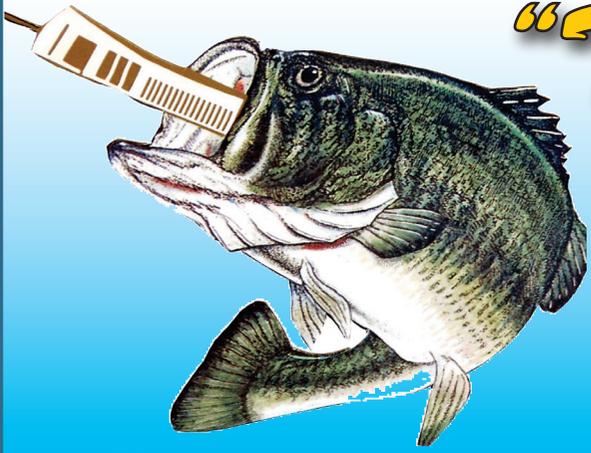


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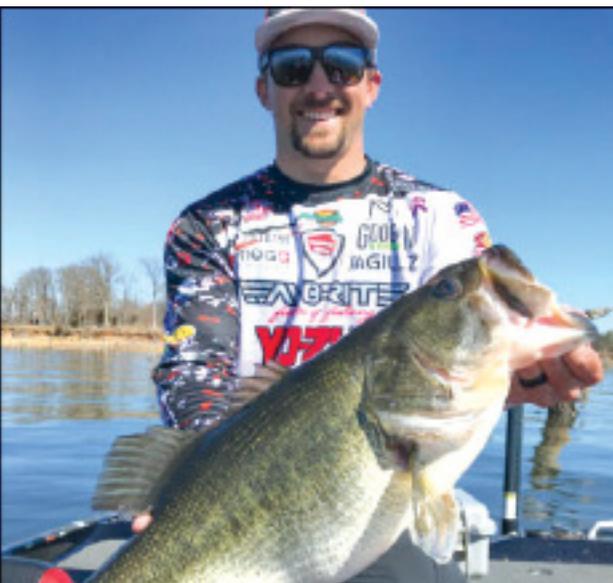
Alton Jones Jr. held off a field of 79 other pro anglers in the Toro Stage Two 2022 Bass Pro Circuit held on Lake Fork February 19 thru the 25th. Championship day he had 14 bass for a total weight of 46-pounds 2-ounces. For his great efforts in extreme weather conditions he took home the trophy and \$100,000.



Alton Jones Sr. with his 11-lb. 2-oz. Lake Fork Hawg.

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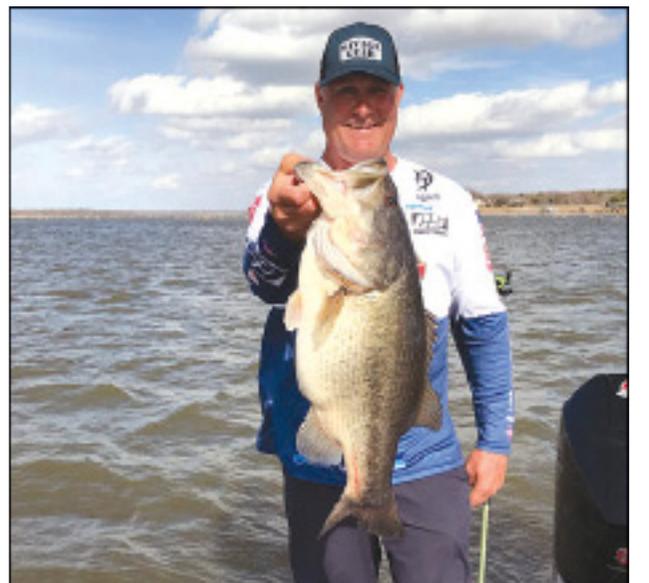
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Zach Birge with his 10-lb. 14-oz. Lake Fork Hawg.



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# "Bubba Is Going To Be Using Old Age To His Advantage"

By Don Hampton

Well Bubba has made it another year. He turned 71 this past month. A lot of people would complain about getting old, but not our Bubba! I do believe Bubba is definitely using it to his advantage. After all, one of his favorite sayings is, "It's good to get old, you just don't want to act old."

He started out by telling me now that he is 71 and gets all the insurance advantages like Medicare and his new Humana plan provided to senior citizens, he doesn't have to pay for that high dollar insurance he used to have to pay

for before he got old. This saves him about \$400 a month and we all know what that means for Bubba... that's right, more fishing stuff!

Bubba just loved being a senior in high school those many years ago. Now I think he enjoys being a Senior Citizen just as much. One thing is for sure, he is going to take full advantage of it. Anything he can get a discount on or anything he has coming he is going to take full advantage of.

I do remember when Bubba turned 65... he talked Bubbette (or should I say conned her into it), buying him a 2016 V-21 fully outfitted with more

equipment and electronics than a naval submarine. It wasn't so much him getting this for his birthday, it was the poor old me stories he laid down with Bubbette in getting it.

He started out with, "Sugdumplin, my knees just ain't what they used to be. I need the smoothest riding boat on the market. Also, just in case I happen to fall like I did on the Honey Hole Show, I need the widest boat I can possibly get! You know I can't swim like we used to down at the watering hole! I need the widest boat on the market and that V-21 is it, so I won't fall in

the water... I'll just fall on the deck!"

Well, this seemed to go just fine with Bubbette so Bubba pressed his luck as far as it would go. His next step was the electronics. He said "Baby Doll, my eyesight seems to be fading somewhat in these 'Golden Years'. With my old electronics the screen was so small I had a hard time seeing the fish and structure. I need the largest, clearest screens so that I can see without squinting my eyes or bending over with my poor old back the way it is to see the screen." So since Bubba couldn't put a 60" color television on his boat, he

opted for two Lowrance HDS-12 Gen 3's. He also just had to have structure and down scan on front and back of the boat, with a .1 antenna. You know, so he can see the underwater stumps around him. He wouldn't want to accidentally hit one and fall down on that big deck. He would also need to mark his way points exactly so he can find them again because in his old age his memory might be fading. When he got to his favorite fishing holds, he had to have two Power Poles to hold him in place because he just didn't have the energy of days gone by to troll around much.

That wasn't quite the end of Bubba's poor old pitiful me quips though. He was really on a roll. He just had to have a 36 volt MinnKota 112 thrust trolling motor just in case weather got bad he could get out of the stumps quickly. He also had to have a Mercury 250 ProXS to get him back to the ramp in case he fell on the big deck and hurt his old back.

Well once again, 'Happy Birthday Bubba... you seem to continue to get everything you ask for. I think Bubbette just loves to see you get what you want and she definitely knows "her man has got to have stuff!"

