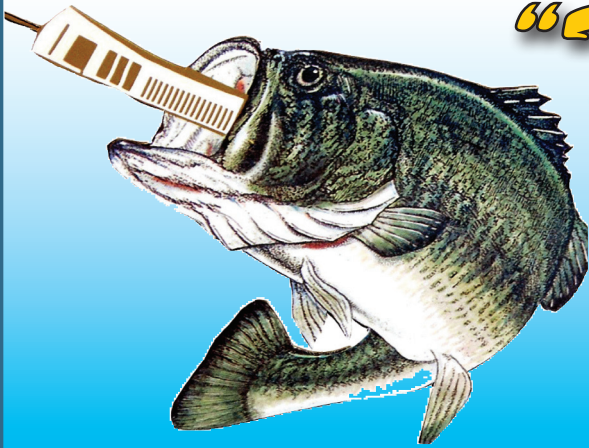


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PEOPLES Employee Benefit Tournament

By Don Hampton

Everyone in the area is familiar with Peoples Telephone and Communications and their great service. I am looking forward to the day I have fiber optics at my business which will speed up my internet quite considerably.

On May 2nd Peoples hosted their 1st Annual Employee Appreciation Benefit Bass Tournament on Lake Winnsboro. Mr. Jim Martin, Peoples Installation Supervisor was the Tournament Director and what a great job he did in organizing and making it hugely

enjoyable for all participants.

There was a total of 18 teams that participated in the event. With each team having their special name.

Some of the employees set up camp the previous night to make

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Levi and Tim Weaver topped 95 other teams in the Sartin Marine Customer and Friends Appreciation Event on Lake Fork presented by JC Outdoors with a stringer weight of 16.23-lbs.



Keith Kindle and Kenny LaDuke had the heaviest stringer of the Peoples tournament with a weight of 13.60-lbs. Keith also caught the Big Bass of the tournament weighing 4.72-lbs.



Josh Kehrer from Illinois had Big Bass in the Sartin Marine Customer and Friends Appreciation Event on Lake Fork weighing 8.70-lbs. (See Full Story on Page 7)



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"Bubba believes that fishing will cure anything!"

By Don Hampton

Bubba has always been a firm believer that fishing will cure just about anything. He'll refer back to caveman days and the early frontier when man survived on fish when they didn't have anything else to eat.

"Those were the real fishermen," he'll say with a grin. "If they didn't catch, they didn't eat. You know like some tournament anglers!"

I had to have an explanation on his last remark and after hearing it, I had a much better education of fishing. "I know a few anglers that will take their grocery money and use it for an entry fee to a tournament and if they don't win, it's all about beans and taters for a while" was Bubba's enlightenment. "I'll never do that because you'll never see me gambling my next meal... that would be too much pressure on me on the water knowing I might get hungry. Besides, Bubbette wouldn't allow that anyway" he continued.

Bubba even goes further in his belief that fishing cures hunger. "I don't get hungry when I'm fishing," he jokes. "It's when I get off the water that hunger hits me and I could eat everything in the house!" Bubbette can testify to that. Her explanation is not that fishing cures Bubba's hunger but that instead he gets so involved with fishing and getting

a bite that he forgets to take a bite to eat and if he did he would forget to chew. It's not that fishing cures his hunger, he's just too involved to think about eating. Bubba will come right back with, "See fishing keeps me from thinking too much!" Bubbette's reply to this is always the same, "Like you have that problem!"

Bubba is convinced fishing should always be fun and that it is still a cure-all!

If Bubba is sad, he can go fishing for a day or two and he is glad. If he gets a headache, toothache, backache, or just a pain in the lower region in the back, floating on his boat, casting a bait or two, he'll forget all about it. If he is aggravated, it's because he hasn't been fishing and that will cure that.

After Bubba's last tournament, he now assures me that doctors should start prescribing fishing to some of their patients. He has told me that he and other anglers have fished with colds, flu, and other minor ailments and that all symptoms would disappear as soon as the first big fish would strike. He went even further to explain if in a big tournament you won a check, you'd be completely cured.

As doubtful as I was about fishing putting the medical profession out of business, Bubba wouldn't let my doubts linger. He explained to me that he had been sick in bed Monday

and Tuesday before a tournament on one of his favorite lakes and didn't believe his poor pitiful self could make it to compete. But, low and behold, Wednesday morning at 3 A.M. when his alarm clock sounded, he was fit as a fiddle and this healing process was due only to the anticipation of going fishing. (I would guess that Bubbette's nursing and babying him for two days and two nights had nothing to do with it!)

This wasn't the only healing experience the tournament had on the crew from Lake Fork that went to fish the tournament. Bubba told me about another member of their party that had been suffering from low blood pressure. He let Bubba and the others in the group know his blood pressure was getting him down. He felt weak and dizzy and was considering leaving before the three-day tournament was over. That was before the cure was administered. On the first morning in the first few hours of the tournament, he caught a nice bass that won him an hourly check. Instantly his blood pressure was normal and for the rest of the tournament he was as frisky as a six-year-old on Christmas morning.

I'm still not completely convinced that fishing cures all, but as long as Bubba believes it and stays well and happy, that will cure mine and Bubbette's doubts.

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sure that all was in order and to celebrate a little.

The tournament began a 6 a.m. and all anglers were treated to breakfast burritos complements of Peoples. After the tournament and presentations everyone was treated to dinner consisting of brisket, sausage, and beans with beverages provided. The Culinary Chef of the event was Ken Sharp, Peoples Installation and Repair Manager, and owner/operator of YTown Smoker located in Yantis.



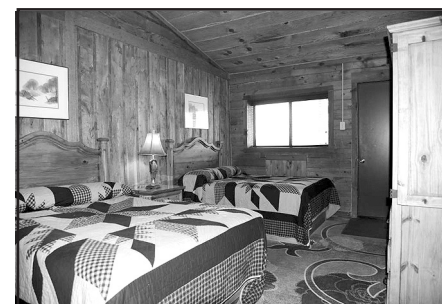
Keith Kindle and Kenny LaDuke, Team Bass Kissers will have bragging rights with their names engraved on the trophy on display at Peoples.

Fishing was not the best that day on this usually great fishing lake but Team Bass Kissers consisting of Keith Kindle, Peoples Installation Director and Kenny LaDuke made a great showing. Between the two of them they weighed in 5 bass for a total weight of 13.60-pounds winning them 1st Place overall. Keith caught the big bass of the tournament weighing 4.72-pounds winning them a second check.

