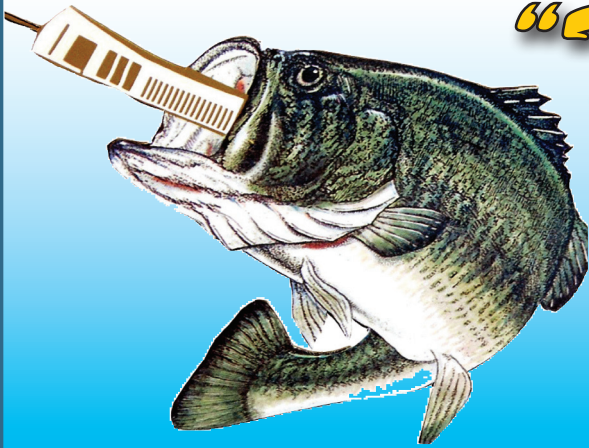


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Fishing University filmed their show on Lake Fork February 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th. From left to right, Ray Brazier, Fishing University, Joe and Jim Doris, Owners Charger Boats, and Charlie Ingram, Fishing University.

Fishing University Visits Lake Fork

By Don Hampton

With the barometric pressure being 39.2, north winds 20 to 30 mph, and the temperature dropping to 26 degrees the night before and a Blue Bird sky, this isn't the best combination for fishing on Lake Fork.

Mother Nature can be harsh at times and she wasn't nice on February 25th through the 28th when Lake Fork was selected by Fishing University to do

their show about our great reservoir.

The festivities began with a great prime rib dinner at Links at Land's End hosted by Tom Keenan on Tuesday night. This gave involved members of the community a time of fellowship and for everyone to get to know each other.

Fishing and filming were to begin on Wednesday but again Mother Nature said no way. Winds rose that day to 35 to 45 mph out

of the north and white caps were 2 and 3 feet high even in the coves. The staff and crew took advantage of not being able to fish by filming highlights of the lake and surrounding area.

Keely Roan of Emory Tourism Economic Development Corporation explains how Emory is "The Little City with a Big Heart!" This is the town between the lakes, being Lake Fork and Lake Tawakoni. Emory be-

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Randy Ripperger from Des Moines, Iowa was fishing Lake Fork in March when he caught this nice bass weighing 12.17-pounds and measuring 24.75". Catch, Photo, Release.



Eighty Professional MLF Anglers descended on Lake Fork for Major League Fishing's Stage III of their season and new records were set! (See Full Story on Page 4)



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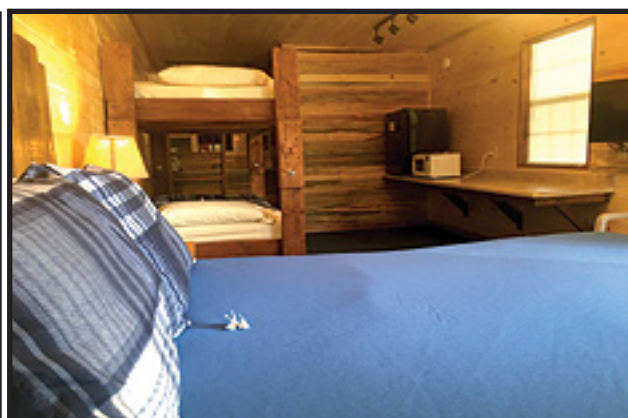
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"Life Changes and so does Bubba and Bubbette"

By Don Hampton

As is with life, everything and everything goes through changes. Such is the way with Bubba's life.

There have been jokes cracked about Bubba and Bubbette's favorite source of entertainment being a bug-zapper and a six pack of beer.

You could sit around a bug-zapper and hear exclamations like, "Wow, that must have been a really big one," or "Holy Cow, it really fried that one!"

The bug-zapper will still serve its purpose and the six pack will remain, but now there is a better source of entertainment for Bubba. He found at one of the many boat shows he attends, a bug zapper ten-

nis racket that runs on batteries. Bubbette admits it is good exercise for Bubba. He will run around the yard imitating John McEnroe's back swing chasing bugs. He even shows some of the same attitude when Bubbette makes him quit chasing her, the dog and cat around the house. He is smart enough not to touch any of them with it when it is turned on! The cat would scratch him, the dog would bite him, and he doesn't even want to think about what Bubbette would do to him.

Bubba hasn't given up his singing bass. He still keeps enough batteries around the house to keep it singing. This bass looks just like a wall plaque replica bass

and when you push the button, it starts singing. That is right, a singing bass that does two songs, "Don't Worry, Be Happy", and "Take Me to the River, Throw Me In The Water." Bubbette is about to put a catch and release on that toy of his. You may see that one at Goodwill or she may take it to the river and throw it in the water! When this does happen it will be one bass Bubba won't be able to catch! You might wonder why Bubba has been so intrigued with this novelty item for so long? It's just a recording! Not so!

As the music starts, the bass starts flapping its tail to the music and in certain segments of the song the bass turns its head to

face you and with lips moving, sings to you.

Well this to Bubba, even at his age, is amazing, and six pack or not, he thinks this is one of the funniest things he has ever seen. Everyone I know has seen one, either owns one or is in search of one. If you are in search of one, you can find them at Bass Pro Shop. They say laughter is the best medicine and I think this keeps Bubba young at heart because he laughs every time it plays.

This is just another example how times change and with them even Bubba's and Bubbette's change.

Here are some classic examples of just how Bubbas and Bubbettes change... In their younger years

they had long hair... now they long for hair;

Entertainment was Frank Zappa... now it is the bug-zapper' Before, it was all about a Keg...now it's all about an EKG; Earlier it was Acid Rock...now it is Acid Reflux; The goal of those days was to find a new "Hip Joint"...now it is trying to get a new hip joint; Then it was about getting life insurance, now it is all about keeping your own life insurance; Then it was a President's struggle with fidelity; then it was the President's struggle with insurance and now the President tells us to stay six feet away.

Bubba is not one to overly worry about any of this. He is true

blue to Bubbette, has good insurance, and has a large boat.

The one constant in life is, things are going to change. If we accept the changes and keep our sense of humor, the strength we gain will make us all a better person.

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MLF Record Set on Lake Fork

40 Pros Catch 1649 Pounds in 8.5 Hours, Including 10-4 Record Bass

March 13, 2020 (LAKE FORK, Texas) Major League Fishing (MLF) shined a bright light on a nearly dark sports world with the Bass Pro Tour on Lake Fork, Texas. At the end of Day 1, 39-year-old Mark Daniels, Jr. led the field after catching 84 pounds, 15 ounces, Jason Christie emerged from zero to hero by catching the largest bass in the history of MLF, and the field of 40 managed to catch an cumulative total of 1649 pounds in three 150-minute periods. With 25 bass weighing in at 6 pounds or more, Lake Fork and MLF pros combined on Day

1 to bring a mid-March madness in competitive bass fishing. The six-day competition continues Saturday, March 14th at 10 a.m. when Group B takes to the lake in search of the coveted championship berth.

Jason Christie arrived in Texas with only five bass total after two Stages of the Bass Pro Tour. The Oklahoma-native was unable to catch any scorable bass in his first three days of competition throughout Lake Eufaula and Lake Okeechobee. Christie shook the curse with a 2-pound, 10-ounce bass 21 minutes into Period 1 before break-

ing the MLF league and Bass Pro Tour records with a 10-pound, 4-ounce largemouth in Period Two.

"What a day," exclaimed Christie after lines out. "The first period with 12 pounds, I thought was my best stuff. But we called an audible, and I was fortunate enough to figure something out."