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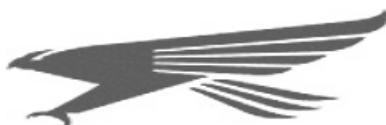
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## Stage 2 Bass Pro Circuit on Lake Fork

By Don Hampton

Mother Nature was not kind to the 80 professional anglers that came to Lake Fork to compete in the 2nd Stage of the MLF Toro Pro Bass Circuit that was held February 19th through 26th. The championship was originally scheduled to be held through the 25th but was pushed ahead a day because of inclement weather. At least Group A and B had a decent first day to begin the competition before Mother Nature waved her northern hand.

Academy Sports and Outdoors pro Jacob Wheeler of Harrison, Tennessee, boated

a 7-pound, 3-ounce kicker just four minutes into the start of competition Saturday and never looked back. Wheeler caught 14 scorable bass totaling 56 pounds, 7 ounces to grab the early lead for Group A on Day 1. On Monday the 2nd day for Group A to fish Jacob Wheeler caught 16 scorable bass weighing 64 pounds, 9 ounces to earn the win Monday. Wheeler's two-day Qualifying Round catch of 30 bass totaling 121 pounds even earned him the win by a wide 47-pound, 9-ounce margin qualifying him to go straight to the championship round missing the knock-out round.

Alton Jones Sr. for the start of Group B's Qualifying Round led the field. The affable Lorena, Texas, pro caught the most bass, the biggest bass, and the most weight on Sunday to grab the early lead for Group B. Jones caught 18 bass weighing 80 pounds, 7 ounces to pace the 40-angler field. On Tuesday the 2nd day of fishing for Group B Alton maintained his lead throughout the day and held on to win the Qualifying Round for Group B. Over two days, Jones caught 28 bass totaling 117 pounds, 1 ounce to earn the first Qualifying Round victory of his career and advance

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straight to Friday's final-day Championship Round.

In brutally tough weather conditions that had multiple anglers saying it was, "the coldest I have ever been," Alton Jones, Jr., of Waco, Texas, caught 12 bass Wednesday weighing 52 pounds, 3 ounces to win the Knockout Round and advance to the final day. Jones narrowly edged Bass Pro Tour

newcomer Dakota Ebare of Brookeland, Texas, who weighed in 12 bass totaling 48 pounds, 11 ounces to end the round in second.

Normally three 2½-hour periods, Wednesday's Knockout Round was shortened to just two periods after a major cold front moved into Northeast Texas and brought strong winds, frigid temperatures and freezing rain.

MLF officials made the decision to shorten the Knockout Round and, after input from the MLF Angler Advisory Board, postpone Thursday's final-day Championship Round until Friday.

"The safety of our anglers and their families, our staff and our fans are priority No. 1," said Aaron Beshears, Bass Pro Tour Tournament Director. "After speaking with the entire team, including our pro anglers, we all feel that the best decision to be made for this event was to go ahead and postpone Thursday and finish it up on Friday."

The final 10 anglers were now set, and competition resumed Friday morning with



Jacob Wheeler pulling in one of his big ones that secured his spot in the championship round.

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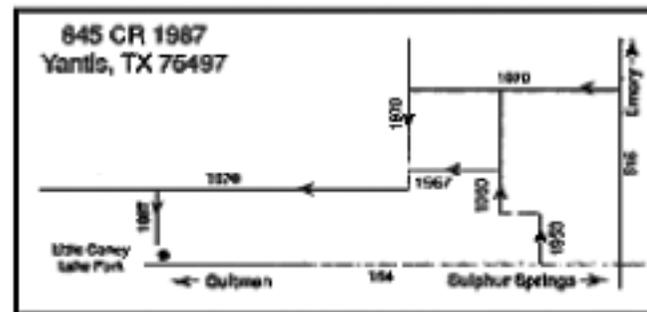
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# "March is Famous for Generating Warmer Temps!"

By David Ozio

"Quite an interesting year has started to develop on Fork as lake levels have been lowered close to historic lows and cold temps are rivaling that of last year at this time. I thought for a while we might get lucky and escape the treacherous bitter cold but not to be. Even though conditions as of this writing are pitiful, the MLF boys showed just how strong Fork is with five bass over ten pounds in just the first four days of their event. Numbers for these superstars aren't great but the overall size of bass landed exceeded four pounds for all anglers. Wood was the key and I think this pattern will continue to get better as time rolls on. March is famous for generating warmer temps and these

prespawn beasts will be moving up to do the business.

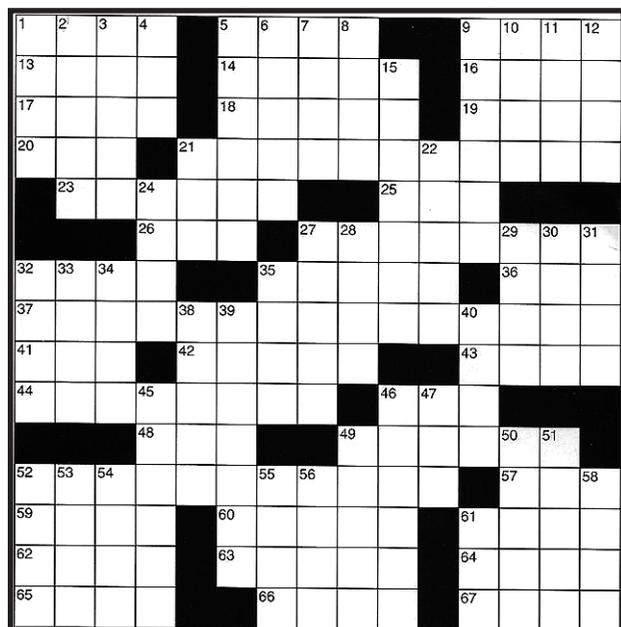
All this considered, big bass will be super hungry and looking for a good meal as the spawn is right around the corner. Concentrate your focus on these pre-spawn bass around main lake and secondary points at the entrance of major creeks, creek channel edges and bends, drains and ditches that are in close proximity to spawning flats. These staging fish will normally feed heavily through late February and early March while waiting for water temps to reach a consistent 58-62 degrees before advancing to the bedding areas. Water temp is the single most important factor during this time of year and a huge cold front can spell trouble for the advancing bass especially if it's near the March full moon.



