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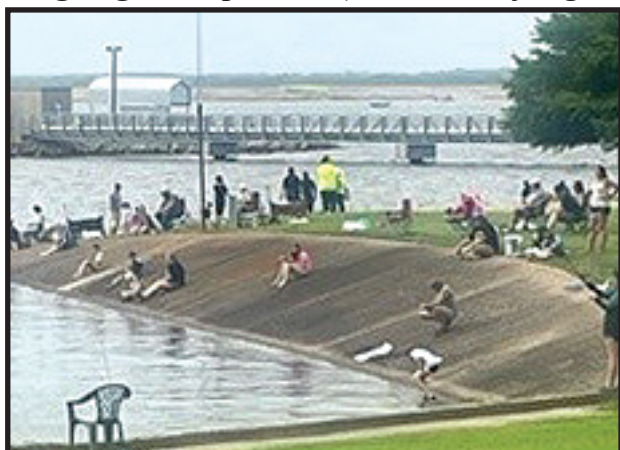
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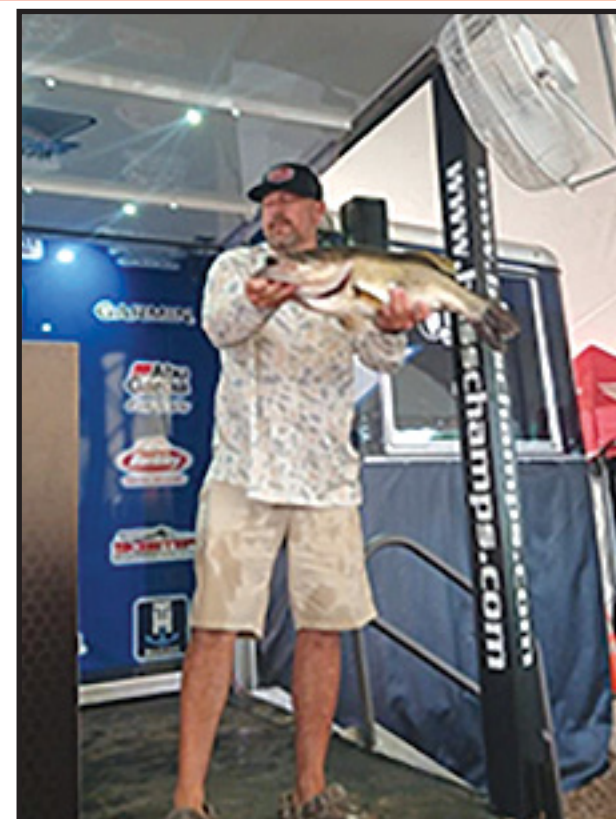
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Lyle Potter from Ore City, TX., won the 31st Annual Skeeter Owners Tournament on Lake Fork with the Heaviest under the slot weighing 2.86-pounds. (See full story on Page 4)



Size and species didn't matter at the 30th Annual Wood County Kidfish held on Lake Fork at SRA Headquarters. Over 250 children, parents, grandparents, or guardians enjoy a day of fishing, socializing, and relaxation to enjoy the sport of fishing. (See Story on Page 4)



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Bubbacising is not to be confused with exercising!

By Don Hampton

If you see Bubba running, he either just saw a snake, someone told him his boat was sinking, big bass are schooling, or Bubbette just rang the dinner bell. Which ever the case "DO NOT GET IN HIS WAY!"

Bubba believes in physical fitness, but his and Richard Simmon's definition of exercise are in no way similar. To Bubba's way of thinking he is in shape. After all round is a shape!

Bubba believes jogging has something to do with the fear factor. He will run to get away from something or to something he is afraid he might miss. Everything else can be handled with a brisk walk if he's in a hurry.

He has gone so far with this belief that he now, (to his way of thinking) has proof jogging is bad for you and can be fatal. He heard on the news that a man, shortly after jogging in California, had just returned to his house when an earthquake struck toppling the man's home with him inside. Bubba believes he was too tired to exercise the fear factor and run outside. He now thinks if you see anyone jogging you should trip them and it would save their life. He explained, "Those skinned up knees will heal in time, but a house falling on you is

hard to recover from!"

Bubba's definition of a sit-up is something he has to do to eat at the dinner table or to watch television when Bubbette is in his recliner.

Remember the side straddle hops from gym class? To Bubba that is something you do to keep from stepping in something.

A push-up to Bubba comes in different flavors and his favorite is orange sherbet. A chin-up is something he does after an outstanding accomplishment or feat he is especially proud of.

Especially confusing to Bubba are aerobic exercise tapes to music. In his book, when you dance you are supposed to have a partner and the slower the music the closer you get. His aerobic exercising to music consists of the "Texas Two-Step" and a nice waltz.

Words like slim fast and fat free do not have a true meaning to Bubba. None of his friends have ever gotten slim fast, especially the ones over forty. Friends of his that try dieting, it seems the older they are the slower the diet works. He will not call any names but for some it has been years with no showing results. He thinks the only way they could see themselves as slim fast is to buy one of those novelty mirrors they have in the circus.

And fat free! What is completely fat free? Every item of nourishment has fat. Some may be reduced and some may have very little, but fat is in our food. He believes this is a packaging gimmick. If a consumer sees an item marked "Fat Free" they will consume twice as much believing they will get slim fast.

Bubba will not go on a diet because of one very important reason. He does not eat for nourishment, he eats because he likes to eat and taste counts. He refers to sitting at a dinner table eating as building his table muscles.

When it comes to exercising, Bubba has his own definition of exercising. You might refer to it as Bubbacising (or sizing).

Polishing his boat builds up his arm and chest muscles. Hooking the boat up to the truck is pretty strenuous. Putting the boat in the water takes a controlled effort. Walking up and down the deck of the boat changing lures is a work out on the leg muscles. Casting a favorite lure all day is great exercise and setting the hook on the big one is muscle control and coordination.

Bubba isn't a health fanatic, he is a fishing fanatic. People may not feel like jogging at times or doing their routine of exercising, but Bubbacising, he never misses a chance to work out.

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Skeeter Owner's Tournament on Lake Fork

By Don Hampton

The 31st Annual Skeeters Owners Tournament held on Lake Fork June 7th and 8th had the Skeeters buzzing on the lake. Luckily the Texas weather held out and there wasn't a torrential storm hit like in last year's tournament.