Winning 2nd Place with a 4 fish stringer with a weight of 8.48-pounds was Team Donkey Slayers with Ben Burroughs and Hayden Marshall. Tak-

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ing 3rd Place in the tournament was Team Bates consisting of Jade Bates and Jacob Franzan with a stringer of 3 bass weighing 7.22-pounds.

After the awards and check presentations everyone enjoyed the fellowship and great meal. My compliments to Ken Sharp. That was some of the best brisket I've had.

In closing this being a benefit tournament, Peoples Telephone Cooperative Inc. made a donation of \$250 to the Wish to Fish Foundation on Lake Fork.

All in all it was a truly memorial day and I am looking forward to fishing with my son on the next one. Thank you to all involved for putting on such a great event.



Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc. donated \$250 from the tournament to the Wish to Fish Foundation. From left to right Don Hampton, CEO/Founder of Wish to Fish Foundation, Jim Martin, Peoples Installation Supervisor and Ken Sharp, Peoples Installation Supervisor.



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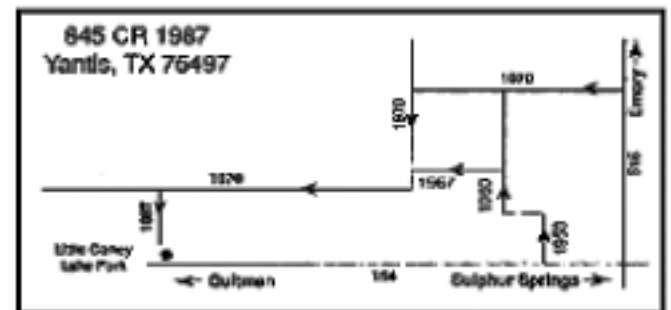
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"The Summer Pattern Is Here!"

By David Ozio

"Spring has sprung and now it's time for the giant green fish to move toward summer haunts and I can't wait! Weather patterns dictate what the bass will do at this time of the year and the carryover from the winter has delayed the mass migration of the monsta bass to the main lake points, ridges and humps. It's an "any day" deal and you just have to keep checking you're favorite deep spots to see when they finally show up. Now the game will shift to eyeballing the electronics to find where the lunker of a lifetime will be hiding.

Understanding what you see on your electronics is critical and I take for granted that everyone already

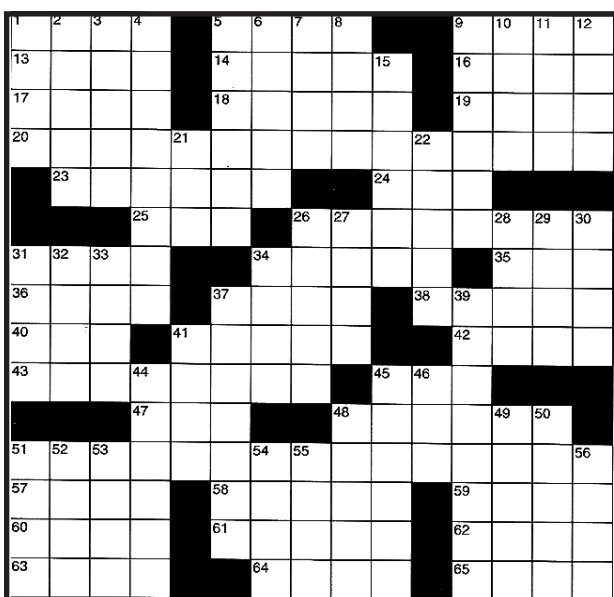
has the ability to read the high tech electronics. If not, contact Slade Dougharty at 817 797-8762 and he will open your eyes to what these amazing machines can do for you. The next skill would be to determine where to look and how to recognize the bass that will start to gang up on certain types of structure. As stated earlier, humps and ridges are excellent but you can start with long tapering points. The next chore will be to ascertain what depth range where the green critters will set up shop. Start your scan in 35ft and graph your way into the 15ft range and then reverse course and head back to the starting point using a different track. Repeat this process until you have covered the entire point from front to back. If you see a group of arches on the screen during any one pass, set a waypoint on that location and put out a marker buoy on that spot once you have combed the entire area. During this time of the year, most fish will be on the bottom so you can focus your fish catching strategies on the Carolina rig, drop shot, Texas rig, jigs or crankbait. Flukes, brush hogs or any straight or curl tail worm will work using standard colors such as watermelon candy, redbug, plum or watermelon red. As for cranking, shad colored crankbaits along with chartreuse blue back also works well.

Next, let's venture out to the offshore humps or ridges. Graph these locations back and forth until you spot



the likely targets. Drop a waypoint on the fishy looking spot and fish each technique until you determine what presentation they favor. If your after a lunker of a lifetime, the jig with matching trailer will be your "go to" bait. To round out your search, target roadbeds and submerged structures such as brush piles or laydown timber. If the arches show up on your graph, pitch out a marker buoy and go to work. It's not rocket science, it's just locating where the fish are positioned. If all of this is somewhat confusing, your best bet will be to hire a full time Lake Fork guide and spend the day covering the aforementioned areas and have him point out what you need to be fishing. Bass move from day to day and they

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CLUES ACROSS

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Drops down, in a way | 40. Ugly, evil-looking, old woman |
| 5. Maintained | 41. Blanches |
| 9. Adhesive | 42. Ogden ____, U.S. humorist |
| 13. Right | 43. Expunctions |
| 14. Bitter chemical | 45. CIA predecessor |
| 16. Plant part | 47. Constellation |
| 17. Type of acid | 48. Fractures |
| 18. Polish river | 51. Sarah Jessica Parker's husband (var. of first name) |
| 19. Old or overworked horse | 57. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (abbr.) |
| 20. Make up a count | 58. Got up |
| 23. Lacking intelligence | 59. Asian country |
| 24. Protection from weather | 60. Christian ____, designer |
| 25. Thai | 61. Soviet seaport |
| 26. Serenely joyful | 62. Weapon |
| 31. Land unit | 63. Female name |
| 34. Chili con ____ | 64. River duck |
| 35. One of the Gershwins | 65. At all times |
| 36. African country | |
| 37. Symposiums | |
| 38. Demented people (slang) | |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Receipt of sorts | 31. Sustained, dull, painful emotion |
| 2. Hanging | 32. Any of several small-scaled trout |
| 3. Remorse | 33. Indian music |
| 4. Cloistered | 34. Cabbage |
| 5. American state | 37. Remote in space, literally and figuratively |
| 6. African antelope | 39. Engrave a pen, for example |
| 7. Dominate | 41. Refined |
| 8. Radiotelegraphic signals | 44. Vast desert in northern Africa |
| 9. South Pacific island | 45. Painful experience |
| 10. Liquor fermented from molasses | 46. Campus fraternity (abbr.) |
| 11. Old Indian coin | 48. Riblike part of a plant or animal |
| 12. Deer | 49. Russian ballet |
| 15. ____ Hale, American Revolutionary | 50. Graduated table |
| 21. Fashionable hotel | 51. Changes (computers) |
| 22. Velocities | 52. Continent |
| 26. Publicizes, in a way | 53. Norse god of thunder |
| 27. Geological times | 54. Rascal |
| 28. Tax | 55. Normal or customary activity |
| 29. Galls | 56. Knot in a tree |
| 30. Ready money | |

