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Join the crappie club

Groups hosting tourneys, meetings focused on crappie fishing

By Craig Nyhus

LONE STAR OUTDOOR NEWS

There's a new fishing club and tournament tour in Texas, and it's not for bass. It's for crappie.

"We call bass the green trash fish," joked Crappie Anglers of Texas President Jimmy Leonard.

The club, CAT, is less than two years old, but its membership is growing.

"It began with five to seven original founders to do some crappie tournaments," Leonard said. "It quickly grew to 188 members."

Other organizations, especially Crappie USA, focused their attention on other areas of the country.

"Their events are in the east and southeast; they

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CRAPPIE CAMARADERIE: Whether fishing in crappie tournaments or enjoying a father-daughter day out, the catchable fish is a favorite of many Texas anglers. Genevieve Monier nets a nice crappie for her father, Philip, at an East Texas lake. Photo by Ron Gard, for Lone Star Outdoor News.

Bills would expand state's hunting buffer around cities

Lawmakers fielding complaints from suburban neighbors

By Thomas Phillips

LONE STAR OUTDOOR NEWS

Bills in the Legislature would likely end one man's tradition of hunting dove with his family and friends near southern Fort Worth if signed into law.

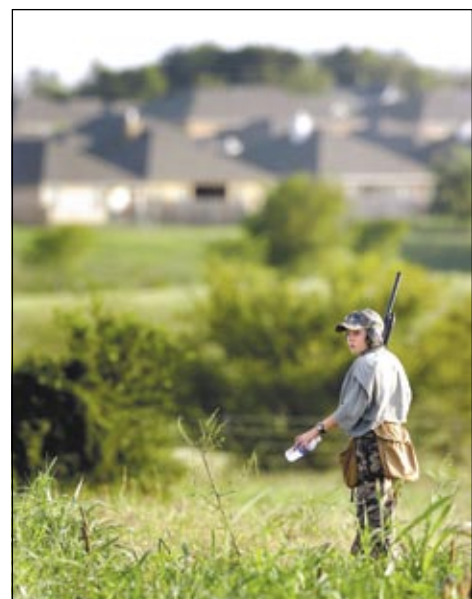
The man, who asked not to be identified for fear of reprisal by his neighbors,

hunts on a 60-acre tract across a road from a residential subdivision. The bills would extend the buffer for hunting near homes and other facilities around cities.

"We cultivate that field specifically for dove," he said. "We try not to get too close to that property line."

A 2005 law allows the use of shotguns, air guns and bows on properties that are 10 acres or bigger and 150 feet from homes, occupied buildings, schools, day-cares, nursing homes, parks, residential subdivisions and apartment complexes near cities. The current law limits the use

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OFF-LIMITS? Dove hunters often take advantage of fields near suburban areas to pursue doves coming from town to feed. Proposed legislation providing a larger buffer zone may make many of these fields out of bounds. Photo by David J. Sams, Lone Star Outdoor News.

Predators hit turkey nests hard

Hens lay until reaching success

By Craig Nyhus

LONE STAR OUTDOOR NEWS

The life of a hen wild turkey is tough — to say the least. Although generally left alone by human hunters, their nests receive frequent visitors of the predator variety.

A study as part of the master's thesis of Justin Dreibelbis at Texas A&M University used trail cameras to examine the types of predators that routinely hit the wild turkey nest and the frequency of the predation.

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CONSERVATION

Ground broken for warden school

Cadets moving from Austin to Hamilton Co.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held April 9 at the planned \$20 million game warden training complex in Hamilton County.

Major donors were recognized, and cadets from the 54th Texas Game Warden Academy class participated in scheduled field training exercises at the site.

For more than 30 years, game warden cadets trained in a converted warehouse on 6.2 acres in downtown Austin and at a patchwork of borrowed facilities around the state.

That changed when the latest cadet class began training in fall 2008 at existing facilities on a 220-acre site in Hamilton County. The property was donated by the nonprofit Police Activities League.

Funding for the center has come from the sale of the Austin property for \$3.6 million to begin construction on 39,000 square feet of instructional, administrative and residential facilities.

Private donors have also given about \$6.4 million. The facilities will be home to 48 cadets and 16 instructors at a time.

The Game Warden Training Center eventually will include a water-rescue training facility, a firing range, an emergency vehicle operations course and more specialized training facilities.

The goal is a world-class training environment for a world-class law



WARDENS IN TRAINING: Cadets listen to a game warden at the Game Warden Training Center in Hamilton County. The new facility will house cadets and include training stations for water rescues, firearms and driving. Photo by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

enforcement agency.

Major donors to the Texas Game Warden Training Center include former Gov. William P. Clements, Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Chairman-Emeritus Lee M. Bass, TXU, TPW Commission member T.D. Friedkin, T.L.L. Temple Foundation, Edwin L. Cox, Walter Umphrey and the George and Mary Josephine Hamman Foundation.

— Texas Parks and Wildlife report

Texas game wardens by the numbers

- 1895:** First Texas game warden appointed
- 1946:** First Game Warden Academy
- 1,305:** Game warden cadets trained since 1946
- 1,418:** Hours of initial training each cadet receives at the center
- 520:** Game wardens on duty in Texas
- 16:** Game wardens who have died in the line of duty
- 9,749:** Arrests for water safety violations in 2008
- 11.2 million:** Vehicle miles patrolled by game wardens in 2008
- 20,768:** Fish and game violation arrests in 2008
- 131,888:** Boat hours patrolled by game wardens in 2008

Conservation News in Brief

Report: Economy gains millions from waterfowl hunting

More than 1.3 million waterfowl hunters spent \$900 million on a variety of goods and services such as food, transportation, guns, decoys, hunting dogs, clothing and other expenses in 2006, according to a new report issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The expenditures generated more than \$2.3 billion in total economic output for 2006, resulting in \$157 million in federal and state tax revenues and supporting more than 27,000 jobs.

Waterfowl hunters represented 10 percent of all hunters, 7 percent of all hunting trip-related expenditures and 6 percent of all equipment expenditures.

The majority (74 percent) of waterfowl hunters live in the South and the Midwest.

— U.S. Fish and Wildlife report

Longest paddling trail in state opens in Houston city park

The Buffalo Bayou Paddling Trail at Briar Bend Park in Houston officially opened April 16.

At 26 miles long, Buffalo Bayou will be the longest paddling trail in Texas, beginning at Texas Highway 6 and flowing downstream to the take-out at Allen's Landing downtown.

Limestone Bluffs Paddling Trail near Groesbeck will open May 2 and the Lady Bird Lake Paddling Trail in Austin will open May 6.

— Texas Parks and Wildlife report

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NATIONAL

Angler breaks his own record for S.C. striper

Fish also becomes record for Georgia

A Georgia angler recently caught the new state record striped bass for two states—South Carolina and Georgia—by breaking his own record.

Terry McConnell, 55, of Eastanollee, Ga., was trolling in 18 feet of water about 4:45 p.m. April 3 when the 64-pound, 4-ounce striper hit a blue-back herring in Lake Russell, according to *The Greenville (S.C.) News*.

Lake Russell straddles the South Carolina-Georgia border. The fish breaks the South Carolina record of 59 pounds, 8 ounces set by McConnell in 2002. Georgia's record was 63 pounds.

A friend McConnell was fishing with boated two striper that weighed more than 20 pounds while McConnell fought the striper three times their size.

"Sometimes he wouldn't even move," McConnell told the newspaper. "I thought he was hung up. Then all of a sudden I felt that tail

and he'd take off again. It felt like I was pulling up a 200-pound catfish."

The record bass is not a fluke for McConnell. He has caught seven or eight striper weighing more than 50 pounds, and he usually releases the 40-pounders he catches.

Still, he didn't expect to break his record.

"Yeah, I was kind of surprised," he said. "I knew it could be done, but I didn't know who was gonna do it."

— Staff report



ANOTHER RECORD: Terry McConnell caught this striped bass, weighing 64 pounds, 4 ounces, to set the South Carolina state record. Photo provided by Terry McConnell.

Outdoor News in Brief

New record for N.C. crappie

Ronnie Emory Jr. reeled in a 3-pound, 8-ounce white crappie from a private pond March 30 to set the North Carolina freshwater fishing state record. Emory, 25, of Franklin, caught the fish using a Garland mini-jig.

"I've been fishing that pond since I was 10 years old, and I've caught some big crappie out there, although nothing that size before," Emory said. "I knew that it was big, but I didn't know it was the state record until I went online and saw what the current state record was, and thought, 'Mine's bigger than that.'"

Emory's catch surpassed the last state record by 4 ounces. James G. "Greg" Brown caught a 3-pound, 4-ounce white crappie March 5, 2008, from a pond at the Waverly Swim Club in Charlotte.

— North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission report

Montana access bill approved

Public access to certain rivers and streams in Montana has been debated for years as out-of-state landowners sought to deny public access to the waterways.

Legislators have worked on a solution for more than two years, and a bill clarifying state law on public access to cer-

tain rivers and streams from county roads and bridges was signed by Gov. Brian Schweitzer on April 13.

House Bill 190 provides that people may gain access to state waterways for recreational use by using a public bridge, right of way or abutment and a county road right of way.

The bill, by Rep. Kendall Van Dyk, D-Billings, was approved by a 96-3 vote. Van Dyk told the Helena State Gazette that the bill "will protect our Montana tradition of public access to our world-class blue-ribbon trout streams and lets out-of-state landowners know that in Montana our streams and rivers are not for sale."

— Staff report

Chinook season halted again

The commercial and most recreational fishing off the coast of California for chinook, or king salmon, will be called off again after a record low number of the fish returned to the Sacramento River to spawn last year.

A limited 10-day recreational season will be allowed near the Oregon border.

The halt to California's salmon fishing season marks the second consecutive year in a row the Pacific Fishery Management Council has halted commercial angling for chinook. Last year's cancellation was the first.

The council forwarded its decision to the National Marine Fisheries Service for approval before May 1.

