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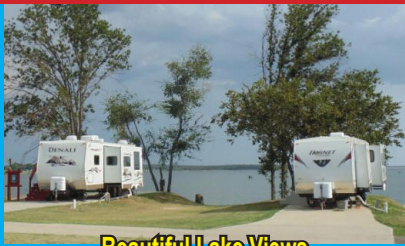
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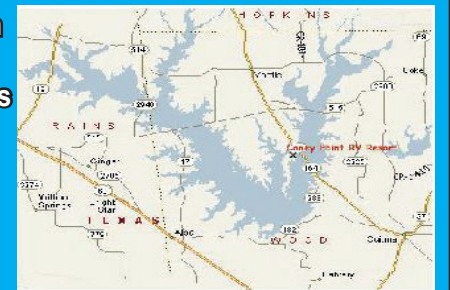
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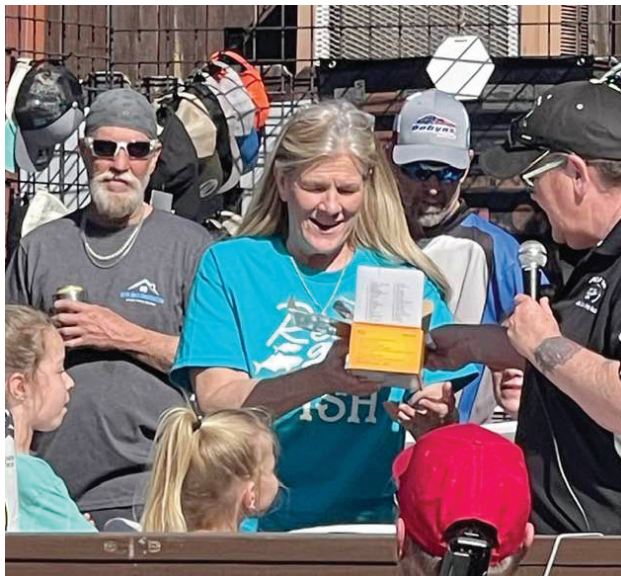
# 20 LAKE FORK CAMPFIRE EXPO 24

## Celebrating Fishing Hunting and the Great Outdoor's

The first annual Lake Fork Campfire Expo was held on February 24th at Fisherman's One Stop and it was a great success! The original date was going to be February 10th but unfortunately Mother nature had plans for heavy rain...so we made the decision to postpone it for 2 weeks and hope for the best! The best did come! It was a beautiful blue sky and warm weather with not even any wind in sight! I cannot say enough about the vendors that showed up and worked together to find the perfect spot to showcase their products and services!

As the crowd began to build the real fun began! Luke Clayton along with Larry Weishun and Jeff Rice entertained the crowd with some stories and also pumped up the growing crowd!

Sartin Marine and S2 Marine brought out some brand new boats to showcase and the crowd loved it! The biggest thing that even surprised me was the variety of vendors and



products that were represented at this event. There was everything from Deer-feeders to western wear, homemade jams, honey, brittle spices, custom T-shirts, custom baits & lures, clothing, Jewelry, various unique crafts and so much more!

There was also many of our local business owners including guides, construction companies and more set-up for a meet and greet to promote their business products in the Lake Fork Area.



Doug & Rita Shampine along with The Fisherman's One Stop Crew did an amazing job to help this event run smoothly and be such a success! They served delicious burgers, hot-dogs, fries and more inside Bro's to keep the hungry crowd satisfied!

The Big raffle was held at 2:30 and the numerous items including Amplifire Commercial grill, Guided fishing trips, a crossbow a custom stonework decanter and many more were given away to the lucky winners!

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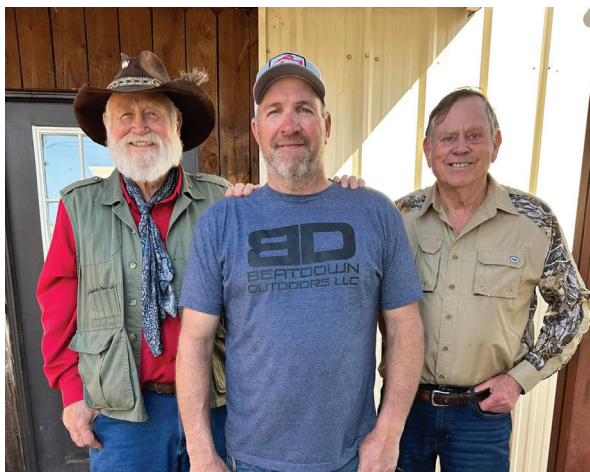


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*Celebrating Fishing Hunting and the Great Outdoor's*

A huge thank you to everyone that donated items, came to participate as vendors, came to shop and meet & greet with everyone it was a great day to come out to Fisherman's One Stop with old friends and meet new ones while enjoying a fun day!