MLF Records and Rallies on Lake Fork

Atkins Breaks Christie's Record; Neal Rallies in the Period 3 to Sneak into First Place

March 14, 2020 (Lake Fork, Texas) — Forty pro anglers (Group B) competed on Lake
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Fork in the Bass Pro Tour General Tire Stage Three Presented by TrueTimber. Justin Atkins broke the record for the largest bass caught in Major League Fishing and Bass Pro Tour history less than 24 hours after Jason Christie set it. Brandon Coulter led the field for much of the day only to slip into second place in the last seven minutes of the day. Michael Neal came from behind in Period 3 with a 35-pound, 10-fish run to end the day in first place. Group A returns to the water Sunday for their second and final day of the Qualifying Round; the bottom 20 will be eliminated.

Alabama-resident Justin Atkins gave himself a belated 30th-birthday

present on Lake Fork today by catching the largest bass in the history of both MLF and the Bass Pro Tour. Weighing in at 10 pounds, 8 ounces — a personal best for Atkins — this fish beat Christie's catch by 4 ounces, less than 24 hours later.

"Look at this guy," exclaimed Atkins moments after he calmly set the hook in a fashion resembling the experience of a pro twice his age. "It will not last a day or two," said Christie, in an interview late Friday after catching the first record-breaker of this Stage. "I'm looking forward to getting back out there."

Brandon Coulter took over the lead from Dave Lefebvre early in

Period 2 thanks to a steady stream of significant catches, including his big bass of the day weighing in at 9 pounds, 5 ounces with 45 minutes left in the second. 49-year-old Coulter looked like he would end the day in first place until fellow Tennessean Michael Neal rallied, rising into the Top 10 with a 10-fish, 35-pound, 10-ounce run in Period 3. With seven minutes remaining on the day, Neal caught a 3-pound, 8-ounce largemouth to take the lead by one pound. "Sneaky Mikey," commented Coulter as the clock wound down to lines out for the day. "Congratulations Michael; I wanted to win

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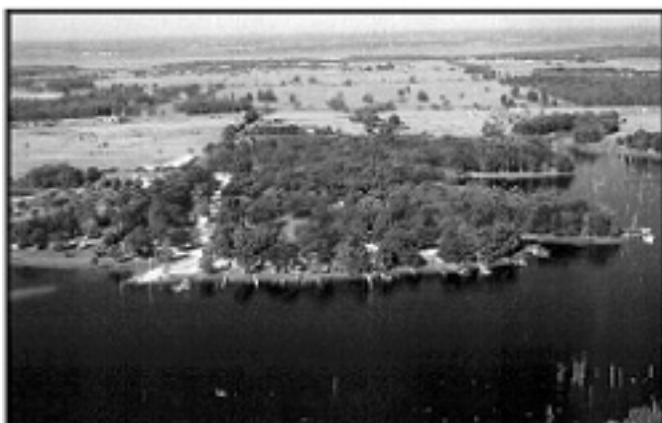
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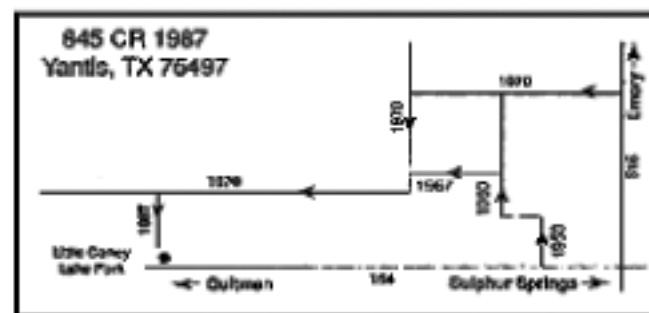
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"Spring at Lake Fork!"

By David Ozio

It's getting increasingly difficult to find a place to park at the boat ramps! It must be spring at Lake Fork! The giant green fish are lurking in this lake and fish fans come from everywhere to try their hand at the trophy of a lifetime. Major League Fishing was just here and quite a few super slouches made it to the scales. Our goal is to point you in the right direction and, if you have the time and patience, the photo opt of all times could be coming you're way.

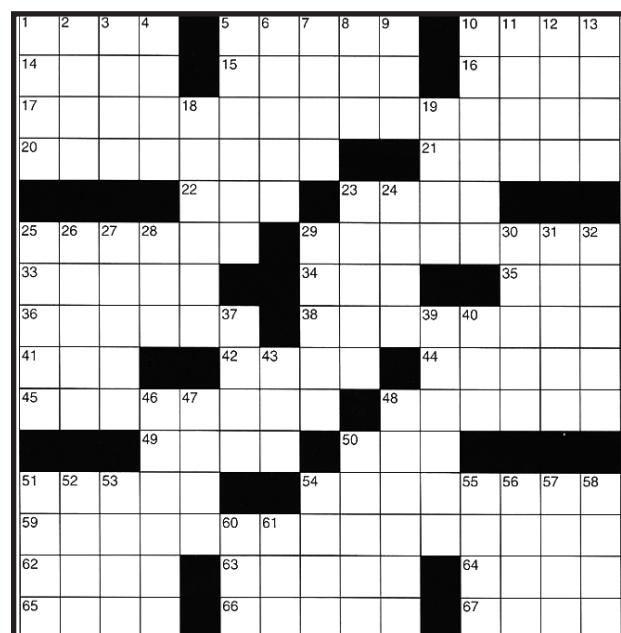
March was a very rainy month with the water clarity taking a severe beating. The first wave

of spawners pulled into the shallows late in the month and the chatterbait took it's share of giants to the scales. The next wave in April will be the biggest by far as the main lake water temps are in the mid sixties currently and should warm to the upper sixties by the next full moon. This is when the giants will be caught off beds, if you can see them, but the bigger giants will be taken when the shad start to spawn. That will happen once the surface temps reach about seventy degrees and there won't be a swimbait left in sight for purchase. Fork is an excellent lake for swimbaits especially when the lake is on the clear side. Unfortunately, the pond is not as transparent as I would like to see but it will do in a rush. There are several large swimbaits being sold around the lake and you can choose the one that strikes your fancy. Huge glide baits have been the recent craze and be prepared to let loose of plenty of cash to wield one of these bad boys. Gizzard shad colors work best for the hard sided lunger catchers and always throw them on heavy mono or stout braid. For the soft plastic versions, use brighter colors for the off colored water and more translucent baits for the clearer water. The next step is determining which hook to rig on these giant plastic



bass offerings. I recommend a 10/0 hook for the full size baits and a 7/0 hook for the minnow size swimmers. From that point you will need to focus on the right depth where the slouches will be hiding and how much weight should be on the hook. Start with no weight and work your way down to a 10/0 weight weighted with 3/4 ounce. This tactic will cover the important levels in the water column and start you on your way. Next is "where"? You can never go wrong with main lake points or secondary points especially if they have a channel swing close by. Use a long rod and keep casting until something gives. It may be your arm

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ing the Eagle Capital of Texas tourist can come and enjoy the festivals and even get some tips on fishing the many species these two lakes offer.

Ed Swenson of The Lake Fork Sportsman's Association was very enlightening in his presentation. He spoke of the many projects the LFSA undertakes to keep Lake Fork the legend this great reservoir is.

Tom Keenan, Wood County Development Commission gave a great oversight of all Wood County and the communities have to offer.

Jake Morgan, TPWD District Fisheries Biologist was quite informative of the ShareLunker program. He covered the restocking and the importance of the fry and the effect the ShareLunker

program is having on Lake Fork. Lake Fork has donated approximately half of all the entries into the program of bass weighing over 13-pounds.

On Thursday, Ray Brazier, Charlie Ingram, Fishing University, and Jim and Joe Doris, Owners Charger Boats were able to do some fishing. Jim Range and Don Hampton operated the camera boats. Being in the middle of the worst part of the Norther, Lake Fork wasn't able to show its best.