— Pacific Fishery Management Council report

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HUNTING

Auction sells taxidermy to hunters, profit seekers

Hundreds of animals, other items sold

By Thomas Phillips

LONE STAR OUTDOOR NEWS

Buyers had different reasons for attending the World Class Big Game Trophy Mount & Western Auction earlier this month in Fort Worth.

Blake May of Springtown came to find taxidermy to hang in the room of his forthcoming child.

"I'm just buying stuff for my wall to try to fill it up," May said while looking over a wall filled with hundreds of shoulder mounts. "A lot of people are buying to sell [stuff] too. There was a bunch of guys, they bought all kinds of stuff yesterday to put back on eBay, I'm sure."

May was looking for everyday animals and anything different to add to his personal col-

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ON THE BLOCK: Taxidermy surrounds auction organizers and the auctioneer April 18 in Fort Worth at the World Class Big Game Trophy Mount & Western Auction. Photo by Thomas Phillips, Lone Star Outdoor News.

The sounds of silence

Hunters vary methods for bagging quiet toms

By Craig Nyhus

LONE STAR OUTDOOR NEWS

The lack of gobbling in parts of Texas turkey country has some hunters baffled. A few, though, have been rewarded after trying different techniques.

Some hunters, after spooking toms they have spent an hour or more in an area calling, have hit paydirt by doing nothing.

"Every time we moved opening weekend, there would be toms a few hundred yards away," said Sawyer Wright, who hunted in Erath County. "We would spook them when we moved to the next spot."

Many hunters prefer an aggressive, move-and-call approach, but patience can be the key for silent toms.

Mike Prichard guides out of the M Bar H Lodge in Coleman County and said although his hunters have reached 80 percent success, the hunting has been tough.

"The gobblers have been quiet, making a guide want to pull his hair out," he said. "It helps if you know their territory and where they are going — you can kind of ambush them."

Prichard said the toms have become more vocal later in the day.

"You need a lot more patience," he said. "If you're used to staying in one spot 45 minutes, stay two hours. And most of the birds are staying near water; it's still real dry here."

Hunting turkeys near a feeder may be frowned upon by some purists, but other hunters see it, along with hunting water holes, as a way to in-



LISTENING BUT NOT HEARING: Turkey hunters have been calling, but gobblers have been quiet in much of the state. Patience and knowing the routes the birds take have been the keys to success for some to bag their toms. Photo by David J. Sams, Lone Star Outdoor News.

crease the odds of having hens present, hopefully bringing the silent tom to the call.

One pair of hunters had success in Tom Green County by a variety of methods.

"They would gobble like crazy on the roost, but as soon as they hit the ground — total silence," said Tim Sharp of Dallas, who hunted with a longtime turkey-hunting friend from Lexington, Ky.

The hunters tag-teamed, with one calling and the other designated as the shooter.

"We called in a few younger birds, but they came in unannounced," Sharp said. "Then we tried to set up on their travel route from the roost in the hope they would walk by. We were able to pull a tom out of a group of birds; he came to our hen decoy, but silently."

The pair's final attempt was even

more creative — using a more aggressive approach to get near the shy gobblers — on their bellies.

"We saw birds in a feeding area and crawled to try to get into position," Sharp said. "We got 50 to 60 yards away, but there were too many eyes out there; we would have been busted."

Sharp's hunting friend then hit the hen call.

"A hen came to investigate and

brought two toms along with her — she walked right past us and we got the toms that followed."

Sharp said they tried to make educated guesses to get closer to the birds, but he's apprehensive about crawling later in the season.

"I could see being like Indiana Jones, eye-to-eye with a rattlesnake," he said. "Not to mention the cactus quills that pulled my light camo cover pants down."

Ammo prices spiking

Speculation contributes to rise, Dallas vendor says

Booming sales of some types of guns (AR-platform and handguns) have been followed by a shortage of ammunition. And it's not just the increased numbers of customers seeking reasonable amounts of ammo for their new purchase that are causing the shortage.

While military demands and peaked sales are mentioned as bringing about shortages in .223, .308 and other calibers, some believe there is a more pressing issue that brings back memories of spiking oil prices last summer, where speculators were blamed for driving up prices.

It turns out the speculators aren't limited to buying liquid commodities.

"There are people trying to buy 100 cases at a time if they can find it," said Ron Rutledge of McClelland's Guns in Dallas. "I tell them they are crazy. They are going to be sitting on a lot of product at less value."

The resulting shortages have caused stores and shooting ranges to ration ammunition, many allowing sales of small amounts at a time. And some ranges are requiring the ammunition be purchased — and shot — at the range, with none leaving the facility.

The spike may continue for a while, but Rutledge thinks prices should start to drop this summer.

"The manufacturers are producing it as fast as they can," he said. "It should settle down."

— Staff report

Devices help amputees draw bow, shoot shotgun

Texas company makes wide assortment of assistive equipment

By Thomas Phillips

LONE STAR OUTDOOR NEWS

Fishing and hunting require finesse and physical exertion (and lots of gear). It's not easy for many anglers to cast just right, and shooting a firearm or bow is mastered by much dedication and exercise. With two hands.

Try any of the above with one. Ron Farquharson didn't let his am-

putation — of his right hand above the wrist during an accident at Dow Chemical in Freeport in 1971 — stop him from catching fish and harvesting whitetails and fowl.

He began manufacturing prosthetics to allow upper-extremity amputees to use a fishing reel, release an arrow, cradle a shotgun and more.

"I've got a wall full of heads," Far-

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Hunting News in Brief

NRCS taking applications for wetlands program

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is accepting applications from landowners interested in wetlands restoration through the Wetlands Reserve Program.

Texas is targeting three areas for wetland restoration projects under WRP: playa lakes and coastal depressions, bottomland hardwoods in the Trinity River watershed, and all other degraded wetlands within the state.

The 2008 Farm Bill changes the process for determining the easement value, directing NRCS to pay the lowest of:

- the fair market value of the land according to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices or an area-wide market analysis;
- the geographic area rate cap as determined by the secretary of agriculture; or
- the landowner's offer.

WRP offers three enrollment options:
■ Restoration Cost-Share Agreement. An agreement for a minimum of 10 years in duration to reestablish degraded or lost wetland habitat. NRCS pays 75 percent of the cost of the restoration activity. This does not place an easement on the property. The landowner provides the restoration site without reimbursement.

■ 30-Year Easement. A conservation easement lasting 30 years. Easement payments are 75 percent of what would be paid for a permanent easement. NRCS also pays 75 percent of restoration costs.

■ Permanent Easement. A conservation easement in perpetuity. NRCS pays for the easement and 100 percent of the costs of restoring the wetland.

WRP is a voluntary program that provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands in exchange for retiring eligible land from agriculture.

Landowners may contact their local NRCS office for more information.

— U.S. Department of Agriculture report

Public hearings set on fee increases, dove proposals

Texas Parks and Wildlife will conduct 21 public hearings on proposed increases in license and boat registration and titling fees and on proposals to change the 2009-10 dove seasons.

The public may comment at the TPW Web site or by writing Public Comment, attn. Robert Macdonald, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744 or e-mail robert.macdonald@tpwd.state.tx.us.

Public hearing schedule

All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

- April 27:** Lubbock, Lubbock County Courthouse
- April 28:** Corpus Christi, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Natural Resource Building
- April 29:** Waco, McLennan County Courthouse; Laredo, Camp Huisache
- April 30:** El Paso, State Building
- May 1:** Baytown, Eddie Gray Wetlands Center; Kerrville, Upper Guadalupe River Authority
- May 4:** Midland, Martin Luther King Community Center; Bay City, Bay City Service Center
- May 5:** Ozona, Crockett County Courthouse
- May 6:** Tyler, Smith County Courthouse; Brownsville, Cameron County Courthouse
- May 7:** Abilene, Abilene/Taylor County Law Enforcement Center
- May 8:** Garland, Bass Pro Shop
- May 11:** Amarillo, Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center; Beaumont, Annex 1 Building
- May 12:** Wichita Falls, Times Record News
- May 13:** Lufkin, Angelina County Courthouse; Hebbronville, Jim Hogg County Courthouse
- May 14:** Alpine, Sul Ross University, Range Animal Science Building
- May 15:** San Antonio, National Shooting Complex

— Texas Parks and Wildlife report



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FISHING

Smallmouth buffalo from Texas entered as world records

Fish would set mark for certain line classes

Texas anglers landed two pending world record fish recently, according to the International Game Fish Association.

Ronnie Eidson of Watauga caught a 20-pound, 12-ounce smallmouth buffalo on 4-pound-test line using a Berkley Honey Worm on Feb. 26 at Lake Grapevine. The fish would be the record for that line class.

"I've been fishing for that particular fish," Eidson said. "I thought the record was beatable, so I thought that I

would see if I could beat it."

Stan Nabozny of The Woodlands also caught a pending record smallmouth buffalo. He was fly-fishing March 5 on Lake Livingston when he caught the 10-pound, 8-ounce buffalo. Nabozny's record would be for catching the fish on a fly rod using 12-pound-test tippet.

The anglers hold several other records each. Eidson holds records for carp on Martin Creek Reservoir (7.25 pounds), Marine Creek (12.25 pounds) and Possum Kingdom (6.25 pounds). Nabozny holds the record for redfish caught fly-fishing in Matagorda Bay (8 pounds), fly-fishing black drum in Matagorda Bay (29.75 pounds) and fly-fishing redfish in San Antonio Bay (8.94 pounds.)

— Staff report



PENDING RECORDS: Stan Nabozny, left, and Ronnie Eidson show their catches of smallmouth buffalo. The fish have been submitted to the International Game Fish Association for consideration as world records.

Crappie cooled at Lavon

Storms slows bite, but not the anglers

By Thomas Phillips
LONE STAR OUTDOOR NEWS

Pat Colgan had only one crappie in his bag about 4 p.m. April 19 at Lake Lavon. The bite had slowed down considerably since rainy weather struck three days earlier.

"It's been pretty slow today, but it's been pretty good generally," Colgan said while watching his line on the south side of the U.S. 380 bridge.

Colgan was fishing for the fourth time in a week for the annual crappie run. His first trips were spent on the bridge's north side, but high wind had sent anglers around to the south.