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Sartin Marine Customer and Friends Appreciation Tournament

By Don Hampton

Marina.

Sartin Marine Friends and Customer Appreciation Tournament was held on May 23. The tournament was hosted by JC Outdoors out of the Minnow Bucket

There were 96 teams that came out to participate and try their luck to win big money on Lake Fork. It was a great day to be fishing but the weatherman was wrong on predict-

ing the wind. Instead of 5 to 10 mph out of the south it was more like 20 to 25 mph with white caps on the lake. This did not stop some really good weights from coming to the scales.

There were two bass over the Lake Fork slot of 24" that came to the scales. The big bass of the tournament was caught by Josh Kehrer and weighed 8.70-pounds winning him a check for \$400. The second big bass of the tournament was caught by Levi Weaver and weighed 8.42-pounds winning him a check for \$150.

With 96 anglers par-

ticipating there were 16 places paid overall. The payscale started with 1st Place paying \$4500 to 16th Place paying \$175. Winning 1st Place was the father and son team of Tim and Levi Weaver with a total weight of 16.23-pounds; 2nd

Place was Josh Kehrer and Zach Hughes with a weight of 14.20-pounds; 3rd Richard Osborn and Scott Dean with a weight of 9.43-pounds; 4th Craig Dowis and Ed Blackburn with a weight of 9.41-pounds; 5th James Mohler and

Kevin Ligi with a weight of 9.41-pounds; 6th Jason Smith and Hunter Smith with a weight of 9.38-pounds; 7th Larry Allen and Gregory Allen with a weight of 9.36-pounds; 8th David Pitre and Joseph Fox with a weight

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Levi Weaver caught the second heaviest bass of the tournament weighing 8.42-pounds.

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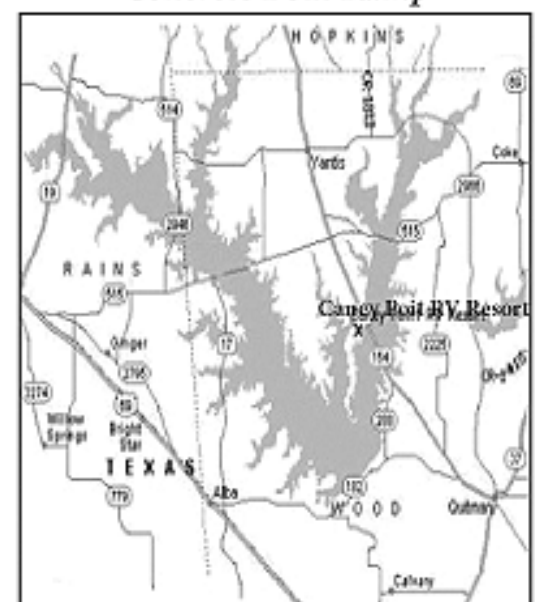
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"The Moon Report"

"Crappie and Self Distancing"

By Terri Moon

Well – the month of May was just a blur! I'm usually back home by now from my annual morel mushroom hunt – but, with all the cancelations I had because of the covid, I thought it was a good time to shelter in place with Mama Nova who turned 90 May 14th. So sad we couldn't celebrate it like she deserved. With all the sheltering in place and shut downs, things were kept at a responsible distance. I want to thank you all that took the time to wish her well on facebook. It truly made her day! Her only wish when she blew out her candle was to be able to hug and kiss us all again. (She said AIR HUGS just weren't the same!) But her 90 years were worth the ride! We'll hope for a big blowout for her 91st! June 10th she goes in to have her heart shocked, so I hope all of you will send good thoughts her way, it's very much appreciated! A huge thank you to Marilyn Lam of Tightwad, MO for making sure Mom gets there and back safely for me!

Right now it looks like we get home about the time the summer temperatures hit. I was seeing some 90's in the forecast. (ouch!) But, sounds like the crappie fishing has been off the charts while I've been gone – (if you had a Garmin LiveScope!) I can't wait to get back and use mine! I only got to play with mine for a few times before I left and I'm sure excited about it. For those of you that own



one, if you've ever had trouble with the glare on the screen, I've found the perfect solution while I was in Tightwad, MO at Jackie Albins (he's the one that makes the stump jumper transducer protectors). Well, now he's made a sunshield for the Garmin units. He can't make them fast enough – they are flying off the shelf and I can't wait to put mine on! If any of you are interested in one, you can contact him at 660-383-2234 and if you're around Lake Fork Marina, I'll be happy to show you mine.

Another thing that happened while I was gone – is that sweet Alma Sanders from Lake Fork Marina has retired. Alma has worked at the marina since the beginning through thick and thin. I still can't imagine the marina without her. She will be missed terribly but I'm so thrilled for her and wish her all the best and can't thank her enough for all she's done over the years! We all love you Alma!

I think what I'm most excited about coming home is its bream time! June has

always been one of my favorite months to fish. I call it "BIG FISH" month for all species. The bream should be in that 2 to 12 ft. right now. Crickets, night-crawlers, or crappie nibbles should do the trick. You can use bobbers or tightline for them – both ways are fun!

The crappie are bunching up around standing timber and brush piles. They are in and out of the bridges and check your main lake points anywhere from 10 to 30 ft. Bonehead Stump-bugs in black/chartreuse, Bubba Baits in white/chartreuse and Lake Fork Tackle's Live Baby Shad in electric chicken have been working.