We look forward to seeing you all again at next years big event ! We will also be having another summer event that will include a Boat & RV Expo so stay tuned for all the exciting details to be announced next month !





# LAKE FORK FEB 17th

Seth Kelm & Mike Bates top 254 teams on Lake Fork and win over \$26,000.

The Skeeter Bass Champs Tournament Trail at Lake Fork was held on February 17th and was hosted by Lake Fork Marina. There were over 500 competitors that headed out on a cold breezy morning to fish for their share of over \$95,000!! So the search was on to find the best stop to find those winning fish!

It would be the team of Seth Kelm from Canyon Lake Tx and Mike Bates from Callihan Tx that took the win and \$26,300 with their winning weight of 14.68lbs that including a big bass over of 10.71lbs!

Second place went to Tyler and Steven Walker of Burton Tx and earned a \$10,000 check with a weight of 14.23lbs and also had an over weighing 10.74lbs!

Third place went to the team of Tommy Sikes of Como Tx and Mark Howard of Emory who only weighed in one fish but it was the Big bass of the tournament weighing in at 10.96lbs! That landed them a total win of \$17,250 with the Skeeter Bonus Cash!

Congratulations to all of the big winners! A big Thank you to the Lake Fork Sportsman's Association Live Release Boat at the event on Lake Fork! All the fish brought to them were released alive back into the lake!! Great job!



Congratulations to Drew Sloan & Nolan Jackson for winning the Skeeter Big Bass practice day \$1000 bonus on Lake Fork with a 10.55 lb.

Mark Howard "Thanks Chad Potts and all of your team at Bass Champs! When your first fish is nearly 11 pounds and hits the deck before 7:20am you certainly have hopes of winning. We shared the waters with 3 other teams and everyone was great at sharing the waters and conversations. Aaron Walker and Steve Stroman were able to scratch out a limit of unders and get paid. They were encouraging us throughout the day wanting to see us get the win, they even tossed us a handful of trailers they were using to get those unders. It just wasn't meant to be as we boated a Dirty 30 of slots but the little guys eluded us. Great Times and just 3 ounces shy of Thomas Sikes personal best!"



