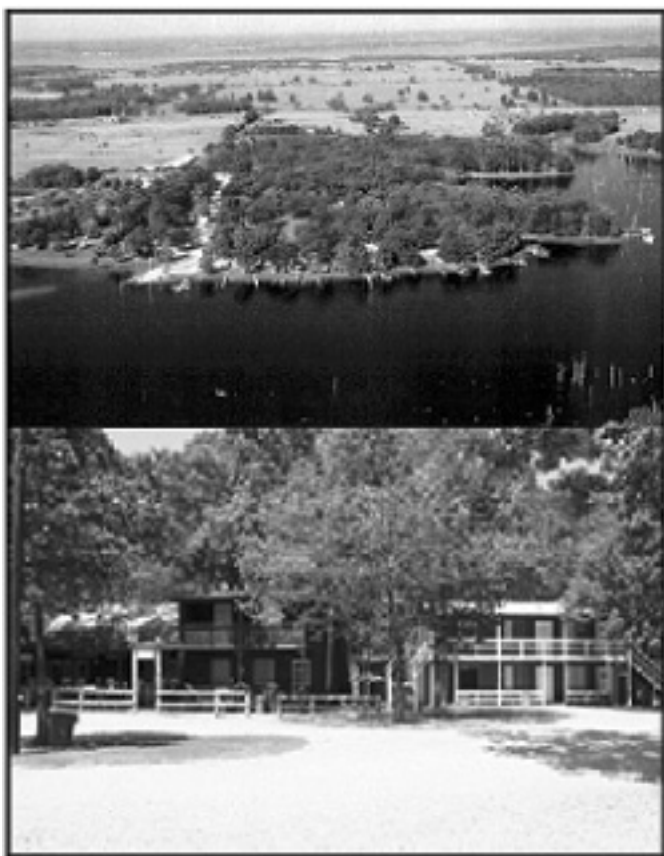
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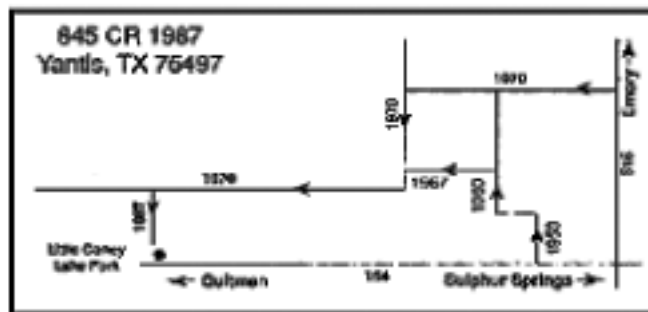
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# "Wicked Winter Is At Our Doorstep!"

By David Ozio

"Wicked winter is at our doorstep and you know what that means, bass will be hiding extra well. Wait!!! Not so fast! That doesn't mean we can't still catch 'um. Surely you got the memo, cold water bass are bigger! Yep, for those who brave the dreary, not so perfect weather days, the reward can sometimes be the trophy of a lifetime. The surface temps at Fork are hovering in the mid to low 50's and a beautiful sunny break from dreary can be just what your looking for.

As it stands now, the lake is two and a half under pool and the water temps are hovering around

the low 50's which points to the fact that most bass should have set up on their winter haunts out in deep water by now. Stable water in January will move the green beasts to their typical winter lairs and can be caught on the right day. Their feeding habits are slowed down due to the cold water and one good meal could last them a while. The key is to target schools of shad and bar fish in the 20-30 foot range. Good electronics are the key and pay strict attention to the hooks that surround the school. The A-rig will be the go to set up to target these monster bass and rig it with any five inch swimbait on a 3/16 oz head. A flutter spoon or jigging spoon will also do the trick and my color choice will be gold. Focus your search on humps, roadbeds, long points and pond dams. If you notice the big arches laying on the bottom, switch to the Cariolina rig or football jig in black/blue to attract the larger bites. Use a long leader on your C-rig with a 3/0 or 4/0 hook. Creature baits, large worms or giants lizards will be the baits of choice. I use blue fleck and chartreuse pepper on cloudy days and watermelon red or watermelon candy colors when the suns beaming down in full force. Drop shots will play a huge roll in the coming months especially if the lake stays at this level or slightly below. January is the time of

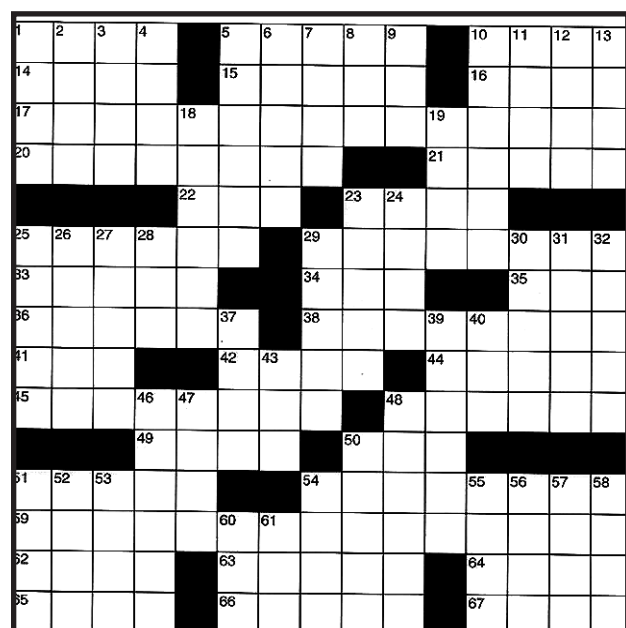


the year when the ultra giants are moving around and it offers the extreme possibility to boat the trophy of your dreams.

An alternate pattern targets the skinny water. Fishing shallow on the bright sunny days is the place to be, especially between 2:00 and 5:00pm. It is the warmest part of the day and the top layer of water offers comfort to the sluggish bass. Vegetation is the attraction for these bass and I would throw a rattletrap or chatterbait to draw a strike. Depending upon the water temp, a suspending jerkbait would be the ticket if the temps are lagging into the mid 40's. Red colors are the main choice for the

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| 1. Type of citrus fruit           | 41. Reptile genus                      |
| 5. Russian sour-grass soup        | 42. Syngman _____, Korean president    |
| 10. Intent                        | 44. More coherent                      |
| 14. Land of Israel                | 45. Armed forces                       |
| 15. Indian city                   | 48. Changes                            |
| 16. Quick tempo (abbr.)           | 49. Hebrew month                       |
| 17. Small gift                    | 50. They _____                         |
| 20. Colors again                  | 51. _____ but goodie                   |
| 21. Knives                        | 54. Emergency exits                    |
| 22. Hymenopteron                  | 59. Holiday enhancement                |
| 23. Fig or gum                    | 62. Peak                               |
| 25. Ropes                         | 63. Asian laborer                      |
| 29. Cerises                       | 64. Deprive of certain characteristics |
| 33. Healing agents                | 65. One who digs up                    |
| 34. Former "Irish" football coach | 66. Ambiances                          |
| 35. Compass point                 | 67. Feline sound                       |
| 36. Spanish farm                  |  |
| 38. Isolate                       |  |