Fishing together, Colgan, of Celeste, and Ken Groves of Garland were using minnows about 18 inches to 2 feet deep over the rocks along the bridge.

Anglers have a short drop down from the highway to the lake, but it takes them over loose riprap. Colgan and Groves suggested anglers use caution when climbing down — and fishing over — the same rocks.

"We're losing a lot of gear," Colgan said.

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CASUAL CRAPPIE: Pat Colgan, left, and Ken Groves cast for crappie April 19 at Lake Lavon.

The bite had slowed down from the week before, they said, but they expected it to pick up about sunset. Photo by Thomas Phillips, LSON.

Scouting can be done without harassing fish, anglers, some say

'Burning the flats' spooks fish in marsh

By Craig Nyhus
LONE STAR OUTDOOR NEWS

Scouting practices of some anglers leading up to redfish tournaments have riled local shallow-water anglers in the past, especially kayakers and fly-fishermen wading, poling or drifting a flat for reds.

The technique, called by critics "burning the flats," involved making quick laps around a marsh pond with the boat's big engine, scattering the resident fish.

Critics complain that the practice effectively shuts down fishing for those using the marsh, and the running boats may damage underwater vegetation and scar the marsh bottom.

Tournament trails are taking steps to reduce the practice. The Texas Saltwater Series designates 14 days before each tournament as official practice days and institutes penalties, including disqualification.

The series' rules prohibit harassing redfish, burning shorelines, pushing redfish schools and extensive running in bodies of water, under power, with the intent of locating redfish.

The Redfish Cup defines "burning" as intentionally running a boat on plane with the purpose of locating fish, moving fish, harassing fish or wildlife, or destruction of habitat. The practice is prohibited within 100 yards of any boat (competitor or non-competitor) or shoreline.

Not all tournament anglers agree with all of the changes.

"There were a few guys that did things they shouldn't," said Redfish Cup angler Robert Scherer. "People complained, and it took off from there."

Scherer said the scouting practice is an effective way to eliminate a lot of water in practice, and can be done without harassing the fish or other anglers.

"You can fish maybe a square mile in a day of practice," he said. "By scouting you can check 10 square miles. The biggest problem is they never should have called it 'burning'; it should just be called 'scouting.'"

Some of the complaints have come from other tournament anglers.

"They don't have a tower boat, and the tower boats have an advantage," Scherer said. "Keeping your boat 100 yards from all other boats is a good idea. Keeping 100 yards from the shoreline is a bad idea — that will probably need to change."



SCOUTING OR BURNING? Looking for redfish in practice by motoring through bays is important to tournament redfish anglers, but fly anglers and kayakers in the marsh have complained that some have taken the method too far, disrupting their fishing. Tournament trails have instituted rules to prohibit the practice of "burning the flats."

Fishing News in Brief

Team Watkins takes IFA Redfish Tour event

The Rockport father-son team of Ray Watkins Sr. and Ray Jay Watkins Jr. weighed in a two-fish limit of 17.67 pounds to win the IFA Redfish Tour event April 18 at Rockport.

Windy conditions faced the competitors all week, making scouting and the competition day tougher than the anglers had hoped.

"We basically fished the same areas we practiced in," said the younger Watkins. "We both had cancellations for our guide services this week so we had plenty of time on the rough water before Saturday. I'm very fortunate to fish with Dad, especially after having won a few times."

The Watkins team worked one area after a run of nearly 30 miles. Using 4-inch morning glory chartreuse Bass Assassins to sight cast to structure, they landed six fish, missed a couple but could weigh in the two largest redfish that bit.

The second-place team (17.12 pounds) of Bennie Hatton of Deer Park and Gary Sills of Missouri City weighed in the only two keepers they landed after a 50-mile run.

Third-place finishers (16.96 pounds) Geoff Bennett and Rudy Romero, both of Corpus Christi, also won the Rapala Big-Fish Award.

Glen Watts and Mike Miller finished fourth with 16.9 pounds, and Eddie Curry and Skipper Mock finished fifth with 16.64 pounds.

— IFA Redfish Tour report

LSU-Shreveport takes College Bass regional

Only one limit was caught on the final day at the College Bass West Super Regional on Lake Palestine, but two critical keepers in the final 30 minutes pushed Joe Landry and Zach Caule from LSU-Shreveport to victory.

Their two-day total of 30.33 pounds was almost 5 pounds heavier than the second-place team from the University of North Texas, Austin Hollowell and Brandon Dickenson. The UNT team had the only limit of the day, pushing their total to 25.98 pounds.

The winners used green pumpkin worms

and topwaters, while the UNT team used green pumpkin jigs around docks.

Northwestern State's Zack Hester and Adam McDonald finished in third place with 21.89 pounds. Louisiana Tech's two teams finished fourth and fifth. Stephen F. Austin University's two teams finished eighth and ninth. Texas State finished 10th, and Texas A&M finished 11th.

— CollegeBass.com report

Big bass abound at Falcon Bass Champs

Will Welch of San Angelo and John Basinger of Slayton topped the field of 193 boats at the Bass Champs South Region tournament at Falcon Lake with five fish totaling 34.46 pounds, winning \$20,000.

Big weights were the norm as 56 teams brought in sacks weighing more than 20 pounds, and the top seven teams had weights above the 30-pound mark.

The winners fished a main lake point dragging Texas-rigged Senkos at 15-foot depths.

The father-son team of Jesus Morales Sr. and Jesus Morales Jr. of Laredo finished second with 34.14 pounds fishing points close to flats with structure or bushes.

Another father-son team, Tony and Michael Gutierrez of San Antonio followed with 33.08 pounds, including two 10-pounders, with a 10.3-pound largemouth that took Big Bass honors.

Guadalupe and Gerald Delafuente finished fourth with 32.72 pounds, followed by Bill Kingsbery of Del Rio and Albert Hudson of Austin with 32.66 pounds.

— Bass Champs report

Big Bass Splash won with 10.9-pound largemouth

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ALLIGATOR SHOOTER TURNS HIMSELF IN

A call reporting that an alligator had been shot at Richland Creek Wildlife Management Area was received, and four witnesses said a man tried to bribe them with promises of money for not reporting the incident. Freestone County Game Warden Craig Hernandez investigated and learned the man went so far as to give the witnesses his business card. While Hernandez was checking on the man's criminal history, another call came in reporting that an alligator had been killed illegally on the same wildlife management area. The caller turned out to be the shooter. The man confessed and agreed to meet Hernandez the next day to receive his citation. Civil restitution is also pending.

WAIT TILL THEY COME DOWN BEFORE SHOOTING TURKEYS

Two out-of-state men were fined for hunting turkeys on the roost. Hardeman County Game Warden Matt Thompson had a landowner drop him off on his property that bordered the roost and crawled to within 200 yards of it. Shortly after legal shooting hours, he could hear voices conducting a countdown and then shooting began. Thompson saw one bird fall, and a large number of turkeys leave the roost. Thompson waited for the men at their truck. The judge fined the men \$500 per charge.

OFFICER, WARDEN RETURN FLEEING SUSPECT TO BORDER PATROL

A man who ran away from a Sabinal police officer tried to hide in the brush but was found by a game warden and the officer. Uvalde County Game Warden Henry Lutz observed the man as he fled across a field and tried to hide in the brush along a fence. The officer drove through the field and approached the man from one side of the fence while Lutz ap-

Poaching ring brought down in Wood County

Eleven individuals ranging in age from 16 to 36 were investigated as being part of a white-tailed deer poaching ring in Wood County. Most of the poaching occurred at night and from a vehicle on a public road, and some was on private ranches behind closed gates without

the landowners' consent. The majority of the animals were retrieved, but only the backstraps and hind-quarters were taken on several deer, leaving the remainder in the field. Three rifles and two shotguns were seized for evidence. At least 30 deer are known to have been killed with

more suspected. The suspects face 522 possible criminal charges total, ranging from felonies to class C misdemeanors. At least 151 charges have been filed or cited. The charges result from a six-week investigation by Wood County Game Wardens Kurt Kelley and Derek Spitzer.

proached from the other direction. The man did not see Lutz drive up behind him. The man was turned over to Border Patrol after it was learned that he had fled from them earlier in the day.

ROAD POACHERS REPORTED TWICE IN COMANCHE COUNTY

While at Lake Proctor, Comanche County Game Warden Mike Alexander received a report of people in a truck shooting from the road. A few hours later another complaint on the same vehicle was received. A Comanche officer stopped the truck and held the men for Alexander. The men admitted to shooting a rabbit, a raccoon and several road signs on their way into town.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT ON NEIGHBOR'S LAND

A landowner was telling Calhoun Game Wardens Philip Bird and Mike Mitchell of his frustration with repeated trespassing and fishing without landowner consent. The wardens met with the landowner's agent and familiarized themselves with the land. Before they left, a man came onto the land to fish. A citation was given for fishing without landowner consent.

NO LANDOWNER PERMISSION FOR EASTLAND COUNTY HUNT

Three men hunting hogs and turkey on an Eastland County ranch

tried to lie their way out of being caught poaching. Eastland County Game Warden Zach Havens investigated the men and found one had fresh blood on his pants that he claimed was from a cooler containing sausage and chicken. The men said no wild game had been taken. Havens let the group continue driving on the ranch and drove to their camp where he observed a fresh turkey tail and a turkey hen carcass in a cooler. Four out-of-state men were cited for hunting without landowner's permission, and one was cited for the illegal turkey.

BUSTED ON THE BANK, HEADED BACK TO JAIL

A man fishing on Brushy Creek Lake in Williamson County thought he didn't need a license and didn't mention his arrest warrant when approached by a game warden. Williamson County Game Warden Turk Jones was checking fishermen by kayak on the lake and approached two fishermen on the shore fishing by the dam. The anglers said they did not need a license because they were not keeping fish. Jones explained that they needed a license and asked for their identification. Both individuals said they did not have ID with them. Jones then asked them to meet him back at the boat launching area. Both men agreed. While issuing citations for fishing without a license, Jones learned that one of the individuals

was wanted by Travis County. On the way to jail, the man started laughing and said this was the craziest fishing story he has had, from fishing to going back to jail. Cases pending.