Over 1,600 anglers representing 25 states brought their Skeeter boats to compete for the cash and prizes to be given away. With 10 places paid each hour of the tournament and the possibility of taking home a new 2025 Skeeter boat to be given away, anglers were hoping to get a lot on the line.

The 2025 Skeeter boat was to be presented to the angler that caught the heaviest bass over the 24" slot and a second grand prize to the heaviest bass under the 16" slot.

Heavy bass under the slot weights ranged high. The lightest to win money in any hour was a 2.39-pound bass and most rang-

ing near the 2.5-pound and higher range.

The heaviest bass under the slot to win the 2025 Yamaha Viking VI ES Ranch was Lyle Potter from Ore City, Texas with a bass weighing 2.86-pounds.

All anglers are urged to read the rules in each tournament and check their boats to make sure they have all safety equipment when fishing in any tournament on Lake Fork or any other lake.

During the course of the tournament there were seventeen bass over the slot brought to the scales. Michael Feagan from Wimberley, Texas weighed a 10.04-lb. bass; Jeffery Jones from Mt. Vernon, Texas weighed a 9.89-lb. bass; Tyler Schweigert from Farmersville, Texas weighed a 9.44-lb. bass; Landon Edwards from Springdale, Arkansas weighed a 9.30-lb. bass; Anthony Tate from Bridgeport, Texas weighed an 8.99-lb. bass; Casey Burleigh from Orange, Texas weighed an 8.16-lb. bass; Clint Laskoskie from Montgomery, Texas weighed a 7.86-lb. bass; Jacob Calla-

han from Yantis, Texas weighed a 9.14-lb. bass; Kolton Eberlan from Lufkin, Texas weighed an 8.59-lb. bass; Benjamin Kinder from Lorena, Texas weighed an 8.39-lb. bass; Joseph Bailey from Robinson, Texas weighed an 8.30-lb. bass; Vince Fulks from Purcell, Oklahoma weighed a 7.97-lb. bass; Kyle Skoglund from Decatur, Texas weighed a 7.22-lb. bass; Michael Blue from Fate, Texas weighed a 6.69-lb. bass; Terry Valentino from Terrell, Texas weighed a 7.51-lb. bass; Mondo Nevarez from Bruceville, Texas weighed a 7.48-lb. bass; and Mason Smith from New Waverly, Texas weighed a 7.41-lb. bass.

Megan Medlin from Sterlington, Louisiana won 1st place in the Lady Angler Division with a bass weighing 2.51-pounds. Winning 1st place in the Senior Division was Bobby Hebert from Opelousas, Louisiana with a bass weighing 2.60-pounds and winning 2nd Place in

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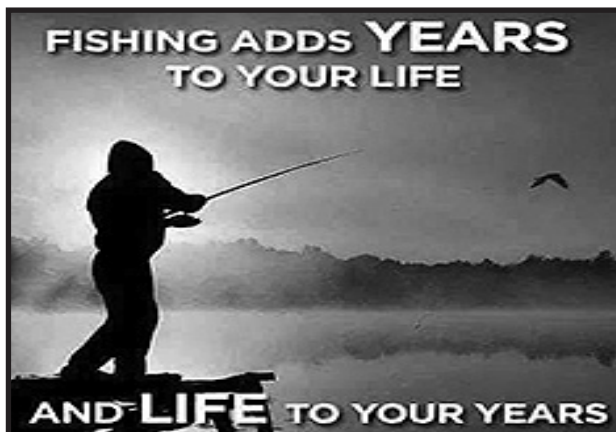
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the Senior Division was Ronnie Dotson from Newellton, Louisiana with a 2.59-pound bass.

Michael Feagan caught his big bass in the 1 o'clock hour of the first day and had to sweat it out hoping his bass held up as the heaviest over the slot in the tournament. He was fortunate and his 10.04-pound bass did remain the heaviest of the tournament and for his great catch he took home a 2025 Skeeter FXR 20 powered by Yamaha 250 SHO.



30th Annual Kidfish on Lake Fork

By Don Hampton

The Wood County 30th Annual Kidfish was held on Lake Fork on June 7th. This annual celebration held each year on the first Saturday of June to introduce the youth to the pleasure of fishing.

It is presented by the Wood County Sheriff's Department, Texas Game Warden Peace Officer Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Sabine River Authority Headquarters. All are to be commended for their diligent hard work and the many hours they put in to make this event such a success for our children.

This year over 200 youth accompanied by parents, grandparents, or guardians from all over the area came to enjoy the beautiful weather and a day of fishing Lake Fork. For many of the children this would be considered their first tournament of many more to come in their lifetime. The love of fishing for these children could be accredited to Kidfish.

During this event no one participating is required to have a fishing license. This gives parents that do not usually fish an opportunity to spend this time with their children and perhaps introduce the love of fishing to the whole family.

The event is free to all children and their parents. Each child is given a commemorative T-shirt, their own rod n' reel, and bait and tackle are furnished. Cold drinks, refreshments, hot dogs, and chips are provided for the parents and children. This year serving the parents and children were the many volunteers that give their time for the event.

The format of this event is a mock tournament and divided in age group divisions. These divisions include 4 years old and younger, 5- to 8-year-old, 9- to 12-year-old, and 13 to 16-year-old. Each child weighing in the heaviest fish of that species in their age group wins a trophy presented by Wood County Sheriff Kelly Cole and a year's worth of