Once conditions are stable, start your search on the northwest side of the largest creeks and key on the current water temps in that area. The higher the thermometer reading, the better chance you have of seeing those giants cruising the shallows. Once the bass feel comfortable in an area, the ritual begins. Your job will be to target these big fish as they are setting up house. The all time best bait to capture your trophy of a lifetime will be on a big swimbait. There are several types on the market and you will need to find one that is weedless. Color choices can range from a bone color to light hitch or dark hitch. All will work under varied conditions. Throw these baits into very shallow water in the

forementioned areas of the lake and get ready for some heart stopping action. Don't be afraid to chunk these baits into the thickest cover. They are designed to slide right out and keep on truckin. During this time of the year, there are other patterns that will work equally as well. The Strike King 8.0 squarebill will deliver it's share of the pre-spawn giants. Shad colors work well and direct your efforts to the main lake and secondary points which are located in the near vicinity of the spawning areas. I think the white spinnerbait will play a huge roll this year as these fish move up. Shell beds also play a key role in how these fish will set up and spending time with a local guide can be the big bass education

(See March is Famous.... Continued on Page 20)



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Female parent
- 5. Expresses pleasure
- 9. Pouch
- 13. Breezed through
- 14. Prague
- 16. \_\_\_ Ladd, actor
- 17. Usually with wooden soles
- 18. Describes soft pronunciation
- 19. National capital of Peru
- 20. Wrath
- 21. Plotter
- 23. Hindu's creator god
- 25. Veterans' battleground
- 26. Support
- 27. Introduce to something new
- 32. Norse goddess of old age
- 35. Past (archaic)
- 36. "The \_\_\_ Squad"
- 37. Woody Allen, in "Bananas"
- 41. Plant virus
- 42. Fungus genus
- 43. Chests
- 44. Corkscrewed
- 46. Swiss river
- 48. Collection of anecdotes
- 49. Indulgences
- 52. Circulate
- 57. Take to one's heels
- 59. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
- 60. Highly incensed
- 61. Fallow deer
- 62. Large, brown nuts containing caffeine
- 63. Basketball player
- 64. Perfume obtained from flowers
- 65. Organic compound
- 66. Without any
- 67. Flat tableland with steep edges

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Wizards
- 2. Sour or bitter in taste
- 3. Postage or taxi
- 4. Oklahoma city
- 5. Composure
- 6. Site of open-air sporting events
- 7. \_\_\_ Christian Andersen, children's author
- 8. Carry passengers or freight
- 9. Deli meat
- 10. Settled down
- 11. Military disguise (abbr.)
- 12. Knot in a tree
- 15. Inanely foolish
- 21. 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 22. African badgerlike carnivore
- 24. Plant part
- 27. Paid no attention to (slang)
- 28. Gangrenous inflammation
- 29. Independent ruler or chieftain
- 30. Albanian dialect
- 31. Old English letters
- 32. Tritons
- 33. Not firm, "wilted lettuce"
- 34. \_\_\_ Strauss, jeans maker
- 35. \_\_\_ Frank's diary
- 38. Allman brother
- 39. Moslem
- 40. Gulls
- 45. Scamp
- 46. Type of blood vessel
- 47. Length of time
- 49. Frontier movie (slang)
- 50. Fill with high spirits
- 51. Languages of Sulu Archipelago
- 52. Fake
- 53. Extremely robust
- 54. Storage structure
- 55. Asian country
- 56. Spoken in northeastern India
- 58. Harelike rodent of Argentina
- 61. Obstruct

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## Stage 2 Bass Pro Circuit on Lake Fork (Continued from Page 5)

the Championship Round when weights were all zeroed, and the angler that catches the most one-day weight wins the top prize of \$100,000.

The Top 8 pros from Wednesday's Knockout Round that competed in Friday's Championship Round on Lake Fork along with Alton Jones Sr. and Jacob Wheeler were:

- 1st: **Alton Jones Jr.,**
- 2nd: **Dakota Ebare,**
- 3rd: **Zack Birge,**
- 4th: **Casey Ashley,**
- 5th: **Justin Lucas,**
- 6th: **Cole Floyd,**
- 7th: **Jonathon VanDam,**



Alton Jones Sr. with one of his big ones that secured his spot in the championship round.

### 8th: **Jeff Sprague.**

After making the Bass Pro Tour Championship Round six previous times, for the first time in his career Alton Jones Jr. earned his own big red trophy. The 29-year-old Waco, Texas, pro caught 13 bass weighing 46 pounds, 2 ounces Friday to win the Major League Fishing Bass Pro Tour on Lake Fork and earn the top prize of \$100,000.

Going into the third and final period of competition Friday, Jones held a 9-pound, 7-ounce lead over fellow Texan Dakota Ebare. However, 10 minutes into the period, Ebare had boated a 4-13 and a 6-8 to seize the lead from Jones with just 50 minutes left in the competition. Five minutes later, Jones managed to catch a 2½-pounder and took the lead back from Ebare by a scant 10 ounces. Neither was able to catch a fish in the final 45 minutes, and although Jacob Wheeler made it interesting at the end to get within six pounds, Jones' 13 bass for 46-2 earned him the win by a narrow 10-ounce margin.

"I'm so excited - I really didn't see this coming," an emotional Jones said at his Bass Pro Tour Trophy Presentation. "If you'd asked me halfway through our first day if I'd have a shot to

win this thing, I would have said absolutely not. Somehow, somehow, by the grace of God, it just kind of came together this week. They say when it's your time, it's your time and I guess it's just my time!"

The heaviest bass caught in the tournament weighed 11-pounds 11-ounces and was caught by Bradley Roy. The 2nd heaviest was caught by Alton Jones Sr. and weighed 11-pounds 2-ounces. Zach Birge caught the 3rd heaviest weighing 10-pounds 14 ounces. The 4th heaviest bass was caught by Dustin Connell and weighed 10-pounds 7-ounces and the 5th heaviest bass was caught by Brandon Coulter and weighed 10-pounds 2-ounces.

Considering the weather conditions the pros had to endure they did an excellent job in showing what this great reservoir has to offer an angler.

Television coverage of the Stage Two will premiere at 7 a.m. ET, Sept. 17th on the Discovery Channel.