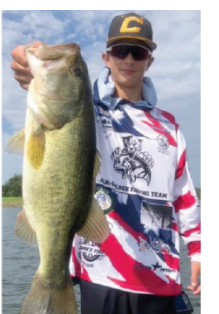
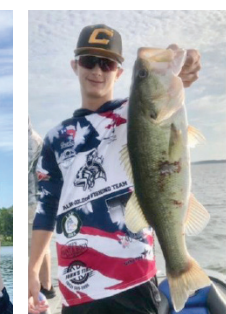
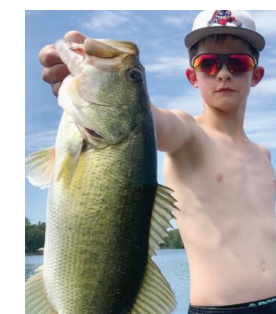
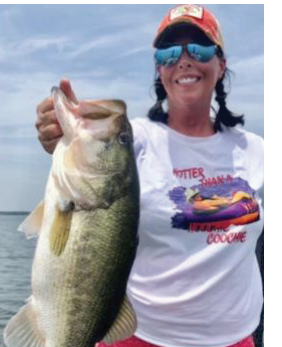
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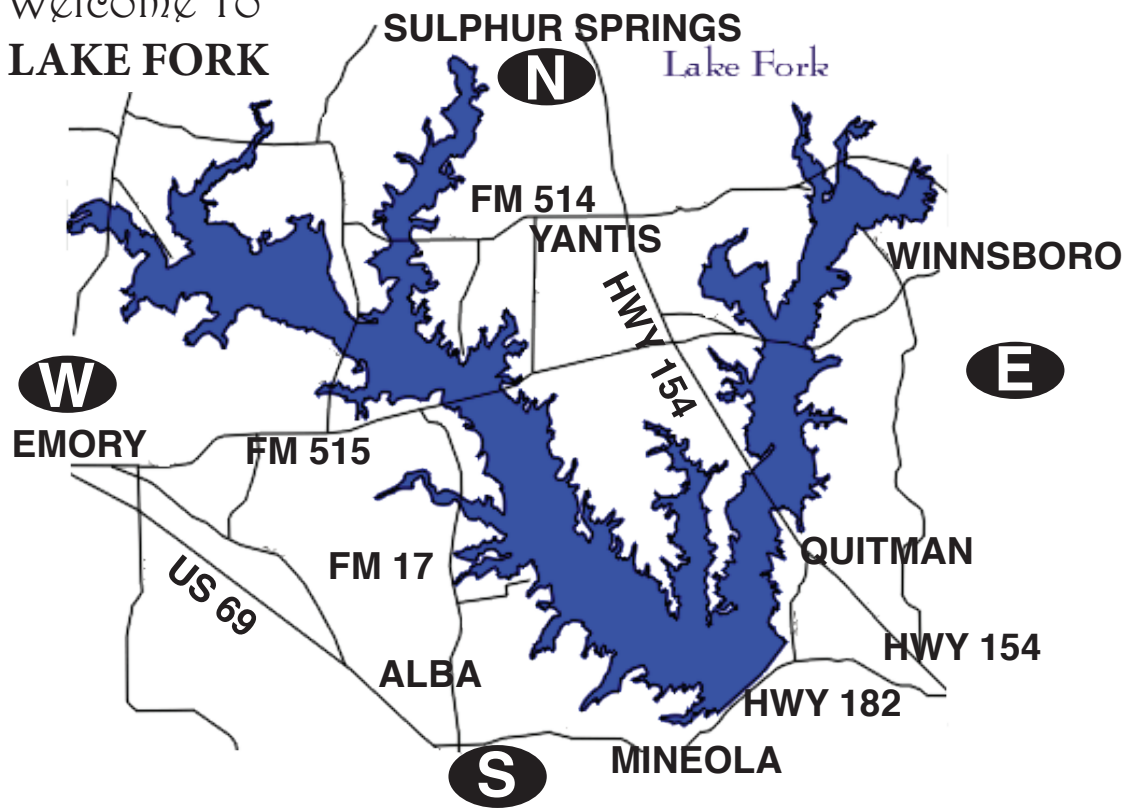
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# KASTING FOR KALE

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### Kale Robinson Memorial Weekend

Location Lake Fork Marina, Lake Fork

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March 16, 2024

**Music, Cook Out & Silent Auction**

Live Music 7-10:30PM  
Food line opens at 7:30pm  
Silent Auction 7-9pm

**Music Line Up**

Kylee Soloranz & Jayla 7pm  
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March 17, 2024

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Coffee pots-old and new Luke Clayton

## OUTDOORS WITH LUKE CLAYTON & FRIENDS

'camp coffee' on the pot for many years and one day he just up and handed it to me. "Here Luke, this is yours, you are the coffee maker from now on", he said. I was at first hesitant to take the ancient old pot but Dubb knew I would take good care of it and more importantly, use it. The old pot has served me well and became a staple in my outdoor cooking arsenal, right next to my old cast iron skillet with lid that I've used all over the country at many fishing and hunting camps.

handle which somehow just didn't look right. I promptly replaced the inferior handle with the one from my old pot which has a wooden 'grip' that makes handling much easier over brewing coffee over a campfire, which is how I usually make coffee at camp.

We outdoor types have a habit of getting the most out of the outdoor gear we use. My friend Larry Weishuhn has been wearing a comfortable pair of handmade shoes for as long as I can remember. Several decades ago, he had them made by a cobbler while hunting and shooting a TV show in Africa. He says he has never worn a more comfortable pair of shoes. Another old friend still hunts with the Model 94 Winchester 30-30 he used while in his teens.

But last fall, Dubb's old coffee pot have up the ghost, it sprang a leak. At first I did some research, looking for some sort of epoxy that would plug the pin hole leak and not taint the coffee. I found several possible solutions but none that I was convinced would work long term and the last thing I wanted was to be the coffee maker at camp and have the old pot fail me. So I began looking for a replacement 'Old pot'. I found many on the internet at varying prices and then stumbled onto a brand new pot that held about 20 cups and looked very similar to my old standby.

It will take some time for my new pot to gain 'character', it will have to be used many times at various places before it takes on a persona of its own. The old handle will be a constant reminder of the good times and great coffee that was created by its predecessor.