BB GUNS IN THE BACKYARD NOT LEGAL FOR WHITEWINGS

Two men received citations and warnings for infractions related to shooting white-winged doves in a backyard. Travis County Game Warden Christy Vales received a call from a Pflugerville resident reporting the illegally taken white-winged doves. The complainant said two people were shooting doves with a BB gun from their backyard. Vales took pictures of a dead white-winged dove in the front yard. Later, Vales returned to the shooter's residence and spoke to the shooter's wife. The husband confessed that he and his brother-in-law shot and killed the white-winged doves from their backyard. Citations and warnings were issued for hunting in closed season, illegal means and methods, hunting without a valid hunting license, and no hunter education.

RAFTS USED TO SHIP POT IN BROWNSVILLE

Game wardens were patrolling for illegal fishing activity when they spotted men crossing the Brownsville Ship Channel in a small rubber raft. Further investigation revealed the men were ferrying bundles of mari-

juana from the south shore of the channel to the north shore. Game warden land units were notified of the activity, and the Border Patrol and U.S. Coast Guard also responded to assist in securing the scene and rounding up additional people hiding in the brush. Eighteen smugglers were taken into custody, and 1,237 pounds of marijuana and six rubber life rafts were seized.

ARREST WARRANT ONLY PART OF POACHER'S PROBLEMS

A couple fishing in the Arroyo Colorado ended their day with legal troubles. Game Warden Dan Waddell contacted them in response to a complainant's call. The male was wanted out of Bexar County on aggravated assault charges from 12 years ago. Waddell arrested the man, issued him a citation for possession of 18 undersized trout and then turned him over to the Cameron County Sheriff's Office. The female accompanying him was issued a citation for fishing without a license.

DROWNED ANGLER'S BODY RECOVERED

An angler drowned when he swam into the Neches River to remove an obstacle in his fishing area. Hardin County Game Wardens Mike Boone and Roy Eddins and Orange County Game Warden Clint Caywood recovered the body of the 45-year-old man.

BOAT CAPSIZES, WARDEN COMES TO RESCUE

Four boaters who did not return on time became the focus of a search on Choke Canyon Reservoir. With little to no information as to the whereabouts of the overdue boaters, McMullen County Game Warden Bubba Shelton put his boat on the water at about 11 p.m. At 4 a.m., Shelton located the boaters sitting astraddle their overturned boat and transported them to the ramp.

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ON THE MOVE

A hybrid, but more like a Texas native from GMC

New technology gets attention

By David J. Sams
LONE STAR OUTDOOR NEWS

When a new truck rolls into a fishing camp, all of the members stop sipping beverages and talking about the day's catch. They just turn and stare.

The new GMC Sierra Hybrid quickly became the talk of the camp near Rockport. Everyone wanted to see under the hood, they wanted to know the gas mileage, and they wanted to know the price.

The new truck made it to market despite the undue negative press the company has received. And, judging from their comments, the fishermen were impressed with the new technology.

GMC takes driving into the future

The Sierra Hybrid looks just like its fully fossil-fueled brother inside and out, except for small nifty Hybrid logos near the side mirrors. One might expect a more futuristic dashboard, but the only noticeable difference was the Driver Information Center that keeps you advised of your fuel economy.

All similarities change, though, when you lift the hood and see what looks like a generator (actually the two-mode hybrid electric propulsion system) sitting with an eight-cylinder engine and standard 12-volt battery.

Turning the key to start the engine brings the first noticeable driving difference. It sounds as if there is no starter. There is no starter. The motor is just running.

Pushing the accelerator, the vehi-



HEALTHY HYBRID: Hybrids become haulers in the GMC Sierra 4WD Hybrid Crew Cab. The pickup can pull a boat and trailer out of the water under electric power, and giving little indication when it switches to its V8 gas engine. Photos by David J. Sams, LSON.



cle starts moving with the hybrid battery power and then switches to gas. And the good news is you can't feel the switch — the only way to tell the engine is running is by the tachometer.

Plenty of power and rapid acceleration

Achieving highway speeds is not a problem with the 6.0-liter, 332-hp V-8 engine. At cruising speed, the eight cylinders keep the truck climbing hills. When it doesn't need the power, the engine drops down to four cylinders and saves fuel. Again, you don't feel the switch.

Interestingly, the hybrid motor does not run at high speeds. But when brak-

ing and coming to a stop you feel a little surge as the hybrid motor kicks back in and gears down.

With the first tank of gas, the trip odometer read 398 miles and the truck's computer read 21.1 gallons of fuel used. The pump at the Valero station read 21.5 gallons. The computer read 19.1 mpg average despite the truck having fewer than 1,000 miles.

While sitting in the ferry line at Port Aransas, the computer read 99

mpg when the hybrid motor was on. It quickly became evident that the majority of the fuel savings will come when the vehicle is in stop-and-go traffic, as most of the hybrid power comes on take-off and again on braking.

A lot of battery sits under the rear seat. The pack provides 300 volts of electricity for the air conditioner and other electronics. The batteries have an eight-year, 100,000-mile warranty.

Alan Skrobarek tested pulling abil-

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ity when he hauled his Stoner Skiff. "I could feel no difference when it shifted from battery to gas," he said. "I pulled the boat out of the water totally on battery power — that is pretty cool."

Testing the four-wheel drive, I turned on Beach Access Road 2. The beach sign indicated that the beach driving conditions were poor — great news for a test drive. The automatic four-wheel-drive and the four high and four low worked great in the deep ruts on the beach, and making our own ruts didn't slow us down either. There was no slipping or digging in, and the suspension was smooth over the rutted beach.

The sticker price for the test vehicle, \$49,645, seems a bit high. The hybrid motor is a great asset, but it would take an unreachable number of years to pay the difference over its gas-powered brother based on highway fuel savings with a difference of only 2 mpg. For those who rack up the city miles, the difference is 6 mpg, making the savings more appreciable.

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Devices

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Farquharson said. "It takes me a lot longer, but I can do it. And I'll cook it."

The N-Abler system Farquharson developed is a prosthetic socket that amputees attach to their point of amputation, and a tool that fits in the socket to help carry out a task.

The tasks and tools are usually specific: a tool with a socket for grasping the crank on a fishing reel, a knife, a string release for bowhunting, an implement that swivels so the wearer can swing a shotgun or rifle. One tool is a fishing rod, with the handle converted to fit the N-Abler system.

The line also doesn't end with outdoors tools. Others are made for lifting weights, shaving and other personal hygiene tasks, cooking, gardening and carpentry. A mechanic's tool set — wrenches, files, etc. — are also available.

"It just a little something that makes somebody's life easier," Farquharson said. "That's what it's all about."

First cut

Although Farquharson uses the tools outdoors, his desire for a better amputee tool system didn't begin in the field. It started in the kitchen.

"I kind of think of myself as somewhat of a chef, and trying to hold a chef's knife with a hook is dangerous," Farquharson said in a recent telephone interview from his manufacturing shop in Brazoria.

After his amputation, he asked his doctor if anyone made a platform for amputee tools. No one did.

He turned to his employer, and the Dow machine shop made a knife for him.

"That worked really well," Farquharson said. "Before long I had a pretty good line of stuff just for me."

He started the patent process and asked his Houston physician if he could present it to her colleagues.

She said yes, and soon Farquharson was in a theater being stared down by a bunch of doctors in white coats.

"I was scared to death, man," he said.

He gave his spiel, and afterward his doctor told him she only let him make his presentation because he was a patient. But she thought he was on to something.



NOT DISABLED: Ron Farquharson shoots a shotgun using the cradle tool his company, Texas Assistive Devices, manufactures for amputees. Photo by Texas Assistive Devices.

"Almost 15 years later we're doing business in 48 states and 15 countries," he said.

On the water

It's not all about business. After all, Farquharson developed the N-Abler system for himself, so he could cook, hunt and fish.

He fishes in Florida once a year, goes dove and deer hunting. He rests his rifle on his blind when hunting deer. No special device there.

He can shoot, hang, skin, gut and quarter a deer with one hand, a knife and a hack saw.

"I've been to the White River in Arkansas and caught rainbow trout with this device," he said. "I like to fish, and it really frees me up. I can fish just like you do."

On a trip to Key West, Fla., Farquharson fought a shark for 58 minutes.

An imperfect system

Some tasks are still difficult despite the tools.

Users must be careful when they load a gun. But that applies to fully functional hunters, too.

Baiting a hook and tying a knot? Add ingenuity to the list of requirements for outdoors success.

"You haven't got your hook on," Farquharson said. "You've got to figure a way to do it."

But Texas Assistive Devices, Farquharson's company, may figure those out, too.

"We're always coming up with something," he said.