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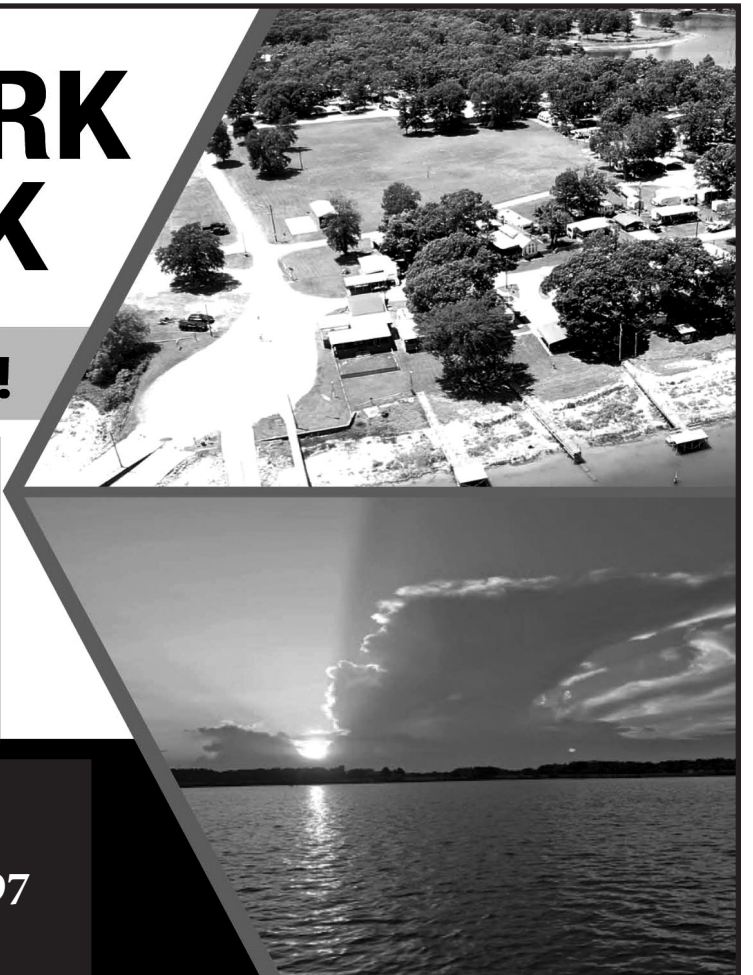
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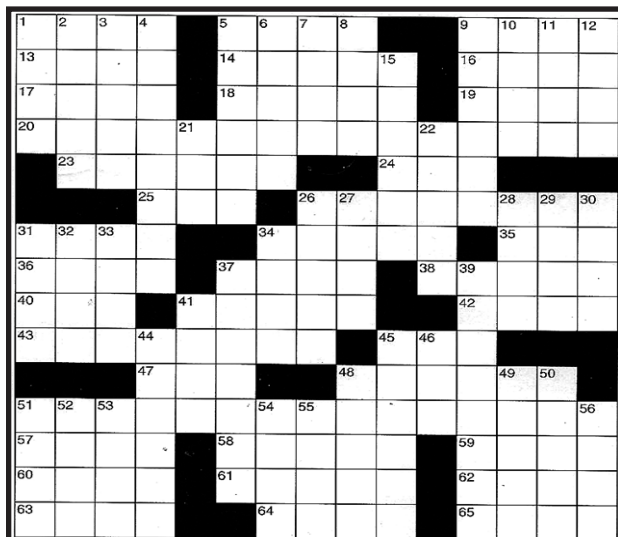
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"July means high temps and deep bass!"

By Whitt Smith

It's July and officially Summertime. Around here, that always means high temperatures and deep Bass. But, this year we've been catching shallow bass on a variety of lures later in the year than I can ever remember. We've also caught



CLUES ACROSS

1. Drops down, in a way
5. Maintained
9. Adhesive
13. Right
14. Bitter chemical
16. Plant part
17. Type of acid
18. Polish river
19. Old or overworked horse
20. Make up a count
23. Lacking intelligence
24. Protection from weather
25. Thai
26. Serenely joyful
31. Land unit
34. Chili con _____
35. One of the Gershwins
36. African country
37. Symposia
38. Demented people (slang)

CLUES DOWN

1. Receipt of sorts
2. Hanging
3. Remorse
4. Cloistered
5. American state
6. African antelope
7. Dominate
8. Radiotelegraphic signals
9. South Pacific island
10. Liquor fermented from molasses
11. Old Indian coin
12. Deer
15. _____ Hale, American Revolutionary
21. Fashionable hotel
22. Velocities
26. Publicizes, in a way
27. Geological times
28. Tax
29. Galls
30. Ready money
40. Ugly, evil-looking, old woman
41. Blanches
42. Ogden _____, U.S. humorist
43. Expunctions
45. CIA predecessor
47. Constellation
48. Fractures
51. Sarah Jessica Parker's husband (var. of first name)
57. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (abbr.)
58. Got up
59. Asian country
60. Christian _____, designer
61. Soviet seaport
62. Weapon
63. Female name
64. River duck
65. At all times
31. Sustained, dull, painful emotion
32. Any of several small-scaled trout
33. Indian music
34. Cabbage
37. Remote in space, literally and figuratively
39. Engrave a pen, for example
41. Refined
44. Vast desert in northern Africa
45. Painful experience
46. Campus fraternity (abbr.)
48. Riblike part of a plant or animal
49. Russian ballet
50. Graduated table
51. Changes (computers)
52. Continent
53. Norse god of thunder
54. Rascal
55. Normal or customary activity
56. Knot in a tree

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some Big Bass deep and that pattern should really start to establish itself this month.

My favorite weapon of choice is a 3/8- 1/2 Oz Texas Rig, 10" curly tail worm on a 5/0 offset shank, round bend heavy wire hook on 20 lb. test Seaguar InvizX Fluorocarbon Line. I set this up on a 7' 3" Heavy Action Rod. I use this set up when I find big bass and bait fish around brush and heavy timber, relating to the bottom. Points, ridges, road beds/ bridges and pond dams are some of the types of structures that we fish with this technique.

Some days a big, 10-12" straight tail worm on a 5/16 to 3/4 Oz Shakey Head will out perform the TX Rig curly tail. This may occur in calm, sunny conditions, you just have to experiment.

Another reliable backup is the Drop Shot Rig. For a standard finesse set up, I use 10-15 lb braid to a 12 lb. Seaguar Fluorocarbon leader, tied to a straight shank 1/0 to 2/0 drop shot hook and a



4-inch finesse worm and 1/4 Oz weight. A round drop shot weight will give you more "feel" of the bottom, but a cylindrical weight will be a little more snag free. I also like to have a Power Shot tied up on a stouter rod. A Power Shot is just a heavier tackle Drop Shot Rig. Sometimes on a baitcast set up and 20 lb fluorocarbon line or on

a bigger spinning reel (4000 size), 20 lb braid to a 20 lb fluorocarbon leader, a heavy gauge straight shank 3/0- 4/0 drop shot hook with a Magnum Finesse Worm. The Power Shot gets the nod when we see certified Big Bass in or near heavy cover and we need to horse them away, rather than let them rip drag on the traditional Drop Shot Set Up with lighter line.

