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Monty Sewell from Taylor, AR. caught the 2nd heaviest bass of the Sealy Outdoor Big Bass Splash weighing 9.72-pounds.



Tommy Washington from Milam, TX. caught the 3rd heaviest bass of the Sealy Outdoor Big Bass Splash weighing 9.58-pounds.



Taylor Reynolds from Florien, LA. caught the 4th heaviest bass of the Sealy Outdoor Big Bass Splash weighing 9.40-pounds.

39th Annual Sealy Big Bass Splash on Lake Fork

By Don Hampton

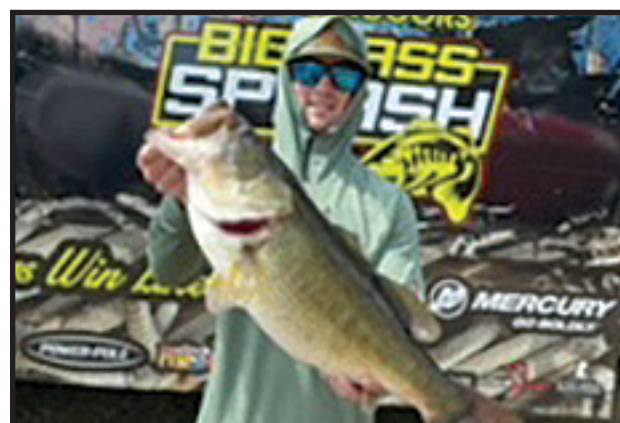
The 39th Annual Sealy Big Bass Splash held on September 19th, 20th, 21st, was not only great for the area and this great reservoir responded.

Over 2,400 anglers participated in this great event. Some came from

as far as Wisconsin and California. The anglers could not have asked for better weather. With a 2025 Ram truck, two Phoenix Bass Boats, and \$550,000 guaranteed they came to win.

As anglers are quite (See 39th Annual...

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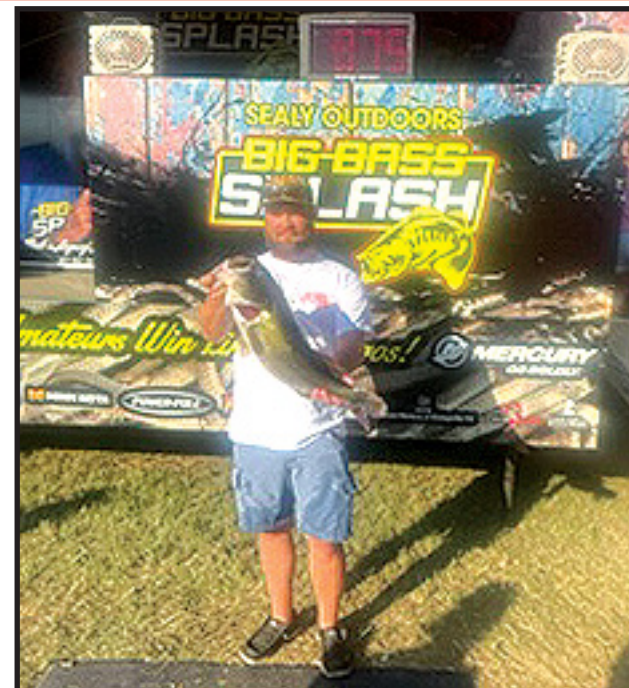
Colton Pusateri from McKinney, TX. caught the 5th heaviest bass of the Sealy Outdoor Big Bass Splash weighing 9.23-pounds.



Cristopher Bush from Huntington, TX., caught this 9.08-lb. bass on Sunday in the 12 to 1 o'clock hour winning \$5,000.



Jacob Callahan from Yantis, TX. caught this 8.84-lb. bass on Saturday in the 12 to 1 o'clock hour winning \$5,000.

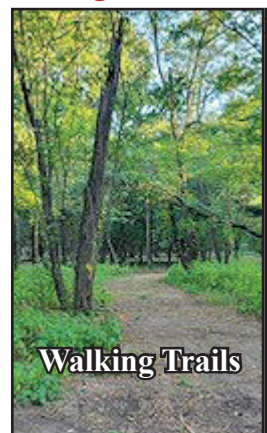


Wesley Holt from Sieper, LA., caught this 8.75-lb. bass on Sunday in the 8 to 9 o'clock hour winning \$5,000.

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"If That's Your Fishing Hole, Where's Your Mailbox?"

By: Don Bubba Hampton

When Bubba speaks of owning something, you can bet it is definitely his stuff. He is also very possessive over his stuff! Everyone knows Bubba needs stuff especially Bubbette and when he gets out of hand getting stuff, she puts him straight again. What Bubba truly cannot understand is people laying claim to something that can't possibly be theirs.

When it comes to fishing in public waters he is under the impression that those waters actually belong to the State of Texas. He also holds dear the belief that anyone that purchases a fishing license and abides by the laws can fish those waters anytime and anywhere they so desire. After all this is Texas and Bubba even has a bumper sticker that reads, "MADE IN TEXAS BY TEXANS". So, what Bubba would really like to know is if there has been a new "Homestead Act" put in effect that he has not heard of that allows anglers to claim portions of water. If so he is going to be out of luck because Bubbette won't let him get anymore stuff!

If there has not been a new "Homestead Act" implemented why are so many anglers claiming waters? It seems more and more that Bubba is hearing, "That's my fishing hole, you can't go there!" Some anglers will say this in a sportsmanship jest, but then again you hear some say it with meaning. Bubba has the tendency to laugh with the sportsmen and laugh at the others.

Bubba had a long extensive conversation with one of

the latter the other day on Lake Fork. Bubba was out fishing one of his favorite spots, (it's even called "Community Hump"), when he was made to feel like he'd eaten someone else's fried chicken at a family reunion. Well, Bubba doesn't stay in a hurt mood for too long at a time and soon put the chicken bones on another plate. He apologized for trespassing and not spotting the individual's mailbox when he pulled in with his boat. Bubba didn't let it stop there though! This boy has seen an has an inquiring mind.

The next thing Bubba wanted to know was if he had pulled in the driveway or ran over his lawn because his trolling motor did tear up some lily pads and he didn't want to be held responsible. Well this gave the other boat something to discuss, but they were soon interrupted by Bubba's next question. "What do property and school taxes run a year on a place like this?" Bubba sincerely asked. "I've been thinking of getting a place like this of my own to retire to but don't know if Bubbette and me can quite afford it! And, seeing you are a guide, is this portion of the lake zoned business or residential and where does your property line end?" Bubba went on to add with all the conviction and sincerity of a Baptist preacher at a hot summer night tent revival.

Well the only reply Bubba got referred to his mother and something about his heritage and then they left. He thought they didn't show very much sportsmanship and they weren't very sociable either because they wouldn't even accept his invitation over.

Bubba being the type of person he is didn't wish to trespass on this individual's property anymore. To make sure of this he followed them all day to see if he had any other property on the lake with maybe a mailbox in front of it. Bubba did not locate one at any of the places they went to and fished. He did of course mark the spots on his GPS and gave them to all his friends so they would know these spots did not belong to anyone and they would not be trespassing if they fished there. Bubba is just that kind of guy!