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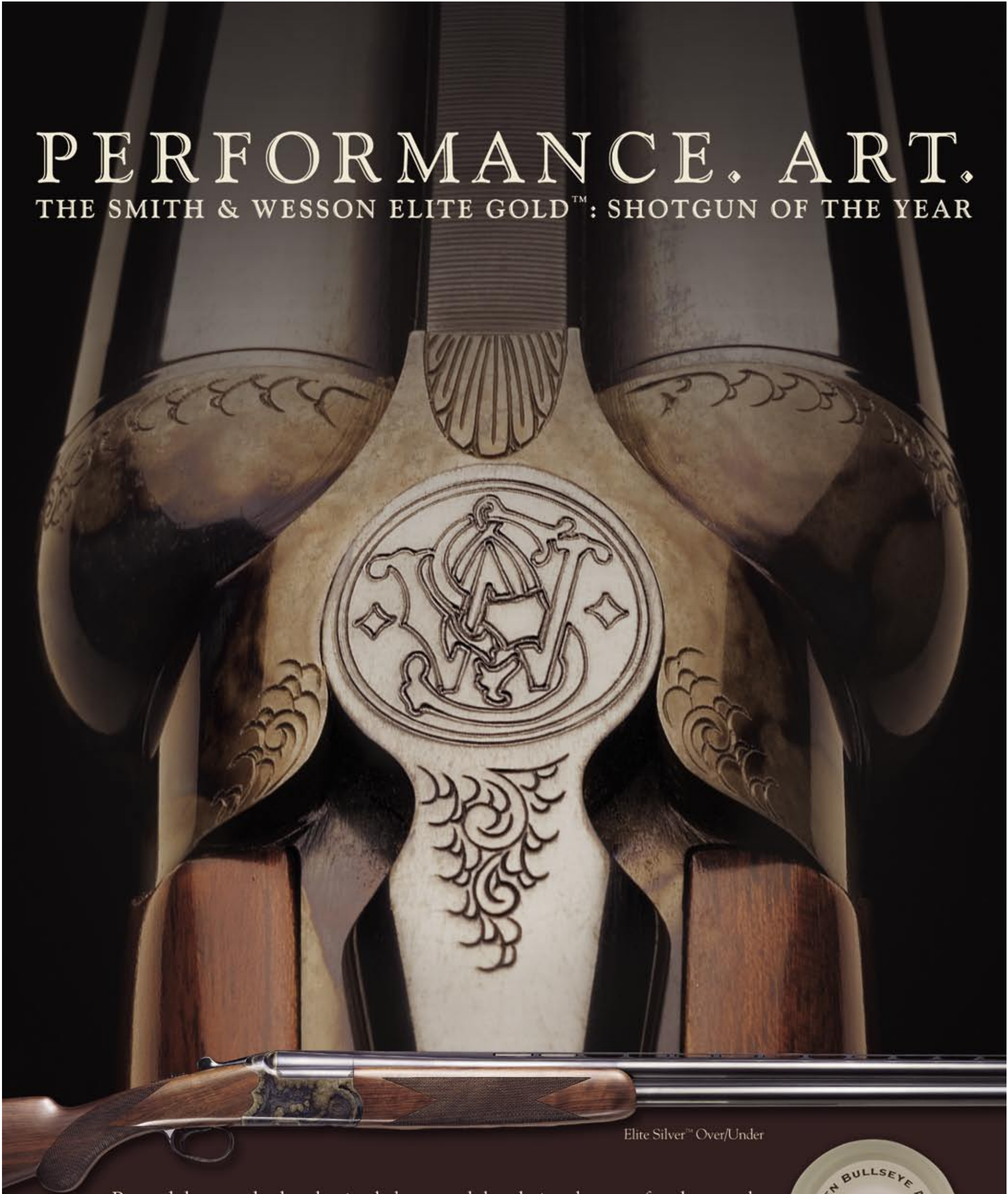
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TAKING BIDS: Hundreds of items were auctioned during the two-day sale, held at Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth. Photo by Thomas Phillips, Lone Star Outdoor News.

Auction

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lection of white-tailed deer. The day before, he purchased an axis deer, Dahl sheep, coyote and kilspringer.

A kilspringer? "I don't know; some little African deer or something like that," May said.

The haul set him back \$1,200, but the price to have all four animals mounted would probably have been much higher. He priced a coyote mount alone at \$800.

Dave Murray, also of Springtown but not an acquaintance of May's, also wanted trophies to add to his collection.

He wasn't shopping for any specific animal, but he wanted North American game.

"I'm not really that into African," he said. He had about \$500 to spend if he found what he was looking for, he said.

With \$500, he probably could have left the Will Rogers Memorial Center with several pieces. Shoulder mounts of whitetails were selling for less than \$100. A bighorn sheep sold for \$245, and an impala fetched \$200.

They were among hundreds of items on the block in the two-day sale. And taxidermy wasn't the only thing going. Furniture, firearms, rugs and other odds and ends were available.

Not everyone at the auction was buying. "We're probably different from most of the

people here," Susan Lindsey said. "We're selling stuff," said Paul Nachant, Lindsey's brother.

"We just came to say goodbye," Lindsey said. Nachant and Lindsey, with their sister, Sally Reynolds, traveled from San Diego to see some of the larger pieces from their father's collection sell. They were selling the larger pieces, including bears, sheep, quail and a wolf. One was a full-body mount of a polar bear.

"Nobody had any room for it," said Nachant, a hunter himself.

His father hunted in North America, and his children kept some of the smaller pieces.

The siblings were sad to see some of the bears go, and they were not receiving the prices they wanted.

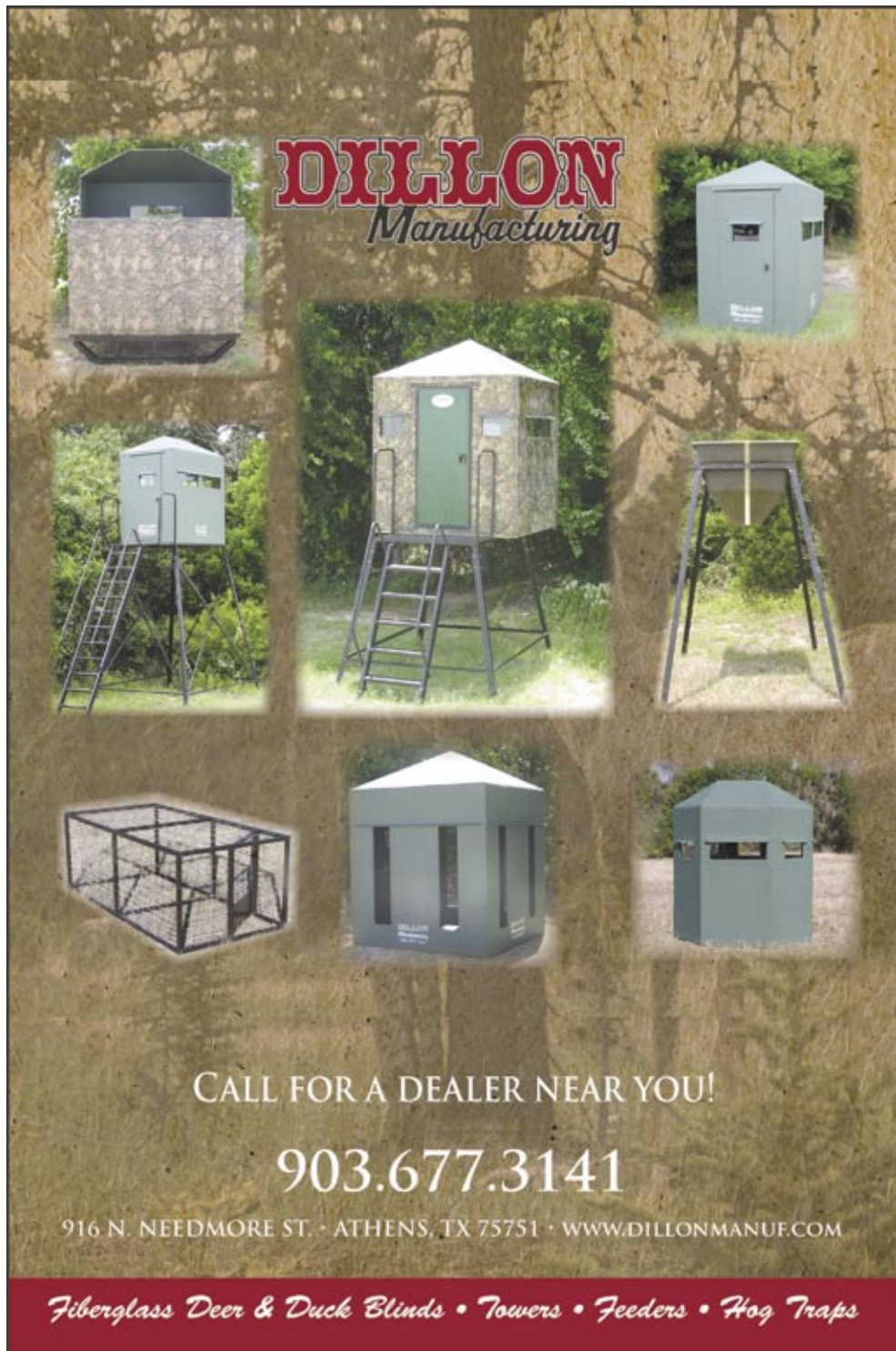
"The prices are way down," Lindsey said.

"We knew they'd be down, but we didn't think it would be this far," Nachant said.

One polar bear brought the auction's highest sale price — \$19,000, though auction organizer John Brommel did not name its former owner.

Brommel hosts the auction twice a year, hauling the items up from his store, The Corner Shoppe, in Austin. The auctions help him offload merchandise, which often comes to Brommel from museums and hunters' estates, to free up space in the store.

"Everybody has a different reason for buying," Brommel said. "Some people don't like to hunt. Some just want to decorate their house."



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Crappie

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have stayed away from Texas," Leonard said. "That's why we started it (CAT)."

A few other smaller crappie clubs have popped up in the state, but they didn't seem to have the size or the staying power.

"There was the Bayou City Crappie Club in Houston, but it kind of fizzled out," Leonard said. "Some of that group fishes our events. The East Texas Crappie Club has teamed up with us for some events as well."

This year, eight events will lead to the Texas State Championship on Oct. 16-17 at Richland-Chambers Reservoir. A qualifying event at Lake O' the Pines was held April 18.

The membership now stands at 206, and the group held 10 tournaments last year. This year's first event, at Lake Livingston, drew 48 teams.

"That's a Crappie USA-size field," Leonard said.

The tournaments weigh up to seven fish per boat and artificial baits and live baits may be used in the two divisions, Division 1 for "pros" (really experienced crappie fishermen and women) and Division 2 for the less-experienced crappie angler.

And, unlike most tournament trails, kayakers are welcome.

"We had one kayaker, Phill Pittman, at Lake O' the Pines," Leonard said. "He finished 12th

— he beat me."

But Leonard stressed the organization is more than just a tournament trail.

"It's about family and friends and teaching and educating people about crappie fishing," he said. "We have meetings each month (at the Carrollton Library), we have seminars and talk about techniques — it's amazing what the guides and experienced anglers will share about their favorite spots."

CAT qualifier, April 18, Lake O' the Pines

The team of Freddie Dooly and Bob McAffrey took the Division 1 title with seven fish totaling 13.86 pounds, followed by Paul O'Bier and Gary Sims with 12.98 pounds.