On Friday, February 28th, Fishing University held the seminar for junior and seniors of Rains County High School. Over 200 students came to attend. Guest speakers were Ray Brazier and Charlie Ingram, Fishing University, Jim and Joe

Doris, Charger Boats, Bill Kirby, Natural Resource Director SRA, and Jake Morgan, TPWD District Fisheries Biologist. They spoke and gave great insight to the youth about their future and how to set goals to attain their desired positions in life. At the end of the presentation it was opened up for questions. The students asked some great questions. "This was probably one of the best seminars we have had," said Debra Talley, Vice President, Fishing University.

Ray and Charlie both said they would like to come back in 2021 to shoot another show. They would be most welcome to the communities. They do put an excellent show together, that is not only informative but very educational for our youth. I just hope they pick a better time of the year so Lake Fork can show what it is really about.



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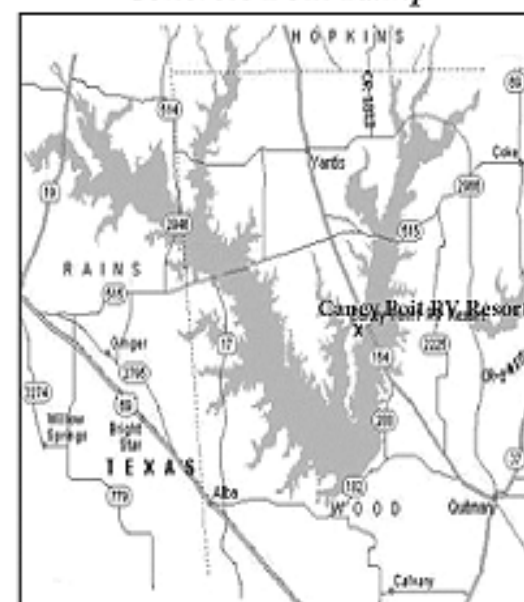
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"The Moon Report" Crappie and "Bobber Down!"

By Terri Moon

Finally it seems like its taken forever to get a consistent bobber bite this year-- but, its finally happening and I love it! It's always so exciting because you never know what your going to catch this time of year!

We have been averaging at least 5 different species a trip – (and these aren't small fish)! It makes for a fun experience on these 5 ft. ultra-lites! (Thank you Reel Time Rods!) By the way "Reel Time Rods" have relocated to the Tackle Factory building on Hwy. 17 on Little Mustang in Alba, Texas. So, if you are looking for a quality custom crappie rod, they can fix you up no matter what length rod you prefer, and whatever action you prefer! If your in the area, stop in and check out their operation... (they also do rod and reel repair!) I'm wishing these guys all the best in their new location!

Now back to this "Bobber Fishing" – I prefer the slip bobber during the times when the crappie can be 2 ft. or 6 ft. down. It's an easy adjustment with a "bobber stop" to set your depth whereas a clip-on bobber makes it tough to cast 6 ft. of line hanging down. They are more effective when the crappie "lock in" that 1-3 ft. I prefer the weighted clip-on bobbars for that. Some days we are using just jigs and other days they just want a minnow



so it's a good idea to have both available.

Check secondary points and the backs of coves and creeks – look around docks, timber and edges of the grass. This is the first "serious wave" of crappie coming in to spawn. They've just been waiting on the water temperature to get right in their area of the lake. With the high water we've been having, they have a lot of new places to hide! We are getting 85% males up shallow and the big females are still staging out deeper. The next full moon ought to be awesome for us bobber lovers! You can also tightline jigs with long poles in the grass pockets and around any bushes or timber. I'm liking Bone-head jig heads with their new moondust colored bait, and also, their red/chartreuse is working.

This is a great time to let the kids and grandkids fish off the bank or a dock and let the fish entertain them. That's how I got started! I've always been

grateful that my grandparents loved to fish and let me tag along making "lifetime memories"! So, now that we're finally getting some stable water temps in the 60's, the "Bobber Down" fun has begun!

Before I close, I just want to thank my customers that wisely canceled their fishing trips to follow shelter in place orders or quarantine orders and not risking infecting other people. So, especially if you are sick, please stay home. Even if you're not sick, you could still be a carrier. Please follow your area guidelines and hopefully this will get better soon.

Sending thoughts and prayers your way especially to my family in Missouri – stay safe!



The first newspaper advertisement appeared in a French newspaper on October 14, 1612.



Johnny Trammell caught this nice bass weighing 7-lbs. and measuring 25" fishing Lake Fork on 3/26/20. C.P.R.



Jerry Powell caught this nice bass weighing 11.7-lbs. and measuring 24 1/8" fishing Lake Fork in March. C.P.R.



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Texas State Parks to Close Public-Serving Facilities and Programs

After careful evaluation of the ongoing public health situation, Texas State Parks will be limiting park programming and closing public access to park headquarters, visitor centers and park stores as of 12 p.m. Thursday, March 19.

"Our main priority has always been the health and wellbeing of our visitors and staff, and in order to maintain this standard to the best of our abilities TPWD facilities will be modifying operations as a precautionary step towards protecting public health," said Carter Smith, Executive Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "While we have worked hard to provide access to state parks through much of Spring Break, we have now reached a point where changes are imperative for safety reasons.

I am grateful to our State

Parks team and volunteers for their valiant work during this exceedingly difficult time and thank our visitors for their patience and understanding as we continue to evaluate additional measures to ensure the safety of everyone in the parks."

As part of these operational changes, parks will be suspending all cash transactions where feasible. Visitors are encouraged to utilize the self-pay stations, the online reservation system and credit card transactions at this time. Other reduced services include the suspension of equipment rentals and interpretive programs. Park visitors should check the Texas State Parks Alert Map regularly for the latest information about the status of parks.

In addition to the operational changes at Texas State Parks,

TPWD law enforcement and boat registration offices, including the license and boat registration counter at TPWD's Austin headquarters, will be closed to public visitation at 12 p.m., on March 19. Texans needing to purchase hunting and fishing licenses, boat and motor owner transfers, and boat registration renewals are encouraged to visit tpwd.texas.gov or call the department at (512) 389-4800.

These changes will remain in effect for the foreseeable future. TPWD will continue to monitor the evolving health situation with local and state officials and will adjust operations at department sites and facilities as necessary. The public is encouraged to follow the department's social media accounts and monitor its website for the most up to date information.



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Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork Open Tournament April 18

By Don Hampton

Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork will be hosting their 39th Semi Annual Bass Tournament on April 18th hosted out of Oak Ridge Marina. For all of you anglers that have been cooped up in the house now is the time to get out and have some fun doing it.

Fishing hours for the tournament will be from 6 am to 3:30 pm. All anglers have to be in line by 3:30 pm. It is a five fish limit, and an individual tournament. More than one person can fish in a boat, but all have to be a paid entry. Bass in the tour-

namment can touch 16" but not break the line. Bass over the slot must touch the 24" line. The Check-It-Stick will be the official measuring board. Bass under the slot must be at least 12" in length. Shorter than 12" cannot be brought to be weighed in.

Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork pays back 80% of all entries. There is also a Big Bass Pot, optional to anglers. To get into the Big Bass Pot it is an optional \$10 with 100% payback to the top three biggest bass. Entry fee for the tournament is \$45 with \$10 Big Bass option. Texas Trails Bassmasters will be taking entries from 4 pm to 9 pm on Friday, April 17th, and again on Saturday, April 18th from 5 am to 6 am.

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Texas Trails Bassmasters is a highly motivated progressive bass fishing club with ties to the Wish to Fish Foundation and weight masters for the Wood County Annual Kid Fish. If you are thinking of joining a bass club, you can't go wrong with Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork. We are now accepting both boaters and non-boaters to our club.

Dues to join the club are a mere \$30 per year and if you join now your membership will be good through 2020. Cost for tournament is \$25 with a \$5 Big Bass Option. There is also a progressive side pot that is optional for \$5 for the first 7-pound or over bass.

For more information or to obtain an entry form for the tournament see ad on Page 11. You can visit our website at www.texastrailsbassmasters.com or give Rodney

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"Knowing What To Look For!"