Another draw back on individuals that claim fishing holes as their own is that now you have Bubba thinking! If the fish school there, shouldn't you pay school taxes? If you plant a cedar tree there, isn't that an improvement and property value would increase thus increasing your property taxes?

So, when you are out on the lake, if you are one of those that seriously claims a fishing hole as your own, Bubba just might call the tax assessor on you!

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39th Annual Sealy Big Bass Splash on Lake Fork (Continued from Page 1)

aware of the reason it is called fishing and not catching is that the bite isn't always what they want or expect. There were a lot of 2-pound plus bass brought in and 31 bass over the 24" slot. With the slot on Lake Fork being between 16" to 24" no bass between those measurements could be brought in. Only three anglers did learn the hard way to measure their bass properly. Many of the anglers reported catching bass just short of the 24" line that they could not bring to the weigh-in. This shows Lake Fork is back and doing great.

On Friday, the first day of the tournament there were eight bass over the slot brought to the scales. It all began in the 7 to 8 o'clock hour. Austin Bray from Drexel, MO. earned him \$2,500 when he weighed in a 8.49-pound bass for 1st Place for that hour. Coming in 2nd place for that hour was Robert Brooks from Ardmore, OK. with a bass weighing 7.09-pounds. In the 8 to 9 o'clock hour being the double bonus T-shirt hour, Tommy Washington from Milam, TX. earned \$5,000 for 1st Place in the hour when he weighed in a 9.58-pound bass. In the 9 to 10 o'clock hour one bass over the slot

came to the scales weighing 6.82-pounds caught by Christopher Sweaks from Allen, TX. In the 10 to 11 o'clock hour there were two overs weighed in. Monty Sewell from Taylor, AR. weighed in a bass weighing 9.72-lbs. winning him \$2500 and in 2nd weighing in an 8.55-lb. bass was Eli Vaughan from Palestine, TX. In the 11 to 12 o'clock hour there was one over brought to the scale. Michael McKinney from Ninnekah, OK. weighed in a 6.54-pound bass winning him \$2,500 in the hour. In the 12 to 1 o'clock hour there were no overs brought in so Billy Pritchett from Big Sandy, TX. placed first in the bonus hour winning \$5,000 with a 2.39-lb. bass. In the 1 to 2 o'clock hour there was only one over brought to the scales. It was caught by Blake Frasure from Grethel, KY. weighing 8.51-lbs.

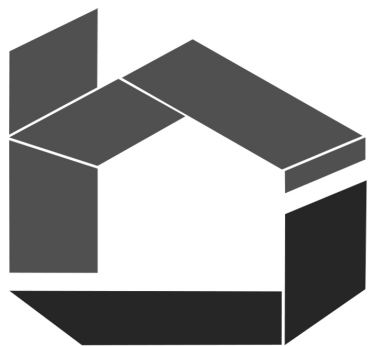
On Saturday, the second day of the tournament ten bass over the slot were brought to the scales. In the 7 to 8 o'clock hour Carl Carpenter from Hot Springs, AR. weighed in a 7.74-lb. and Ray Mcgee from Seabrook, TX. weighed a 6.53-lb. bass. In the 8 to 9 o'clock hour Nathan Burrow from Conway, AR. weighed in an 8.46-

lb. bass winning himself \$5,000 in the bonus hour. In the 9 to 10 o'clock hour Tator Reynolds from Florien, LA. weighed an 9.40-lb. bass and Buddy Rawlinson from Rusk, TX. weighed an 8.60-lb. bass. In the 10 to 11 o'clock hour Jason Borofka from Lavon, TX. weighed an 8.19-lb. bass and Zachary Haney from Terrell, TX. weighed a 7.99-lb. bass. In the 11 to 12 o'clock hour Bradley Virgillito from Bossier City, LA. weighed a 5.61-pound bass. In the 12 to 1 o'clock hour Jacob Calahan from Yantis, TX. weighed in an 8.84 winning him \$5,000 in the bonus hour. In the 1 to 2 o'clock hour Travis Simmons from Ragley, LA. weighed in a 7.79-lb. bass.

On Sunday, the last day of the tournament, there were thirteen bass over the slot brought to the scales. In the 7 -8 o'clock hour Austin McAdoo from Benton, AR. weighed in a 10.83-lb. bass. In the 8 to 9 o'clock hour Wesley Holt from Sieper, LA. weighed in an 8.75-pound bass and Essix Hawkins from Pine Bluff, AR. weighed in an 8.57-lb. bass. In the 9 to 10 o'clock hour there was no over brought to the scales and David Laymance

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from Lindale, TX. won \$2,500 for his bass weighing 2.30-lbs. In the 10 to 11 o'clock hour Mitchell Meyer from Hughesville, MO. weighed in a 7.39-pound bass. During the 11 to 12 o'clock hour Colten Pusateri from McKinney, TX. weighed a 9.23-pound bass and Michael Crow from Broomfield, CO. weighed in a 6.02-lb. bass. In the 12 to 1 o'clock hour Christopher Bush from Huntington, TX. weighed in a 9.08-lb. bass and Carl Carpenter from Hot Springs, AR. weighed in an 8.66-lb. bass. During the 1 to 2 o'clock hour Gilbert Miller from Midlothian, TX. weighed in an 8.37-lb. bass. Dana Vinson from Henderson, TX. weighed an 8.18-lb. bass; Colton Pusateri from McKinney, TX. weighed a 7.75-lb. bass; Taylor Murphy from Camden, AR. weighed a 7.17-lb. bass; and Marcus Arrington from Monticello, AR. weighed a 6.25-lb. bass.

Heaviest bass under the slot winning that angler an extra \$5,000 was James Russ from Lubbock, Texas on Friday with a 2.60-pound bass. On Saturday Charlie King from Couthatta, LA. with a bass weighing 2.75-lbs won \$5,000 and on Sunday Michael Yarbrough from Longview, Texas weighed a 2.49-pound bass winning him \$5,000.

Winning an additional \$2,500 in the exact weights drawings of 2.50-pounds was Kenneth McLemore from Antioch, IL, and Joel Molina from Apoka, FL. for Friday; William Matthews from Quitman, LA. and Jerry Wheeler from Batesville, AR. for Saturday; and Courtney Irving from McKinney, TX. and Jeff Westfall from Nashville, AR. for Sunday.

In the elimination drawing Rickie Washington from Shelbyville, Texas won a Phoenix 819 PRO powered by Mercury, and equipped with MinnKota and Humminbird.

Austin McAdoo from Benton, AR. won 1st place overall for heaviest bass caught in the tournament with his 10.83-pound bass. For his efforts he won \$2,500 hourly pay, a Phoenix 721 ZXL powered by Mercury equipped with MinnKota, Humminbird, & Power Pole and a RAM Truck plus \$5,000 cash. Winning 2nd Place overall with a weight of 9.72-lbs was Monty Sewell from Taylor, AR. and took home an extra \$15,000. Winning 3rd place overall was Tommy Washington from Milam, TX. with a weight of 9.58-pounds. For his efforts he won an extra \$10,000. Winning 4th place overall with a weight of 9.40-lbs. was Tator Reynolds from Florien, LA. He took home

an extra \$5,000. Coming in 5th place overall was Colton Pusateri from McKinney, TX. with a weight of 9.23-pounds. For his catch he took home an extra \$2,500.