"We fished with nothing but jigs," said Dooly, of Hughes Springs. "And we used crappie nibbles."

The winning team fished over 18- to 25-foot of water.

"The fish were all 10- to 12-feet down on the timber," he said. "Most of the winning teams were fishing in the same area."

In Division 2, Buck Housewright and Dan Martin topped the field with 11.765 pounds, followed by Jim Henson and Craig Carpenter with 10.885 pounds.

"We had 40 boats, 23 in Division 1 and 17 in Division 2," Leonard said. "We're tickled pink about the turnout. That's 12 more boats than our biggest tournament last year."

Buffer

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of centerfire and rimfire weapons to tracts 50 acres or bigger and 300 feet from the same properties.

The new bills would extend the distances.

The Senate version, which is sponsored by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, extends the distances to 1,500 feet. The House version, sponsored by another Collin County legislator, Rep. Ken Paxton, R-McKinney, extends the buffer to 1,000 feet from homes and occupied buildings and 1,500 feet from the other facilities.

The rules apply in cities' extraterritorial jurisdiction, the area surrounding a city and extending out a half a mile to five miles, depending on the city's population, or in an area annexed by the city after Sept. 1, 1981. And the rules only affect properties near cities that prohibit hunting.

The bills are a compromise with supporters of more restrictive prohibitions, said Mike Kamerlander, policy analyst for Shapiro. They are a response to complaints from Collin County residents about dove hunters shooting near homes, Kamerlander said.

Kamerlander said shotgun pellets can travel 900 feet, and the 1,500-foot distance would provide an added buffer in case of wind carrying pellets and to further reduce

noise complaints.

The Texas State Rifle Association worked with Shapiro and Paxton to draft the legislation. TSRA President Dan Walker said extended buffers could help protect Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms by preventing an incident where someone puts a black eye on the use of firearms.

"It doesn't take but one less-than-intelligent individual — and that's putting it a nice way — to destroy everything that myself and every other commonsense, Second Amendment individual can do in a lifetime," he said.

The association supports Second Amendment rights and is trying to look at the bigger picture in protecting them, he said.

Hunters met the proposals with mixed reactions.

The Tarrant County hunter said the buffer is excessive. Hunters in the same field are often closer together than 1,000 feet, he said, so moving hunters that far from buildings is unnecessary.

Dale Bestwina, a hunting guide from Plano, supports the extension.

Bestwina takes many first-time dove hunters, he said, and they take inappropriate shots.

"I think it's a good idea," said Bestwina, who guides dove and duck hunts in North Texas. "I could see homeowners having their complaints."



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FISH ON: Anglers found success April 19 at Lake Lavon, but the bites were few and far between. Photo by Jennifer Phillips, for Lone Star Outdoor News.

Lavon

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Earlier in the run they caught several measuring 15 and 16 inches. This day the ones they caught were mostly shy of the 10-inch length limit.

"We're having to do a lot of measuring," Colgan said.

Colgan and Groves said the bite would heat up closer to dark, and other anglers must have known that, too. More and more anglers lined up along the banks and vehicles began to crowd the median between lanes on the bridge as the afternoon wore on.

A hundred yards west down the bank, Joe Ortega had a similar report.

"Today's pretty slow," said Ortega, of nearby Nevada. "It did pretty good up until about Thursday, and then the weather came in."

Ortega was using jigs down to about 3 feet and speculated most of the fish had gone deeper with the weather.

He caught one that morning and none after about 45 minutes that afternoon. He and a fishing partner landed 10 each in an hour April 16.

Numbers and size were better then, too, he said.

"Before the weather they were pretty good up to 15 inches," he said. "After the weather, you're lucky if they're 10 inches."

At another spot on the bank, Brad Helms of Princeton had two fish, both about 10 inches.

He had his black and blue jig between 2 and 3 feet. Most of the anglers' casts were within 20 feet of the bank.

"Yeah, it's kinda slow," he said. "The weather changing [doesn't] help much."

FISHING REPORT

HOT BITES LARGEMOUTH BASS



TRAVIS: Very good on watermelon Senkos, smoke grubs and Brush Hogs in 5-20 feet.

AMISTAD: Good on green tubes, Senkos and spinnerbaits in 12-42 feet.

BELTON: Good on Rat-L-Traps.

CONROE: Good on watermelon red and watermelon/green Carolina- and Texas-rigged soft plastics and on spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps.

LIVINGSTON: Good on crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are slow.

STILLHOUSE: Good on watermelon seed flukes and cotton candy soft plastics.

WHITE, HYBRID, STRIPER



BRAUNIG: Striped bass are excellent on liver and perch near Dead Tree Point and down rigging spoons near the dam and jetty.

BROWNWOOD: White bass are excellent on Li'l Fishies, small Rat-L-Traps and shad crankbaits.

RAY ROBERTS: White bass are good to excellent on spoons and Rattle Baits with sporadic topwater schooling.

SAM RAYBURN: White bass are excellent on spoons.

RAY HUBBARD: White bass are very good on slabs and 4" swimbaits where the birds are working and over humps and on points in 18-21 feet — fish are full of eggs.

CATFISH



BASTROP: Channel and blue catfish are excellent on live bait, frozen shrimp, liver and bloodbait.

BRAUNIG: Channel and blue catfish are excellent on shrimp, cheesebait, cut bait and liver.

CALAVERAS: Channel catfish are excellent on liver, shrimp, cheesebait and shad.

FALCON: Channel and blue catfish are excellent on frozen shrimp, stinkbait, nightcrawlers and cut bait under cormorants.

LIVINGSTON: Blue catfish are very good on shad.

CRAPPIE



BROWNWOOD: Excellent on Li'l Fishies and tube jigs under corks along shorelines in 1-3 feet.

AMISTAD: Water clear; 66 degrees; 1.91' high. Striped bass are good on RedFins. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and trolling hellbender crankbaits. Catfish are slow.

ARROWHEAD: Water moderately stained; 59 degrees; 7.29' low. Black bass are good on crankbaits or black/blue jigs off rocky points and rip-rap. Crappie are good on minnows fished at the east side bridges and state park piers with some fish moving shallow. White bass are fair trolling and casting to rocky points near Pawnee Point boat ramp. Blue Catfish are good drift fishing with cut shad or cheese baits on flats at 12-15 feet depth.

ATHENS: Water lightly stained, 60-64 degrees; 0.24' high. Black bass are fair to good on wacky rigs, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs with some movement towards the creeks. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut shad.

BELTON: Water clear; 64 degrees; 2.37' low. Hybrid striper are good on white River-sides. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows in 18-22 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and hot dogs. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

BOB SANDLIN: Water fairly clear; 59-63 degrees; 0.31' high. Black bass are fair to good on wacky rigs, spinnerbaits and Senkos (some bass are on beds in coves — major spawn should occur with the next full moon). White bass are good on slabs and Humdingers. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs in the creeks. Catfish are good on trotlines.

BRAUNIG: Water stained; 66 degrees. Black bass are slow. Redfish are slow.

BRIDGEPORT: Water fairly clear; 59-64 degrees; 9.43' low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and drop-shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on slabs and Humdingers. Hybrid striper are fair on live bait. Channel catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 64 degrees; 5.86' low. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, black/blue jigs, watermelon red worms and crankbaits in main lake coves and rock cuts. Hybrid striper are slow. Channel catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 66 degrees; 16.74' low. Black bass are good on topwaters, jigs and wacky-rigged watermelon/red Whacky Sticks in stickups and flooded grass back in creeks and pockets in 3-6 feet. Striped bass are fair jigging white bucktail jigs and drifting live bait around Shaw Island in 15-30 feet. White bass are good vertically jigging Bleeding Shad Tiny Traps and artificial minnows above Paradise Point. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines above Paradise Point.

CADDO: Water off-color; 60-64 degrees; 1.82' high. Black bass are good on flukes and Senkos. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows in the creek channel bends. White bass are good on Road Runners. Catfish are fair to good on prepared baits.

CALAVERAS: Water stained; 66 degrees. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are good on spoons and striper jigs near the dam and on chicken livers and shad near the dam and power lines. Redfish are slow. Crappie are slow. Blue catfish are good on cut bait and liver near 181 Cove and the railroad bridge.

CANYON LAKE: Water clear; 63 degrees; 12.12' low. Black bass are good on green pumpkin plastics on jigheads, grubs and grape worms on shaky jigheads. Striped bass are fair trolling crankbaits on down-riggers and vertically jigging silver artificial minnows and white striper jigs. White bass are fair vertically jigging artificial minnows and trolling shad. Smallmouth bass are good on grubs, Rat-L-Traps and 6" watermelon worms on jigheads. Crappie are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on live bait.

CEDAR CREEK: Water lightly stained; 59-65 degrees; 1.36' low. Black bass are fair on red Rat-L-Traps, jigs and drop-shot rigs. White bass are good on slabs and minnows. Hybrid striper are fair on live shad and slabs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair drift

fishing with cut shad.

CHOKE CANYON: Water clear; 67 degrees; 6.56' low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse/white spinnerbaits, crankbaits and Carolina-rigged soft plastics. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnow tipped jigs. Drum are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on punchbait in 10-12 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

COLEMAN: Water clear; 65 degrees; 6.72' low. Black bass are fair on soft plastic lizards, crankbaits, jerkbaits and moccasin blue worms. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear; 78 degrees (85 degrees at discharge); 3.45' low. Black bass are good on soft plastics and spinnerbaits in 6-10 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows in 9-12 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 3 pounds are fair on perch and liver in 12-18 feet. Yellow catfish to 5 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with live perch in 12-15 feet.

CONROE: Water murky; 0.73' low. Striped

bass are fair on minnows and chartreuse spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows. Catfish are good on stinkbait, nightcrawlers and shrimp.