By Michael McFarland

Welcome to Lake Fork in April. During the month of April you can expect to have several ways to catch these big beautiful Florida strain bass. There are pre-stage fish, post-spawn fish, fish on beds trying to spawn, and even some schoolers following baitfish. With heavy spring rains the lake tends to rise and become over pool this creates the perfect scenario for frog fishing. The shallow backwaters are the ideal places for this; however, small main lake pockets can really be overlooked. There are several varieties and variations of floating frog style baits. Swimming frogs, popping frogs and walking

frogs. I personally like the popping frogs and have learned a technique to walk it thus giving me two presentations with one bait. Best colors for me are black, black/yellow, Bullfrog with white bottom and Bullfrog with yellow bottom. I use 40lb braid and tie a "King Sling" knot. This knot really helps me walk the popping frog and I can even keep it in the same place as I do so. Remember bass are eating the frog because of territorial reasons not food reasons so keeping the bait in place longer tends to have greater agitation effects thus drawing more strikes. Ok that being said the next part is very important. "Making the Hookset".

When the bass takes the frog, the surface can and will erupt. It is very

hard not to immediately react but at this point you really need to pause at least a second or two. I personally will pause, gently lift or pull rod to feel for the weight of the fish and or watch my line for movement. I set the hook with an aggressive big sweep upward motion, not to the side. If I find that I am missing the fish, I will

sometimes add a stinger hook. I'm usually throwing my frog in and around heavy cover and vegetation so I prefer not to add a stinger hook but sometimes have no choice. The frog bite is a very fun way to catch big bass however it can be great one day and obsolete the next, here today gone tomorrow if you will. During the month of April I will try a frog almost everyday especially after a big storm that creates rising waters. If you would like to learn more about bass fishing, please subscribe to my U-tube channel "The Lake Fork guide".

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Thank you for reading, I wish you all great fishing.



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Zebra Mussels Discovered for First Time in a West Texas Reservoir

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has added O.H. Ivie Lake near San Angelo to the statewide list of lakes designated as positive for invasive zebra mussels after multiple specimens were found in the lake in 2019.

In March 2019, four adult zebra mussels were discovered by the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) in an above ground storage tank that is part of the lake's

water transmission system near San Angelo. Given the presence of zebra mussels in the water transmission system, the CRMWD and TPWD continued to follow up with additional sampling at the lake and in November found a zebra mussel veliger larva near the Concho Recreation Area boat ramp.

"TPWD and CRMWD are going to continue to monitor the situation to determine if zebra mussels have established a reproducing popu-

lation in the lake, but we are also asking the public to help us by keeping an eye out and reporting any zebra mussel sightings at O.H. Ivie Lake to aquaticinvasives@tpwd.texas.gov," said Monica McGarrity, TPWD Senior Scientist for Aquatic Invasive Species Management.

O.H. Ivie is now the sixth lake in the Colorado River Basin with invasive zebra mussels along with Austin, Lady Bird, Lyndon B. Johnson, Marble Falls, Travis and Walter E. Long. Because O.H. Ivie is miles upstream of where they have been found before in the river basin, it is likely they were transported to the lake on a boat or other equipment.

"It is essential that boaters be vigilant to not spread zebra mussels to nearby lakes that are now at higher risk due to proximity of zebra mussels," said Brian Van Zee, TPWD Inland Fisheries Regional Director. "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 and properly decontaminate their boat if it was stored in the water on lakes with zebra mussels."

As of March 2020, zebra mussels are found in 30 Texas lakes across five river basins. A status map and full list of these lakes can be found on the TPWD website.

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 identify

(See Zebra Mussels.... Continued on Page 21)



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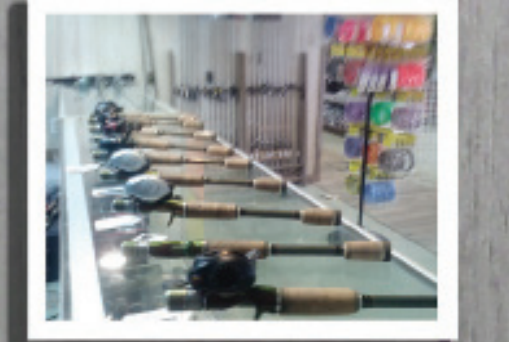
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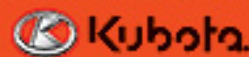
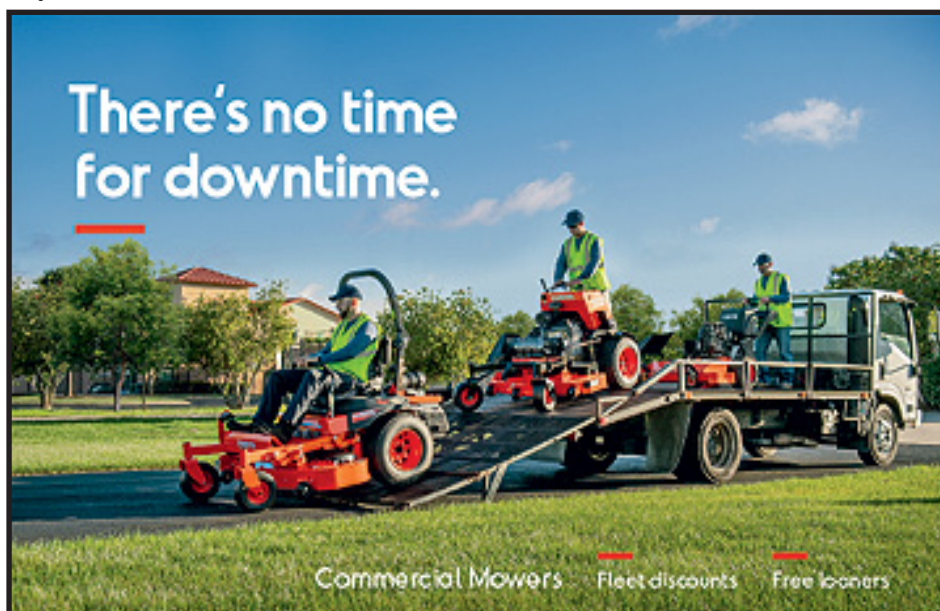
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John Boone from Mineola, TX was fishing Lake Fork in March and caught this hawg weighing 9-lbs. 4-ozs. C.P.R.



Jake Morgan was fishing Lake Fork with guide Jim Range when he caught this nice bass weighing 9-lbs. C.P.R.



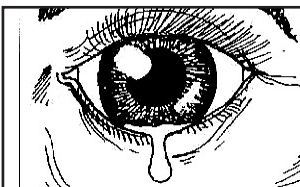
Mark Reeves from Tyler, TX had reason to smile when he caught this Lake Fork hawg fishing in March. C.P.R.



Haden Sickles was fishing Lake Fork on March 28 when he caught this hawg weighing 9.10-lbs. C.P.R.