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| 1. Formerly Russia                | 30. Stupid                         |
| 2. Rural vacation retreat         | 31. Enroll                         |
| 3. Entwine                        | 32. Visionaries                    |
| 4. South American Indian          | 37. Killer whale                   |
| 5. Backbones                      | 39. Dormant                        |
| 6. Short story (French)           | 40. Tell on                        |
| 7. Snaps up                       | 43. Of she                         |
| 8. Part of nervous system (abbr.) | 46. More egotistic                 |
| 9. Vessel                         | 47. Days                           |
| 10. Beam                          | 48. Groupings                      |
| 11. _____ Romeo, car              | 50. Mentally quick and resourceful |
| 12. Commoner                      | 51. Moonfish                       |
| 13. High rock piles (Old English) | 52. Crazy (Spanish)                |
| 18. Restraint (informal)          | 53. U.S. coin                      |
| 19. Selfish person                | 54. British school                 |
| 23. Figure                        | 55. Visit poor areas for fun       |
| 24. Garner                        | 56. Reasonable                     |
| 25. Type genus of the Laridae     | 57. Inside                         |
| 26. Alar                          | 58. Arrange in a container         |
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# Anglers Reel in Hundreds of Record-Setting Fish in Texas in 2019

Since 1971, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Angler Recognition Program has recognized fishing excellence by maintaining the fish record lists for all public and private water bodies across the state. Participation in the program has continued to grow every year, and 2019 was no exception with anglers receiving more than 638 official awards for their big fish.

"With 47 new state fishing records and 434 new waterbody records set at lakes, rivers and bays across the state, it's clear that 2019 was a great year for fishing in Texas," said Ron Smith, TPWD Angler Recognition Program director. "In addition to providing bragging rights and a lifetime of memories for anglers, these achievements showcase the world-class fishing opportunities that can be found in every part of Texas."

Anglers can submit their water body or state record-setting fish in a variety of categories, including freshwater and saltwater; all ages and junior; weight and length; and the method of catch, including rod and reel, fly rod,

bow fishing, other methods, and catch and release.

Junior anglers under 17 set 14 state records and 108 water body records in 2019. A few notable junior records include the junior state freshwater rod and reel record largemouth bass caught by Gavin Mikeska at Oak Creek Lake Apr. 20; the junior state freshwater rod and reel record blue catfish caught by Brayden Rogers at Lake Tawakoni March 16; and the junior state saltwater rod and reel record bull shark caught by Johnny Garner in the Gulf of Mexico Jan. 25.

"The increase in youth participation in the Angler Recognition Program is very exciting," Smith said. "Not only are we seeing an increase in applications for youth state and waterbody records, we are also seeing an increase in youth applications for the First Fish Award and Outstanding Angler Award. We are thrilled to recognize young anglers for their time spent on the water pursuing their passion, and we hope having this award or certificate on their wall will inspire a life-

time of exploring and enjoying the state's diverse fisheries resources."

All-ages anglers set 33 state records and 326 water body records in 2019. Some notable all-ages records set in 2019 include the state freshwater fly fishing record Alabama bass caught by Smith Swinburn at Lake Alan Henry Apr. 5; the state freshwater fly fishing record bowfin caught by Stavros Cotsoradis at Lake Conroe Jun. 1; the state saltwater fly fishing record red drum caught by Candace Kern in Matagorda Bay on Aug. 14; the state saltwater rod and reel record silk snapper caught by Tyler Young in the Gulf of Mexico July 6; and the state saltwater rod and reel record scamp caught by Brice Sanchez in the Gulf of Mexico Jan. 6.

Even though not every fish qualifies as a waterbody or state record, anglers can still submit and receive special recognition for their catches. In 2019, 48 anglers submitted their first catch to the program for the First Fish Award; 57 received the Outstand-

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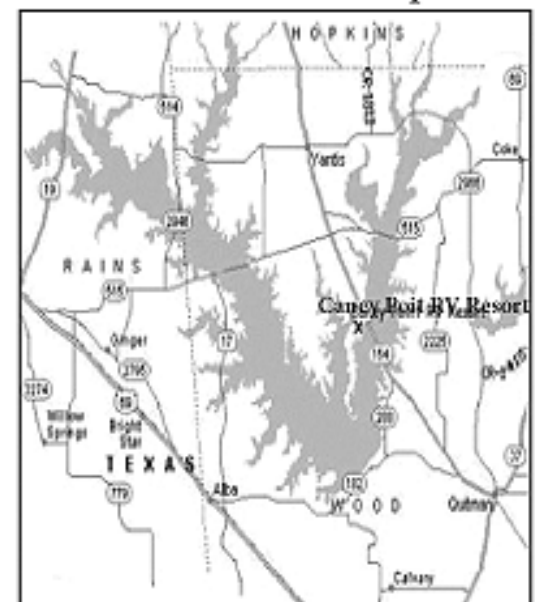
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# "The Moon Report" "Lake Fork Crappie 2020"

By Terri Moon

Happy New Year to everyone! I am SO looking forward to the coming year fishing Lake Fork!

The reasons I'm so excited is, I've got my new Skeeter Solera 205 and while I'm gone for the holidays, Bryan Sartin is installing a Garman Livescope for me! I can't wait to learn this new style of fishing. It has definitely improved the numbers for everyone that already has one – especially on those tough days. It works so good there is even some bass guides that are turning into crappie guides! (I just hope Lake Fork can sustain the numbers of crappie that are being taken with this new technology!)

It's kind of sad to see all of the giant broodstock being taken daily. To me it's kind of like filleting an over the slot bass. We'll never know how big they would have gotten. That's why I've always tried to release any that are over 16 inches to at least in a small way do what I can for the conservation of these awesome fish. I mean seriously if you have a livewell full of crappie – do you really need one more giant? I only ask that you consider it. This is just my opinion but hope your conscience will



be your guide – but, be sure and get some great photos! Then maybe one of these days we'll get a new lake record crappie!

Now as far as catching the crappie – they have been anywhere between 25 and 40 ft. of water holding between 20–30 ft. down (around the new and full moon they may be 8–15 ft. in the water column). This is where the Livescope shines finding the underwater timber along the creek channels and knowing exactly how deep to fish. The colors producing now have been Boneheads, white/chartreuse or black/chartreuse and Stumpbugs. Also Bubba Baits in electric chicken or cinnamon/blue and Lake Fork Tackle live baby shad in blue & pearl. In this deeper water I usually go to 1/8 oz. jigs and I really like Bonehead's jig heads!

Now if the weather

is too bad to fish, it's time to check out your local boat and tackle shows and remember that if you're not catching fish, "you probably haven't spent enough money!!" It's great to go to these shows to see the latest technology and the awesome 2020 boats. Skeeter has outdone themselves this year!

I hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season and lets ALL hope for an early Spring!

Also, if any of you have tried to reach me while I'm "off the grid" at my moms, please keep trying and I'll get to you as soon as I'm back in cell coverage.