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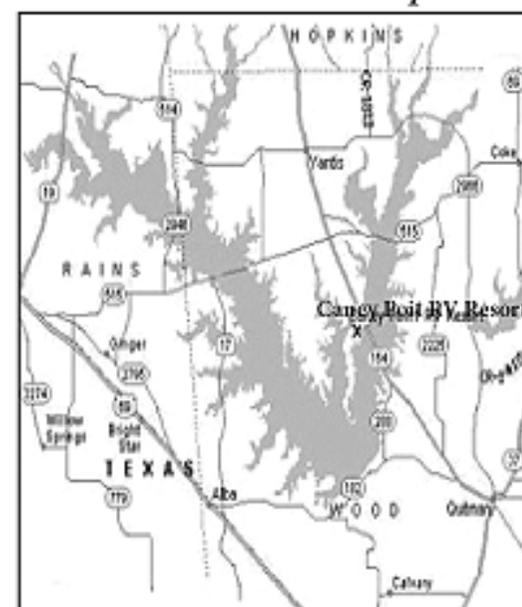
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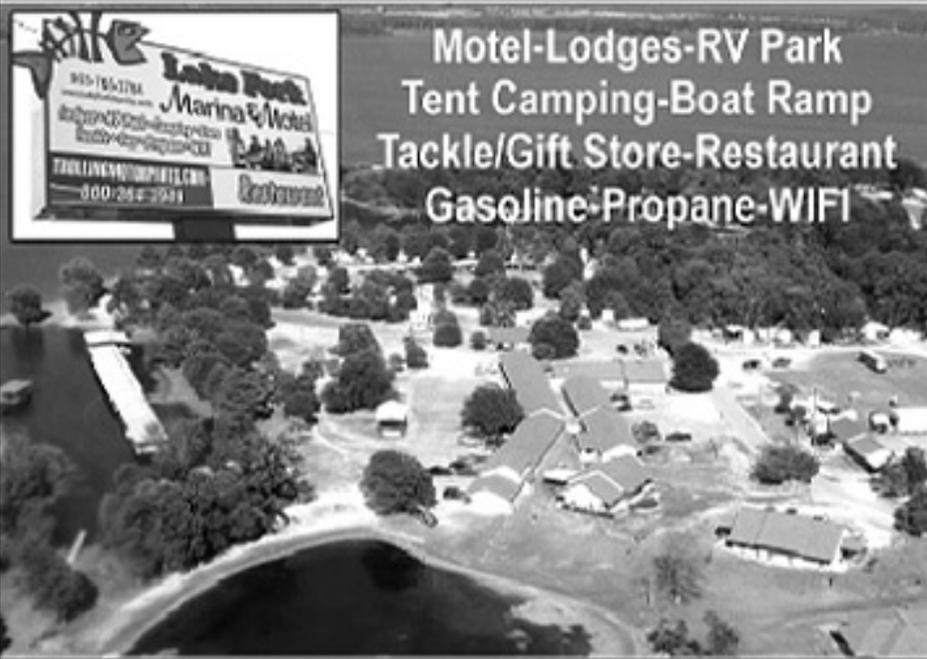
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# "The Moon Report"

## "March Transition"

By Terri Moon

March is the month that I start checking the mouths of the coves around creek channels and isolated timber. The male crappie are in transition moving up the creeks seeking warmer water and following the baitfish. It's time to start checking that 15 to 30 ft. depths and keep a close eye on that depth finder to monitor how deep the fish are holding. (This can be subject to change daily!) Then search shallower as the water temperatures rise.

Keep in mind this is just the first wave of crappie moving shallower. So, if what your doing isn't producing, move out deeper. There will be some out in 30 - 50 ft. still along the creek channels.

It's also time for our "March Winds" so please use good judgment. These winds can be extremely dangerous, especially while we have Lake Forks level down over 6 ft. low for dam repairs. Hopefully they will have repairs finished soon - then it's all up to mother nature to fill it back up.

I'm looking forward to some consecutive 50 degree nights instead of the 20 - 30 degree nights that have been happening! Water temperature is what we're looking for, 50 to 60 degrees.



The toughest part of this time of year is when you finally find the crappie, a cold front will come through dropping water temperatures which in turn, backs their movement off and the search begins again! When this happens, just start looking deeper. They are less effected by the cold fronts.

Crappie can be found at many depths this time of year during their transition. The bass are already showing up shallow, so the crappie won't be too far behind. They will be coming through the bridges soon so be sure and check them while your out there. I generally target 8 to 16 ft. (just watch your graph). Also, with the lake down, it will sure be easier to work the timber lines!

I'm so excited for springtime fishing to begin. I can't wait to hear "Bobber Down!" This is the time of year that you never know

what you might catch. It's all fun! Please remember the 10 inch minimum goes back in effect March 1st.

Also, if you haven't been to Lake Fork Marina lately, it's a good time to check out all the latest rods, reels and tackle available and stock up for the spring fishing. As far as crappie baits, they have all the newest colors in Bonehead, Skipper jigs, and Limits tackle to choose from.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed for consistent warmer temperatures and hopefully those March winds will be kind to us!

Now I want to wish you all many blessings and send many thanks for all the prayers sent our way for the unexpected loss of our loved ones this month. Your uplifting thoughts are so much appreciated!

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Defining reservoir boundaries and modified harvest regulations on designated waterbodies highlight this year's list of proposed freshwater fishing regulation changes. The proposed changes also include modified regulations on the Red River Tributaries for prevention of transfer of invasive carp, largemouth bass harvest regulations correction, clarification of striped bass species information, and Sam Rayburn Reservoir county designation.

"Our approach this year is to simplify and clarify rules to reduce the potential for confusion near certain river-reservoir boundaries where exceptions to statewide limits exist, eliminate exceptional rules for bygone fisheries, harmonize rules with our Oklahoma neighbors on border waters, sustain quality bass fishing at a newly-opening reservoir, and reduce risks of inadvertent spread of invasive carps from where they currently exist in the Red River and its tributaries in Northeast Texas," said Craig Bonds, TPWD's Inland Fisheries Division Director.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is taking public comment on the following proposed changes to the 2022-2023 Statewide Recreational and Commercial Fishing Proclamation, with input to be considered before any action by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission at its March 24 public hearing.

\* Sam Rayburn Reservoir (Angelina, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Sabine, and San Augustine counties)

— Delineate the upstream reservoir boundary for Sam Rayburn Reservoir to differentiate between the inflowing river and the reservoir where special exceptions to statewide channel and blue catfish daily bag, possession, and length limits are in place.

\* Lake Texoma (Cooke and Grayson counties) — Delineate the upstream reservoir boundary for Lake Texoma to differentiate between the inflowing river and lake where special exceptions to statewide daily bag, possession, and length limits are in place.

\* Bois d'Arc Lake (Fannin County) — Implement largemouth bass harvest regulations for soon to be opened Bois d'Arc Lake to establish a 16-inch maximum size limit and exceptions for temporary possession of 24-inch bass for weighing as potential ShareLunkers.

\* Lake Texoma (Cooke and Grayson counties) — Modify harvest regulations for walleye in Lake Texoma to eliminate special exceptions to statewide daily bag, possession, and length limits for walleye in Lake Texoma and return to statewide regulations.

\* Lake Texoma (Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Red River, and Bowie counties), Red River and

tributaries — Modify harvest regulations for alligator gar in Lake Texoma to expand the harvest closure during the month of May in order to harmonize with Oklahoma harvest regulations.