During the course of the tournament there were 31 bass weighed in over the slot. On Friday there was a total of 337 bass weighed for a total weight of 687.51-pounds. On Saturday there were 305 bass weighed for a total weight of 634.45-pounds. On Sunday there were 240 bass weighed for a total weight of 538.21-pounds. Total bass weighed in the tournament was 882 for a total weight of 1,860.17-pounds. The Lake Fork Sportsman's Association did an excellent job with their Live Release Boat returning all the bass back into the lake in healthy condition to be caught another day.

It was disappointing that only one double-digit bass Lake Fork made the show, but the overall number of over the slots that did show and the great weights shows this lake is not one to be overlooked.

For more information on Sealy Outdoors Big Bass Splash visit their website at www.sealyoutdoors.com.

God Bless America, Fish Friendly, and I hope to see you on the lake.



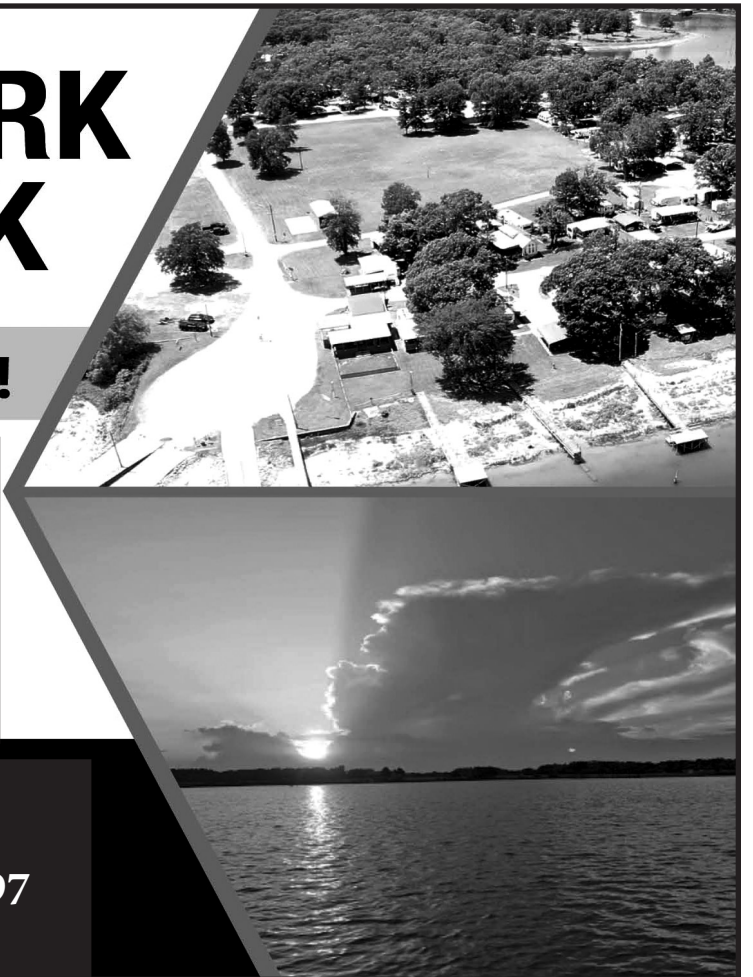
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"The Transition in Bass Movement Is Here!"

By Whitt Smith

Fall is here and so is the transition in Bass movement and activity. Lake Fork is in great shape as we go head first into Fall this month, with lots of aquatic vegetation and flooded brush and timber.

The shallow grass has been holding lots of Bass

lately, preying on small shad. So, downsizing lures can really boost the bites you'll get, if it gets tough. Small poppers and topwaters are an excellent way to cover water to find active Bass and the birds can help lead the way, just like earlier in the year. Small Swimbaits, rigged weedless, are excellent to work in and over the shallow grass to elicit bites.

Square Bill crank baits and spinnerbaits are great to work the outer grass lines, shallow wood and docks this time of year. Square Bills and smaller lipless crank baits are great producers in shallow flats that can be alive with Shad activity and feeding Bass.

There are many Bass roaming the timbered creek edges that can be targeted with FFS, if you like to use this technique.

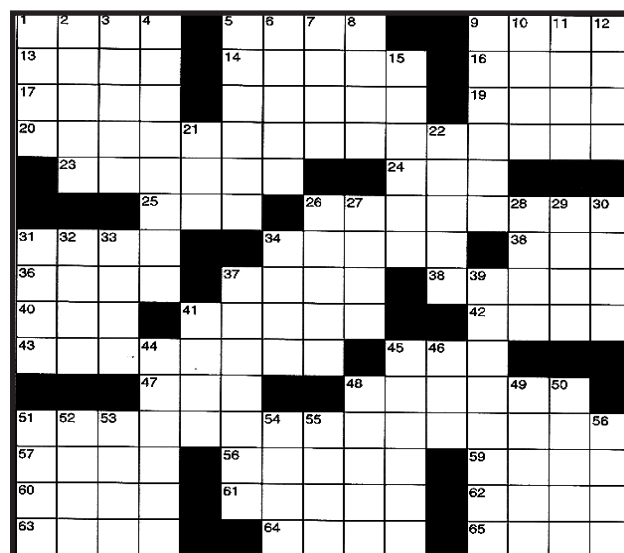
You can be assured that the shad and Bass are on the move this month. Therefore, so should you, cover water and you'll more than likely come



across activity.

October is the start of archery Deer Season, so they'll start to be less angling pressure and some beautiful weather on the way. On the high pressure, Bluebird sky, no wind days in October, pick up a Flippin' or Pitchin' Rod with a TX Rig craw, creature or Jig and get to putting it in the shade of any shallow wood, dock or cover in coves and creeks and stay ready for Ol' Big.

I hope you get to enjoy the lake this month, be safe and as always, contact me if I can be of any assistance.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Seen as fool (slang)
5. Girls
9. Sock
13. Hebrew month
14. Opera songs
16. Egyptian Sun god
17. Monetary unit of Western Samoa
18. It's only, (slang)
19. Digs up
20. Let go
23. Ran before the wind
24. Ancient Egyptian King
25. Boulder
26. Versified
31. Strong woody fibers
34. Olaf __, Swedish statesman
35. A metal-bearing mineral
36. Outer garments
37. A witty person who makes jokes

38. Movie unit
40. Sink in
41. Eduard __, Czechoslovakian President
42. Used to have (Scottish)
43. Expunctions
45. I.M., architect
47. The compass pt. between east and southeast
48. Of cadmium
51. Drink for the newly-hatched
57. Skunk genus
58. Detection device
59. Indian music
60. Enlarge hole
61. A sharp narrow ridge found in rugged mountains
62. Breezed through
63. Further
64. Greek goddess of discord
65. An open skin infection

CLUES DOWN

1. Waist band
2. Cognitive contents
3. Miraculous food
4. Portends
5. Puffed
6. Jack-in-the-pulpit genus
7. Waterfall (Scottish)
8. Jonas __, cured polio
9. South Pacific island
10. At the peak
11. Vegetable
12. Japanese waist pouch
15. Plan of action
21. Flower petals
22. Stringed instruments
26. Whittles
27. GM auto
28. Larval crabs
29. Bulky grayish-brown eagle
30. Transfer property
31. Shaver

32. Mirish
33. Heroic tale
34. Sheet of glass
37. Neural structures
39. Chimaeras
41. George, Jr.
44. East Indian annual erect herb
45. Fathers
46. Doctor of Education
48. Omnivorous mammal of Central and South America
49. Plum-shaped whitish to almost black fruit used for preserves
50. Basketball player
51. A companion (archaic)
52. State of Cambodia
53. Geological times
54. Infrequently used or experienced
55. A European river
56. Visually

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LFSA's High School Tackle Donation Program Assisting the Future of Fishing

By Don Hampton

If we teach our youth the joy of fishing, it may keep them off the streets and on the lakes and creeks. High school fishing teams, I believe, are the greatest steps forward in making this a reality. With financial times being what they are not all parents can afford to outfit their children with the equipment required to really enjoy the sport to its fullest. This is where the Lake Fork Sportsman Association has stepped in to help overcome this problem with their High School Tackle Donation Program.