Sending thoughts and prayers to friends and family who lost love ones this year and wishing you many blessings!

My best to you ALL and looking forward to seeing you in the coming year!



## Anglers Reel in Hundreds of Record-Setting Fish in Texas in 2019 (Continued from Page 7)

ing Angler Award for their special catch; and 261 received a Big Fish Award for catching a fish that met the minimum length requirement for the species.

"Most anglers that turn in an application get something – whether that's an award or an outstanding angler certificate," Smith said. "We are happy to recognize great catches even when they may not have set a new record."

To participate in the program, anglers should become familiar with the rules to ensure they submit a complete application. In addition to locating a certified scale, anglers should learn to properly measure a fish and take a camera along to snap the required

photos. Anglers should also keep in mind that all fish need to be legally caught in Texas waters and only one person may catch the fish (except for netting or gaffing the fish to bring it into the boat or onto shore).

To search current records, review the types of awards available and learn how to submit your catch, visit the Angler Recognition Program online at [www.tpwd.texas.gov/fish-awards](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/fish-awards).



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Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork held their Annual Meeting and Christmas Party on December 7th. Any changes in the bylaws or tournament rules are conducted at this meeting along with honoring the 2019 Top 6 Anglers. The 2019 Top 6 (from lt. to rt.) were Chris Large, Angler of the Year, 2nd Kenny LaDuke, 3rd Leon Davis, 4th Don Hampton, 5th Rodney Ellis and 6th Jim Martin. Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork is a local bass club that fishes lakes within an hour drive of Lake Fork and hold one tournament per month and 2 opens on Lake Fork. A great club to join- visit our website [www.texastrailsbassmasters.com](http://www.texastrailsbassmasters.com)

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## Marble Falls, Granger Added to Statewide List of Lakes Infested with Zebra Mussels

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has added Lake Marble Falls and Granger Lake to the statewide list of lakes infested with invasive zebra mussels after discovering established, reproducing populations in the lakes this fall.

Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) biologists confirmed the presence of zebra mussels in Lake Marble Falls after finding settled zebra mussels as well as their larvae at multiple sites in the lake. After Lake Lyndon B. Johnson was found to be infested with zebra mussels in July of this year, it was expected that they would spread downstream to Lake Marble Falls. TPWD and LCRA are reminding lake users to take the proper steps to avoid spreading this highly invasive species into lakes further upstream in the Colorado River or into other waterbodies.

"We continue to work closely with our partners at Texas Parks and Wildlife to monitor the presence of zebra mussels in the Highland Lakes," said Bryan Cook, LCRA Manager of Water Quality Protection. "It's important to do what we can to stop zebra mussels from spreading to new lakes. We encourage boaters to continue to clean, drain and dry their boats and trailers, as well as to drain all

water from boats and onboard receptacles when moving from lake to lake."

Granger Lake, which was designated positive in May after repeated detections of zebra mussel larvae, has now been upgraded to infested after Brazos River Authority staff found adult mussels on settlement samplers placed throughout the lake. Granger Lake is the second lake in the San Gabriel River basin found to be infested; zebra mussels were found in Lake Georgetown in 2017.

"Although it's saddening every time we find zebra mussels in a new lake or confirm that a lake is fully infested as we have with Marble Falls and Granger, it is still encouraging that zebra mussels have not been moved into any new river basins since 2017," said Monica McGarrity, TPWD Senior Scientist for Aquatic Invasive Species Management. "Only boats can move

zebra mussels upstream or into new river basins. It is important for all lake users to protect our lakes by cleaning, draining and drying their boats and equipment every time they leave the water."

Boat owners and marina staff should be diligent in ensuring decontamination procedures are followed before moving boats that have been stored in the water on a lake with zebra mussels to another lake.

"Cleaning, draining and drying is not enough to prevent zebra mussels from hitching a ride on a boat or barge that has been stored in the water on a lake with zebra mussels," McGarrity said. "These vessels pose the highest risk for moving them and causing new infestations because the mussels attach themselves in crevices and other hidden areas, often in large numbers. If you are moving a boat, call TPWD at (512) 389-4848 and we'll be happy to advise you

on the proper procedures to decontaminate your boat and help you through the process."

As of November 2019, zebra mussels are

found in 29 Texas lakes across five river basins. A status map and full list of these lakes can be found on the TPWD website.

The rapidly reproducing zebra mussels can have serious economic, recreational and envi-

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# "Knowing What To Look For!"

By Mike McFarland

Happy New Year and welcome to the beginning of the 2020 fishing season here at the world famous Lake Fork. 2019 was an awesome season offering many world class fishing days and plenty of Lake Fork giants. Dreams came true and hearts were broken as fishermen found great success throughout the entire year. When is the best time of the year to come you ask? Well, honestly that's a difficult question. Generally spring is best however the big fish season really begins now, January. Florida strain bass are fat this time of year. They are growing huge egg sacks with up to a million eggs per fish. This creates

a great demand on their bodies for extra food and keeps them hunting and eating in spite of cold water conditions. Florida strain bass love to sun bathe, this is why we tend to find them in very shallow water a majority of the year. However during the cold water season the bass can eat the baitfish wherever it exists, then go shallow into warm trending waters to sun bathe and digest. In these shallow water conditions the bass are happy and easier to catch. I will look for protected or sheltered shallow pockets, small shallow coves with drains that lead to deep water, pond dams and very shallow shell beds again all of which must be close to deep water. This big fish was caught with a 7" black/blue Senko from a shell bed in 2 feet of water with a 25 foot deep break nearby.

warm trending night you can bet I will be out early. A warm night suggest 2 days of warm trending in the shallow back waters. Here is a secret, fog rises from the shallow back waters that have warm trended from the day before. I suggest you take note of these places, mark your map or make waypoints. Here is another tip for you, I have found some great spots just by driving over the bridges during early morning hours and looking closely at where the fog is rising from. In all my fishing career I have learned that the most important factor is location, location, location. I hope this article will help you find some great fishing this January here on the world famous Lake Fork. Hope to see you out there! [TheLakeForkGuide.com](http://TheLakeForkGuide.com)



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## Public Access Lease Now Open for Guadalupe River Trout Fishing

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has leased a "no fee" public access area on the Guadalupe River to help anglers target rainbow trout during the peak of the cool-weather stocking and fishing season.

Camp Huaco Springs, located between San Antonio and Austin, has nearly a half-mile of bank access along alternating pools and riffles on the Guadalupe River. The bank is gently sloped and rocky and anglers can wade fish both upstream and downstream, or fish from the bank. There is a low-water dam at the upper end of the property and a deep pool at the lower end.

Public access to the site is open from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset through March 7, 2020 (except Feb. 21-24), for angling from the banks and launching non-motorized boats, canoes, kayaks, or other floatable devices for the purpose of fishing.

TPWD will stock this and other sections of the Guadalupe River, also

known as the Canyon Reservoir Tailrace, with more than 20,000 rainbow trout during weekly stockings through late January. The full list of stocking dates can be found online at [www.tpwd.texas.gov/troutstocking](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/troutstocking).