Happy Independence Day to everyone! Good luck, slow down, drag those soft plastic rigs where you see bait and bass and have a safe time out there. Stay hydrated before, during and after.

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Annual Kidfish on Lake Fork (Continued from Page 5)

bragging rights. The categories of species is bass, crappie, perch, catfish, and other. In the other category there were a great number of turtles and drum weighed this year. One of the turtles weighed in was a softshell and weighed 10.56-pounds. As an extra benefit there is a drawing at the end of the award presentation and bicycles are given to a boy and girl in each age group.

Texas Trails Bassmas-

ters of Lake Fork did an excellent job of weighing in all the fish and of course the turtles. This was my 26th year to be the weight master over the event. I am very proud of this fact. I now see parents bringing their children to the event that I weighed their fish, in my first years of the event.

Lake Fork Sportsman's Association did an excellent job of keeping the scores as the fish were weighed

and keeping the scoreboard in order.

Overall, the event was quite a success and the many smiles present were abundant. I do believe that this event changes the lives of our children in a very positive way.

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"The Moon Report"

Crappie Summer Pattern

By Terri Moon

It's that time again – 90 to 100 degree days have sent the crappie transitioning to their summertime patterns. Early in the day we are finding them 8-15 ft. down in 16-25 ft. of water. As the day heats up, we are targeting 12 to 18 ft. down in 18 to 28 ft. of water. We are checking tree lines and scattered timber, along with brush piles, ledges and bridges. (In this heat I sure wish more of them would hang out at the bridges!) Right now a slow presentation is working best for us, and that can be tough in some of these winds we've had! But, when they are actively feeding, they will hit it on the fall so really watch your line because 9 times out of 10 your line will just go slack and if you don't see it, you've just missed a fish.

The baits working for us have been Skip-pers hand tied jigs 1/8 oz. in chartreuse, or black and chartreuse and Limits Tackle in pink w/white tail or blue/chartreuse. Then in poured baits we use Bone-head Slimstick or brush glider or stumbugs in white/chartreuse, or purple/chartreuse have been working. These are all available at Lake Fork Marina, along with all your crappie fishing needs.

Now for all you bream fans, the next full moon is time to hit the shallows for these



treasures! I'll be on the hunt for them for sure! Right now they are staged back at 8-20 ft. around tree lines, brush piles or bridge ledges, and deeper docks. Crick-ets, nightcrawlers or meal worms works for these. If you don't want to fool with live bait, pick you up a jar of Berkley nightcrawlers or meal worms. I will usually use a slip bobber when they are in 1-4 ft. of water. But, when they back off deeper, I will tightline for them just working the bait slowly across the bottom in that 4-12 ft. of water. Be sure and hang on tight to your rod because this time of year you never know when a big bass or catfish is going to hit your line! It's ALL fun – (Next all you need is "oil, commeal, and salt!") and it doesn't get any better than that! Many thanks to all of you who found the time to bring their kids and grand-kids fishing making memories they will remember for a lifetime! That's why I truly enjoy tak-

ing so many photos and videos of the day so the families will have them to look back on over the year. I would give anything to have photos or videos of the many days I spent fishing with my grandparents when I was little. Those are my greatest memories. I hope my customers enjoy the photos as much as I enjoy tak-ing them! If you want to see some of these fun videos, you can see them on my Face-book page.

Now I would like to give a big "shout out" to Skeeter Boats for yet another AMAZ-ING Skeeter Boat Owner's Tournament out of Lake Fork Marina here on Lake Fork! You all did an incredible job. It was bigger and better than ever and the food was awesome! The fishing industry sure appreciates all that Skeeter/Yamaha does for the sport!

To book a trip you can reach me at 903-335-0941. Also, you can follow our adventures on my Facebook page.

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center Grand Re-Opening Slated for July 1

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) will welcome the public back July 1 for its grand re-opening following major renovations. Renovations commenced in August 2023, updating nearly 300,000 gallons of aquariums, adding new large aquariums, renovating the Toyota Fishes of Texas theater and other existing exhibits and adding new exhibits. The project also enhanced recreational fishing ponds, like Lake Zebco and Strike King Pond. Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation (TPWF) and the Friends of TFFC provided \$8.5 million in funding for the project. "TFFC has always been such a wonderful place for Texans and people across the country to connect to the fish, fishing and fisheries resources of Texas while learning of the important work the men and women of the TPWD Inland Fisheries Division conduct to conserve and manage these resources," said Tom Lang, TFFC Director. "With this renewal of TFFC's facilities,

fishing ponds and piers, equipment, exhibits and educational programming, we again have a first-class facility to support the fisheries conservation journey of visitors for decades to come."

The July 1 re-opening kicks off with a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Athens Chamber of Commerce and activities culminate July 6 with the annual City of Athens Independence Day event "Fireworks at the Fisheries," a spectacular fireworks display over the hatchery ponds.

Admission for adults is \$5.50 with spring and summer hours of operation through August with opening times from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. From September through February, the facility closes on Tuesdays.

About TFFC

TFFC has been delighting visitors for nearly 30 years, welcoming more than 1.1 million visitors to marvel at the schools of fish in the indoor and outdoor aquariums, study the exhibits

and learn how Texas' diverse inland waterways support and connect all living creatures. Well-stocked fishing ponds provide an opportunity for visitors of all ages to wet a line, and thousands of new anglers have caught their first fish there.

TFFC was the first major public-private partnership between TPWF and TPWD. Located in Athens, TFFC includes a working fish hatchery, 300,000 gallons of aquaria focusing on Texas fish and wildlife resources, recreational fishing ponds and fisheries science exhibits. It is home to the Toyota ShareLunker Program, which invites anglers to donate largemouth bass weighing 13 pounds or more for research and breeding purposes.

TFFC also houses the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, which honors individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to freshwater fishing in Texas. TFFC is also home to the American Fisheries Society's Fisheries Management Hall of Excellence, recognizing

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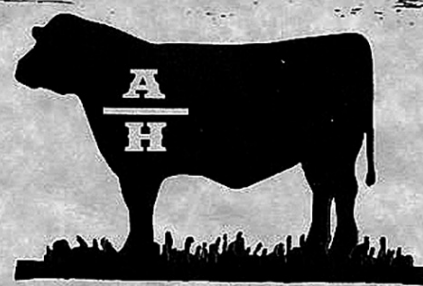
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Texas Game Wardens Report Record BWI Arrests, Multiple Rescues Over Memorial Day Weekend

Texas Game Wardens were out in force over Memorial Day weekend, focusing on boating and public safety across the state. The ramped-up patrols included: * 10,897 vessel checks * 1,374 citations issued * 1,951 warnings issued * 53 boating while intoxicated charges filed—the highest in the past five years * Seven driving while intox-

icate charges filed * 21 other arrests.