The program began in 2017 with Mike Kostial as committee chair with Pat Kosstial, Bruce and Cheryl Allen as committee members. With donations of tackle and baits from sponsors and anglers each student receives 2 bait casting and 1 open spinning rod and reel combos plus a large number of hard and soft lures and other necessary angling items.

Initially all donated tackle items, both new and used, were private donations. In 2020 Terry Long joined the committee and began submitting grant requests to corporations with Bass Pro and Cabela's Sporting, becoming LFSA's first corporate donor to provide substantial donations of rods and reels and other gear.

Mike Kostial had personally inspected and re-

furbished all used units until he had health issues in 2020 which prevented his direct committee oversight and refurbishing services. In 2021 Terry Long took over as committee chair with Mike and Pat remaining on the committee for continuity and administration purposes. With his leadership in the program the donation program has advanced to the next level with continued corporate grants requests and other local business donations. In 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 Terry received large donations for the program from the Grapevine BassPro Shop. Beginning in 2023, through present date, Mike and Peggy McWhorter have donated the use of their air-conditioned storage building to allow LFSA volunteers to organize the donations in preparation for each event. This was a God send to the members who otherwise would have had to do the prep in the Texas summer heat each year.

Applications are sent to area High School

Fishing Team sponsors. The teams that applied and responded become recipients of the program's donations to their fishing teams.

This year's Awards were presented by Terry Long on September 9th at Jamie's Restaurant located at Lake Fork Marina. This year the LFSA assisted Quinlan High School team 5 youth, Alba/Golden 6 youth, Grand Saline 20 youth, and 903 Anglers 2 of the youth. The 903, consist of 4 high schools that have combined to make their teams. The high schools making up the 903 are Daingerfield, New Diana, Hughes Spings, and McCloud.

This program is only one of the many that the Lake Fork Sportsman Association does. If you would like to be a part of this great organization, their meetings are the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 at Jamie's Restaurant located at Lake Fork Marina. Come and join a great positive organization, be a part of the future!

Always Think...



Safety First When Getting On The Lake!!!



Terry Long, Stephanie Beverly, advisor Alba-Golden High School fishing team, Karson Beverly, president of Junior Board, Alba-Golden Evan Robinson, new angler.



Terry Long, Trish Copeland, team advisor, Grand Saline High School, Tyner Jistel, president of fishing team, Grand Saline High School, Mindy Jistel, secretary, Grand Saline High School



Terry Long, Shannon Seabolt, team advisor, Quinlan Ford High School Keith Seabolt, vice-president, Quinlan Ford High School



Terry Long, H.S. tackle program chair. Joe Nolley, sponsor/substitute boat captain/media, Canyon Fondren, Hughes Springs High School, Kendyn Moore, McCloud High School, Michael Hagood Jr., Daingerfield High School, Michael Hagood Sr., Sponsor over 4 schools

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"The Moon Report"

Lake Fork's October Fun!

By Terri Moon

October is one of the most enjoyable times of the year to chase crappie on Lake Fork. As the first real cool fronts begin to roll through East Texas, the air turns crisp, the lake grows a little quieter after the busy summer months, and the crappie begin to feed more actively in preparation for winter. For anglers who love both the catch and the fall scenery, October delivers some of the best action you'll see all year.

By October, Lake Fork water temperatures typically fall into the upper 60's to low 70's, and that change triggers crappie to move shallower than they were in the hot summer. While many fish still hold on mid-depth brush piles, standing timber, and bridge columns, you'll also start finding more activity around creek channels, submerged timberlines, and staging areas near spawning flats. This mix of patterns makes October fishing both exciting and versatile – you can catch crappie in a variety of spots and depths.

Brush piles and tim-



ber 12-20 ft. of water remains productive, especially on man-made brush piles and submerged hardwoods. Lake Fork bridges are famous for holding crappie especially in October – they're often stacked around pilings 15-25 ft. As the shad migrate into the creeks during the fall, schools of crappie follow. Focus on bends, ledges, and drop-offs where bait is present.

Electronics play a huge roll in locating schools this time of year. Live-scope and modern sonar make it easier than ever to spot suspended crappie and target individual fish. In October, crappie feed heavily on shad – so shad colored jigs and minnows are top producers. Soft plastics in white, pearl, monkey milk, and char-

treuse jig bodies paired with 1/16-1/8 oz. jig heads will produce. Also, Skipper hair jigs 1/16-1/8 oz. in black/chartreuse, chartreuse/blue, and orange/blue tail, or white/chartreuse are productive.

If you find the crappie finicky after a cold front – by all means – tip that jig with a minnow or a Berkley power nibble.

Vertical jigging is effective on timber and bridge columns. Then casting and swimming jigs is great for creek channels and brush piles where fish are suspended. Slowing down your presentation pays off in October, especially right after a front when crappie may be less aggressive.

October crappie fishing on Lake Fork is

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Labor Day Weekend Marks Less Boating Incidents, Rise in Fatalities

Texas Game Wardens patrolling water bodies across the state over the 2025 Labor Day holiday weekend reported fewer boating incidents compared to last year, but a rise in boating-related fatalities.

From Aug. 29–Sept. 1, game wardens responded to seven boating incidents, two boating-related fatalities and no open-water drownings. They also arrested seven individuals for boat-

ing while intoxicated. In 2024, wardens reported nine boating incidents, one boating-related fatality and one open-water drowning over the same holiday period.

The two fatalities this year occurred on Lake Buchanan and Lake Conroe. In 2024, the single fatality occurred at Amistad Reservoir.

"We are saddened by the lives lost over the holiday weekend," said Col. Ron VanderRoest,

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement director. "Our wardens work tirelessly to prevent tragedies, but these incidents reinforce that safety on the water is a partnership, and we need the public to always practice safe and responsible boating."

As in previous years, the busy holiday weekend also coincided with the opening of dove season,

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requiring game wardens to balance duties on the water with hunting enforcement in the field.

Even though Labor Day typically marks the end of the unofficial boating season, safety

should remain a priority for all who continue to enjoy Texas' lakes, rivers and coastal waters into the fall. Wearing life jackets, operating at a safe speed, avoiding alcohol while boat-

ing, and following the rules and regulations in the Texas Water Safety Act can save lives and prevent serious injuries. "Whether it's on the water or in the field, Texas Game Wardens

are committed to protecting Texans and conserving our state's natural resources,"

VanderRoest said.