Camp Huaco Springs falls under the statewide trout regulations, so anglers may keep up to their daily bag limit of five trout with no minimum length limit. Trout anglers over 17 will need a valid fishing license that includes a freshwater fishing endorsement.

Anglers may find public access to the river in other areas being stocked with trout – including Guadalupe Park, operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – but should note that special regulations and limits are in effect on the stretch of the river below the Canyon Lake Dam to the second bridge crossing on River Rd.

Camp Huaco Springs is located at 4150 River Road, New Braunfels, TX 78132. For more information, or to find leased River Access and Conser-

vation Areas on other rivers in Texas, visit [https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/rivers/lease\\_access/](https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/rivers/lease_access/)



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## TPWD, Partners Celebrating 30 Years of Wetland Conservation Success

In December 1989, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA), which was a new continental conservation funding mechanism. Designed to assist the North American Waterfowl Management Plan when waterfowl populations were declining across North America, NAWCA has also benefited many wildlife species and people across the continent.

Since its inception, nearly 2,950 NAWCA projects have utilized more than \$1.7 billion in federal funds which leveraged \$3.6 billion in matching funds and another \$1.4 billion in nonmatching funds from nearly 6,200 partners across North America. The first NAWCA grant allocated to Texas was awarded to The Nature Conservancy in 1991 to assist with the development of the Clive Runnells Family Mad Island Marsh Preserve in Matagorda County.

Subsequently, various federal, state, and non-profit partners, including Ducks Unlimited, Katy Prairie Conservancy, The Conservation Fund, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas R.I.C.E., and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service have received financial funding to conduct wetland restoration and acquisition across Texas for the benefit of wildlife populations.

Examples of recent successful partnership efforts to enhance wetlands and associated habitats with NAWCA funds include the following:  
Texas Prairie Wetland Program – this long-run-

ning wetland restoration program is a partnership between Dr. Edward D. and Sally M. Futch Charitable Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service that provides a cost-share program for wetland restoration on private lands along coastal Texas

Sabine Ranch Acquisition – two grants assisted the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in acquiring over 3,600 acres of the Sabine Ranch which will ultimately be part of the McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge Complex and available for public access  
Big Lake Bottom Acquisition – as part of this grant, parcels of land were acquired by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to add acreage to the 4,000 acre wildlife management area in north-

east Texas which is open year round to public access.

In December, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of this successful program across North America. Although not well known amongst the public, this federal program has allowed Texans to expand their hunting, fishing, hiking, birding, and other recreational opportunities across Texas. In addition, this program brings partners together across regions for a common goal: conservation. As waterfowl populations have recovered, wetlands remain an important part of our landscape that increases flood resiliency and water quality while providing critical habitat for wildlife populations across Texas.

For more information, visit <https://nawmp.org/nawca30>.

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## TPWD Taking Public Comment on Proposed Rule Changes for Managed Lands Deer Program

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is seeking public comment on proposed changes to the Managed Lands Deer Program (MLDP), which includes establishing fees for participation in the MLDP and clarifying existing program provisions.

"The MLDP is an extremely popular program that provides landowners and land managers with additional flexibility to manage deer populations, improve habitats, and provide greater hunting opportunities," said Alan Cain, TPWD white-tailed deer program leader. "Increased participation in the MLDP has made it challenging for wildlife staff to administer the program and provide technical guidance to participants. In response, the Texas Legislature earlier this year enacted Senate Bill 733, which authorizes the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to establish a fee for participation in the MLDP."

The proposed fee amendment would establish a \$30 fee for each management unit within a property that is enrolled in the Harvest Option (HO), provided the property is not part of an aggregate acreage enrolled in the MLDP; a \$30 fee for each aggregate acreage enrolled in the HO; a \$300 fee for the first management unit of each property enrolled in the Conservation Option (CO) plus a \$30 fee for each additional management unit of a property enrolled in the CO; a \$300 fee for each aggregate acreage enrolled in the CO; and a \$30 fee for each management unit of a wildlife management association or cooperative enrolled in the CO.

The fee amounts were selected by the department after soliciting and receiving input from department staff, stakeholder groups, and advisory committees regarding what would be a reasonable fee for participation in the MLDP consider-

ing the benefits received, the demands on department staff in administering the various options available to landowners under the MLDP, and which would not result in significant attrition from the MLDP by landowners.

The proposed regulation changes are available for review in the Dec. 6 edition of the Texas Register. The public comment period is open through January 23, 2020, when the TPW Commission will meet to vote on adopting these changes.

Comments on the proposed changes may be submitted to Alan Cain by phone (830) 480-4038 or email [alan.cain@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:alan.cain@tpwd.texas.gov). Comments also may be submitted via the department's website at [https://www.tpwd.texas.gov/business/feedback/public\\_comment/](https://www.tpwd.texas.gov/business/feedback/public_comment/) or in person during the TPW Commission meeting January 23, 2020 at 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX.



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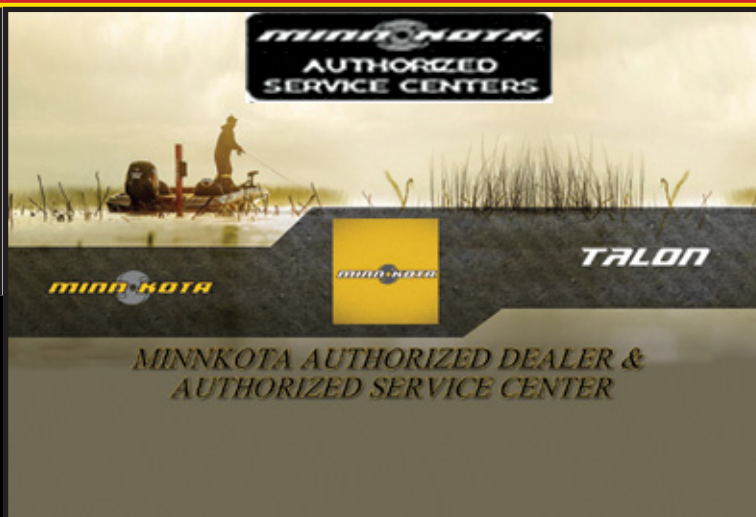
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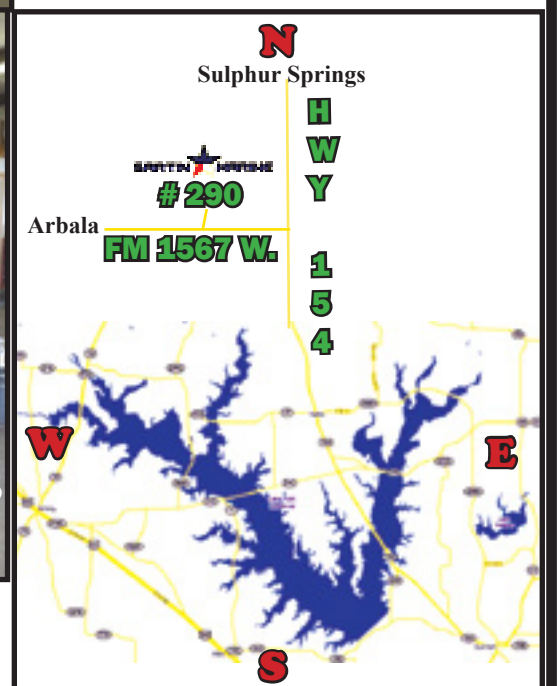
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# Lake Fork Sportsman's Association "Preserving the Legend That is Lake Fork"

By Carolyn West  
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Button Bushes abound! After several years of potting, nurturing, growing and planting button bushes, Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologists, Yantis High School Ag Students, members of Lake Fork Sportsman's Association and assistance from the Williams Creek Crappie Club, five hundred (500) button bushes were planted in Lake Fork prior to Christmas vacation. Sue Parrish, LFSA chairperson, finally saw a project come to a growing end. Weather conditions and lake levels have postponed the planting for almost a year.