They also responded to six boating incidents or collisions, one of which resulted in a fatality at Grapevine Lake. There were also two drownings reported at Elmendorf Lake and on the Red River, a marked decrease from 2024.

"When alcohol, crowded waterways and severe weather are in the mix, the risk of inci-

dents can rise fast," said Cody Jones, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) assistant commander for marine enforcement. "That's why we prioritize presence, visibility and swift response. We

can't be everywhere at once, so we need the public to meet us halfway by boating responsibly. We are thankful for everyone who did over the holiday weekend."

Wardens also reported a significant number of personal watercraft operators without required boater education and responded to multiple calls for paddler assists, medical emergencies and supported partner emergency response agencies. Multiple water and boat rescues were reported statewide.

On Lake Travis, wardens launched during a Memorial Day evening thunderstorm into winds upwards of 60 mph and lightning to rescue five people onboard a distressed vessel. All individuals were brought to safety.

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In Medina County, wardens assisted the local fire and sheriff's office during two house fires that spread to a 26-acre pasture, threatening roughly 10 more homes. Wardens quickly located landowners to grant fire crews access that prevented further destruction.

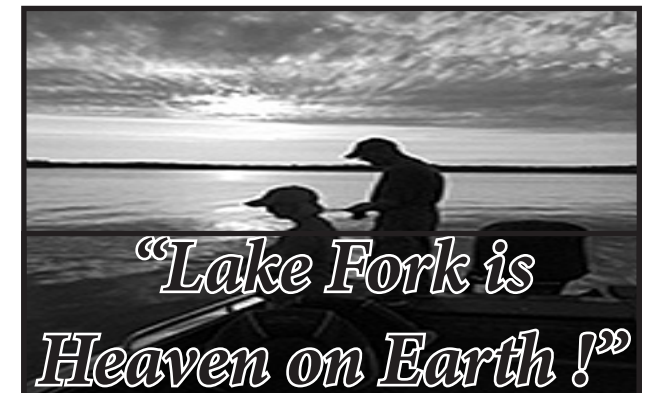
In a separate incident, game wardens supported a local sheriff's office with a barricaded suspect in a domestic violence case. The suspect's wife and children

were safely evacuated from the residence. "Our wardens don't just patrol the water—they serve wherever they're needed," said Col. Ron VanderRoest, TPWD law enforcement director. "This weekend was a good example of the depth of their commitment to public safety, responding in severe weather, major fire incidents and high-risk law enforcement situations."

This year's Memorial Day Weekend also marked the inaugural launch of TPWD's Adopt-A-Ramp program, an outreach initiative pairing volunteers and organizations with local boat ramps to promote safety, education and readiness. Teams offered guidance on life jacket use, essential safety gear and water safety best practices.

Participating organizations included:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), The LV Project, Recademics, the City of South Padre Island Ocean Rescue and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGAux). Adopt-A-Ramp outreach efforts reached 1,733 adults and 507 children across locations at Lake Lavon, Lake Lewisville and South Padre Island.



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Governor Abbott Names Foster Chair, Appoints McCall to Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission

Governor Greg Abbott announced the appointment of Paul Foster as the chair of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission. Additionally, John A. McCall Jr. O.D. was appointed to the commission for a term set to expire Feb. 1, 2031.

Background for each appointee is below: Paul Foster of El Paso is the founder, CEO, and director of Franklin Mountain Investments, LLC (FMI). FMI's affiliates include Franklin Mountain Capital, Franklin Mountain Energy, Franklin Mountain Industrial, and Franklin Mountain Property Services.

He has served as a commissioner for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission since 2021. He is a former director of the National Petroleum Refiners Association and the Western Petroleum Marketers Association. Additionally, he is former chairman of The University of Texas (UT) Investment Management Company and served as chairman of the UT System Board of Regents. Additionally, he served on the UT System University Lands Advisory Board, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, and the El Paso Branch of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank. He is a member of the board of the Baylor College of Medicine, serves on the Borderplex Alliance Executive Committee, and is a member of the World Presidents Organization. He is a director of WestStar Bank in El Paso. Foster received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Baylor University. John A. McCall Jr., O.D. of Crockett is senior vice president and a founder of Vision Source, owner

of Crockett Eye Clinic, co-founder and co-owner of Logansport Surgical Center, and founder and owner of Stealth Vision Optics and Rifles. He most recently served as acting chairman at the end of a six-year term on the Board of Regents for the University of Houston (UH) System and was recognized as Outstanding Alumni of the Year. He is a former city councilman and mayor of the City of Crockett. He is currently president of the American Academy of Optometric Medicine and Surgery and previously served as president of the American Optometric Association and the Texas Optometric Association, which presented him with Young O.D. of the Year, O.D. of the Year, and Distinguished Service Award. McCall received a Bachelor of Science and a Doctor of Optometry from UH.

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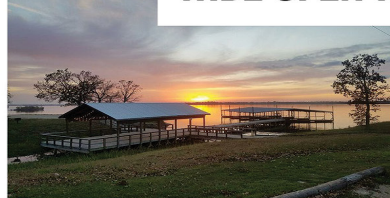
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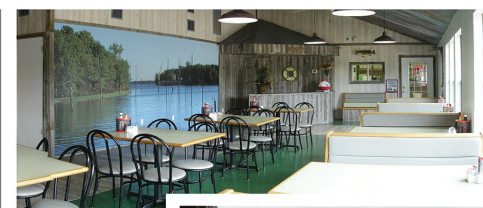
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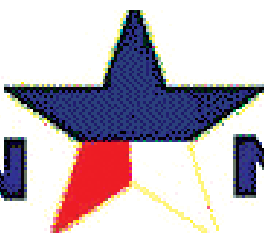
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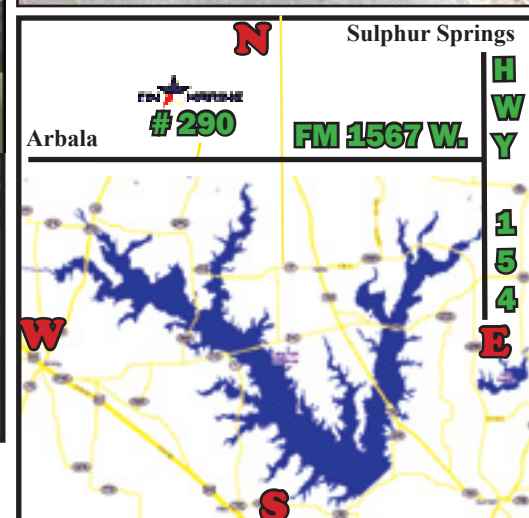