If you witness dangerous or illegal activity on the water or observe wildlife crimes in the field, report them anonymously through Operation Game Thief (OGT), Texas' wildlife crime-stoppers program. Rewards of up to \$1,000 are available for tips that lead

to conviction of those who violate wildlife, fishing or boating laws.

Suspected violations can be reported anonymously through multiple channels:

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Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork Open Tournament October 11th

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This is an individual tournament. More than one angler can fish in a boat, but all must be a paid entry and have a means of keeping their catches separated.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$45 with 80% of all entry fees paid back and Big Bass Pot \$10 with 100% pay back. Based on 100 entries 1st Place pays \$1,040; 2nd Place \$780; 3rd Place \$520; 4th Place \$260; 5th thru 10th \$100. Big-Bass Pot pays 3 places with 1st Big Bass paying \$500, 2nd paying \$300., and 3rd paying \$200.

Fishing hours for the tournament are from 6 am

to 3:30 pm. All anglers must be checked in by 3:30 pm. Lake slot rules apply. A bass can touch the 16-inch mark but not exceed and be at least 12 inches in length. An over the slot must at least touch the 24 inches in length to be legal. Any bass between 16 and 24 inches brought to the weigh-in is illegal and the angler will be disqualified. The official measuring stick for the tournament is the Chek-It-Stick.

A great thing about this tournament, even though it is hot, the top water bite and deep bite will be kicking with the stable weather conditions.

Anglers can enter the tournament by picking up an entry at one of the area businesses and mailing it in at the address listed on the entry. For those of you who wish to enter at tournament headquarters on October 10th, from 4 pm to

9 pm and on October 11th, from 5 am to 6 am.

Everyone is invited to come out and attend. If not an angler, come out for the weigh-in and festivities. Since this is a fund-raising event we will be selling raffle tickets for some great prizes to be given away.

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Berkley 20th Annual Big Bass Tournament on Lake Fork

By Don Hampton

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17th from 11 am to 7 pm, and October 18th and 19th from 5am to 7am at tournament headquarters. Anglers can fish one day or both days. Entry fee for one day is \$160 or \$200 for both days.

For anglers participating this will be one of the most exciting tournaments of the year. With the cooler temperatures setting in, the bass are sure to be feeding up and respond well to both Berkley hard and soft baits. Check out some of their new line of topwater baits and the General.

There is over \$150,000 guaranteed in cash and prizes with 20 places paid per hour during the two-day tournament starting at \$1,000 for 1st place, down to \$200 for 10th place; 11th thru 15th place wins an Abu Garcia Reel, and 16th thru 20th wins an Abu Garcia Rod.

For the lucky angler that catches the heaviest bass over the slot, that angler will be taking home a new Skeeter ZX-200 powered by Yamaha, MinnKota trolling motor. For the heaviest bass under the slot,

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There is also available "Exact Weight Bonus Cash". There is \$1,000 for the angler that brings in an exact 2.5, 3.00, 9.00, or 10-pound bass. Also, during the tournament there will be a Junior Division and a Women's Division. Don't forget the Berkley Empty Bag Give Away. Bring an empty package of any Berkley bait with your name written on it legibly and put it in the bin for drawing of extra prizes. The tournament is not only a great fishing experience but also terrific entertainment for the entire family.

Hourly updates can be heard on KMOO 99.9 FM, so be sure to have a radio in your boat. For more information and details check out their ad on Page 28 or go to their website: www.bass-champs.com.



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Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame Seeks Nominations Through Nov. 1

The Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame committee is accepting nominations for next year's induction into the hall of fame. Nominees can be either individuals or organizations who've made important contributions to fishing in Texas. Applications will be accepted through Nov. 1.

"The Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame is made up of a growing list of 41 individuals and organizations who have made a significant impact on freshwater fishing in the state," said Kelly Jordon, Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame selection committee chairman. "Whether it's an outdoor writer, pro angler, fishing club or industry leader, we look forward to continuing to honor and recognize everyone helping to make Texas fishing the best it can be."

The nominees will be evaluated by the hall of fame committee, which is made up of anglers, industry professionals, fisheries biologists and organizations involved in Texas freshwater fishing. The committee will choose the inductee based

on the following criteria: ethics, leadership and commitment, unselfish contributions to the sport, scope of impact on freshwater fishing, fishing/fisheries management expertise and overall impact.

The honoree will be announced in spring 2026 and officially inducted during a special ceremony and banquet in the fall.

"We are excited to review all of this year's nominations and welcome the newest inductees into this prestigious group of individuals and organizations who have contributed so much to the world-class fishing that Texas offers," Jordon added.

Ann Thomasson-Wilson of Jasper and Rick Clunn of Ava, Missouri — the 2025 inductees — will officially be inducted at the annual Hall of Fame banquet, sponsored by Murski-Breeding Sales, Toyota and Livingston Lures, this October at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC).

Thomasson-Wilson is a two-time bass fishing world champion, fishing tackle innovator and owner of Ann's Tackle Shop, which she

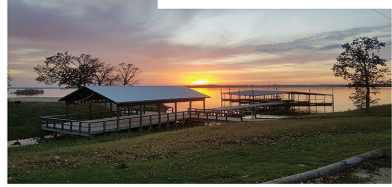
opened in 1986. Clunn is a member of the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame, Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame and International Game Fish Association Fishing Hall of Fame. He was B.A.S.S. angler of the year in 1988 and is remarkably a four-time Bassmaster Classic champion.

Following their inductions, videos highlighting Thomasson-Wilson and Clunn will be available at TPWD's YouTube Channel on the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame playlist. The video will also air on the Texas Parks and Wildlife PBS television show.

The Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame is housed at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. Its mission is to "recognize and honor those who have made a lasting contribution to freshwater fishing in Texas, and to foster a sense of appreciation, awareness and participation in the sport of fishing."

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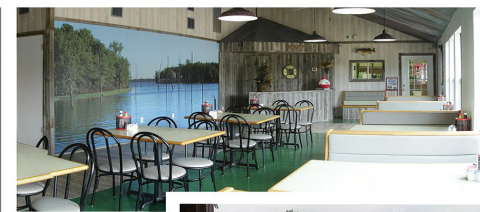
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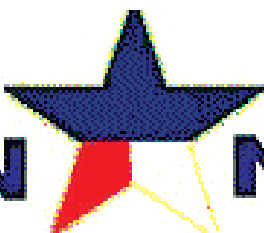
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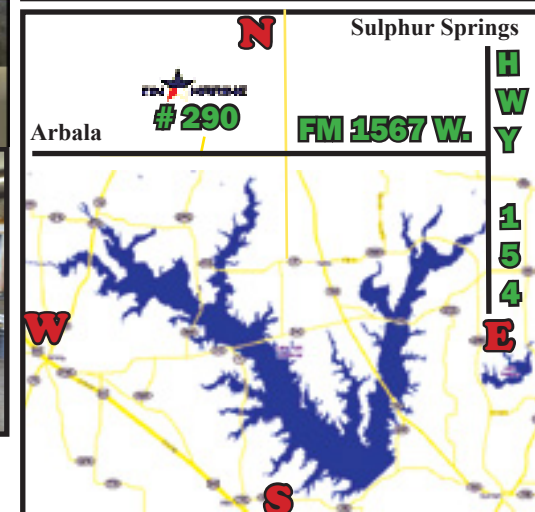
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By Dianne Spradling, President

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Don't forget to come by and see us at the Berkley Tournament at Lake Fork Marina on October 17, 18 and 19th. This is the last tournament of the year so come by and get your raffle tickets to help support our organization.