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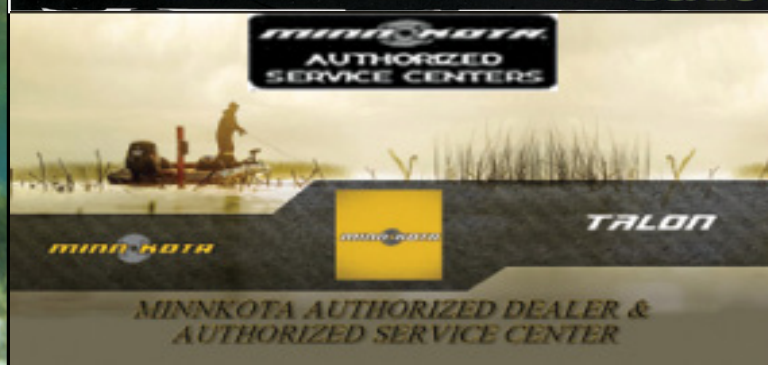
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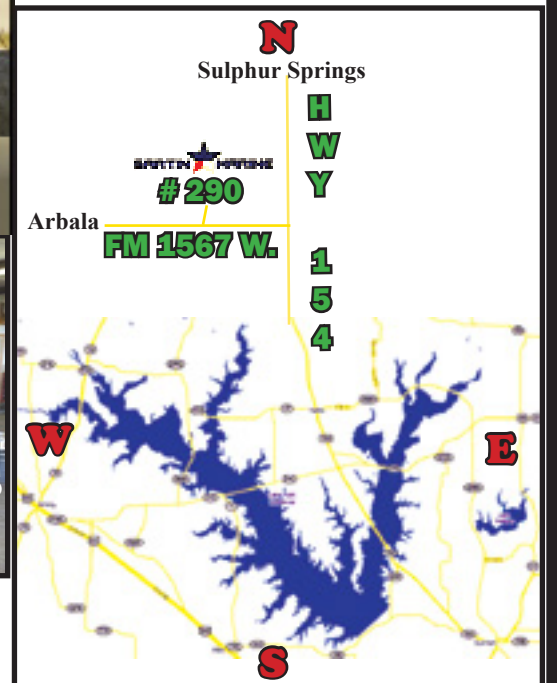
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Lake Fork Sportsman's Association "Preserving the Legend That is Lake Fork"

By Larry Marler
President LFSA

April has arrived and fishing is picking up for all species. Weather is fluctuating between rainy and sunny, a typical spring for Lake Fork. SRA has been controlling the lake level right around the full pool mark thus far. Checking out the lake there are significant changes going on that we need to be concerned about. Our vegetation, like hydrilla has almost disappeared. Lake Fork Sportsman's Association grows and plants aquatic plants such as Bull Rush and Button Bushes, but our effort is just a small amount in what is needed long-term. We still have lots of stumps and submerged cover which keeps our fish healthy and is good cover for them. Our water is a little stained but will clear up as the rains slow down. We have a lot of plants ready to go into the lake but we need the lake level to drop some for this. Texas Parks and Wildlife is monitoring this activity and will let us know when it is time to plant. Our association along with the local high school will then start planting using our release boat as well as volunteer pontoon boats for planting.

Our association along with Wood County and Rains County hosted the famous fishing show "Fishing University" this past February. Charles

Ingram and Ray Brazier were here and filmed Lake Fork and our surrounding communities which will air on Outdoor Channel, Sportsman channel and World Fishing Network. They also held a talk about outdoor careers at Rains High School. Juniors and Seniors were at this great event and you will see it on National TV. Due to the weather cold front their timing was a little off for catching lots of Big Bass. They definitely want to come back and we will welcome them when that time is scheduled.

Our Association members also scheduled a field trip tour in mid-April to visit East Texas Aquaponics in Smith County outside of Mineola. They grow food raised in pure Texas sunshine. They distribute to chefs and consumers in Dallas, Tyler and surrounding communities.

We want to welcome our new member to our association. "Jake Wilson Memorial Foundation". The Foundation is holding their 3rd annual fishing tournament which will be held October 10th, 2020. It will be hosted by The Minnow Bucket Marina. Jake passed from this life to the next on August 30, 2017. Jake had a real passion for fishing and hunting and singing. In his 34 short years, Jake served as children's pastor, worked in ministry and led worship services. Jake was well respected in the Gas pipeline industry and made

many friends he considered family. The foundation this year in addition to Sky Ranch Scholarships, will be giving a scholarship to Terrell High School graduate. They are also forming scholarships to Grand Saline and for high school fishing teams. They want to continue growing and helping all children. Let's all welcome them to Lake Fork Sportsman's Association. You can contact them at Jake Wilson Memorial Foundation, Inc. 972-567-5215.



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"Spring on Lake Fork!" (Continued from Page 6)

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days. Big jigs will also play a roll on these points with the same colors schemes as the C-rig. Graph the points before you make a cast and check for activity. If something shows up on the radar as my clients call it, drop a waypoint and start casting. Also, with cold fronts in mind, don't give up on the shallow fish entirely. You can back out to the first breakline and throw a Texas rig or a senko. Use the lightest line possible under the high skies to get the bites you are looking for. Once you get the bite, you can figure out how to get the beast in the boat.

If you are headed out to Lake Fork in April 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 at <https://www.facebook.com/davidozio-lakeforkguide>. I post my daily trip results on this page. I would also like to thank Okuma Fishing and Talon Custom Lures 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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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.

More information about zebra mussels can be found online at 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/DM-lEwbXmLx8>. Information for marinas and owners of boats stored in the water on lakes with zebra mussels can be found at tpwd.texas.gov/decon.

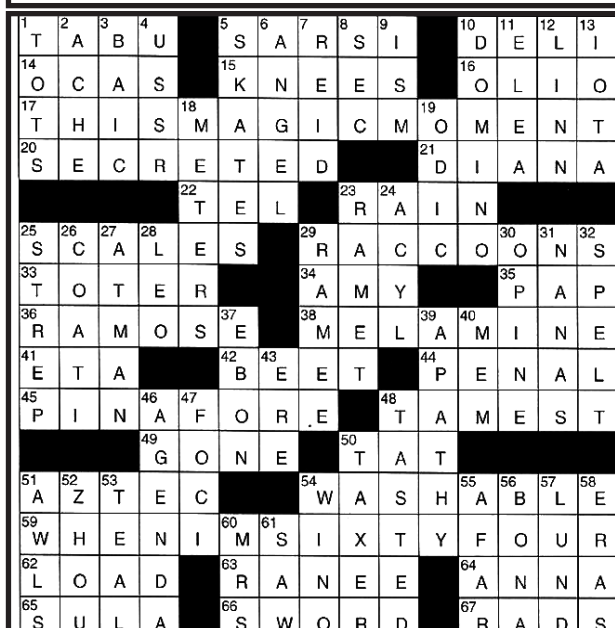
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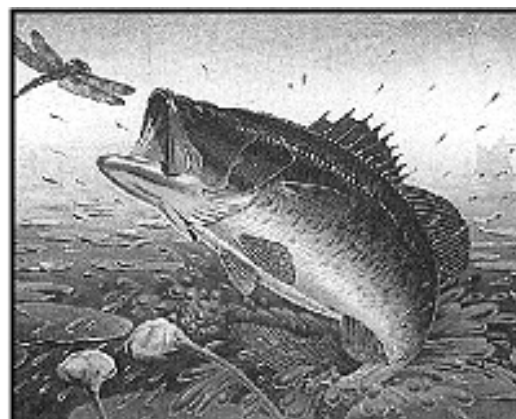


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A great 2019 nesting season for wild turkeys means more young toms (or jakes) will be seen by hunters this spring. Jakes are typically more forgiving than older toms and create a prime opportunity for new turkey hunters to bag their first bird.

The spring season for Rio Grande turkey season got under way March 14-15 with a youth-only weekend in the South Zone, followed by a general season that runs March 21-May 3 and then culminates with a youth-only weekend May 9-10. In the North Zone, the youth-only weekend seasons are March 28-29 and May 23-24. The North Zone general season opens April 4 and runs through May 17. A special one-gobbler limit season runs April 1-30 in Bastrop, Caldwell, Colorado, Fayette, Jackson, Lava-

ca, Lee, Matagorda, Milam, and Wharton counties.

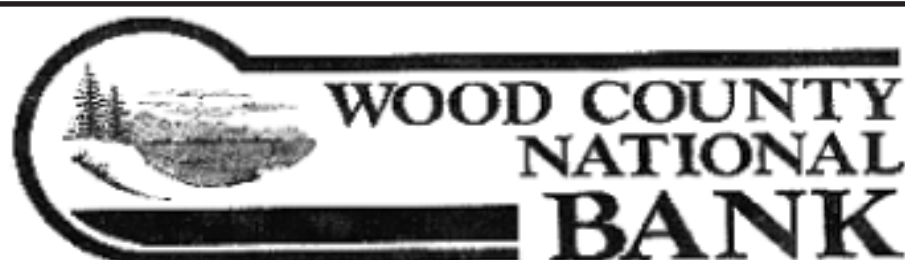
"If the current green conditions hold and weather does not turn hot too early, Texas can expect another year of turkey population growth," said Jason Hardin, TPWD turkey program leader. "We currently have good soil moisture across much of Texas and just need a little more to keep us on track for another great year of recruitment."