It's so sad the Skeeter Boat Owner's Tournament was postponed this year. We will miss seeing them all – but, a HUGE thanks to Skeeter for bringing a "top of the line" boat to the crappie fishing world! (I wonder if my Skeeter Solera misses me???)

Anyway, I hope you all are staying safe and remember, if you're sick, stay home! Please! My best to you all!



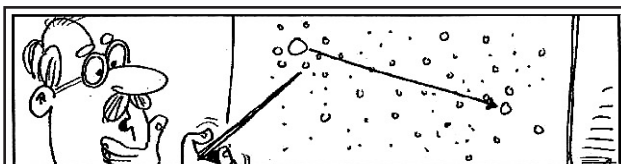
Nick Bobeck caught this nice bass while fishing Lake Fork on a Carolina rig with guide Whitt Smith on 5/24. C.P.R.



Lake Fork guide Johnny Glass caught this hawg in May weighing 11.24-lbs. on a Berkley Powerbait. C.P.R.



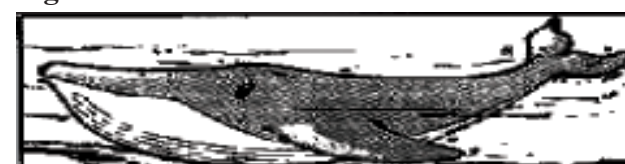
Peggy Simmons was fishing Lake Fork in May when she caught this really nice hawg weighing 10.25-lbs. C.P.R.



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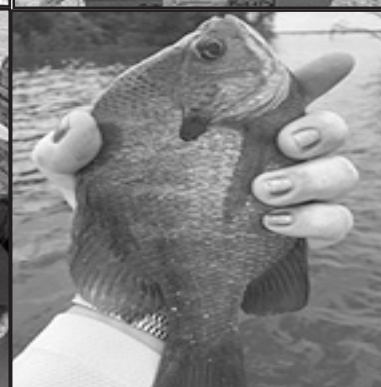
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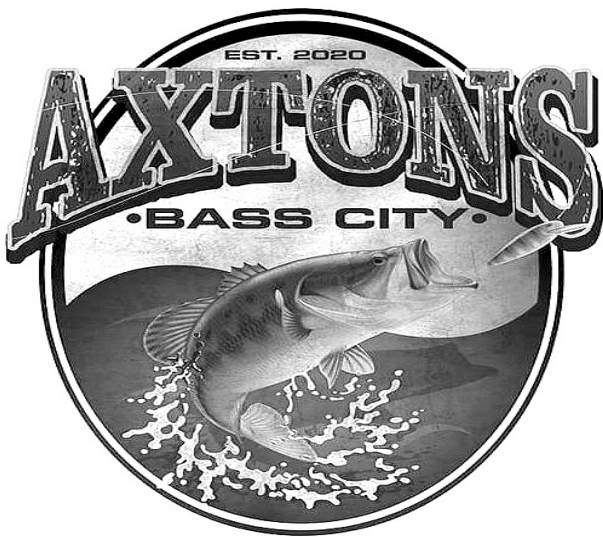
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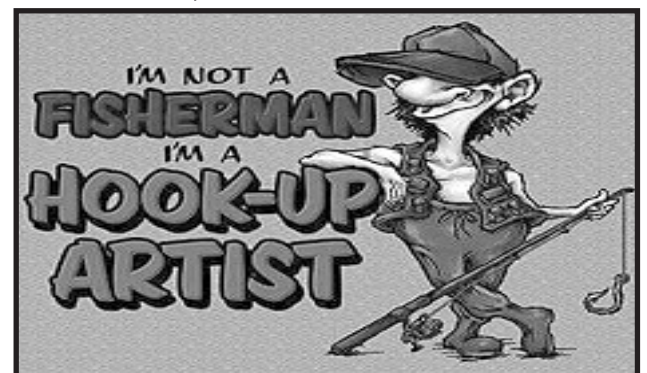
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of 9.32-pounds; 9th Jeff Jones and DeAris Williams with a weight of 9.20-pounds; 10th David Laymance and Paul Walls with a weight of 9.17-pounds; 11th Troy Thomas and Jay Eichler with a weight of 9.12-pounds; 12th Jeff Hood and Robert Chambers with a weight of 9.11-pounds; 13th Steve Hodge and Cody Benson with a weight of 9.04-pounds; 14th Brent Cantrell and Curt Culbertson with a weight of 8.93-pounds; 15th Greg Proffit and Anthony Scoma with a weight of 8.82-pounds; and 16th Steve Trimble and Joe Nauengarg with a weight of 8.77-pounds.

During the weigh-in and check presentations all the anglers were treated to an evening meal. They had a choice of chopped beef or pulled pork sandwich, chips, and sweet tea or a cold drink served by D & S Bar-B-Que. It was a great event and Sartin Marine is to be commended. Special thanks to all the Anglers and Sponsors as well, it was

great to see everyone back on the water doing what we all love; BulletBoats, Falcon Boats, Xpress Boats, The Minnow Bucket Marina, Mike & Peggy McWhorter with ClownCo, Joshua Edwards with Steve's Custom Props, Slade Dougharty with Lake Fork Electronics Training, and Mark and Diane Howard, J C Outdoors Bass Trails.



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TPWD Reminds Boaters to 'Clean, Drain and Dry'

With the arrival of mussels, threatening summertime temperatures, Texans may be getting out on the water. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) inland fisheries and law enforcement staff are urging boaters to do their part to fight back against aquatic invasive species, such as giant salvinia and zebra

mussels, threatening Texas lakes.

"There's no doubt that Texans love their lakes," said John Find-eisen, TPWD Brookeland Aquatic Habitat Enhancement team lead. "But we also need Texans to help protect their lakes, and the best way to do that is by properly cleaning, draining and drying

boats and equipment every time they leave the water."

Giant salvinia, a highly invasive, free-floating aquatic fern that can double in size in less than a week, is one of the major threats to aquatic ecosystems. The invasive plant produces thick mats making fishing, boating, swimming and other

water recreation nearly impossible.

Giant salvinia is currently present on 17 East Texas lakes and numerous rivers, creeks, and marshes between Houston and Beaumont. While giant salvinia is currently

not limiting angling or boating access in Texas public waters, there is still a chance of plants hitchhiking from one lake to another on a boat, trailer, or other equipment. Boaters need to remove all plants, mud and debris

from boats, trailers, vehicles and gear and drain the water from all equipment and on-board receptacles before leaving the lake to prevent giant salvinia and other invasive spe-

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TPWD Reminds Boaters to 'Clean, Drain and Dry' (Continued from Page 11)

cies from spreading.