The High School Tackle Program give away was another special event. We


always have a great time with youth and their school sponsors. This is a great group of young people and it is a privilege to be able to help them along the way. We gave 33 young people 2 casting rods and 1 spinning rod each and every 2 students shared a 5 gallon bucket of tackle and lures. We even had some extra buckets ready to help them.

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.

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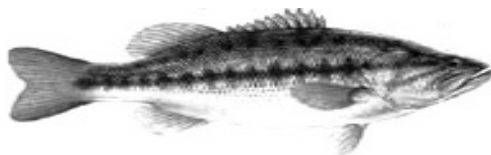
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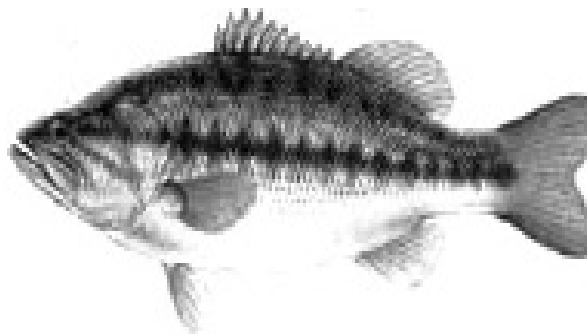
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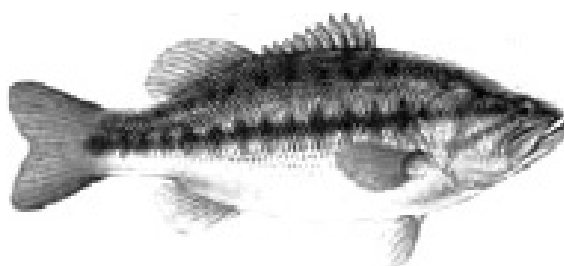
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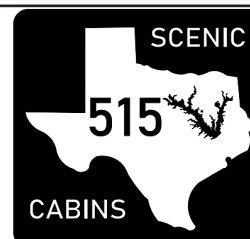
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Expanded Digital License Options Starting this season, hunters have new options for digital licenses. For the first time, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will offer fully digital license options for all recreational hunting, fishing and combo license and tag types, as explained in this new how-to video. Changes for Non-Resident Hunters Legislation passed this spring simplified

license options for non-resident hunters from five license options to two. Non-resident hunters hoping to harvest any legal bird or game animal, including alligator, wild turkey, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, mule deer and white-tailed deer, will need to purchase a Non-resident General Hunting license. Non-resident hunters who plan on targeting exotic animals, small game birds (except wild turkey), non-game animals, fur-bearing animals, squirrel and javelina for five or less days will need to purchase a Non-resident Special 5-Day Small Game/Exotic Hunting license.

Regulation Changes Some additional changes for this next hunting season include:
* For wild turkeys in Hill County, IH35E now serves as the zone boundary line.
* Lubbock County is now open to wild turkey hunting with North Zone regulations.
* Increase in daily bag limit for northern pintails in all duck zones.
Season Date Changes Hunters should be aware of several season date changes for the 2025-26 hunting seasons before their first hunt including:
Mule deer season:
* Archery Only Season:
* Panhandle: Sept. 27 – Nov. 21


Trans-Pecos: Sept. 27 – Nov. 27
* Brewster, Pecos and Terrell counties: Sept. 27 – Nov. 27
* General Season:
* Panhandle: Nov. 22 – Dec. 7
* Tran-Pecos: Nov. 28 – Dec. 14
* Brewster, Pecos and Terrell Counties: Nov. 28 – Dec. 14
Quail season:
* New statewide dates: Nov. 1, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026.
Migratory game bird season:
* T e a l :
* Days reduced from previous year
* Statewide: Sept. 20 – 28

Additional hunting and fishing regulations, including all season dates, for the 2025-26 season are available online at outdoorannual.com, or via the free Outdoor Annual mobile app. Once downloaded, the app works without internet connectivity, making it easy for hunters and anglers to view regulations in even the most remote locations.

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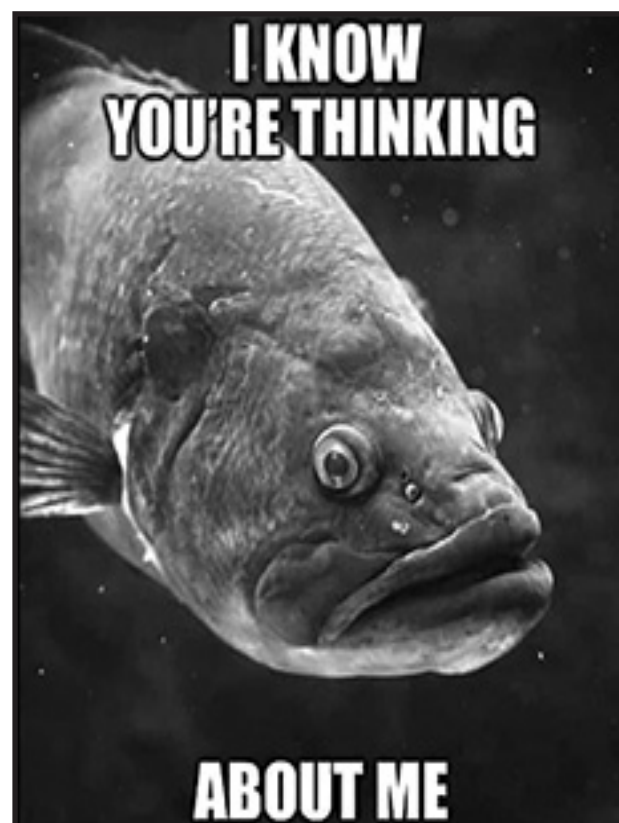


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Lake Fork's October Fun! (Continued from Page 8)

about more than just filling a cooler. It's the combination of steadier action, comfortable weather, and beautiful fall colors across the shoreline.

Whether you are a seasoned angler or planning your first trip, October is a prime month for crappie fishing. With fish transitioning into more accessible depths, shad migrations drawing them into the creeks, and the fall atmosphere making every trip special, you'll find that October offers a balance of relaxation and excitement that is hard to beat after a long hot Texas summer!