"With low harvest rates, most Rio Grande turkey hunters can expect to see some 4- and 5-year-old toms across most of the Rio Grande range. There are not going to be a lot of 2-3-year-old birds out there this spring," said Hardin. "With the spring coming on strong, toms will pair with hens early in the season. But as those hens begin to initi-

ate nesting activities around the middle of the season, the toms will turn on and readily come to calling."

Eastern spring turkey hunting in the counties having an open season starts on April 22 and runs through May 14. Hunters are required to report harvest of eastern wild turkeys electronically to TPWD within 24 hours of harvest. Reports can be made through the TPWD My Texas Hunt Harvest App or online from the TPWD turkey page at www.tpwd.texas.gov/turkey. The app is available for free download from Google Play or the App Store. Hunters will be issued a confirmation number upon completion of the reporting process. Hunters still have to tag harvested birds.

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MLF Record Set on Lake Fork *(Continued from Page 5)*

that round bad. We had a good day and I will be back out on Monday working to win and skip the Knockout Round."

During Qualifying Day 3 of the General Tire Stage Three Presented by TrueTimber, MLF pro Josh Bertrand made the most progress. He caught more than 40 pounds to move from just below the Elimination Line to seventh place. Now, he's advancing to the Knockout Round on Tuesday. Greg Hackney caught nearly 40 pounds during Qualifying Day 3 and he stayed well above the Elimination Line. In fact, he says he was able to scout for new areas for much of the final period to prepare for the Knockout Round, when weights zero and only the Top 8 advance.

After a disappointing start to the season, Keith Poche turned things around in a big way during the third Stage of 2020. He ended the Qualifying Round in fourth place, with a cumulative weight of 89-10 (58-15 on Qualifying Day 1 and 30-11 on Qualifying Day 3). On Sunday he landed a 9-09, which is Poche's personal best caught in a tournament.

The 40 anglers in Group B head out on Lake Fork for Qualifying Day 4 of the General Tire Stage Three Presented by TrueTimber. Only the Top 20 pros will be moving on to the Knockout Round where they will meet the Top 20 pros from Group A. Yesterday, we saw Mark Daniels, Jr. and Jeff Sprague battle for the top spot on SCORE-TRACKER®, trying to earn that automatic bid to the Championship Round. The angler that finishes in first place today will join Mark Daniels, Jr. with an automatic spot in the Championship Round on Lake Athens.

It's another cold and dreary day in east Texas. Temperatures are in 50s and rain is expected off and on throughout the day. The colder weather didn't slow down the big bites yesterday, but that could change today.

Lake Fork and Lake Athens in East Central Texas – the site of General Tire Stage Three Presented by TrueTimber – proved to be big-bass bonanzas. With two 10-pounders showing up, a handful of 9-pounders making their presence known, and 5-pounders seemingly nothing special (we all know they still are), it was a bass angler's dream.

Ott DeFoe won on the final day on Lake Athens in commanding fashion, weighing in 69 pounds, 12 ounces to beat his closest competitor, Alton Jones, Jr., by over 28 pounds. Placing 3rd was Mark Daniels Jr. with 39 pounds 2 ounces; 4th Brent Chapman with 37 pounds 13 ounces; 5th Brandon Coulter with 28 pounds 1 ounce; 6th Keith Poche with 21 pounds 9 ounces; 7th Jeff Sprague with 20 pounds 6 ounces; 8th Andy Montgomery with 11 pounds 5 ounces; 9th Justin Atkins with 11 pounds 1 ounce; 10th Bryan Thrift with 10 pounds 8 ounces.


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 4. Check in times: Fri., Apr. 17, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sat., Apr. 18, 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. at Oak Ridge Marina.
 5. To qualify, contestants must check in at tournament headquarters before fishing.
 6. Fishing hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (official clock at sign-in station). NO FISHING from midnight till start time.
 7. Fishing will be done on Lake Fork only (trailering allowed).
 8. Contestants must fish from a boat. NO bank fishing or leaving the boat to land a fish.
 9. Life jackets must be worn any time their outboard motor is running.
 10. All state, federal, and local laws must be obeyed or contestant and fish may be disqualified. No slot fish may be brought to weigh-in.
 11. No one may have more than five (5) fish in their possession at any time. Only one (1) may be 24" or greater.
 12. Largemouth bass 12" to 16" or 24" or greater in length may be weighed. No fish under 12" or between 16" and 24" will be weighed (or state law limits at the time of the tournament).
 13. All fish must be caught on artificial bait by casting. (No trolling with gas engine). Pork trailer may be used.
 14. Weigh-in starts at 3:00 p.m. (official clock at sign-in). You must be in the weigh-in line by 3:30 p.m.
 15. All fish must be brought to the scales in weigh-in bags.
 16. No iced or frozen fish will be weighed. Ice may be added ONLY to aid in survival of fish.
 17. Each contestant will be responsible for weighing his or her own fish. (No pooling of fish).
 18. Dead fish at weigh-in will be penalized 1/2 (.5) pound. All fish weighed in become the property of TTB and will be released (with the exception of trophy or dead fish).
 19. In the event of a tie for any position, prize money for that position and the following positions will be combined and evenly divided between the tying contestants.
 20. Contestants may not have served as a compensated guide on Lake Fork 30 days prior to the tournament.
 21. Contestants may fish with a guide on Lake Fork prior to the day before fishing this TTB tournament.
 22. Use of alcoholic beverages or controlled drugs are prohibited during tournament hours. Prescription drug use should be declared at sign-in.
 23. Anyone who has ever been disqualified for cheating or misconduct from any tournament is ineligible to fish.
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 26. All protests must be registered in writing with the tournament judges within 15 minutes after designated weigh-in time. All decisions of the tournament judges will be final in all matters. Anyone protesting the outcome of an open tournament will have to pay for any additional polygraph test given.
 27. All boats must be 18 ft. in length or longer. An aerated livewell is recommended to aid in fish survival for live release. Anglers cannot leave boat to land a fish.
 28. All contestants are responsible to have read these rules and must agree to abide by them (by signing the entry form) while competing in this TTB event.
 29. Contestants will be subject to polygraph test. Failure to take and/or pass such a test will result in disqualification.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Entry fee of \$40 must accompany mailed entry and must be postmarked on or before Apr. 11, 2020 to Texas Trails Bassmasters, 538 PR 5861, Yantis, TX 75497, or you may pay \$45 at tournament headquarters before starting time of tournament. \$10 extra for Big Bass (Optional). Print clearly.

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White-Nose Syndrome Confirmed in Bat in Texas

For the first time, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists have confirmed the disease white-nose syndrome (WNS) in a Texas bat. Up until this point, while the fungus that causes the disease was previously detected in Texas in 2017, there were no signs of the disease it can cause. WNS has killed millions of hibernating bats in the eastern parts of the United States, raising national concern.

WNS is a fungal disease only known to occur in bats and is not a risk to people. However, bats are wild animals and should not be handled by untrained individuals. The public is encouraged to report dead or sick bats to TPWD at nathan.fuller@tpwd.texas.gov for possible testing.

The infected bat was a cave myotis

(*Myotis velifer*) found dead in Central Texas (Gillespie County) on Feb. 23. The specimen was sent to the USGS National Wildlife Health Center for testing and was confirmed positive for WNS through skin histopathology and also tested positive for the fungus.