Zebra mussels join giant salvinia as a top concern for Texas. Currently, zebra mussels are found in 30 Texas lakes across five river basins as well as in river reaches downstream of infested lakes. These invaders can litter shorelines with sharp shells, impact recreation, harm aquatic life, damage boats and clog water intakes.

"Boaters can help keep zebra mussels and other invasive species from being moved and harming more lakes by taking a few minutes to properly clean, drain and dry boats and equipment before they leave the lake," said Monica McGarrity, TPWD Senior Scientist for Aquatic Invasive Species Management. "Taking just a few minutes for these simple steps can make a huge difference in our efforts to protect and preserve Texas lakes for future generations."

If you have stored your boat on the water at a lake with zebra mussels, it may also be infested. Before moving it to another lake, call TPWD at (512) 389-4848 for guidance on decontamination. A status map of these lakes can be found at tpwd.texas.gov/zebra-mussels.

On top of the harm these organisms can cause to aquatic ecosystems and the recreational experience at lakes, the transport of aquatic invasive species can result in legal trouble for boaters. Transporting prohibited invasive species in Texas is illegal and punishable with a fine of up to \$500 per violation. Boaters are also required to drain all water from their boat and onboard receptacles, including bait buckets, before leaving or approaching a body of fresh water.

For more information on how to properly clean, drain and dry boats and equip-

ment, visit the TPWD YouTube channel for a short instructional video. To learn more about giant salvinia, zebra mussels and other invasive species in Texas, visit tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/stop-invasives/.

TPWD and partners monitor for invasive species 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 and prevent new introductions by reporting the sighting to TPWD at (512) 389-4848 or by emailing photos and location information to aquaticinvasives@tpwd.texas.gov.

The public is encouraged to check with the managing authority of the waterbody they in-

tend to visit for any local ordinances in place. Also, boaters should continue to maintain a safe social distance

while on the water in accordance with recommended public health guidelines. All boating laws are still

in effect, including the requirement of having life jackets and wearing the kill switch tether while on the water.

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"Knowing What To Look For!"

By Michael McFarland

Welcome to the world famous Lake Fork during the month of June. June is a great month to find these big bass deep and offshore. As the cold fronts and weather systems subside we will begin to have more summerlike weather patterns and the water temperatures will continue to warm trend into the mid to upper 80's. Big bass will move out from the shallow backwaters to the deeper offshore cooler places over the next few months. Deep trees, breaks, humps, roads and ledges can all be good but the very best scenario is to know how to find

the deep fresh water mussel beds/ shell beds. Deep shell beds hold a high source of plankton which is food for the shad, which is food for the bass. In addition to a great food source shell beds also offer the bass a nice cool bottom area, kinda like your dog laying on the tile floor in the kitchen when its hot outside. First you will need to know how to find and mark the shell beds with your sonar. I tend to find most of the deep shell beds in about 12-22 feet of water. I have found them as deep as 54 feet but it seems the best ones average about 22-28 feet. Second is to understand that timing is very much the key, when the bass are present-

they are there to eat and usually are not to picky. Football jigs, shakeyheads with big worms, Carolina rigs, swimbaits and large flutter spoons are my lures of choice. If you would like to learn more about the deep offshore shell beds, please consider booking a trip. You can also find me on Facebook or follow me on my U-tube page "The

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Thank you for reading. I wish you all great fishing and may God bless.



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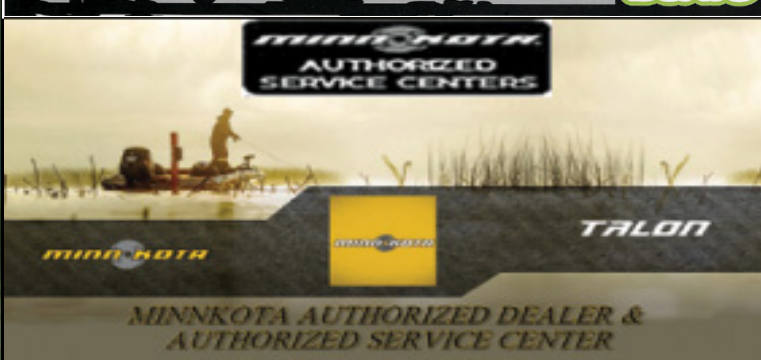
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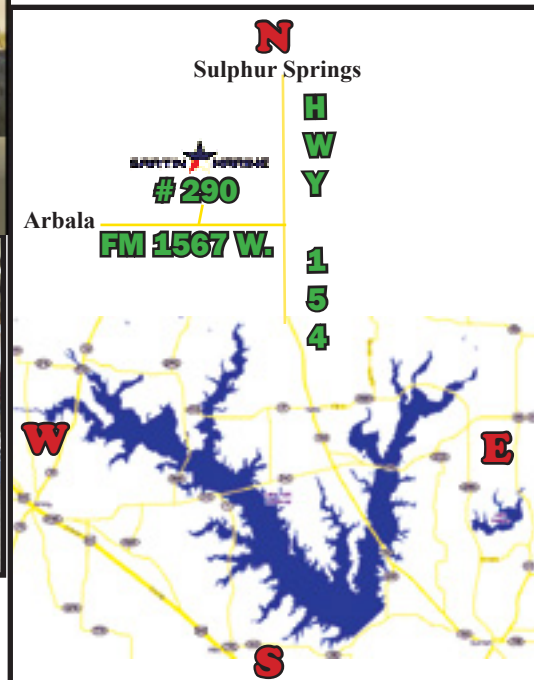
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Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest Moved to November

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Lake Fork near Emory, Texas, is hosting the Bassmaster Elite Series tournament, where the top bass anglers in the world will be competing for a total prize purse of

\$1 million. This unique tournament showcases a "catch-weigh-immediate release" format that was designed to honor this lake's special size limits and reduce handling stress on large bass. TPWD will be on site at the Sabine River Authority from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 7-8 to highlight family-friendly fishing, hunting and camping opportunities in the state.