For this planting, TPWD used an experimental method and caged an area for several hundred of the plants to grow freely at water's edge. The intent is to prevent the young bushes from being destroyed by hogs. Button bushes, when allowed to grow, have proven to be good shoreline habitat for fish as well as a good source for erosion control.

And just a reminder, TPWD and LFSA have sponsored many plantings on Lake Fork. When vegetation or structures are placed in Lake Fork, they are the property of the State of Texas and must not be removed by anyone other than authorities of the State. Tampering with these projects is a legal offense. During follow up studies,

TPWD has recently discovered that an entire caged area had been removed--posts, caging material and vegetation. These studies are created and guided by biologists who believe in this lake and are employed to preserve and maintain it. LFSA believes in the preservation of Lake Fork and the members volunteer to help administer these programs. Any person who has an exception to the methods, structure or plantings should contact TPWD Tyler.

The new year will bring additional projects, activities and leaders for LFSA. At the annual membership meeting on Saturday, December 14, LFSA members chose their 2020 Board

of Directors. They are Larry Marler, President, Bob Roberts, Vice President, Ed Swenson, Secretary, Katie Carter, Treasurer, and Jim Range, Frank West, and Michael Kostial, Board Members at

Large. Carolyn West will serve on the Board at the will of the President in an immediate past president advisory role. Although the positions may change, the mission will remain to "Preserve the Legend

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**"Wicked Winter Is At Our Doorstep!"** (Continued from Page 6)

moving baits and I would have a chrome version tied on as a backup. Gold has worked well on partly cloudy days and I always keep one handy on whatever lure I present. Don't be afraid to hurl them into the thick grass and rip it out as bass will hit it once it clears the outer edge. Experiment to see where the green fish might be positioned. Make some casts out to the deep edge of the grass and slow roll the bait back to the boat. You might be surprised at the results.

January is also a great month to catch numbers



on the power plant lakes. If cabin fever has set in, give me a call and we can wear them out where the water temps are summer like. If you are headed out to Lake Fork in January searching for the trophy of a lifetime, I would love to be a part of this trophy quest. I also have gift certificates available if you have friends or loved one's who have dreamt of landing a huge bass. You can contact me at 409 782-4269 or e-mail me at skeet21c@aol.com. You can follow me on Facebook and Instagram at <https://www.facebook.com/DavidOzioLakeForkGuide>. I post my daily trip results on this page. I would also like to thank Okuma Fishing USA and Talon Fishing Unlimited for making my job the blast that it is. I hope to see a lot of you on the water. Romans 10:13. "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". I wish all of you a blessed day."



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## Zebra Mussels (Continued from Page 12)

ronmental impacts on Texas reservoirs and rivers. Zebra mussels can harm aquatic species, cover rocks, beaches, hard surfaces with sharp shells, clog water intakes, damage or increase maintenance on facilities using raw surface water, and damage boats stored in lakes with zebra mussels.

TPWD and partners monitor for invasive mussels in Texas lakes, but anyone who finds them in lakes where they haven't been found before or who spots them on boats, trailers or equipment that is being moved should help prevent new introductions by immediately reporting the sighting to TPWD at (512) 389-4848 or by emailing photos and location information to [aquaticinvasives@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:aquaticinvasives@tpwd.texas.gov).

In Texas, it is unlawful to possess or transport zebra mussels, dead or alive. Boaters are required to drain all water from their boat and onboard receptacles before leaving or approaching a body of fresh water to prevent the transfer of zebra mussels and other invasive species. Zebra mussel larvae are microscopic and can survive for days in residual water, and adult zebra mussels can survive even longer out

of water, especially in cooler months. The requirement to drain applies to all types and sizes of boats whether powered or not – personal watercraft, sailboats, kayaks, canoes or any other vessel used on public waters.

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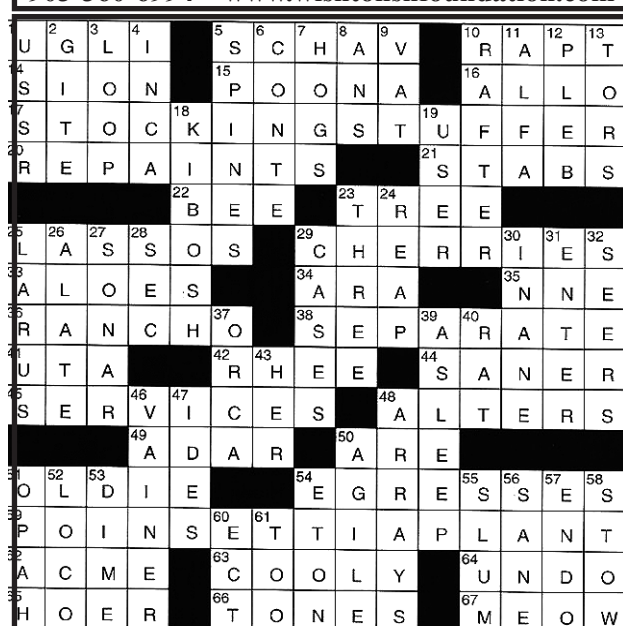
about zebra mussels can be found online at [tpwd.texas.gov/ZebraMussels](http://tpwd.texas.gov/ZebraMussels). A short instructional video on how to properly clean, drain and dry boats and equipment can be found on the TPWD YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/DMlEwbXmLx8>

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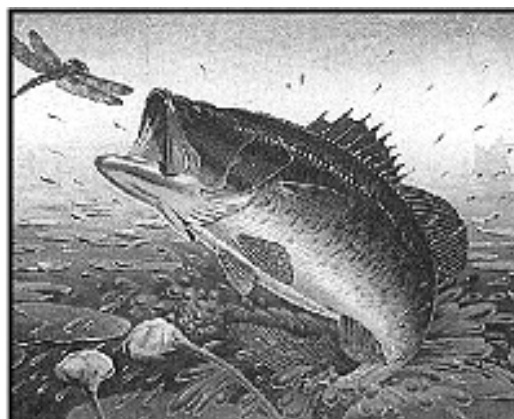
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After 26 years of stories covering Texas' wild things and wild places, the Passport to Texas radio program is coming to an end as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department transitions to its new Under the Texas Sky Podcast.