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By Dianne Spradling, LFSA President

We had a great time at Skeeter Owner's Tournament again this year. The tournament was a success and we had the drawing for the spring raffle. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our prize winners and also to say thank you to all of the people who took the time to come by our booth to talk to us and purchase raffle tickets and visit with us. I also want to say a big thank you to all of our volunteers at the raffle table and on the Live Release Boat. We could not do this without your assistance.

We were able to go out on Thursday June 5th and put out 10 fish attractors that Yantis High School made for us. TJ Pullen, Logan Robinson, Ken Kay and Joe Hauck were the gentlemen from Texas Parks and Wildlife that came out to give us their knowledge on the process. I also have to say a big thank you to Marty Jarrell, Jay Simons, Maury Thornton, Richard

Nipp and Vivian Leopold for all of the help.

We will take a short rest and then get started on putting together the Rods and Reels and tackle buckets for our High School Tackle program. We will also be getting everything together for the Fall Raffle that will kick off at the Sealy Big Bass Splash set for Sept, 19th, 20th and 21st here at Lake Fork. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Please let us know if you have any questions.


Don't forget to come out to our monthly general meetings at Jamie's Restaurant. The meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month and starts at 6:30 pm. Quite a few of us show up about 5:30 and eat a great dinner.

If you have any questions or concerns please email us at Lakeforksportsmansassociation@gmail.com or feel free to email me at Di61462@icloud.com or call my cell number at 214-794-2340.

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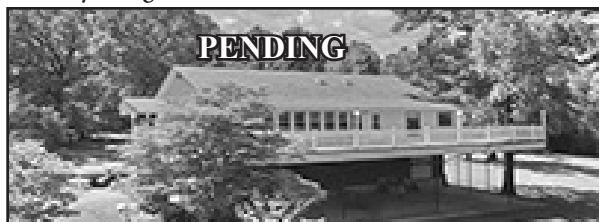
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Texas Parks and Wildlife Adds Three Properties to Public Hunting Offerings

With the addition of three new properties, Texas' 2025-26 hunting season will offer more public hunting opportunities through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Public Hunting Program.



The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission authorized 2025-26 hunting season dates for public hunting lands and Texas State Parks that will offer 140 different public hunts in 52 State Park and State Natural Areas, totaling more than 521,000 acres of publicly accessible land.

"We are so excited to be able to continue to grow the public hunting opportunities within state parks and natural areas every year, including on some of the newest park properties," said Greg Creacy, Texas State Parks Natural Resources program director. "The number of hunted parks has increased from 45 to 52 in the past five years. The addition of some of our newest sites, including the recent acquisitions at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area and Post Oak Ridge State Park, gives hunters a special opportunity to help the department with land management on these unique properties."

The newest additions of acreage added to the public hunting program in Texas State Parks include 1,650 acres at Dinosaur Valley State Park, 1,400 acres

at Ray Roberts Lake State Park— Isle du Bois Unit, 3,100 acres at Post Oak Ridge State Park, 3,100 acres at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area and 1,000 acres at Government Canyon State Natural Area.

TPWD's Public Hunting Program includes more than a million acres located throughout Texas. Access to these lands is provided by two types of permits: the \$48 Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit, available beginning Aug. 15, which allows full privileges including hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and other recreational uses and the Texas Public Hunt Drawing program, which issues permits for drawn hunts on both public and private lands throughout Texas. Applications will be accepted beginning July 1 and hunters can apply for more than 60 high-quality hunt categories.

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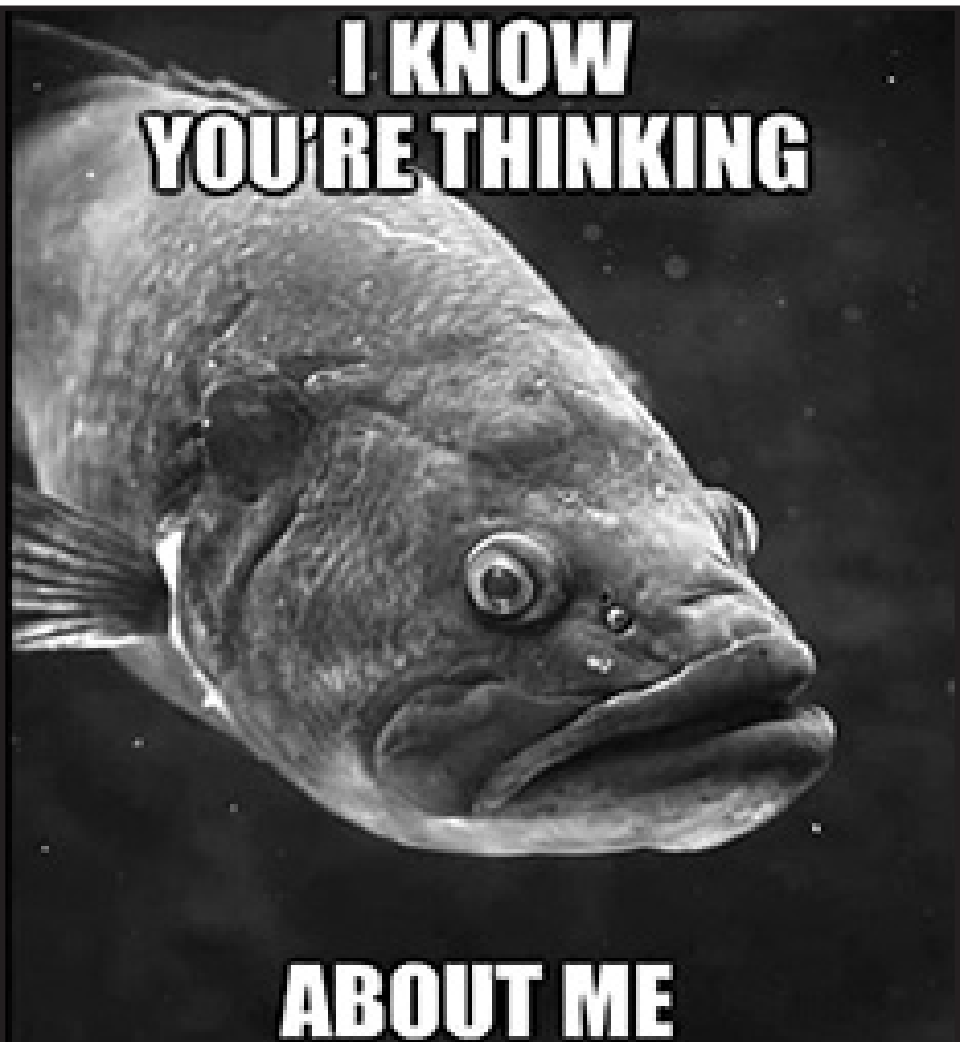
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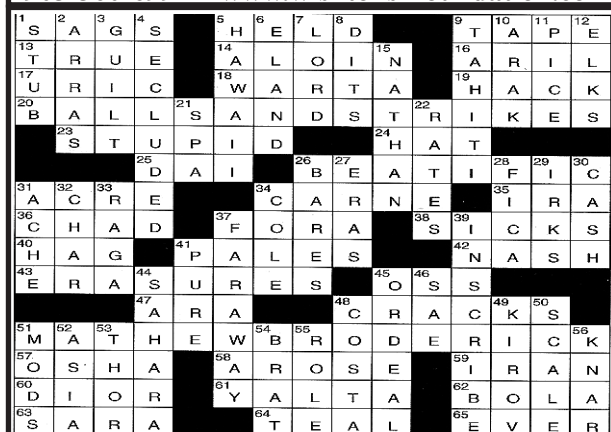
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Game Warden Field Notes