GRAPEVINE: Water off-color; 60-65 degrees; 7.85' low. Black bass are fair on crankbaits, red Rat-L-Traps and Texas-rigged watermelon candy Baby Brush Hogs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on slabs around humps and points. Catfish are fair on prepared baits.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water stained; 66 degrees; 0.64' high. Black bass to 9 pounds are good on black soft plastic lizards near the marina in 5-8 feet and on chartreuse buzzbaits in 1-2 feet. Crappie are fair on live minnows on the north side of the lake and off flats near points. Bream are fair on live worms off piers. Channel and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 56 degrees; 5.20' low. Black bass are fair on white/chartreuse spinnerbaits and live baits along grass lines and black/blue soft plastic lizards along reeds

good on live baits, shad-colored lipless crankbaits and green pumpkin soft plastic tube baits, with some topwater action on buzzbaits or shad-colored soft jerkbaits worked over grass line edges. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live baits. Smallmouth bass are good on shallow white crankbaits and live baits. Channel catfish are good on cut baits.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained; 60 degrees; 3.14' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits, black/blue soft plastics and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and yellow jigs in Rock, Caddo and Bee Creeks. White bass are fair on silver Rat-L-Traps and white Beetle Spins in Rock, Caddo and Bee Creeks. Strippers are good on live shad below the dam. Catfish are good on live shad and cut liver.

RAY HUBBARD: Water off-color; 60-66 degrees; 1.39' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps shallow and around rip rap. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Hybrid striper are fair to good on 4-5" swimbaits with a fast retrieve. Catfish are fair on cut shad and nightcrawlers.

RAY ROBERTS: Water murky (creeks are clearing); 59-64 degrees; 3.04' low. Black bass to 8 pounds are good on 7" creature baits and chatter baits. Crappie are fair and starting to show up on brush piles. No reports on catfish.

RICHLAND CHAMBERS: Water off-color; 60-66 degrees; 4.43' low. White bass are fair to good on white or chartreuse slabs and shad pattern Bass Assassins on a jighead. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on cut shad and nightcrawlers.

SAM RAYBURN: Water murky; 67 degrees; 2.98' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon red Senkos, lizards and Brush Hogs. Crappie are good on minnows and tube jigs in shallow areas. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with nightcrawlers.

SOMERVILLE: Water clear; 3.34' low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are good on minnows. White bass are good on minnows. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp.

STILLHOUSE: Water fairly clear; 70 degrees; 5.69' low. White bass are fair on minnows in 10-18 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows in 10-18 feet. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows.

TAWAKONI: Water stained; 60-65 degrees; 4.4' low. Black bass are fair on red or chrome lipless crankbaits, spinnerbaits, jigs and watermelon candy Brush Hogs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on white or chartreuse slabs and Humdingers. Striped bass and hybrid striper are slow on slabs and live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut shad.

TEXOMA: Water off-color; 59-65 degrees; 0.03' high. Black bass are fair on red Rat-L-Traps, brown jigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Striped bass are good on live shad and Bass Assassins. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut shad.

TOLEDO BEND: Water murky; 65 degrees; 0.56' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon red soft plastics and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are slow. White bass are good on spoons in the river. Crappie are fair on chartreuse jigs under the bridge. Channel and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait.

TRAVIS: Water clear; 65 degrees; 28.03' low. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on crankbaits, minnows and white grubs in 10-20 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and blue/white tube jigs in 15-25 feet. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and fresh cut bait in 20-35 feet.

WHITNEY: Water stained; 10.10' low. Black bass are good on watermelon red and watermelon seed Texas- and Carolina-rigged soft plastics and crankbaits. Striped bass are fair on minnows and white/green striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and blue tube jigs. Catfish are good on stinkbait and cheesebait.

WRIGHT PATMAN: Water lightly stained; 59-65 degrees; 5.77' high. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair to good.

SALTWATER SCENE

NORTH SABINE: Trout are fair to good on the Louisiana shoreline on topwaters and Corkies. Flounder are fair on jigs tipped with shrimp around marsh drains.

SOUTH SABINE: Sheepshead and black drum are good at the jetty on live shrimp. Trout are fair to good around Lighthouse Cove on topwaters.

BOLIVAR: Trout are fair to good on the south shoreline on soft plastics and plugs. Black drum and redfish are good at Rollover Pass.

TRINITY BAY: Trout are good for drifters working pods of shad and mullet. Waders have taken better trout on the shell along the east shoreline. Catfish are good in the marsh on shrimp.

EAST GALVESTON BAY: Trout are good on the south shoreline. Whiting and sand trout are good on the edge of the Intracoastal on fresh shrimp. Black drum are fair to good in the Ship Channel on crabs.

WEST GALVESTON BAY: Trout are fair to good for drifters working shell on live shrimp. Waders have taken good trout in the mud and shell on topwaters and Corkies in the afternoon. Sheepshead, redfish and black drum are good at the jetty on shrimp and crabs.

FREEPORT: Sand trout and sheepshead are good on live shrimp on the reefs. Black drum are good at the jetties on cracked blue crabs.

EAST MATAGORDA: Trout are fair to good for drifters on live shrimp over humps and scattered shell. Redfish are fair to good on the edge of the Intracoastal on crabs and mullet.

MATAGORDA: Redfish are fair to good on the edge of Oyster Lake on shrimp and crabs. Trout are fair on shell and grass on soft plastics. Black drum are fair to good at the jetty on crabs.

ROCKPORT: Trout are fair to good in Morris-Cummings Cut on free-lined shrimp. Black drum are good in the Lydia Ann Channel on crabs. Trout are fair over grass while drifting with live shrimp.

PORT ARANSAS: Redfish are fair to good at East Flats on shrimp. Black drum are good in the Shrimppoint Channel on crabs and finger mullet. Redfish and sheepshead are fair to good at the jetty on shrimp.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Trout are fair to good on the edge of the spoils on live shrimp. Black drum are good in the Humble Channel at night on crabs and table shrimp.

BAFFIN BAY: Trout are fair in mud and grass on Corkies and topwaters. Black drum are good in the Land Cut on crabs. Trout are fair to good in the Land Cut on live shrimp.

PORT MANSFIELD: Trout are fair to good on topwaters around sand and grass at Green Island. Redfish are fair to good while drifting pot holes.

SOUTH PADRE: Trout are good around the spoil islands, channel edges and color changes on artificial shrimp in 3-4 feet of water. Black drum, redfish and jack crevalle have been taken at the jetty.

PORT ISABEL: Snook are fair in the Brownsville Ship Channel on free-lined shrimp. Trout and redfish are fair to good at Gas Well Flats on live shrimp. Redfish are fair at Three Island on small topwaters and soft plastics under rattling corks.

HOT SPOT



Alan Henry

Water lightly stained; 56 degrees; 1.34' low. Black bass are good on shad-colored spinnerbaits along tree lines at creek channel bends, and on watermelon soft jerkbaits, black/chartreuse jigs and live baits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are good on live baits.

bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and green tube jigs. Catfish are good on stinkbait, liver and cheesebait.

COOPER: Water lightly stained; 60-64 degrees; 6.01' low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and slow-rolled spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on slabs. Hybrid striper are fair to good on slabs and live shad. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

FALCON: Water off-color; 72 degrees. Black bass are fair on watermelon and chartreuse soft plastics, spinnerbaits and deep running crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. Crappie are slow.

FAYETTE: Water clear; 67 degrees. Black bass are good on watermelon, watermelon red and watermelon black/green worms and Senkos in 2-10 feet and on white and white/chartreuse spinnerbaits and on pumpkinseed worms along the outside edges of breaks. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut shad and shrimp over baited holes.

FORK: Water lightly stained; 59-64 degrees; 0.24' low. Black bass are fair to good on soft plastics fished in the shallows, chatterbaits and Rat-L-Traps-fish spotted on beds. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared baits.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear. Black bass are good on watermelon and pumpkinseed soft plastics, spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Catfish are good on stinkbait and shrimp.

GRANBURY: Water clear; 1.56' low. Black bass are good on watermelon red and watermelon green soft plastics and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are fair on minnows and white striper jigs. White

and timber. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass and hybrid striper are good on live baits. Catfish are good on live baits.

LAKE O' THE PINES: Water stained; 59-64 degrees; 0.82' high. Black bass are fair on jigs, Texas-rigged Yum Dingers and jerkbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on prepared baits. Bream are slow.

LBJ: Water stained; 66 degrees; 0.20' low. Black bass are good on watermelon/chartreuse creature baits, Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps and pumpkin topwaters. White bass are fair trolling Shad Raps and vertically jigging Tiny Traps and artificial minnows under birds. Crappie are good on live minnows and white crappie jigs in clear water. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on live bait.

LEWISVILLE: Water off-color; 60-65 degrees; 3.97' low. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits, black/blue jigs, spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on jigging spoons. Catfish are good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

LIVINGSTON: Water fairly clear; 65 degrees; 0.35' high. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on slabs, spoons and hellbenders. Crappie are good on minnows.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 44 degrees; 80.36' low. Black bass are fair on minnows and orange crawfish Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are good on live baits and crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are fair on live baits. Walleye are good on minnows. Catfish are good on live baits.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 62 degrees; 12.82' low. Black bass are

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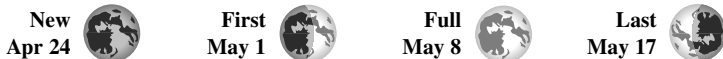
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Moon Phases



Solar Table Major/Minor periods:

	Houston	Dallas	San Antonio	Amarillo
4/22	9:56a/3:45a	7:33p/1:21p	10:02a/3:51a	7:39p/1:27p
4/23	10:18p/4:07p	7:55a/1:43a	10:24p/4:13p	8:01a/1:49a
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4/26	11:23a/5:10a	8:59p/2:48p	11:29a/5:16a	9:05p/2:54p
4/27	11:48p/5:36p	9:16a/3:05a	11:54p/5:42p	9:22a/3:11a
4/28	12:16p/6:02a	9:38p/3:27p	12:22p/6:08a	9:44p/3:33p
4/29	12:43p/6:30p	9:55a/3:44a	12:49p/6:36p	10:01a/3:50a
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Tides

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Sabine Pass														
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4/23	3:17 a.m.	9:41 a.m.	1:32 p.m.	9:06 p.m.	4/23	3:18 a.m.	9:11 a.m.	1:33 p.m.	8:36 p.m.	4/23	3:26 a.m.	8:49 a.m.	1:41 p.m.	8:14 p.m.
4/24	4:14 a.m.	10:32 a.m.	1:31 p.m.	9:41 p.m.	4/24	4:15 a.m.	10:02 a.m.	1:32 p.m.	9:11 p.m.	4/24	4:23 a.m.	9:40 a.m.	1:40 p.m.	8:49 p.m.
4/25	5:09 a.m.	11:22 a.m.	1:28 p.m.	10:21 p.m.	4/25	5:10 a.m.	10:52 a.m.	1:29 p.m.	9:51 p.m.	4/25	5:18 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:37 p.m.	9:29 p.m.
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Turkey

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"There is an interest in the nesting ecology of game birds," Dreibelbis said.