I've had days in October where we've filled the cooler pretty quick, and other days where we've worked for every

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1st Place	\$500
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3rd Place	\$200

1. Entry fee is \$40.00 - late entry is \$45.00.
2. Early entries must be postmarked by Oct. 5, 2025.
3. All entry fees must be paid before 6 a.m. Sat., Oct. 11, 2025.
4. Check in times: Fri., Oct. 10, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 11, 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. at Oak Ridge Marina.
5. To qualify, contestants must check in at tournament headquarters before fishing.
6. Fishing hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (official clock at sign-in station). NO FISHING from midnight till start time.
7. Fishing will be done on Lake Fork only (trailer fishing 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). Fork trailer may be used.
14. Weigh-in starts at 3:00 p.m. (official clock at sign-in). You must be in the weigh-in line by 3:30 p.m.
15. All fish must be brought to the scales in weigh-in bags.
16. No iced or frozen fish will be weighed. Ice may be added ONLY to aid in survival of fish.
17. Each contestant will be responsible for weighing his or her own fish. (No pooling of fish).
18. Dead fish at weigh-in will be penalized 1/2 (.5) pound. All fish weighed in become the property of TTB and will be released (with the exception of trophy

- or dead fish).
19. In the event of a tie for any position, prize money for that position and the following positions will be combined and evenly divided between the tying contestants.
20. Contestants may not have served as a compensated guide on Lake Fork 30 days prior to the tournament.
21. Contestants may fish with a guide on Lake Fork prior to the day before fishing this TTB tournament.
22. Use of alcoholic beverages or controlled drugs are prohibited during tournament hours. Prescription drug use should be declared at sign-in.
23. Anyone who has ever been disqualified for cheating or misconduct from any tournament is ineligible to fish.
24. Any contestant who violates any rule may be disqualified. Any act of a competitor, verbal or physical, that reflects unfavorably upon TTB's effort to promote fishing, conservation, clean waters, courtesy or safety shall be reason for disqualification from this and all future TTB tournaments.
25. Parent or guardian must accompany contestants under 18 years of age.
26. All protests must be registered in writing with the tournament judges within 15 minutes after designated weigh-in time. All decisions of the tournament judges will be final in all matters. Anyone protesting the outcome of an open tournament will have to pay for any additional polygraph test given.
27. All boats are welcome to participate. 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

Entry Application

Entry fee of \$40 must accompany mailed entry and must be postmarked on or before Oct. 5, 2025 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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Email: _____

Address: _____

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Contestants Signature _____

Minor's Release: Signed by _____ Parent/Guardian

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Entry Fee _____

Big Bass _____

Cash _____ Chk# _____

Game Warden Field Notes

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

—**Swift Water Rescue**— A Terrell County game warden responded to a call from the sheriff's office when a local rancher was caught in a flash flood. His truck had died and was starting to move downstream from the rising water reaching the hood of his truck. It was dark and there were no lights to light his way to safety, so he called 911 for help. The warden responded along with a deputy and volunteers. Armed with swift wa-

ter personal floatation devices (PFD), a throw bag, and rope they were able to make their way to the truck and extract the rancher to safety while being mindful of fencing downstream that could trap anyone who may lose their footing in the rushing water. Everyone went home safely that night.

—**Cue the Mutombo Finger Wag**— Two Jefferson County game wardens were patrolling Taylor's Bayou when they saw a man in a shallow-drive mud boat quickly approaching them in the narrow bayou. The wardens motioned for

the subject to slow down and he shook his finger at them. The wardens were able to position their patrol boat beside the subject and get his full attention, forcing him to come to a stop. The subject claimed he didn't understand they asked him to stop. After checking his safety equipment, the wardens initiated an investigation after noticing signs of intoxication. The warden placed the subject under arrest for Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) and booked him into the Jefferson County Jail. The subject consented to a voluntary blood draw.

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Enjoy Classic Halloween Treats with a Trick

By Sue Hampton

Caramel apples have been a classic Halloween treat for more years than many

can remember. You'd be hard pressed to find someone who doesn't have fond memories of sticky-sweet caramel and crunchy ap-

ples. Fun to eat, these treats are also pretty messy to prepare and enjoy!

This Halloween, you can enjoy a neater version of this classic snack. This easy recipe for Caramel Apple Cookies pairs smooth, rich caramel with apple-shaped spice cookies. The trick? You can enjoy these "apples" on sticks.

CARAMEL APPLE COOKIES

(These spice cookies are dipped in caramel and nuts to resemble the classic Halloween treat!)

3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon apple-pie spice
½ teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt
1 cup (two sticks) butter, softened
½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
½ cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
Red and green food coloring pastes
24 green wooden craft sticks
1 package (14 ounces) caramels
3 tablespoons water
1/3 cup chopped cashews
1. Preheat oven to 375. In a medium bowl, combine flour, apple-pie spice, baking soda and salt. In a large bowl, using a mixer set on

high, beat butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar until fluffy. With the mixer on low, beat eggs and vanilla; beat in flour mixture.
2. Remove 1/3 cup of dough to a small mixing bowl; tint green. Tint remaining dough red; divide in half.
3. On a lightly floured surface, roll half of the red dough to a 1/4-inch thickness. Using an apple-shaped template or cookie cutter, cut dough into shapes; place 3 inches apart on an ungreased baking sheet.
4. Place a craft stick under "stem" end of each cookie, pressing dough lightly.

5. Using your fingers, mold a small piece of green dough into a leaf shape and place on top of each apple cutout on baking sheet.
6. Repeat rolling and cutting process with remaining dough. Bake until crisp, but not browned, 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer cookies to wire racks; cool completely.
7. In a small saucepan, heat caramels and water over low heat, stirring often, until smooth. Set a wire rack over a waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Dip the cookies into melted caramel and then into chopped nuts. Let cookies stand until caramel is set, about an hour.



Try your hand at these easy Caramel Apple Cookies, a fun twist on an original Halloween treat!



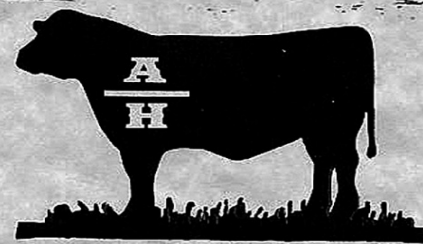
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Game Warden Field Notes (Continued from Page 22)

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—Early Bird Gets the Ticket— Galveston County Game Wardens were patrolling Galveston Bay and East Bay and saw several shrimp boats maneuvering in a manner consistent with shrimping. One vessel had nets and doors in the water. When asked to retrieve the net, it revealed cod. Several vessels were cited for shrimping before legal hours. Cases are pending.

—Four-Wheeler of Misfortune— While patrolling Twin Buttes Public Lands in Tom Green County, a local game warden made contact with several individuals riding all-terrain vehicles. Some of the individuals were unable to produce a limited public use permit, as required to access the public lands. The warden decided to check if some of the ATVs were stolen and discovered one individual was in possession of a stolen four-wheeler from a nearby city. The case was turned over to the originating jurisdiction for investigation.

—Don't I Know You?— A Montgomery County game warden received a call from a local deer camp lessee

who said he was texted photos of a truck entering the property without consent. While responding to the location, the warden provided sheriff's deputies with the location of the lease and the layout of the property. The deputies walked into the property, due to heavy rains and the lack of 4X4 vehicles. They apprehended a suspect, who entered the camp illegally and was filling bags with hunting equipment. The warden arrived and aided in getting the suspect, the suspect's vehicle, and the officers out of the property. The warden had previously arrested the suspect for theft of property and stealing an ATV and other property from a nearby deer lease in 2017. The suspect was charged with burglary of a habitation and had a parole violation warrant for the earlier charge.

—Trial by Fire— A Polk County Game Warden responded to a boat fire on Lake Livingston. Upon arriving, the warden observed five individuals swimming in the water near a boat engulfed in flames. A young boy swimming from the flames stated he was

tired and could not swim well. The warden removed his gun belt, swam toward the boy, and pulled him to safety. He noticed another individual struggling to swim and assisted him safely back to shore. The boat fire was extinguished by Onalaska Volunteer Fire Department. All occupants of the vessel were safe and uninjured.