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

—Good Samaritans— A Marion County Game Wardens responded to Lake O the Pines regarding a capsized vessel. Several fishermen close to the incident rescued an 80-year-old male and his son and transported them to a boat ramp. EMS arrived on scene and then transported the older male to the hospital for observation.

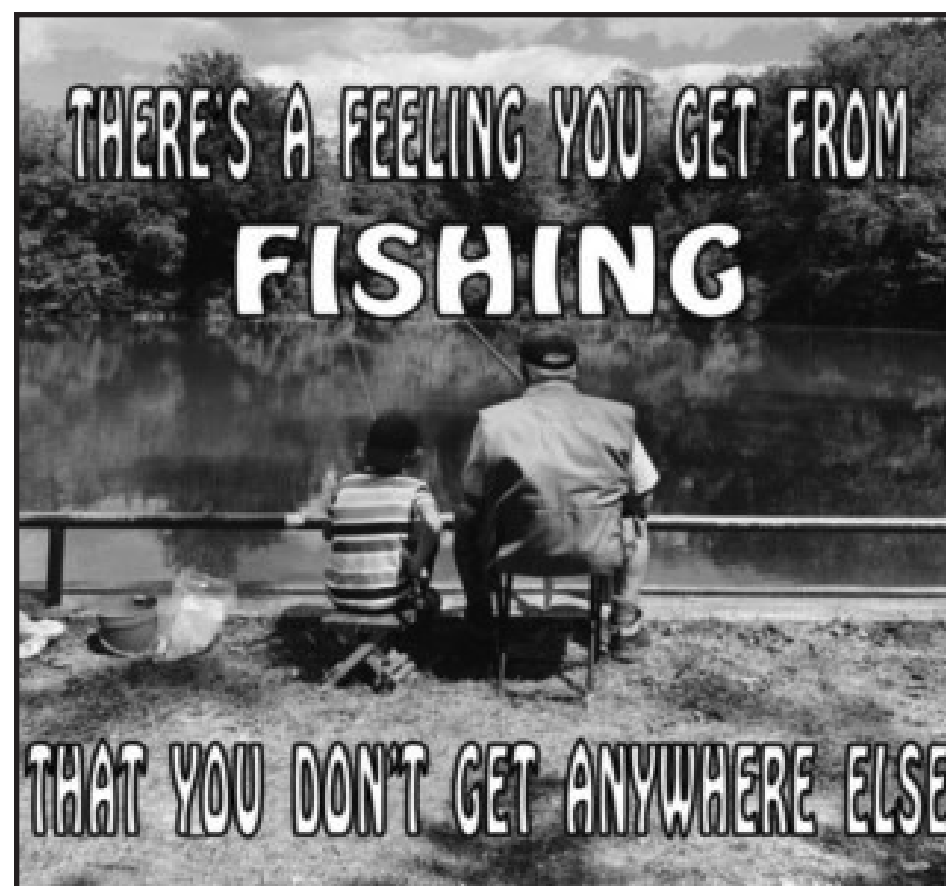
—A Little Mud on the Tires— A Polk County Game Warden received

a call from dispatch regarding individuals loading up a deer. A Polk County deputy was in the area and assisted the warden in patrolling the area based on the original call. An ATV drove by on a public roadway and the deputy initiated a traffic stop. The driver of the ATV fled, and a pursuit ensued. The ATV turned and went off-road on muddy terrain, so the warden followed the pursuit in four-wheel drive until the path ended and then gave pursuit on foot. The warden guided the deputy to where he expected the ATV to return. The deputy apprehended

the subject and the ATV which was discovered to be stolen.

—In a Slough of Trouble— A Trinity County Game Warden and a K9 Warden were investigating a slough in the national forest that was suspected to be baited with corn. The Wardens found fresh corn in the water and other evidence of baiting down a trail, including the tear-off top to a corn bag and spilled corn. The next day before daylight, wardens sat nearby listening for shots in the slough and not long after sunrise, hunters began shooting

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Teach an Old 'Dog' New Tricks

By Sue Hampton

Experiment with flavorful relishes to add a new and interesting twist on the ordinary backyard "dog."