The podcast features long-format audio adventures that cover topics such as the restoration of paddlefish at Caddo Lake to pollinators and native plants, and everything in between. The latest episode is an interview with wildlife artist Clemente Guzman, who illustrated the Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine for 29 years. He talks about his wild work and his journey telling the stories of nature through art.

Under the Texas Sky is produced and hosted by Cecilia Nasti, longtime voice of the Passport to Texas radio program. She presents the great outdoors to listeners through the experiences of everyday people as well as experts inside and outside of TPWD. The podcast is not just about Texas Parks and Wildlife Department programs and projects, but about the people who benefit from the work the agency does to keep Texas vibrant.

For 26 years, Passport to Texas covered all things parks and wildlife in Texas, from travel to history, from traditional hunting and fishing to mountain biking and birding. The 90-second, weekday series aired on about 100 radio stations across the state. The series audio engineer has been Joel Block, president of The Block House Studios in Austin, which specializes in spoken word projects and numerous other statewide and national projects. Block now helps produce and engineer Under the Texas Sky. Listeners can stream or download the podcast at [underthetexas-sky.org](http://underthetexas-sky.org), or find it on major podcast platforms.

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## Val Verde County White-tailed Deer Tests Positive for Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) has been detected in a free-ranging, 5 ½ year-old white-tailed doe between Del Rio and Amistad Reservoir, making it the first confirmed case of the disease in Val Verde County.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) are implementing a containment strategy designed to limit the spread of CWD from the affected area and better understand the distribution and prevalence of the disease.

"Because eradication is thought to be impossible once CWD becomes established in a population, it is imperative that we work with other agencies, landowners and hunters to contain this disease within a limited geographic area and prevent it from spreading further among Texas deer populations," said Dr. Bob Dittmar, TPWD's Wildlife Veterinarian. "This containment strategy is particularly urgent considering this detection happened in the middle of the general deer season."

Effective immediately under an executive order issued by TPWD Executive Director Carter Smith, a CWD Containment Zone and all associated rules for that designation are in effect within the boundaries of a line beginning in Val Verde County at the International Bridge and proceeding northeast along Spur 239 to U.S. 90; thence north along U.S. 90 to the intersection of U.S. 277/377,

thence north along U.S. 277/377 to the U.S. 277/377 bridge at Lake Amistad (29.496183°, -100.913355°), thence west along the southern shoreline of Lake Amistad to International boundary at Lake Amistad dam, thence south along the Rio Grande River to the International Bridge on Spur 239.

A CWD Surveillance Zone is in effect within the boundaries of a line beginning in Val Verde County at the confluence of Sycamore Creek and the Rio Grande River (29.242341°, -100.793906°); thence northeast along Sycamore Creek to U.S. 277; thence northwest on U.S. 277 to Loop 79; thence north along Loop 79 to the Union Pacific Railroad; thence east along the Union Pacific Railroad to Liberty Drive (north entrance to Laughlin Airforce Base); thence north along Liberty Drive to U.S. 90; thence west along U.S. 90 to Loop 79; thence north along Loop 79 to the American Electric Power (AEP) Ft. Lancaster-to-Hamilton Road 138kV transmission line (29.415542°, -100.847993°); thence north along the AEP Ft. Lancaster-to-Hamilton Road 138kV transmission line to a point where the AEP Ft. Lancaster-to-Hamilton Road 138kV transmission line turns northwest (29.528552°, -100.871618°);

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CWD Containment and Surveillance Zone rules include restrictions on the movements of carcass parts as well as live deer possessed under the authority of a permit. The department is also implementing mandatory CWD testing of deer harvested within the containment and surveillance zone within 48 hours of harvest at a new check station located at the RV park at the Del Rio Fisherman's

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## Chronic Wasting Disease *(Continued from Page 23)*

Headquarters, 4957 US-90, Del Rio TX 78840 (29.43187° N., -100.90898° W). For full details and instructions on how to bring harvested deer to the check station, hunters should check the Outdoor Annual mobile app or online.

"This temporary emergency action will allow us to try to contain CWD within the affected zone while we collect more information and gather more data," said TPWD Executive Director Carter Smith. "The protection of our state's big game resources is of vital importance and we are grateful to hunters, landowners and local officials for their cooperation in following these rules and spreading the word in their community to help keep the disease contained."

CWD among cervids is a progressive, fatal neurological disease that commonly results in altered behavior as a result of microscopic changes made to the brain of affected animals. An animal may carry the disease for years without outward indication, but in the latter stages, signs may include listlessness, lowering of the head, weight loss, repetitive walking in set patterns, and a lack of responsiveness. To date there is no evidence that CWD poses a risk to humans or non-cervids. However, as a precaution, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization

recommend not to consume meat from infected animals.

"Though CWD has not been discovered in exotic susceptible species in Val Verde County, our agency is working proactively alongside our TPWD partners to achieve enhanced surveillance for all susceptible species in the identified zones," said Dr. Andy Schwartz, TAHC Executive Director and State Veterinarian.

Hunters are encouraged to report any "sick looking" deer, elk, or other CWD susceptible species while hunting in any CWD zone to TPWD. Contact information for the CWD zone check stations is

found within the CWD surveillance zone as well as roadkills. The department is seeking as many additional samples for testing as it can obtain in order to get a better handle on the geographic extent and prevalence of the disease in this area.

TPWD will continue to collect samples from all hunted properties located within the containment and

surveillance zone as well as roadkills. The department is seeking as many additional samples for testing as it can obtain in order to get a better handle on the geographic extent and prevalence of the disease in this area.

A public meeting is being planned by TPWD, TAHC and TAMU AgriLife to gather public comment,

provide information, and discuss the containment strategy moving forward. The date, time and location for this meeting will be announced at a later date on the TPWD News Releases page online and on the department's social media accounts.

For more information about CWD, visit the TPWD web site or the TAHC web site.

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## Game Warden Field Notes

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

**--Fresh Caught--** Another example of black market online shopping occurred when a game warden found a post on the trading app OfferUp advertising "fresh caught" fish for sale in the Houston area. The picture on the post was taken at night and showed a man holding two bull red drum. The warden contacted the seller and found out he had three redfish for sale and was asking \$10 per pound. The seller claimed the fish weighed 80 pounds total and that he had caught them on two separate trips during the week. Wardens made contact with the seller and the seller's father, who had come along to help close the deal, in a pharmacy store parking lot. In the trunk of their car, wardens found the three redfish, which measured 36, 42, and 45 inches in length, respectively. The father admitted to catching one of the fish and the son claimed the other two. Neither of them had a current fishing license nor any type of commercial license. Charges and restitution are pending.