While the fungus was detected for the first time in Texas in early 2017 in the Panhandle, the first detections from Central Texas were in 2018. In 2019, biologists reported finding high levels of the fungus on cave myotis at several Central Texas locations. It has now been found in 21 counties across the state.

"Finding WNS in Central Texas for the first time is definitely concerning," said Nathan Fuller, Bat Specialist at TPWD. "Biologists had hoped that white-

nose syndrome, a disease that thrives in cold conditions, might not occur in warmer parts of Texas. We're following up on several other reports to determine whether this was an isolated incident or if the impacts are more widespread. We recently received a report from site in Bell County of five cave myotis that we suspect were infected as well. We should know more in the next few weeks."

White-nose syndrome is caused by the cold-adapted fungus *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* and has been rapidly spreading since its discovery in New York in 2007. It is thought to have been introduced from Europe where bats appear to be resistant to the fungus. In parts of the United States there have been declines in winter bat numbers of greater

than 90 percent. Bats are very long lived and because many produce just one offspring per year, researchers are concerned it could take many decades for some populations to recover from a major decline.

Through support from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, TPWD has funded research projects with Bat Conservation International (BCI), the Texas A&M Natural Resources

Institute, and Texas State University in Texas in 2019 to study bats, the fungus, and possible treatments. <https://flic.kr/p/TFu1f9>

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Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement reports.

Pepé Le Chew ~The Mount Pleasant law enforcement office received a call from a man in the Winfield area who needed advice. He and his 5-year old grandson were outside and there was a small, young skunk eating food with their cats. His grandson started hand feeding the skunk, and after a minute, the skunk bit him on the finger and toe. The caller wasn't sure how to handle the situation and asked if a game warden should come pick up the skunk. The office clerk advised the caller to take the grandchild to the hospital immediately and told him what to do to have the skunk checked for rabies. Later that week, a local vet office called the Mount Pleasant law enforcement office to let them know the skunk tested positive for rabies. The incident was reported to the department of health services and the local sheriff's office.

Flew Too Close to The Sun ~ Cherokee, Anderson and Houston County game wardens executed a search warrant after receiving information about an individual who admitted to a friend he had been shooting deer from the road and confessed to shooting a deer in the Davy Crocket National Forest from the roadway. The individual was also heard saying his "deer season never ends." The

Cherokee County Sheriff's Department was asked to assist in the entry of the house because the suspected individual had previously been involved with shooting at police and fleeing. Upon entry of the suspects home, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia were found along with poor living conditions. Inside the residence were two adult females, one adult male, and two juvenile females ages 9 and 16. Charges filed by the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department included: possession of controlled substance and paraphernalia and endangering of a child – state jail felony. The male individual was also currently on parole at the time of the execution of the search warrant. Game wardens are investigating the poaching of deer.

Not His Biggest Fan ~ Following up on months of investigation and numerous tips, Lubbock district game wardens wrapped up an investigation dating back to 2015 when a landowner in Scurry County noticed several of his fences were being cut once every few months, with no other known fences in the area being tampered with. Within the last three months, it began to happen in more spots and with increased frequency. The wardens decided to place an undercover camera on one of the county roads where the fence was most commonly cut, and on Sept. 28 the land owner called the wardens and told them that his fences had been cut in five different locations. After review-

ing the video there was only one vehicle spotted during the suspected timeframe, and foot prints were found at each location where the fence was cut. After further investigation the wardens located the driver and he admitted to cutting the fences on separate occasions dating back to 2015. He stated he was mad at the landowner because he chose not to put wind turbines on his land and it made it harder on him in planning and building roads for the turbines on the neighboring properties. He also told the wardens that his company offered the landowner a good price to put them on his land and he should have participated like everyone else. During the interview, the individual also admitted to hunting without landowner consent on two different occasions, along with burglary of a building. Overall, the individual was arrested and charged with the following: 10 counts of criminal mischief – state jail felony, burglary of a building – state jail felony, two counts of hunting feral hogs without landowner consent – class A misdemeanor, two counts of criminal trespass with a deadly weapon – class A misdemeanor, and one count of possession of a protected species (owl talons) – class C misdemeanor.

On The Lam ~ A Schleicher County game warden received a call from a concerned citizen about a "big turtle" in the middle of the highway on Toe

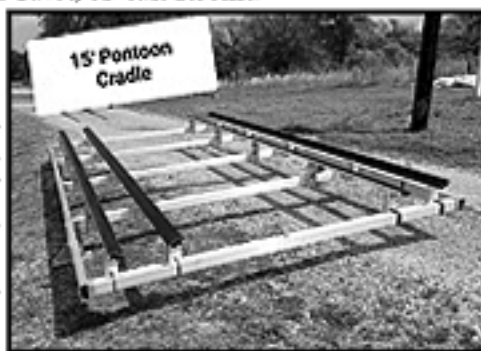
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Nail Trail. Upon arriving at the scene out in the middle of a very rural part of the county the game warden found a large sulcata tortoise just hanging out on the farm to market highway. After a newspaper article, Facebook postings and multiple phone calls the game warden was able to locate the sulcata tortoise's owner. Apparently, the large tortoise had escaped his enclosure by pushing on a weak spot of a fence and had been on the lam in the West Texas countryside for 10 days. Another happy ending in Eldorado, Texas.

The Camera Doesn't Lie ~ A Williamson County game warden received information about a woman who posted a picture on social media taking her first teal the previous weekend on Granger public land. The game warden found her contact information and discovered that she was from Hays County. The game warden conducted a record check and although she did have a valid hunting license, she had no hunter education. When wardens contacted her at her residence and conducted a field interview, she denied shooting it the previous weekend and said it was shot the last weekend of teal season. The husband came out and told the game warden they shot it two weekends ago. The game warden kept interviewing both parties and the husband finally admitted taking out his wa-

terfowl decoys to see if any teal would come in. The warden got a confession from both parties that they both took a teal each during closed season. Citations and civil restitution were filed.

Cracked Under Pressure ~ A Llano County game warden responded to a call from San Saba dispatch regarding an active poaching situation. Once on scene, a landowner claimed to have witnessed someone shoot one of his red stag deer from the neighboring property. The scene was photographed, and evidence was gathered, but the warden was unable to contact the other property owner. The following morning, game wardens went back to San Saba to meet with the hunters from the alleged violators property. One subject was identified as having been hunting in the blind near the incident at the time it occurred. The subject swore he did not shoot across property lines and even provided a written statement claiming he didn't shoot. The subject appeared nervous and the game warden advised the subject of the charges he was facing. The subject finally cracked and stated, "I messed up." The subject went on to confess to shooting the red stag, even though he had already lawfully shot a doe on his property 45 minutes prior. The subject will be charged with hunting without landowner's consent and the case is still

pending.

Prong Side of the Law ~ Amarillo district game wardens made contact with three individuals on a side by side ATV. At first contact they admitted they had shot a doe pronghorn. After interviewing all three individuals the doe was shot approximately an hour before and they were on the way to a different property to dump the carcass, in hopes that no one would find it. Citations for hunting in a closed season and invalid permit were issued.

Blinded by The Light ~ A Montgomery County game warden was notified of road hunting activity from a caller who said that he was awoken by headlights being shined in his window. He got up to see a vehicle turning around in his driveway. The caller claimed that he was able to document the license plate and then went to sleep. The next day, he noticed the shaft of an arrow and blood in his front yard. The game warden located the owner of the vehicle and received a full confession. The suspect admitted to shooting a buck in the caller's yard. He also admitted to shooting at two other deer on the same night. Charges of hunting deer at night and hunting deer with an artificial light were filed.

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By Sue Hampton

Easter unofficially marks the beginning of the spring season. Young girls are adorned with bonnets and Easter dresses, while boys look groomed with combed hair and new spring suits. Brave tulips push their way through the soil as birds once again return to their roosts.