\* Coletto Creek Reservoir (Goliad and Victoria counties) and Fairfield Lake (Freestone County) — Modify harvest regulations for red drum for lakes Coletto Creek and Fairfield to eliminate special exceptions to statewide daily bag, possession, and length limits and return to statewide regulations.

\* Red River Tributaries — Modify regulations for prevention of transfer of invasive carp as bait to add tributaries of the Red River in Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Red River, and Bowie counties to the list of designated waters from which nongame fish cannot be transported live.

\* Largemouth Bass Harvest Correction — Correct largemouth bass regulatory exception error for a suite of lakes.

\* Striped Bass — Clarify species information.

\* Sam Rayburn Reservoir County Designation — Modify Sam Rayburn Reservoir county list.

Additional details on the proposed regulation changes, including narrated presentations on the proposed changes, can be found on the public comment page and in the Texas Register.

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## Convenient Family Fishing Education Opportunities Offered for Texans this Spring

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens has partnered with Fishing's Future and the George H.W. Bush Vamos A Pescar Education Fund to provide convenient fishing education opportunities for families throughout Texas.

The program began February 26 and will continue through June with a variety of activities. It will host 24 in-person family fishing events through June 25 in each of the six metro areas of Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Huntsville, Lubbock, and in the Rio Grande valley. All fishing equipment and expertise needed for your family to have a successful fishing event during the program is provided through the grant, TPWD, and Fishing's Future. To ensure safe social distancing, families must register to participate at [www.FishingsFuture.org](http://www.FishingsFuture.org).

"Hooking up with the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center and Take Me Fishing on the George H. W. Bush Vamos A Pescar Educational Fund Grant is a perfect partnership for Fishing's Future," said Shane Wilson, CEO and Founder of Fishing's Future. "Our three organizations are dedicated to increasing the educational knowledge of both young and old. TFFC is staffed with the sharpest minds and their staff brings real-life science and research into play. Fishing's Future is a national angling educational organization based in Texas with more than 15 years of experience and expertise in teaching families how to fish and spending time in the great outdoors."

The goals of the program include increasing fishing knowledge, skills and abilities of participating families from Texas metro areas, ultimately increasing participation in fishing. In addition, the program intends to strengthen family bonds and their connections to the outdoors and fisheries resources.

"I hold to the fact that millions want to fish, but don't know how," Wilson said. "The Vamos A Pescar Grant functions to introduce and provide knowledge and instruction to increase interest in recreational fishing within the Hispanic Population. My advice is, if you want to learn how to fish and become a lifelong angler, then this program is where you should start."

To teach new skills and prepare families to go fishing on their own, Fishing's Future and TFFC will host live virtual one-hour workshops. These nightly sessions will take place Monday through Thursday, March 7 through June 17. Topics include fishing knots, lures, and baits, rods, reels, and casting, water safety, fishing regulations and fish habitats. Families can register for these free informative sessions

at [https://fishingsfuture.org/vamos\\_a\\_pescar\\_2022/](https://fishingsfuture.org/vamos_a_pescar_2022/).

Additionally, participants can access free online instructional videos developed to provide information on topics ranging from cleaning and cooking fish to purchasing equipment.

"We are excited to be partnering with Fishing's Future to offer the George H.W. Bush Vamos A Pescar program and reach underserved families across Texas," Tom Lang, TPWD Inland Fisheries Division Outreach Director said. "This effort provides so many excellent opportunities for families to participate in fish-

ing, develop their fishing skills and knowledge, and of course spend quality time as a family. The utilization of in-person, virtual live workshops, video, and other downloadable content also makes this a very convenient program that can be worked into busy family schedules."

For more information on George H.W. Bush Vamos A Pescar Education Fund and educational programs, or to participate, visit the Fishing Future's website. To learn more about the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, including programs, exhibits and activities available to visitors, check out the TFFC website.



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 3. All entry fees must be paid before 6 a.m. Sat., Mar. 19, 2022.  
 4. Check in times: Fri., Mar. 18, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sat., Mar. 19, 5 a.m. to 6 p.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 (trailing 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).  
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 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.texastrailsbassmasters.com](http://www.texastrailsbassmasters.com)

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**Entry Application**

Entry fee of \$40 must accompany mailed entry and must be postmarked on or before Mar. 12, 2022 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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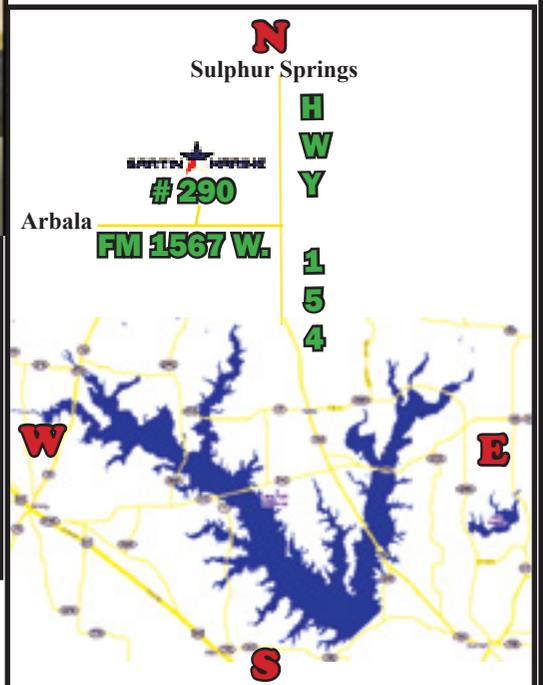


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The Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame committee is pleased to announce that professional angler Gary Klein of Mingus, Texas will be inducted into the hall of fame in 2022. Klein has been an anchor in professional fishing for 42-years and an innovator on the cutting edge of the sport. Additionally, Klein generously gives back to the fishing community through volunteer work with kids and military veterans.

"Gary Klein's outstanding accomplishments as a professional angler rank him as one of the best-ever to command the sport of

competitive bass fishing," said Dan Kessler, Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame Selection Committee Chairman. "His leadership in bringing forth new ideas and innovation in the fishing industry are unsurpassed among professional anglers. On their own merits these accomplishments warranted Gary's consideration for membership in Hall of Fame. However, it is Gary Klein's commitment to the conservation of our resources, his life-long passion for educating current and future anglers, and willingness to give his time and resources back to

the fishing community that resulted in unanimous support for his induction to the Hall of Fame."

Klein officially began his professional fishing career in 1979 at the age of 21, but his first tournament event was in 1973 on Lake Don Pedro in California at the age of 15. During the course of his career, Klein competed in 407 Bassmaster events, including eight event victories and 80 top ten finishes. He qualified and competed in the Bassmaster Classic Championship 30 times which is the second most in history. In addition, he is the only



angler to qualify for at least one Bassmaster Classic in every decade from 1979 through 2019. Klein garnered Bassmaster Angler of the Year honors in 1989 and 1993.