Proceeds from the tournament, donated by Gulf States Toyota, will benefit TPWD's youth fishing and urban outreach programs. Programs benefit-

ing from this tournament include the Neighborhood Fishin' Program, which brings fishing to families at 18 community park lakes in 10 urban areas, and the Texas Division of the Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest, which seeks to interest youth in grades K-12 in fishing.

The official news release from Bassmaster with details about the revised tournament schedule, visit their website: <https://www.bassmaster.com/news/bass-announces-revised-2020-tournament-schedule>

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Bassmasters of Lake Fork Open Tournament June 20th

By Don Hampton

Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork will be hosting their 39th Semi Annual Bass Tournament on June 20th 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 tournament 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, June 19th, and again on Saturday, June 20th from 5 am to 6 am.

If you cannot come and fish with us, everyone is welcome to come out, visit with us and even buy some raffle tickets for the many prizes to be given away thanks to our many sponsors.

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 below. You can visit our website at www.texas trails bassmasters.com

or give Rodney Ellis, President a call at 903-714-6473 or Don Hampton, Vice President, Tournament Director a call at 903-360-6994.

Fishing is going to be great! Come out and fish with us! Who knows you may catch that bass of a lifetime and finish in the tournament a big winner!




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1. Entry fee is \$40.00 - late entry is \$45.00
2. Early entries must be postmarked by June 13, 2020.
3. All entry fees must be paid before 6 a.m. Sat., June 20, 2020.
4. Check in times: Fri., June 19, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sat., June 20, 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 (trailer 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.
24. Any contestant who violates any rule may be disqualified. Any act of a competitor, verbal or physical, that reflects unfavorably upon TTB's effort to promote fishing, conservation, clean waters, courtesy or safety shall be reason for disqualification from this and all future TTB tournaments.
25. Parent or guardian must accompany contestants under 18 years of age.
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

For more information or for information on joining Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork visit our website: www.texas trails bassmasters.com

Entry Application

Entry fee of \$40 must accompany mailed entry and must be postmarked on or before June 13, 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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Texas State Parks to Allow Limited Overnight Camping

As part of a broader effort to reopen Texas, Texas State Parks resumed limited overnight camping beginning May 18. This gradual reopening of overnight reservations will be limited at all Texas State Parks to varying degrees depending on individual park occupancy in order to align with safe business practices currently followed in Texas. Some existing reservations will be honored, but to prevent overcrowding, manage continued social distancing and safeguard public health, no new reservations

can be made for now. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will notify the public once new reservations can be booked. "After careful consideration, we are taking this additional step towards returning to normal operations in our parks by resuming some overnight camping at Texas State Parks," said Carter Smith, Executive Director of TPWD. "As overnight campers are welcomed back to their favorite natural spaces, our team will continue maintaining the cleanliness of frequently used facilities such as

campsites, cabins and restrooms to ensure that visitors, volunteers and staff can continue to enjoy Texas State Parks safely."

TPWD recommends visitors continue to adhere to local, state and federal travel restrictions and other guidance for safety and social distancing before traveling. Additionally, all visitors are required to pre-purchase and print day-use and overnight camping permits through the Texas State Parks Reservation System before traveling to a park. All reservations can be made online at

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

By Larry Marler President
Lake Fork Sportsman's Association

Half the year is upon us. Tournaments have been cancelled up to this time but we hope they can begin soon. The rules for opening continue to change as we are starting to see businesses opening. Our association has the release boat ready to go once tournaments start again. Our member, Bruce Allen, schedules the release boat for the tournaments and is staying on top of the calendar of events. Make sure to support your local merchants as they open but stay safe in doing so. Be responsible citizens, along with the precautions of social distancing put the added barrier of mask wearing to protect yourself and the people around you.

One of our projects we continue to work on is our High School Tackle Program. In May our association received about 40 rods and reels along with lures and tackle boxes. We are restoring them for the high school fishing teams and will continue to receive more throughout the summer. If you have any poles, reels or equipment you would like to donate, please call Larry Marler 336-413-3053 or Mike Kostial at 760-458-7885. We have fishing teams

at our local high schools that need equipment for students wanting to fish but cannot afford the needed equipment.

Another project we are going to have in June is to plant the bulrush which has been growing at Yantis High School. We have approximately 40 plants that need to be planted. We have tentative dates of mid-June to do this project. We will be planting in 2 to 3 feet of water. Jake Norman from Texas Parks and Wildlife and his staff of biologists want to use this planting as an experiment and monitor their growth closely. He believes water temperature should be in the 70's at time of planting. We will also be planting approximately 12 minnow factories to support our Life Cycle Support Strategy.

Our association will also plan on growing bulrush and Water Willow for future planting. Texas Parks and Wildlife also has an eel grass project going and plans to put this in as another experiment. If it works out we could add eel grass to our future projects.

I want to thank Carol West who is working close with Texas Parks and Wildlife on our Aquaponics programs.

Stay safe and watch for tournament announcements opening up soon.



TACKLE DONATIONS NEEDED

Rods, reels, tackle, and fishing-related equipment are needed to support the High School Fishing Tackle Program sponsored by Lake Fork Sportsman's Association. LFSA requests donations of new and used fishing articles that will be cleaned, assembled, and refurbished. Items will be further donated to area high school fishing teams.

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"The Summer Pattern Is Here!" (Continued from Page 6)

may be set up in one spot today and a hundred yards away tomorrow. Water temps, current from waves and sun angle all come into play when dealing with these wary creatures. Try not to over complicate it, fish what you see and let the results be your guide.

The shallow bite is also an option and don't rule out top water and frog action especially around flooded willow trees and grass beds. Low light is key for success in this arena. Once the sun makes it's way up, shift gears and pitch a creature bait as far back in those willow trees as possible. A 3/8 ounce weight will do the trick and use at

least 20lb line. Your favorite colors will work fine, just keep it simple. The most important factor in this process will be the accuracy of the pitch. Pick the bush apart until you key on where the bass are positioned. Once that is established, follow that pattern across the lake. It will pay off in spades. If simple action is what you seek especially if kids are involved, I would chase the sand bass. You can use a 1/2 ounce Hopkins spoon or a 1/2 ounce jig head with a fluke jr. attached. This is wicked fun on light line. We can spend a day on the water if you like and I can teach you the ropes how to catch a ton of these entertainment fish.

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Texas State Parks (Continued from Page 18)

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Existing social distancing standards and public health recommendations remain in effect including the recommendation to wear face coverings and bring one's own supply of hand sanitizer. State parks will also continue the requirement of a six-foot distance from individuals outside of their party, including the prohibition of the gathering of groups larger than five that are not part of the same family or household.