**--Bill Comes Due for Ranch Mis-manager--** South Texas game wardens recently wrapped up a six month multistate investigation of an illegal commercial hunting operation on a ranch in Live Oak County. The wardens were contacted by a landowner regarding his ranch manager selling

hunts under the table and hunting without consent. The landowner learned of the illegal activities when contacted by a taxidermist regarding an unpaid balance for several mounts belonging to the ranch manager. The landowner did not give the ranch manager or his family permission to harvest any animals on the ranch. During an extensive investigation, wardens determined the ranch manager had been selling trophy hunts to out of state clients, pocketing their money, and falsifying the ranch harvest records. The ranch manager was responsible for brokering illegal hunts for 14 white-tailed deer (with scores ranging from 245 B&C to under 100 B&C) and numerous exotic game animals. The ranch manager and his daughter also unlawfully appropriated \$17,450 from the ranch owner. Hunters paid for their hunts by checks made out to the ranch manager or daughter instead of to the ranch. The wardens obtained arrest warrants for the ranch manager for hunting without consent for white-tailed deer and exotic animals. He was arrested without incident.

**--Just Leave that Fawn Alone--** A Bell County game warden was alerted to a person who had stopped at a gas station with a fawn in her vehicle. The complainant sent pictures and a license plate number, which showed the vehicle registered to a woman in Rogers. The warden also learned the woman had an arrest warrant for assault with

bodily injury. The warden contacted the suspect, who admitted to driving the deer around in her car; however, she couldn't find it now on her 10-acre property. The woman was placed under arrest for the warrant and for illegal possession of the white-tailed deer.

**--How to do Hunting Wrong--** After receiving a number of reports related to birds that had been found shot dead in northeast Edinburg, game wardens set up surveillance in the general vicinity. While investigating signs of trespassing into municipal properties, the officers heard pellet gun shots on the other side of a steep drainage ditch. While one of the officers engaged the individual from a distance, the other game warden crossed the drainage ditch to meet with the subject. The man immediately explained that he had been hunting "all kinds of birds," as well as rabbits, but was unaware a hunting license was necessary. He subsequently admitted to shooting protected birds, including a stork on the water body adjacent to the Edinburg World Birding Center. The officers addressed various violations, including hunting without a license, no hunter's education, and hunting protected birds.

**--Life Jacket Buys Time for Rescue--** While on patrol, Cameron County game wardens responded to a distress call in the bay near South Padre Is-

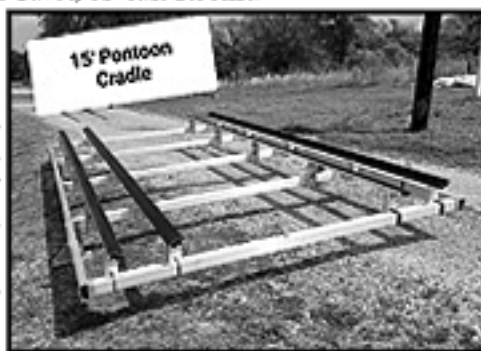
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land. The victim was found shortly after arriving to his last known location and was brought aboard the game warden's vessel. He stated he had been paddling into a strong wind. His kayak became swamped and, before he realized what was happening, it capsized. The kayaker also mentioned had he not been wearing his life jacket he would not have been able to tread water for the 15-20 minutes it took for his friends to realize he was in trouble and for help to arrive.

**--Road-Killed, not Road Kill--** A Travis County man was arrested recently on a warrant charging him with hunting from a vehicle for an incident back in January in Blanco County. A Blanco County warden had received a call regarding a shot fired from a roadway and with assistance from local law enforcement caught up to the suspect. The warden discovered a dead white-tailed deer in a trash bag in the bed of the subject's truck, and observed a small bullet wound to the deer's head. The subject stated he had picked up the deer from the roadway after it was hit by a car. The warden saw no evidence that the animal had been struck by a vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was cited for possession of white-tailed deer in closed season and released. The warden then spent the next three hours on foot searching the area where he believed the deer was

shot, and found a single shot .22 rifle laying in the ditch. An arrest warrant was issued for a Travis County resident for hunting from a vehicle. The charges are pending.

**--Scare Tactic Turns Fatal--** A Bell County man's efforts to keep deer from eating his backyard greenery led to criminal charges being filed against him for causing serious injury to a whitetail with a shot from a pellet gun. The shot severed the deer's spinal cord and a warden had to put the animal down. A game warden was alerted by one of his neighbors of a deer in distress. The man claimed he was in his backyard target shooting with a pellet gun when a deer walked by, and for no apparent reason dropped to the ground. The deer was still alive and would not get up. The man later claimed he was shooting at the ground to scare the deer off. The man stated he usually uses firecrackers to scare deer away from his plants, but didn't have any firecrackers so he used the pellet gun. Upon examination of the wounded animal, the warden observed a small entrance wound near the deer's spine. Further evidence showed the deer was shot with a pellet gun, which severed the spinal cord, paralyzing the rear legs of the deer and causing it to drop. Charges were filed and the case is pending.

**--No Fishing License, Big Problem--** A Harris County game warden was patrolling for saltwater fishing violations by land when he observed a man fishing off a ferry launch with clearly posted signs of no fishing. Upon asking for his fishing license, the subject handed over his wife's license and admitted he didn't have one. Upon running an ID check, the warden learned that the unlicensed angler had a felony warrant out of Brazoria County. The subject was transported to Brazoria County and charges are pending for fishing under another person's license.

**--Here, Hold My Pistol--** Under the category "you can't make this stuff up," a Concho County game warden received a report of two vehicles colliding and going off the bridge into the Colorado River. At about the same time, the McCulloch County Sheriff's Office received a report of gunshots at the same bridge. The warden arrived on the scene first and found a car parked on the bridge deck, but did not see any damage to the vehicle or the bridge. He did observe a woman in the top of a nearby tree yelling for help and pointing toward the water. The warden directed her to climb down out of the tree, to which she said, "Here, hold my pistol." She

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During the last 30 minutes the pork is roasting, brush pork several times with half of the sauce mixture. When the

pork has finished roasting, let stand 15 minutes for easier carving.

Cook onion in butter and oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium heat 10 minutes; stirring occasionally. Add apple slices; cook 5 minutes or until onions and apples are tender. Toss apples and onions with remaining Tabasco sauce mixture.

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claimed her boyfriend's car had gone off the bridge and that he was in it. She then provided the warden with her boyfriend's cell phone number. The warden secured the handgun and called the boyfriend, who assured him that he was okay, his car had not gone off the bridge, and he was just out fishing. When the warden asked why she was up a tree with a pistol, the woman claimed to have shot at some pigs and feared for her safety. She was taken into custody by McCulloch County sheriff's deputies. Multiple charges are pending.

**--It Looked Like a Good Fishing Hole--A**

Harris County game warden was checking for saltwater fishing violations from the shoreline when he observed two men fishing underneath the Texas Highway 146 Bridge in an area clearly marked with "No Trespassing" signs. Upon contact, the warden could smell the odor of marijuana. The subjects were asked for fishing licenses; neither possessed one. When asked if they had any weapons or illegal narcotics on them, one of the subjects hesitated and glanced down at his front waistline. Suspecting a weapon, the warden placed the individual in handcuffs for safety, and conducted a

pat down search, which revealed a semi-automatic pistol with the serial numbers scratched out. The warden also discovered a small amount of marijuana. Upon further investigation, the warden discovered that one of the men possessed a fake resident card as well as a fake social security card. U.S. Customs and Border Protection was contacted to confirm the status of the individuals. One subject was arrested for unlawful carrying of a weapon. Felony charges are pending with Customs as well as deportation, pending trial.