In 1988, Klein claimed the U.S. Open Championship on Lake Mead, an event that is consid-

ered one of the most competitive in the United States. In the 1990s, Klein competed in the Fishing League Worldwide (FLW), winning two of their events while qualifying for six of their annual championships. In Klein's more than 40 years as a professional angler,

he boasts 161 top-20 finishes, 95 top-ten finishes, and 10 wins.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in cooperation with Klein and others designed a revolutionary "Catch, Weigh and Immediate release" format for use in tour-  
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# "Knowing What To Look For!"

By Michael McFarland

Hello friends and visitors and welcome to the World famous Lake Fork in North East Texas. Lake Fork is the number one big fish destination in the world for a reason. Lake Fork is responsible for 54 of the top 75 largest Texas bass and 8 of the states top 10 largest bass. It offers 27,000 surface acres, 330 miles of shoreline and is approximately 39 miles long from end to end. Every year during March some of the largest prespawn female bass are typically caught. The big female bass are moving from their offshore homes and hiding places to the shallows of the shoreline preparing to lay their

eggs and spawn. There are many giant bass caught throughout the year however the biggest tend to be caught in March and/or April. Female bass are plump full of eggs and become very hungry and more vulnerable with this demand to reproduce. Its very much like deer hunting the rut when the male deer becomes susceptible and makes more mistakes. Generally the female bass will move in from the offshore to what is known as or called staging places. It is in this last location where they will finish the final incubation of their eggs before choosing the locations to lay them. Learning these locations and using the proper baits and techniques can yield multiple big fish catches on any given

day. This giant female was caught last year by birthday boy Bryce. She was absolutely full of eggs and about to burst. Female bass of this size tend to carry as much as one pound of eggs or even more. Once you know and understand these prespawn and spawning traits and locations here are a few of the best baits and techniques used to catch them. First and fore-

most is my favorite and that is the 316 line thru soft swimbait. Best color choices would be Dirty Shad, JC Special and Carp. This bait is easy to use, just cast it out past targets like shallow tree stumps and simply reel it back very slowly. Hang on the bite is viscous. Next would be the Glide bait. This is a large hard bait that imitates gizzard shad or other species of small fish. Much like the soft swimbait you simply cast to targets and across large shell beds and flats then reel it back slow but with more of an erratic stop and go retrieve. You will get the same results, viscous strikes that will rip the fishing rod out of your hands if your not ready. Best colors are any of the shad patterns especially the ones with a little chartreuse. My final bait to discuss is personally my favorite bait of choice and that would be the Santone football jig. It is so versatile and just flat out catches big fish. I will throw the jig to all the same areas as previously discussed however I can even fish it slower than the swimbait or glide. On no active days and or daily periods of non activity this is the best way to still catch them. My favorite colors are any brim (sunfish, bluegill) and or natural crawfish combinations. I will typically use the Strike King Rage Craw or Lobster as a trailer however with so many trailer options you can really feel free to choose your own. If you are not really concerned about catching a giant bass of a life time, Lake Fork is truly one of the very best spring bass fishing locations in the world, period. For those that know how, it truly offers great fishing in general during the month of March.



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naments in order to minimize the stress placed on the fish. The new format debuted in the 2007 Toyota Texas Bass Classic at Lake Fork and it was a great success. Klein, along with fellow professional angler Boyd Duckett went on to co-found Major League Fishing (MLF) and the monumental decision was made to use an adapted version of the "Catch, Weigh and Immediate release" format in all MLF tournaments. MLF thus became the first professional circuit to use this new format, leading the sport into a whole new era.

The format incorporates the immediate release of the fish where

they were reeled in, resulting in reduced handling stress on the fish and elimination of the need for their retention and relocation to on-shore weigh-ins. In 2021, Klein co-founded the Major League Fishing-Fisheries Management Division to further research, education, fisheries enhancement, and fish care initiatives for the organization.

As a leader in the sport, Klein was a founding member of the Professional Anglers Association and served on the Board of Directors as well as President for the organization. He was an original member of the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame Board of Directors and currently

serves as the immediate past president of the Major League Fishing Anglers Association.

Klein popularized the "flipping" technique which allows anglers to fish much closer to their targets and silently deliver a bait into the water. He worked directly with manufacturers to produce products for the technique and went on to develop additional baits and innovative fishing strategies. Some of these innovations include the round bend double taper needle-point hook, an eye forward oval shape cobra head jig and a rattle-back jig. He continues to create and stay on the cutting edge of new de-

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

By Carolyn West, LFSA President

What a busy month it has been for LFSA! Our budget was approved; our by-laws were updated; a schedule of programs was accepted; our first visiting speaker gave an update on the dam repair; work began on implementing the new grant we received; our fundraising raffle is almost ready to begin; and last but certainly not least, the Live Release Boat is ready to begin the important task of working tournaments in order to return the fish to the lake safely.

Unfortunately, weather has been a factor in the cancellation of the Bass Champs Trail at Lake Fork Marina on February 26. This tournament has been cancelled. However, plans are in place to work the following tournaments with our Live Release Boat.

**Texas Trails Open**

Oak Ridge Marina Saturday, March 19

**Mega Bass Open**

Lake Fork Marina Sunday, March 27

**Jake Wilson Kids Tournament**

Minnow Bucket Saturday, April 23

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Lake Fork Marina Fri-Sun, May 13-15

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Lake Fork Marina Saturday, July 2

**Mad Dog Moore Open**

Oak Ridge Marina Saturday, September 10

**Sealy's Big Bass Splash**

Lake Fork Marina Fri-Sun, September 16-18

**Bass Cat Owners**

All details not yet released

**Billy Dyson Benefit**

All details not yet released

**Berkley Open**

Lake Fork Marina Sat-Sun, October 15-16

LFSA will also have a booth at most of the tournaments displaying some of our projects and selling raffle tickets. Proceeds from the raffles fund the many activities of the Association.

Since the award of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Habitat and Angler Access Program 2022 Grant, LFSA has begun procurement of the materials to replace needed grasses in Lake Fork. A team from TPWD and LFSA met at the Winnsboro High School campus to review their outstanding facility for Shop and Agriculture students. Shop students will help construct structures to be used for the projects and Ag students will be growing the grasses in their state-of-the-art greenhouse. Yantis High School will continue grow-

ing grasses and assist in the structure construction for the sixth year. Alba Golden High School will join the effort, as well, and provide both construction and growing efforts. The students will actually grow the plants and then be taken by boats to the sites where the grass will be planted in Lake Fork. Floating planters will be placed in the lake and Seed/Fragment Generator experiments will be designed to collect seeds and fragments that will be released in the lake.