Visitors planning on coming to a state park are encouraged to bring all necessary provisions, such as hand sanitizer and face masks, with them in order to help local businesses have enough goods to properly serve their communities during this time. This will also help park staff have necessary supplies available for all guests during their stay.

Texas State Parks will continue to operate at a limited capacity. Operational changes still in effect at parks include the suspension of all transactions at parks, equipment rentals and in-person interpretive programs. All group-

use facilities, visitor and nature centers, headquarters and other enclosed spaces where people congregate will also remain closed.

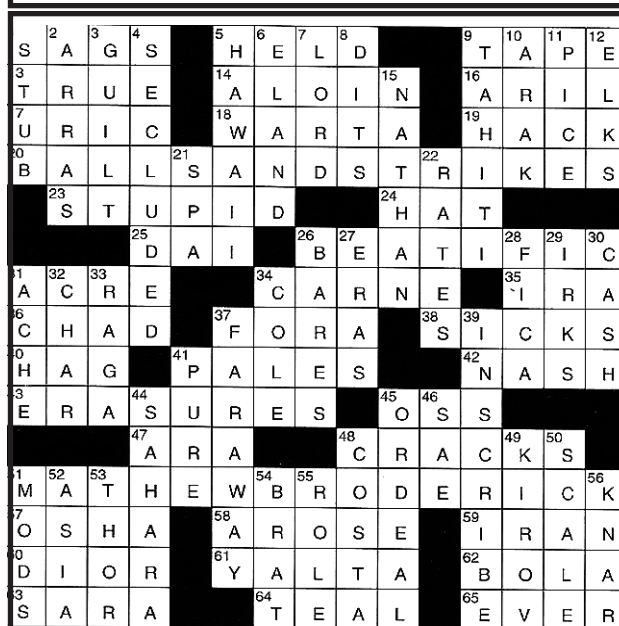
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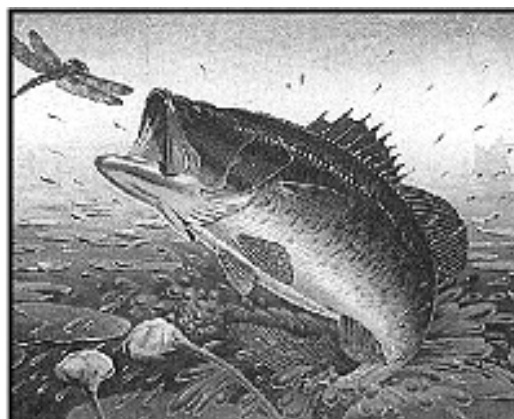
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Game Warden Field Notes

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

--This is Hawkward-- A Hardin County game warden was at the Beaumont District Office when he received a call from the manager of the local Office Depot store. The manager said they had a small hawk flying around inside the store and couldn't get it to leave, even though they had the front and back roll-up doors open. The warden recruited a licensed falconer who was experienced in handling

and trapping birds of prey to help him catch the hawk. After the falconer arrived on scene with a hawk trap and some live bait, they soon discovered that although the bird resembled a hawk, it was in fact a large nightjar or "nighthawk," which feeds on insects, rendering the trap idea useless. Undeterred, the warden and his falconer friend resorted to the old game warden standby — a ladder and a net. After what resembled a scene from America's Funniest Home Videos, they were able to finally corral the bird in a back hallway and

catch it in the dip net. It was released outside, where it flew off unharmed. The manager of the Office Depot store was very grateful that the bird was removed and would not be setting off the alarm system after closing.

--Bad Idea, This is-- A Hays County game warden received an image from a cellphone game camera showing a man and woman trespassing and digging an archeological Native American burial site. The warden went to the property and found the couple in a large hole previously dug by trespassers. Before

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By Sue Hampton

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2 slabs pork spareribs (about 3 pounds each), rinsed and patted dry

Dry Rub

4 teaspoons each black pepper, salt and chili powder

1 teaspoon sugar

Sauce

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 medium onion, coarsely chopped

3 cloves garlic

2 teaspoons ground ginger

1 cup each ketchup and water

½ cup cider vinegar

½ lemon, juiced and peel grated

4 teaspoons sugar

2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

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Paper plates

In a small bowl, mix the dry rub ingredients. Sprinkle one slab of ribs with a quarter of the rub, working it in with your fingers. Turn slab over and repeat. Work remaining rub into second slab. Cover and refrigerate at least one hour or

overnight.

Preheat oven to 375 F. Place the ribs, fat side up, on a rack in a large, shallow roasting pan. Cover the pan with foil. Cook for one hour, then turn ribs over with tongs and cook for an additional 30 to 40 minutes or until the meat between the ribs is tender when cut with a sharp knife.

To make the sauce, heat the oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic and ginger. Cook, stirring occasionally, for five minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients. Simmer, partially covered for 25 minutes or longer.

Brush the cooked ribs liberally with some of the sauce. Return to the oven and cook, uncovered, for 10 minutes or until glazed and browned, turning ribs once with tongs.

Cut the ribs with a sharp knife into separate portions. Place three ribs on each paper plate, fold plate around ribs and tie with a folded bandanna. Arrange on serving platter and pass with remaining sauce.



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the warden could say anything, the man stood up immediately and said he wasn't digging for arrowheads and hates diggers. The couple were husband and wife out on a date. They were both detained in handcuffs and separated at the front and back of the warden's vehicle. The man admitted that he had a glass pipe in his pocket that he uses to smoke CBD oils. After a quick examination, the Baby Yoda glass pipe revealed small, clear and white crystals that looked like crystal meth. The warden placed the pipe on the hood and went to the back of the vehicle to speak with the woman. She said she didn't know the property was private, despite walking past multiple no-trespassing signs. The warden then walked back to the front of the vehicle and noticed the pipe was no longer on the hood. The man said he didn't know where the pipe went. Several feet in front of the vehicle, the pipe was found broken in half in the middle of a fresh footprint. Upon further examination of the hole where the couple was found, the warden found a small hand saw and freshly disturbed dirt. The woman's purse contained several gray rubber gardening gloves, each containing four Native American artifacts. The San Marcos Police Department took the couple to the Hays County Jail. While en route to jail, the man said he believed he had the coronavirus. He leaned forward against the partition and ag-

gressively coughed toward the officers. Both subjects were charged with criminal trespass and Antiquities Code violations. The husband was also charged with possession of a controlled substance, tampering with evidence and harassment of a public servant. Cases pending.