"Nest predation is a concern with wild turkeys, quail and any ground-nesting bird."

Some studies had been done, but those used artificial nests.

"The researchers looked at the eggshell remains to assign the predator they believed attacked the nest.

"Our stuff blew some of that out of the water."

The study involved placing transmitters on hens trapped in the Hill Country.

"We followed them through the breeding and nesting season," Dreibelbis said. "And then we put trail cameras focused on the nests."

What they observed through the images would shock most turkey enthusiasts.

"We have images of nests visited by bobcats, snakes (Texas rat snakes), ravens, grey fox, raccoons, skunks, feral hogs and even an armadillo," he said. "We had seven predation events in 2006 and 11 in 2007 that we viewed."

Surprisingly, no coyotes visited the nests.

"In a similar project in South Texas, no coyotes predated the nests either," he said. "But an armadillo did there, too."

Some nests were hit more than once — on the same night.

"One nest at the Kerr Wildlife Management Area had three predators visit within 90 minutes," Dreibelbis said. "A coon came, then a fox, then a skunk. And two nights later a hog came and cleaned it all up."

The determined Texas rat snake impressed the researchers.

"One snake ate half of the eggs — the hen tur-



CAUGHT RED HANDED: Images from a game trail camera show predators attacking turkey nests. From left, photos show a raven with an egg in its beak, a fox, and a snake at the nest under attack from a hen. Photos by Texas A&M Turkey Project.

key was pecking at it the whole time — then the hen got back on the nest with the remaining eggs," Dreibelbis said.

Some turkey hunters believe the hens leave the eggs to roost each night, but that thought is mistaken, Dreibelbis said.

"The hens lay one egg per day until she reaches eight to 12 eggs," he said. "They will roost during this period, but once the hen lays all of the eggs she sits on the nest 23 hours per day, leaving only one time each for food and water and to go to the bathroom."

"That's why hen mortality is high during the nesting season."

The determination of the predators is matched by the hens, who will re-nest multiple times until success is reached.

"Last year in Bandera, one hen was finally successful on her fourth nest," Dreibelbis said.

Hunters hoping multiple nesting attempts might mean better hunting may be disappointed. The hens don't need to breed each time.

"When a tom breeds a hen, her eggs stay fertilized — they can lay fertile eggs for more than a month after one successful breeding," he said.

Dreibelbis now works for the Texas Wildlife Association as the conservation program coordinator, but he said his days researching in the field have helped him immensely.

"It has helped me in working with landowners to teach them about issues with wildlife," he said.

And he has an appreciation for the difficult life of the hen and her eggs.

"I would hate being a hen turkey, that's for sure."

More predation images online: LSONews.com

Predators on turkey eggs

- Raven
- Striped skunk
- Spotted skunk
- Coachwhip snake
- Texas rat snake
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"I like to be honest," he said recently, while waiting for the weather to make up its mind whether he could go fishing on the coast or not. "I don't do this on a big scale. It's not a big commercial deal."

Hunters can take several exotic species: axis, black buck antelope, red stag, aoudad, Barbado sheep, Texas Dahl sheep, swamp

deer from India, feral hogs and some white-tailed deer.

Dove and quail too, but not too many of those visit the ranch, which is in Gillett, about 60 miles southeast of San Antonio.

Visitors can fish in stock tanks on the ranch.

Hunters can use a variety of methods, but the ranch has no stands or blinds. Moody baits areas, and hunts can be guided.

Two hunters are allowed on the 300-acre, high-fenced ranch at a time. They have their work cut out for them.

"The place is extra thick with big brush," Moody said, a history buff who once collected 20 gallons of Indian arrowheads from another hunting spot.

When not hunting, visitors can stay in the ranch's furnished house that sleeps four and has a large fireplace. Lodging is free for hunters and their guests.

Gillett is a good piece from San Antonio. Nightlife is a long drive away, unless you count the go-



Blackbuck antelope are one of several exotic species available for hunting at Moody Escondido Ranch in South Texas. Native species may also be hunted.

ings on in Panna Maria, the oldest Polish settlement in the United States. But the nightlife probably closes up shop (way) early in this tiny berg about 6 miles south-

west of Gillett. If that won't work, a night at the ranch is a time of quiet and calm (unless you're hog hunting). "It's a nice place to come spend

a peaceful weekend," Moody said. For more information, call 713-501-6159 or visit <http://moodyescondidoranch.tripod.com>.

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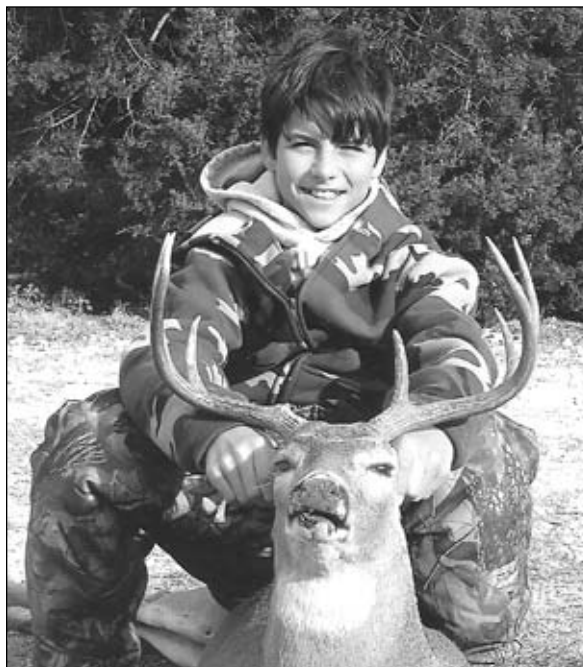
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TAYLOR BATES, left, of Pineville, La., bagged his first Rio Grande turkey, and **MAX PIEPGRAS**, right, of Dallas bagged his first turkey ever. Gobblers were taken on the Seven Bar Ranch in Archer City during Youth Weekend.



JACOB PRIMEAUX, 14, of New Iberia, La., shot this nine-point buck near Junction with his father, Torey, and brother, Tristan.

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MATHEW FAVRE and **MAC ELLIOTT**, both 11, shot these gadwalls at Riverview Farms.



SPENCER GEORGE, 12, shot this nine-point buck while hunting with his father in Comal County.



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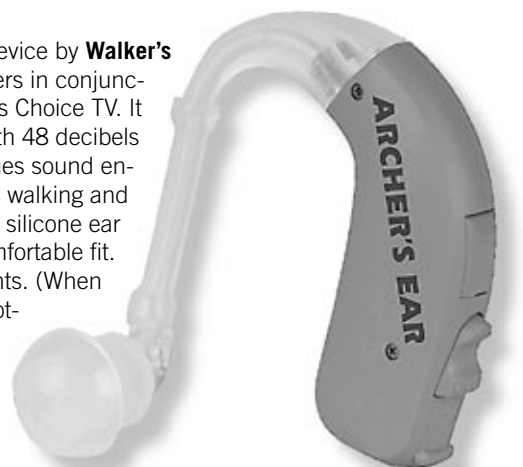
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Cabela's donates to Scouts

The Longhorn Council of Boy Scouts of America holds educational programs at three council-owned camps: the Sid Richardson Scout Ranch, the Worth Ranch and Camp Tahuaya. And fishing plays a big role in the programs.

"Camp Tahuaya has the largest natural spring in Texas," said Senior Program Executive Janel Holt. "The cold, spring-fed lake (Lake Boyd Callan) is stocked annually with trout, and the lake holds good numbers of smallmouth bass and bluegill."

Fly-fishing and fishing merit badges are taught at each of the summer camps.

"And this summer the older boys (ages 11-21) can do a week of fly-fishing training, fly-tying instruction and trout and bass fishing."

The programs provide fly-fishing equipment, and Cabela's in Fort Worth stepped up to donate a good supply of fly reels, fly and conventional lures and fishing line for the campers.

"We had a lot of demo equipment and wanted to give it to the Scouts," said Events Coordinator Stephanie Perry. "But giving it to one chapter wouldn't have been fair so we called the council."

The Longhorn Council serves 23 counties in North and Central Texas and has seen an increase in membership and fundraising this year.

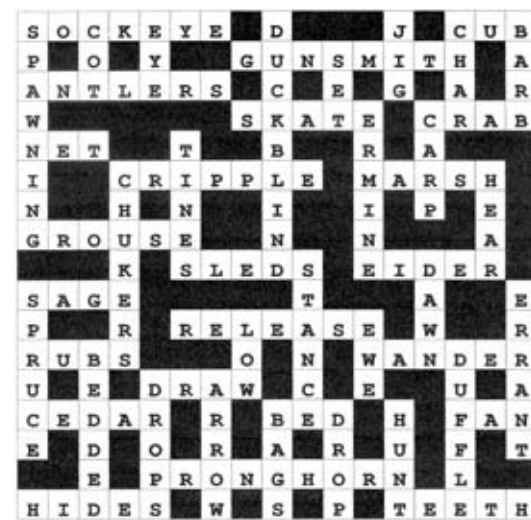
"It's affordable (\$11 per year to join), and people have loyalty to scouting," said Finance Executive Renee Horton. "Scouting is strong in Texas."

— Staff report




FISHING FRIENDS: Janel Holt of the Longhorn Council of Boy Scouts of America gladly accepts a donation of fishing equipment for use at the council's camps from Stephanie Perry of Cabela's in Fort Worth.

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