Including the school systems in the overall effort was a component of the grant request and award. LFSA members are excited to work with the students and to teach lake preservation values while enhancing their opportunities to learn civic volunteering.

Our High School Tackle Program continues to be a popular activity. Several anglers this past month have donated their used rods, reels, and baits to LFSA. Anyone wishing to contribute to our recycling program should know that the equipment is given to the High School Fishing Teams locally. Items are refurbished, repaired, cleaned, used for parts, and made ready for use by high school anglers looking for their big catch.

Covid may have taken a big chunk of time out of our contributions, but it has not dampened the spirit of our Association members. We are back meeting, working, and sharing as we Preserve the Legend of Lake Fork!

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you've always needed. They will show you what to look for and how to cover the right water to locate the "always elusive" slouch's. Like I said before, cold fronts can be a game changer when pursuing trophy bass so pay close attention to the areas that you are fishing. Fish will pull back during these conditions and you will need to back out and target wood in the 6-14ft range to collect your trophy prize. A black/blue jig will gain the starring role and be sure to stay in contact with the jig to feel the bite. Big bass will often bite very softly so you will need to control the slack line to feel the jig as it scours the bottom. We also destroyed them last year in March using a Texas rig lizard in warm pockets

on the north side of the lake. California 420, Tilapia, Watermelon Red and Junebug when it's cloudy are some of the best colors.

If you are headed out to Lake Fork in March 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/LakeForkGuideDavidOzio. I post my daily trip results on this page. I would also like to thank Okuma Fishing, Talon Custom Lures, Skeeter boats and Dakota Lithiums 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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signs to this day. Klein is a co-owner of Boss Outdoors and Fishing-Skirts.com which provide materials and videos to allow anglers to make their own skirted baits.

Off the water, Klein gives his time volunteering each summer as an instructor for the Texas Brigades-Bass Brigade youth leadership camp for high school aged students. Klein donates many of the products to the camp from his sponsors along with scholarship checks totaling \$6,000. He also spends winter months visiting high school classrooms speaking about being a professional angler, finding your passion, and the Bass Brigade.

Klein is also heavily involved in military veterans' events, including playing a huge role in the annual Fishing for Freedom tournament and gala since 2013. The event is facilitated

by Cliff Brown at Texas Boat World and features over 200 competitors who take a veteran out for the day to compete in the tournament. Klein facilitates sponsors donating products and funds to help make the event a reality.

"I am humbled and

honored to be inducted into the prestigious Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, this is truly one of the highlights of my distinguished career," said Klein.

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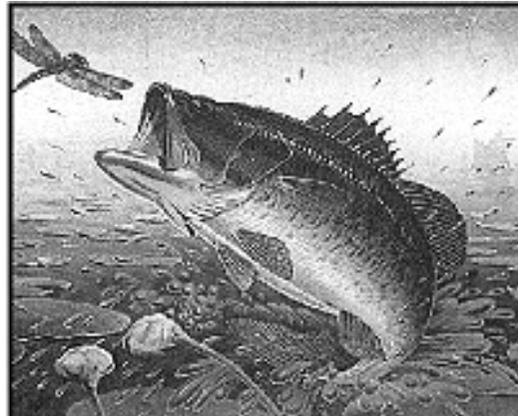
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There are 14 home-improvement-project needs hidden throughout the scrambled puzzle below. See how many you can find and circle. The words go horizontally and vertically, backward and forward.

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## Game Warden Field Notes

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

**--Up To No Good--**  
A Cherokee County game warden worked an area where several deer had been shot from the road in recent months. Shortly after getting in his "set," he noticed a truck nearing his location, at a very slow pace and stopping twice. Through his binoculars, he could see a subject exit the vehicles passenger's side and walk into the pasture where he was located. Using thermal imaging, he could see

the subject walking up the hill adjacent to his location. A short time later the subject started shining a light, which led him to believe that the subject was looking for something. The warden approached the subject's vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. When he approached the driver, he asked the driver what they were up to and the driver replied, "not any good." The driver informed the warden that his buddy was out in the field looking for a deer he had shot earlier in the evening. The warden had the driver call his buddy and tell him it was in

his best interest to return to the truck. Once the warden was able to make contact with the "shooter," it was determined that he and his wife had been driving by, about 5:30pm, and saw a small buck on the hillside and the subject took a shot at the buck with his .17 caliber rimfire rifle. At the shot, the deer seemed to drop so the subject took his wife home and planned to come back and pick up the deer with his buddy. Despite searching by all parties, including the landowner, the deer was never recovered. Cases Pending.

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By Sue Hampton

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Enjoy this quick and easy, savory dish as a delicious meal anytime and these sticky, chewy, chocolate pecan rolls can't be beat!

ion, soy sauce and garlic powder. Serve it to your family over hot cooked rice.

### Steakhouse Onion, Beef and Pepper Stir-Fry

- 1 lb. Boneless beef sirloin steak, 3/4" thick
  - 3 tbsp. Cornstarch
  - 1 can (14-1/2 oz.) Swanson Seasoned Beef Broth with Onion
  - 1 tbsp. soy sauce
  - 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
  - 2 cups fresh or thawed frozen green or red pepper strips
  - 4 cups hot cooked rice, cooked without salt
1. Slice beef into very thin strips. Set aside. Mix cornstarch, broth, soy, and garlic powder. Set aside.
  2. In nonstick skillet over medium-high, stir-fry beef until browned and juices evaporate.
  3. Add peppers. Stir cornstarch mixture and add. Cook over medium heat until mixture boils and thickens, stirring constantly. Serve over rice. Serves 4.

The following recipe for pecan rolls made with sweet cream butter and refrigerated crescent dinner rolls is absolutely delicious any time!

### Sticky Chewy Chocolate Pecan Rolls

- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

- 1/4 cup Land O Lakes Butter, softened
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 can (8 oz.) Pillsbury refrigerated crescent dinner rolls

- 1 tablespoon Land O Lakes Butter, melted
- 1/2 cup milk chocolate chips

Heat oven to 375 degrees. In small bowl, combine brown sugar, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and softened butter. Spread mixture in bottom and up sides of 8 (2-3/4x1-1/4-in) nonstick muffin cups. Sprinkle each cup with 1 tablespoon pecans.

In another small bowl, combine granulated sugar and remaining 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon; set aside. Unroll dough. Firmly press perforations to seal. Press to form 12x8-inch rectangle. Brush dough with melted butter. Sprinkle with sugar mixture and chocolate chips.

Starting with one short side, roll up tightly; pinch edge to seal. With serrated knife, cut into 8 (1-inch) slices. Place each slice, cut side down, over pecans in muffin cup.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until deep golden brown. Immediately turn rolls upside down onto serving platter. Cool 10 minutes. Serve warm.