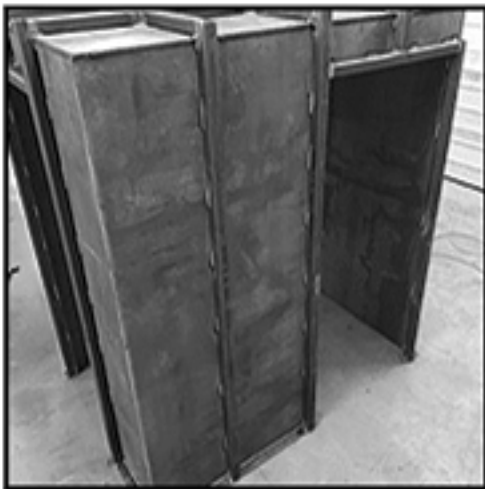
--**Fool Me Once**--A Hays County game warden was contacted by a Hays County sheriff's detective about trespassers digging for Native American artifacts on a private property in Buda. The landowner installed several game cameras hidden in trees to monitor the dig sites and caught a man, on two separate occasions, digging for artifacts during March and April 2019. The images were of high quality and showed the man's face and unique tattoos on his arms. In March 2020, the warden assisted a special agent with the Bureau of Land Management with a federal case involving the removal and sale of Native American corpses/bones and sacred burial beads from an archeological burial site. The warden shared game camera images of the Buda property trespasser with the agent, and the agent recognized the man as an associate of the suspect he was actively investigating. The agent provided the name, and the trespasser was identified. The warden and the agent interviewed the trespasser and confirmed his identity through his unique tattoos. The trespasser handed over 18 Native American artifacts

that were taken from the Buda property. Arrest warrants were obtained for Antiquities Code violations and criminal trespass. The subject turned himself in. Cases pending.

--**The Scope of the Problem**--A Freestone County game warden was contacted by a landowner who said he allowed a man to hunt feral hogs on his property but had killed a deer in addition to the hog. The landowner explained that while driving his property, he found a fresh hog carcass, along with a fresh white-tailed doe. The landowner asked the hunter what happened and was told that he "accidentally shot the doe when he was shooting at a hog." The warden contacted the man, who admitted to shooting the doe, saying his "scope was off." Charges include hunting a white-tailed deer in closed season, failing to take hunter education and hunting without a license.

--**Look Out Below**--A Freestone County game warden arrested a suspect in an ongoing investigation that began in February relating to hog hunting from a helicopter. A husband and wife were working cattle on their property when a helicopter began to hover over their property and shoot feral hogs. The husband waved his arms at the helicopter and it flew off. After the investigation, it was clear that the helicopter owner did not have a landowner authorization permit for

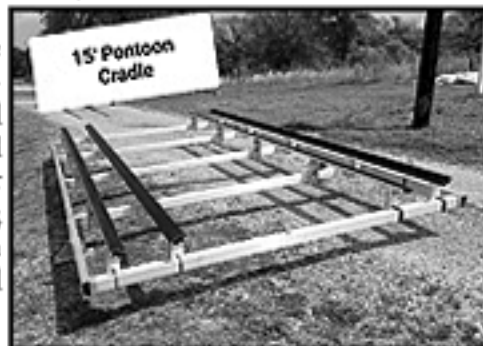
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the property in question. Charges were filed for using an aircraft to manage wildlife without having a landowner authorization permit.

--Fishing for Trouble-- A Williamson County game warden was contacted by a retired law enforcement officer who was fishing the Dickerson River Bottom of the San Gabriel River in Circleville when he saw a man using a cast net and catching white bass. The retired officer said there was a group of six men, and one was using the cast net. When the warden arrived on scene, he saw the man catching white bass with a cast net, then give it to another fisherman to manually hook the fish in the mouth onto a stringer. The warden contacted the men and found that none of them had a fishing license. The man using the cast net caught 20 of the 25 fish on the stringer, two being undersized. Citations and civil restitution were filed, and the fish were donated to a needy family.

--No Sale-- A game warden was contacted about an Operation Game Thief incident in progress regarding an individual in Killeen selling crappie and catfish on a social media website. The warden located the post and found the seller's address. After arriving at the seller's location, the individuals admitted to the warden that they had been trying to sell the crappie and catfish they caught at Stillhouse Hollow Lake on social me-

dia for the last two days, but no one purchased them. The warden issued a citation for the sale of protected game fish and seized seven blue catfish, one yellow catfish and a bag of crappie meat. Case pending.

--Fishy Business-- A Harris County game warden was notified through a Facebook post of an individual selling crawfish and oysters from a truck. Contact was made with the seller at the location posted online, and when the warden arrived, a transaction was occurring. When asked whether the seller had current licenses, he said that he did and went toward his vehicle. After a few moments the warden realized the individual was taking too long to retrieve his paperwork and shortly thereafter the individual admitted to not possessing a commercial license. When the warden asked about the invoices for the product, the seller was only able to produce a receipt from the crawfish and was unable to produce any documentation for the two boxes of crab or the 11 sacks of oysters. The seller was issued the appropriate citations.

--Spring Breaking the Law-- A group of spring breakers celebrating their time off at a house in Concan decided to begin spring turkey season a little early. One March morning, a Uvalde County game warden was contacted by an individual

who had seen several boys use turkey calls to call up a gobbler. One of the boys killed the turkey and retrieved it from the brush. The warden, along with a Real County game warden, arrived at the house and contacted the boys. When asked about the turkey, the guilty party readily cooperated, admitted what he had done and showed wardens where he had hidden the bird.

--You Can't See Me-- A Karnes County game warden was on patrol when he noticed a deputy's patrol vehicle on the side of the road near the San Antonio River Bridge. The deputy approached the warden and told him that there was a truck that had been there for a short while without any occupants. The warden looked in the bed of the truck and found a fishing pole. The deputy and warden looked under the bridge and found two individuals fishing. They watched for a short time to make sure the individuals were both fishing before announcing their presence. When the warden called out to the fishermen, the two individuals squatted down. The warden watched with his binoculars, and both men still didn't move. The warden called out to them again and told them to stand up. The two men then stood up and came to talk with him. Neither of them had a fishing license and both were issued citations.

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