—Gator Done— Orange County Game Wardens received a call from the Orange County Sheriff's Office Dispatch reporting several deputies were attending to an alligator near Bridge City. A game warden responded to the popular fishing spot and discovered three teenagers had caught a 7-foot alligator. The youths had also enlisted the help of another person to kill it. The three teenagers were cited for taking the alligator in closed season. The alligator was turned over to a nuisance control hunter. Cases are pending.

—The Other White Meat— The Texas Game Warden Criminal Investigation Division (CID) provided Bexar

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County Game Wardens with information regarding an individual selling deer meat on Craigslist. The game wardens responded to a residence in Southern Bexar County where the suspect admitted to attempting to sell the deer meat and gave information where the white-tailed deer had been killed. The individual was cited for selling white-tailed deer meat.

—What's My Age Again?— Wise and Jack County Game Wardens observed a male subject who appeared to have passed out on a pontoon boat. His legs were hanging from the passenger compartment near the engine while the vessel was underway. The wardens stopped the boat and determined the subject was underage and highly intoxicated. Other minors on the boat also admitted to consuming alcohol. An adult on the boat confessed to one of the wardens that he provided the alcohol knowing underage occupants were consuming it. One subject was placed under arrest for public intoxication and another arrested for the purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor. Citations for minors in consumption of alcohol were issued to

the occupants who had a detectable amount of alcohol in their system.

—X Marks the Spot— Bell County Game Wardens were contacted by a local landowner's agent who was on the property hunting hogs when he came across a male individual digging for arrowheads without the landowner's permission. Wardens arrived on the scene and discovered an eight-foot hole the suspect had dug and several artifacts. The wardens arrested the digger. The suspect had a lengthy criminal history and had recently been released from the penitentiary. He was charged with antiquities code violations, criminal trespass, and criminal mischief. Cases are pending.

—Party Foul— A Travis County Game Warden issued multiple citations to an individual operating an illegal party boat. In an attempt to skirt party boat regulations and avoid trespassing charges, the captain of the vessel coached the attendees of a bachelorette party to announce themselves to the marina as "friends". Consequentially, the party boat was denied access to the marina. However, the marina was kind enough to pro-

vide a legal captain and lease the party another vessel to finish their celebration.

—Deep in the Weeds— Jackson County Game Wardens were patrolling the coastal area of Jackson County for fisheries enforcement. They observed two individuals sitting in a truck at a local boat ramp of Carancahua Bay. There were kayaks in the bed of the truck and fish in a trash bag. The individual on the driver's side appeared nervous during conversation. One of the wardens asked the subject numerous times if there was anything illegal in the vehicle. The male subject changed the topic each time. Eventually, he stated that there was a little bit of weed in the vehicle. After conducting a search of the vehicle numerous drugs were discovered and seized including: 17 grams of methamphetamine, a THC vape pen, and thirty pills of hydrocodone and amphetamine. The male subject was arrested on four narcotics charges and a parole warrant.

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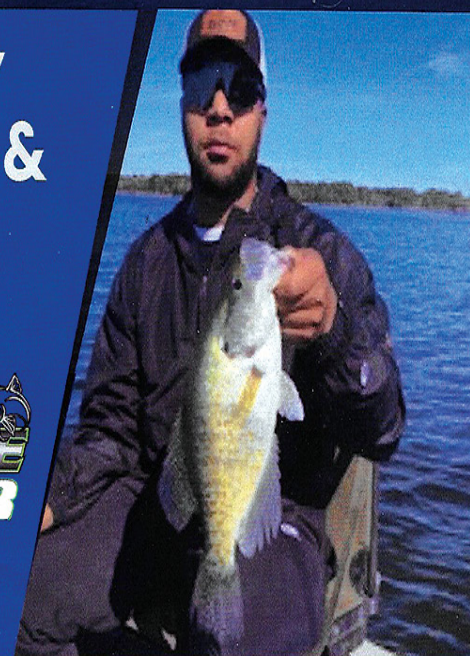
TRIP : November 11th

BREAKFAST & LUNCH: November 11th



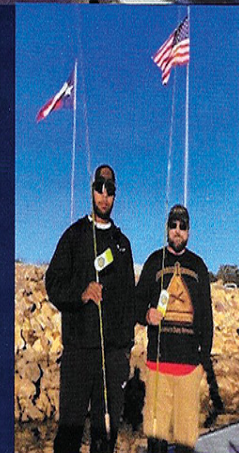
VETERANS DAY GUIDED CRAPPIE & BASS TRIPS GIVEAWAY

Jacky Wiggins
GUIDE SERVICE
972-342-8803



What's Included:

- Guided Crappie & Bass Trips on Lake Fork by Jacky Wiggins & Haydan Marshall for November 11th
- New ACC Crappie stix combos & Lew's bass combos that you will use and take home
- Dinner at Jhonny's Lakehouse for two
- Lodging at Scenic 515 Cabins for two
- Breakfast for two at Go Fish Lures and Cafe
- Lunch for two at Jamie's Restaurant
- Two afternoon doe hunts. Processing of the Deer will be covered
- Gift Certificates from Lake Fork Marina, and Lake Fork Tackle Shack
- Gifts donated by Excel & Blazer boats
- Processing provided by Chris Harroun



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- LIKE & FOLLOW Facebook page (scan QR Code)
- MUST be a veteran (will be verified)

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20th Annual Big Bass Tournament on Lake Fork

OVER \$150,000
Cash & Prizes Guaranteed
20 Places every hour
Win 2 Skeeter Boats

**20 PLACES
 GUARANTEED
 EVERY HOUR**

Guaranteed Regardless of Entries

1st Place.....\$1000
2nd Place.....\$500
3rd Place.....\$350
4th Place.....\$300
5th Place.....\$250
6th Place.....\$240
7th Place.....\$230
8th Place.....\$220
9th Place.....\$210
10th Place....\$200
11th-15th Place
Abu Garcia Reel
16th-20th
Abu Garcia Rod

First 1000 entries
 receive Free Berkley
 package



2
Skeeter Boats
will be awarded

ZX-200 for
 largest over

ZX-150 for
 largest under

hosted by:



MORE WAYS TO WIN!

Exact Weight Bonus Cash
 fish must be caught using Abu Garcia Reel or Rod



2.50 lbs - \$1000
3.00 lbs - \$1000
9.00 lbs - \$1000
10.00 lbs - \$1000

> JUNIOR DIVISION - WOMEN'S DIVISION
> BERKLEY EMPTY BAG GIVE-AWAY
 (bring an empty package from any Berkley bait to enter)

When: October 18th & 19th, 2025

Entry Fee: \$160 One day
\$200 Both days

Registration: Lake Fork Marina

Registration Times:

Friday Oct. 17th From 11 to 7 PM
Oct. 18th & 19th from 5:00-7:00 AM

*Above entry fees are CASH prices. Add 3% for Credit Cards
 Checks are not accepted on-site.

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Winners are responsible for taxes, titles, and license fees. Boats pictured may be different than actual prize boats. Exact weight bonus cash is paid to the first angler to weigh in the exact even weight fish only. Fish must be caught using an ABU GARCIA REEL or ROD.

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