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**--Some Evidence Floats--** A Burleson County game warden observed an angler at Yegua Creek in Burleson County putting fish into a bucket near him. The man was later observed handing a fish to a nearby fishermen who started cutting it up with a knife. Upon making contact with the small group, the man picked up the bucket and started to dump the fish out. The warden told him to stop several times while making contact. Several fish floated to the top of the water as they were already dead. The man was detained while the warden used a cast net to get the dead fish out of the water. A total of 16 undersized fish (crappie, white bass, and largemouth bass) were collected. Multiple citations were issued to the man. The other parts of the group received citations for no fishing license and using game fish as bait. All cases are pending.

**--Tainted Love--** Harris County game wardens were called to assist the Houston Police Department with a traffic stop involving a vehicle that had multiple untagged animal heads. After speaking with the occupants of the vehicle, the wardens discovered that the two people in the vehicle were from Louisiana and had been working in El Paso County with another individual who had already returned to Louisiana. In their spare time, two of the subjects decided to go on a Texas safari and shot an elk, gemsbok and an untagged 8-point white-tailed buck that they were transporting

home. The driver claimed the animals were shot legally on public land. However, a follow-up with the landowner in El Paso County confirmed the suspects had been hunting on private land without landowner consent. One of the occupants had no hunting license, and it was discovered a .22 caliber rimfire round was used to kill all the animals and the meat had gone to waste. It is illegal to hunt a white-tailed buck with rimfire ammunition. The driver shot the white-tailed buck and simply cut its head off. Working quickly with an El Paso County game warden, the animals and rifle were seized as evidence in anticipation of felony and multiple Class A and C charges being filed against the suspects.

**--Drunk in Love--** An Atascosa County game warden was on routine night patrol when a dark colored, full sized dually truck pulled onto the highway in front of his patrol unit without headlights almost causing a major accident. The warden initiated a traffic stop for not having head-

lights on at night, an expired vehicle registration and defective tail lamps. Upon making contact with the driver, he detected a strong odor of alcohol. The driver's license had been suspended and expired since 2012. The warden asked for assistance from a nearby DPS Trooper and the driver was ultimately arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and an open container. Felony charges are pending.

**--Caught in a Bad Romance--** A Bexar County game warden was checking fisherman on the southside of San Antonio when he heard gunshots coming from near IH-35. The warden patrolled the area looking for vehicles parked on the side of the interstate when he saw a grey Ford Focus with the driver's side door open and a woman sitting in the passenger's seat. The driver was not in the vehicle and the woman had multiple butane lighters on her lap. The driver then emerged and was walking back to the vehicle from a wooded area

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but exhibited signs of a person under the influence of narcotics. The warden asked the driver if they had any weapons and he said he had a .22 in the vehicle. The warden then asked if he could search for contraband and the driver consented. During the search, he discovered 2.3 grams of crystal meth and a .22-caliber semi-automatic rifle. The driver admitted he had shot at a fox but had missed. He was arrested for possession of controlled substance and transported to the Bexar County Jail.

**--Rollercoaster of Love--** A Sabine County game warden received a call from a neighboring Louisiana State game warden looking for information about a Texas resident that had been hunting ducks in Louisiana. The warden found some posts on Facebook from the suspects that could lead to potential cases in Texas. After contacting the suspect and their spouse about the pictures and posts on Facebook, wardens discovered that the pair had hunted several white-tailed deer without a hunting license. The suspect was also cited in Louisiana for hunting ducks without a license, no state migratory stamp, hunting over bait and placing bait to attract ducks. The individual and his spouse were also issued several citations and warnings in Texas including hunting without a license, improperly tagged deer, criminal responsibility of minor and harvest log violations. Cases and restitutions are

pending in both states.

**--Where is the Love?--** A McMullen County game warden received an anonymous call about a man that was hunting without landowner consent. The man worked at a drilling site on a ranch and had posted a picture on Facebook posing with a deer on a production site near where he worked. The caller noted that the picture was posted several weeks ago but had since been deleted. Over the next week, the warden gathered enough evidence to have a warrant issued for the suspect's arrest. The issue, at that time, was that the suspect was out of state. During the course of the investigation, the warden gained the cooperation of the company the suspect worked for and they told him the suspect was scheduled to work at the same drilling site and would be arriving to the location soon. The company added that they did not want the suspect on the property but would put off firing him until the arrest was made. When he arrived on the property, the suspect was placed under arrest and transported to jail where he later confessed to hunting without landowner consent. Cases for hunting without landowner consent, hunting at night and hunting with artificial light are pending. The assistance and advice of La Salle, Duval and Atascosa County game wardens, along with McMullen County Sheriff's Office, were cru-

cial in these cases being filed.

**--Fly Like an Eagle--**A Comanche County game warden was contacted by a concerned fisherman about a possible injured bald eagle near the dam at Lake Proctor. The warden arrived on scene and contacted the fisherman who confirmed through a photograph that it was in fact a bald eagle. The warden contacted the veterinarian at the Abilene Zoo and they agreed to take the eagle in for treatment of its injuries. The eagle was severely dehydrated and had an infected wound on one wing. The next day the eagle was transported to South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center where it will stay until it can be released back at Lake Proctor.

**--Crazy in Love--** A Tyler County game warden was flagged down by a Jasper County Sheriff's Deputy that was responding to a call from a landowner about a trespasser on an ATV that had just stolen six game cameras. The warden, deputy and a DPS officer followed the ATV tracks and were able to locate where the subject lived. The landowner's property was located and after a short interview, a full confession was obtained from the subject. He had just gotten out of jail a few days prior for theft of property and was currently on probation. He was arrested for felony theft and trespassing and transported to the Jasper County jail. Cases are pending.

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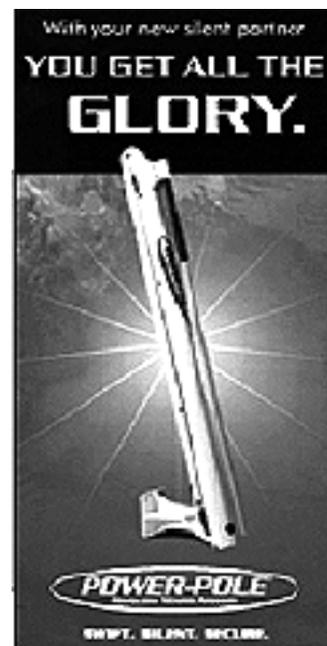


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Apr. 23 ~ Jake Wilson 5th Annual  
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Apr. 3 ~ JC Outdoors Solo  
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Apr. 9 ~ Media Teams  
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