A time for family and fresh starts, Easter celebrations involve looking ahead to warm weather and gathering around the table to share good experiences. Customary Easter traditions include



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a large feast to celebrate the end of the Lenten season. Glazed ham is a popular menu item and often is a favorite.

For a rebirth of flavor, try a new twist on your traditional ham. Jalapeno peppers give just the right amount of zest to the following dish.

JALAPENO HONEY-GLAZED HAM

1 – 8 to 10 pound boneless smoked ham, cooked
 ½ cup honey
 ½ cup brown sugar
 ¼ cup bourbon
 1 to 2 tablespoons minced fresh jalapeno pepper, or to taste
 2 teaspoons dry mustard
 1 teaspoon ground cloves
 8 to 15 whole cloves

Heat the ham according to the package directions. Remove the ham from the oven 30 minutes before it is done. Score the outside of the ham with a sharp knife in a diamond pattern ¼ inch deep and about 1 inch apart. Combine the honey, brown sugar, bourbon, jalapeno pepper, dry mustard and ground cloves. Mix well and brush over the outside of the ham. Stick a whole clove in the center of each diamond. Continue baking the ham for 30 minutes, basting frequently. Let the ham stand at room temperature 10 to 15 minutes before slicing.

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2 tablespoons = 1 ounce (liquid and dry)	2 cups = 16 ounces (liquid) = 2 pints = 1 quart
4 tablespoons = 2 ounces (liquid and dry)	16 cups = 128 ounces (liquid) = 4 quarts = 1 gallon
5½ tablespoons = ½ cup	1 quart = 2 pints (dry)
16 tablespoons = 48 teaspoons	8 quarts = 1 peck (dry)
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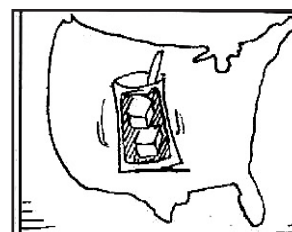
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Follow Your Arrow, Unless You're This Guy ~ A Liberty County game warden received a call from an employee of a private subdivision near Dayton, Texas reporting that he had just observed a man dragging and trying to load a whitetail deer into his vehicle from private subdivision property. When he confronted the man, the subject said he had just found the dead deer and didn't want it to go to waste. The employee noted the deer had what appeared to be an entry and exit wound from an arrow that had apparently been used to kill it. After a brief investigation, the subject

confessed to shooting the deer while hunting without landowner consent. Cases and restitution are pending.

Hiding in Plain Sight ~ A Jefferson County game warden was patrolling along Hwy 73 in Port Arthur when he recognized a truck parked alongside the highway near a popular fishing spot as one that belonged to a local subject that he had an arrest warrant for. Less than six months prior, the game warden had issued the subject a citation for no fishing license and then later discovered his license was suspended. An arrest warrant was obtained for the offense of fishing

while license suspended at that time, but it hadn't yet been served. The game warden watched with binoculars from a distance and observed the subject with the outstanding warrant fishing yet again. He contacted the subject and placed him under arrest for the outstanding warrant and a new charge of fishing while license suspended and placed him in the Jefferson County Jail. Cases pending.



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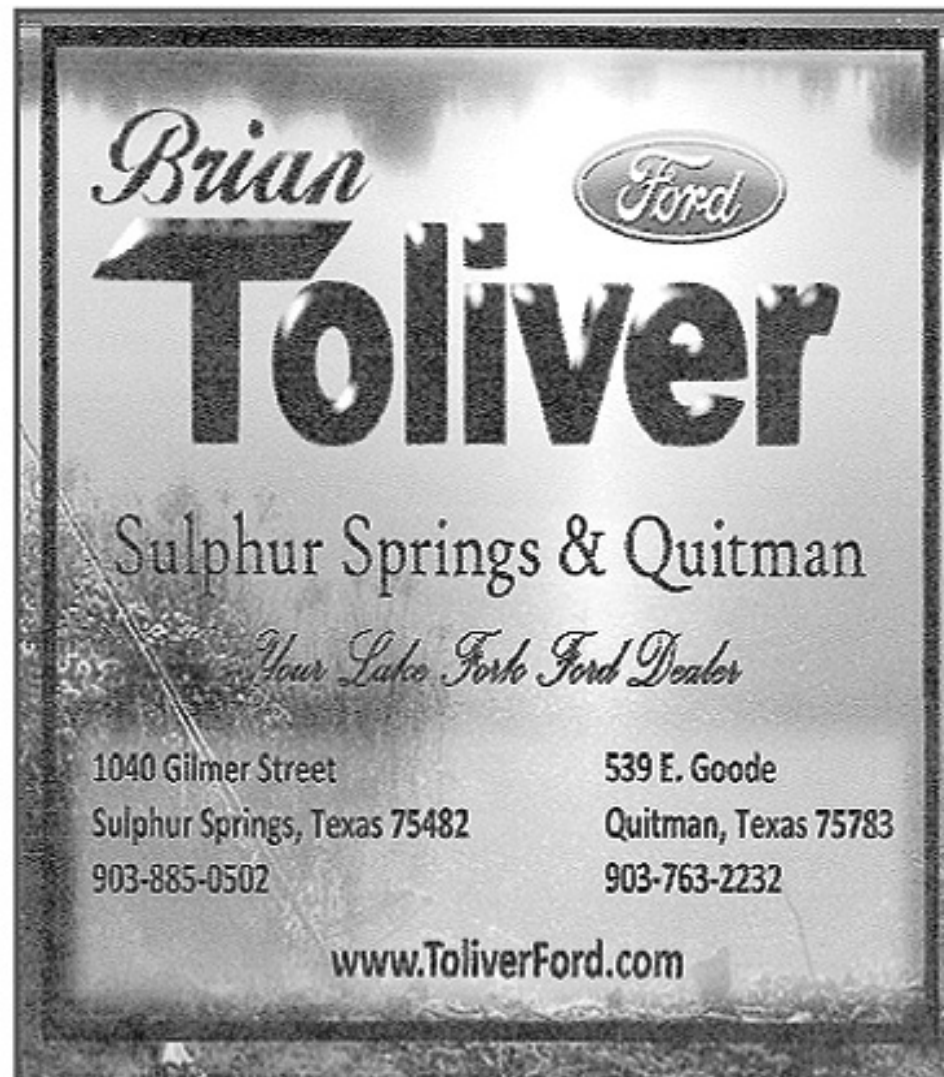
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*"Every child deserves a chance to fish!" Children diagnosed or who have experienced a life-threatening illness or accident sometimes do not have that opportunity. Now through the "Wish to Fish Foundation" they can have that day in the sun with their family. Any family with a child between the ages 3 to 18 years of age that has been diagnosed or treated for a life-threatening illness or accident is invited to come fish Lake Fork for any species of fish at **NO COST!** Lodging, meals, and fishing are provided for. This allows the family to spend quality time together fishing without worries or expenses. The outing includes one night lodging, meals, refreshments, snacks, all on a 26' Tritoon Pontoon, (accompanied with a 9-1-1 chase boat for any emergency that may occur. All bait and fishing equipment provided. If you are, or know of a family that meets the above criteria, contact us! Help us spread the word, we are here for the children!*

For Scheduling or More Info Contact: Don Hampton, Founder & Program Director
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Apr. 11 ~ JC Outdoors Teams Minnow Bucket
Apr. 18 ~ Tex. Trails Open Oak Ridge Marina
Apr. 18 ~ Media Teams Minnow Bucket
Apr. 25 ~ Lake Fork Classic Axton's Bass City

May

May 2 ~ DPS Troopers Open Lake Fork Marina
May 3 ~ JC Outdoors Solo Minnow Bucket
May 9 ~ Media Teams Minnow Bucket
16th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament
May 15, 16, 17 ~ Lake Fork Marina
May 23 ~ Sartin Marine Open Lake Fork Marina
May 30 ~ JC Outdoors Solo Minnow Bucket

June

June 6 ~ Kidfish SRA Park
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