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2020

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**February**

Feb. 15 ~ Media Teams  
Minnow Bucket  
Feb. 23 ~ JC Outdoors Solo  
Minnow Bucket



**March**

Mar. 7 ~ JC Outdoors Fall Teams  
Minnow Bucket  
Mar. 13-17 ~ Major League Fishing  
Oak Ridge Marina  
Mar. 14 ~ Media Teams  
Minnow Bucket  
Mar. 15 ~ JC Outdoors Solo  
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Alba \$575,000

**LAKE FORK MANUFACTURING FACILITY** Walking distance to Lake Fork on FM 17! 2.038 Acres, 2 buildings total 15,500 sqft. Building #1 is 60x150 with 6 - 6x18 roll up doors. Building #2 is 60x130 with 5 - 14x12 doors with nice office areas & store front. 21x40 Concrete Carport, 12 RV spots, 2 currently leased and potential for even more income. This would be a perfect manufacturing facility or make this that hot rod shop you always dreamed about! No known restrictions or ordinances.



Emory \$295,000

**HOME ON LAKE FORK GOLF COURSE** One of Lake Fork's best subdivisions with community boat ramp to Lake Fork. 2,600+ sqft home is on the 8th hole of golf course and features an open floor plan, large kitchen, brick fireplace, vaulted ceilings and lots of windows for country & golf course views! 10x23 front porch & 8x35 covered back patio that is perfect for entertaining fishing and golfing buddies! 10x18 golf cart garage or could be a great workshop.



Yantis \$749,000

**EXPOSURE FOR YOUR NEW BUSINESS** 40.9 acres has no known restrictions or zoning on the corner of Hwy 154 and FM 515. Property has a 2,100 sqft brick home on CR 1905, built in the early 1970's with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths needs updating but is perfectly livable. Property has large mature trees, 2 ponds, 2 barns and is fenced, currently used for livestock with AG exemption in place. This corner would be perfect for a large retail development or investment! Brand new survey too!



Quitman \$177,900

**LAKE LYDIA WATERFRONT HOME!** This recently remodeled home is waterfront on Lake Lydia, a private lake. Property features boat house, guest quarters, 2 car garage with workshop area, hardwood floors, gas fireplace, office & a sun-room. 3 bdms and 1 full bathroom with claw foot bathtub in the main house & an all wood interior guest room with a 3/4 bathroom behind garage. Home sits high on a hill on a large lot with great view of the lake and plenty of privacy! Furnishings Negotiable.



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Yantis \$209,000

**GREAT LAKE FORK, 1 OWNER HOME!** Located in the Big Oaks Subdivision, homes in this area do not come available very often! Home sits on almost 1 acre lot +1 acre of leaseback. Lake Views in this area are to die for! Home features three bedrooms, 2 full baths and all appliances are included with the sale! 24' Deep garage for your boat, or there is a carport outside also. Fenced back yard. Brand new roof installed May 1st 2019. This is a hard to find home, in this price range. Call today!



Quitman \$189,900

**32+ ACRES ON HWY 154 IN QUITMAN** 32.87 unrestricted, heavily wooded acres with great frontage on SH 154 and FM 2225. This could be a great place to build a secluded home in the woods and still have lots of room for your small business. Property is gently sloped, no massive gullies that we have found! Lots of deer and hogs in this area also. Future potential, and commercial development opportunities could be endless with this unrestricted property! Call today and let's go look.



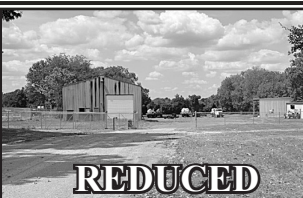
Alba \$79,900

**OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE WITH 20% DOWN AND APPROVED CREDIT** 1.338 Acres plus leaseback, partially wooded on Lake Fork waterfront. Although this property is considered waterfront on Lake Fork, there will not be any boat access to Lake Fork under the 515 bridge. This property has a great view of Lake Fork! Plenty of water to irrigate your property from Lake Fork. Property is unrestricted and no zoning! Call me today for details and to schedule your appt.



Winnsboro \$344,900

**1.117 ACRES IN A PRIME LOCATION!** This great piece of property offers 1.117 acres and is located in downtown Winnsboro. Property is on Main Street which will allow for serious exposure for most any business! The lot has a clear and level building site with a circle driveway for easy entry and exit. Call me to schedule your appointment then let's go take a look and let me help you make and offer today.



Winnsboro \$244,900

**FENCED COMMERCIAL PROPERTY** Located in Winnsboro on Highway 11/Broadway Street. A total of 4.285 acres is ready for your business! Property is fenced with security gate and has several usable metal buildings. Any business would get massive exposure here! Motivated seller is ready for your best offer! Call JR for full details and to schedule your showing today!



Alba \$229,000

**LAKE FORK WATERFRONT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!** This 4000+ sqft building is set up as a restaurant and is waterfront on Lake Fork with its own private boat ramp, pier, storage building and plenty of parking. Located on the busy, high traffic side of Lake Fork. The seller states property is unrestricted This would be perfect place for a marina, bait and tackle shop or your dream business. All Restaurant equipment is included! Call JR for full details.



Yantis \$399,000

**BRING YOUR BEST OFFER!** This original home place features 44 gorgeous acres, partially fenced and has a pond for your livestock. Property has 1,400+ ft of good country road frontage. This 2 story, 3 bdrm 2.5 bath home has 2,236 sqft. Home is 530' from road with plenty of privacy! Metal roofing, covered wrap-around front porch, 16'x20' back deck, 18'x23' garage with 7'door, 7.5'x18' sunroom with access from living & master bdrm. Living room has brick wbf that is double sided to master bdrm.



Yantis \$295,900

**3/4 CUSTOM BUILT HIGH QUALITY** Move-in ready located in a restricted Lake Fork subdivision, no HOA fees, deed restrictions only. Private community boat ramp 300 yards away. Brick & Stone with Cedar trim, hardwood floors, ceramic tile, hickory cabinets, stainless appliances, Jacuzzi tub, Aspen walls & Ceilings, knotty pine doors everywhere and a stone gas fireplace. Two garages for your vehicles and your boat. Gym equipment negotiable. All appliances convey to buyer.



Yantis \$115,000

**21.7 ACRES WITH POND & FENCING** Property features a nice pond, completely fenced and ready for livestock. This property is elevated and has no bottom areas. There is no zoning or restrictions. This would be a great place to build a custom home or good tract of land for your livestock. Electric and water available at the road. Property sits on curve of CR 1912 and has 1,500+ feet of road frontage. Agricultural Exemption already in place! Call me today and let's go take a look.

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