Bubba Dogs
1 large egg, hard-

cooked, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch dice
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1/4 cup cooked fresh or frozen green peas

1/4 cup pimiento-stuffed green olives, cut into 1/4-inch dice
1/4 cup pitted black olives, cut into 1/4-inch dice
1/4 cup diced red onion
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1-1/2 tablespoons red wine vinegar, or more to taste
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
8 best-quality frankfurters
8 best-quality hot dog buns, split
1. Preheat the grill to high.
2. Combine the eggs in a medium-size

bowl with the tomato, corn, peas, olives, onion, oil, 1-1/2 tablespoons vinegar, salt and pepper and toss gently but thoroughly to mix. Taste for seasoning, adding vinegar or salt and pepper as necessary; the relish mixture should be highly seasoned.
3. When ready to cook, oil the grill grate. Arrange the frankfurters on the hot grate and grill, turning with tongs, until crusty and nicely browned all over, six to eight minutes in all. While the

frankfurters cook on the second side, add buns, topped with the relish. From our family to yours, have a Happy 4th of July.



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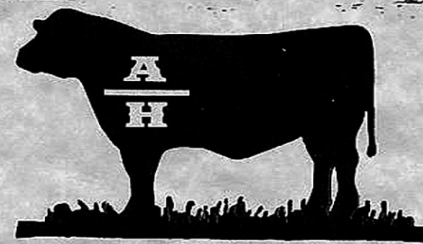
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in the slough. The Wardens located two hunters who were approximately 20 yards from the corn in the water. After a short interview, the hunters admitted to hunting over bait and putting the corn out a few days before. Citations included place bait to attract, hunt over bait, possession of lead shot and some tagging violations for deer from earlier in the season. Five wood ducks were also seized and civil restitution for each duck is pending.

—Nothing to Stand On— An Orange County Game Warden was traveling along the Tony Housman Wildlife Management Area (WMA) when he observed a vehicle driving along the right-of-way in the construction zone that appeared to have a shotgun on the dashboard. The warden was able to exit the interstate at the state line and make his way back along the right-of-way to investigate. As he approached the vehicle, he observed a male subject carrying a shotgun coming from the woods, which is a closed area of the Tony Housman WMA. During the contact, the sub-

ject claimed that he was hunting hogs and was looking for a stand that his friend had erected next to the interstate. The warden found the stand erected on the WMA property within just a few feet of the interstate. The subject was issued citations for no annual public hunting permit and no hunting license. Two wardens followed up with the friend who had illegally placed the stand in the WMA originally. That subject confessed to placing the stand in the closed area of the WMA and was issued a citation as well. Cases are pending.

—Check Please!— A Gregg County Game Warden received a call from the White Oak PD regarding an illegal dumping complaint at a local restaurant. The restaurant owner reported numerous rancid bags of trash, accompanied by a decaying white-tailed doe carcass missing only its backstraps, piled around their business and dumpster. Information regarding the individual's identity was gathered and it matched an individual that the game warden was already inves-

tigating on unrelated hunting violations. The warden and local officers responded to the subject's residence where he and fellow tenants advised they had deemed the spoiled doe inedible via damages from a vehicle vs. deer incident. An impromptu necropsy suggested otherwise, prompting a full confession of how the doe was shot out of season and allowed to waste. During that interview, an additional confession was also collected regarding the warden's original hunting investigation. That individual confirmed the illegal harvest of two other bucks found with antlers entangled from sparring along a late-night roadway. Exhausted and struggling to flee danger, both deer were fatally stabbed by the individual. Civil restitution and multiple subjects were charged. Charges included: Hunt/Possess Deer from Public Roadway, Untagged Deer, Illegal Means and Methods, Waste of Game, Hunt During Closed Season, Exceed Bag Limit, No Archery Stamp, and No Harvest Log. Additional charges

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—Mystery Machine— A Harris county Game Warden received a call about an abandoned boat on the San Jacinto River. When the warden reached the stripped vessel, he ran the HIN to find the owner's information. The owner, an individual in Alvin, TX, had no idea that his boat was missing. He had given the boat to his son, who kept it in a local storage unit. When the son was notified, he was surprised to find the boat was not located in its stall. The son then began to search social media platforms to look for the stolen boat's motors, electronics and miscellaneous items. The warden worked with a local deputy to have the stolen boat entered into the Boat Registration Information and Titling System. The warden then received a call from the son, exclaiming that he had found the two 225 horsepower Yamaha motors for sale on Facebook Marketplace. The warden then called a Game Warden Sergeant and a Harris County Warden to assist in the identification and location of the two motors advertised for sale. The Wardens arrived

at the location and identified the stolen motors and a center console from the "abandoned" boat. Thanks to the warden's quick thinking and investigation, he was able to return the recovered stolen items to the original owner in one afternoon. Cases are pending.

—Called Out— A Travis County Warden received a call from a processor reporting a man with a deer intact (not gutted) and most likely spoiled. The individual stated to the processor, "I guess I'll go dump this then". The warden was unable to find a local address for the suspect but was able to call him while he was returning to Houston. The individual said his friend shot an eight-point buck the previous afternoon. The warden contacted the landowner, who shot the deer, and informed him he faced a waste of game charge for leaving the "ungutted" buck for over 24 hours in temperatures exceeding 70 degrees. The warden also made the landowner aware that the general season ended two weeks prior and the buck was taken illegally. The violator then responded with an expletive-laden statement indicating his guilt. The warden

seized the antlers from a taxidermist. Charges and civil restitution pending.

—Sticky Situation— A McLennan County Game Warden was responding to a trespassing call from a landowner when the warden came upon the suspect stuck in the mud. The warden interviewed the suspect and discovered that they had also burglarized a vehicle while trespassing. The landowner identified the stolen property and it was returned. The suspect was arrested for burglary of a vehicle and criminal trespass.

—Helping Hand— A Washington County Warden received a call of a suspicious boat discovered by a realtor and landowner. A TX number was provided to Austin Dispatch where it was flagged as stolen. The warden made it to the scene and verified the HIN of the boat and VIN of the trailer. Both were confirmed stolen out of Harris County. Investigators from the Marine Theft Investigation Unit were contacted, the original owners were contacted, and the property is being returned. The investigation is ongoing.

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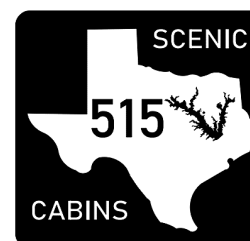
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