Twenty years ago I was gifted an old coffee pot by my late friend Dubb Wallace, the age of the pot is undetermined but Dubb was well into his eighties and he had used the pot for decades and it showed. That old pot was so stained from past campfires that it was next to impossible to determine the original color. I think it was blue enamel, like the old pot that always set on the stove at Marshall Dillion's office in the TV serial "Gunsmoke". I had watched Dubb make



After placing my order on Amazon, my new pot arrived in 3 days. There it was all shiny and new, a far cry from my stained, battered old faithful. But it was solid and seemed to be well constructed. But it had a thin diameter wire

Luke's old camp coffee pot finally sprang a leak after many new years. He will put the handle from the old one on the new and keep the tradition going! Photo by Luke Clayton

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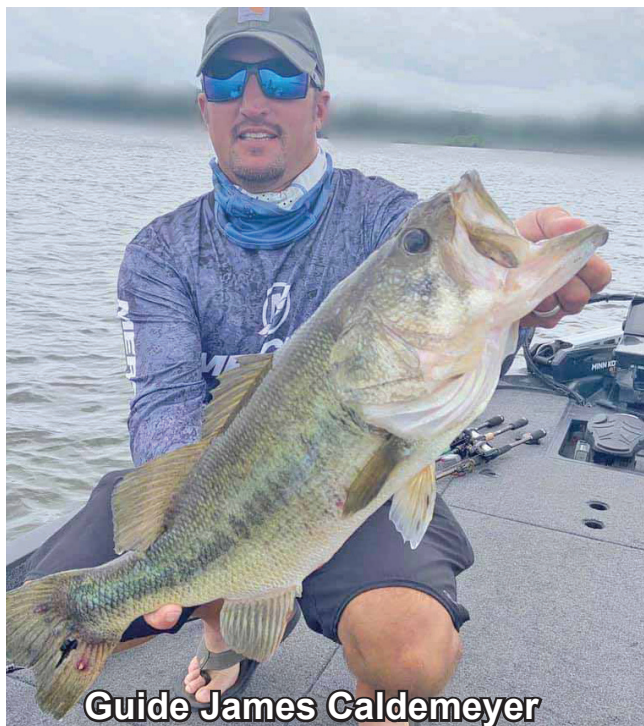
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# James Caldemeyer Lake Fork Fishing Guide Report



Guide James Caldemeyer

## James Caldemeyer's Lake Fork Trophy Bass Monthly Fishing Report March 2024

March madness on Lake Fork has commenced and what a great month it is to catch the giant bass of your dreams. The season has already started off well, as there have been several fish from 10-12 lbs caught. It shouldn't be long before we see the first one over 13 lbs entered into the state's TPWD Share Lunger Program. The best is yet to come as the bass move to the shallows this month to begin their annual spawn and anglers head out to the lake in droves to pursue these trophy bass. If you are coming out to Lake Fork this spring also, here are some helpful tips and tricks that will help you catch fish when you get here.

The lake is in great shape and holding at just under full pool at about 4 inches low. We could use just a little more rain this month to get the lake filled up. Water clarity is good in the creeks with some grass up north and a little bit in areas mid-lake or south. Most of the other areas are stained or slightly off color. Water temperatures are ranging 58-65 degrees as the month begins but you could see some areas warm up even more as the month progresses.

Most of my fishing is centered on pre-spawn patterns until the bass become committed to the spawn. I like to strategically target big female bass that are staging and feeding up before they actually move to the nests. I feel that these big bass are more vulnerable to being caught this way than they are when they get on the beds and every fisherman going down the bank is tossing at them. This pattern pays off big especially when you find the right area and a congregation of bass. The areas that I am targeting these pre-spawn bass in are creek channels, drains or ditches, points, and shallow structure. Most of these fish will be relating to some sort of cover whether it is grass, stumps, boat docks etc. The key to finding these big bass in these areas is the presence of bait within the area. It stands to reason that big pre-spawn female bass that are eating heavily to prepare to spawn are not going to be in an area where there isn't anything

to eat. Watch the activity on the water as you fish and keep a close eye on your electronics so that you are staying in areas that are holding good concentrations of shad. I've been able to use my new Garmin LiveScope very effectively to look around as I fish and it vividly shows every detail under the water as I fish these target areas so I see the bait and the fish in the area before I even start catching them.

Once I find the area that I am looking for, I begin targeting the bass with several different techniques depending on the conditions. Around grass in 2-6 feet of water I am throwing a lot of reaction type baits like lipless crank baits in red or shad colors, suspending jerk baits in gold, silver, or shad colors. If you want to catch giants, you'll want to throw big swim baits like the 3:16 Lures Rising Son, Berkley Nessie, and Cull Shad. These are incredible big bass baits. You can find them in stock at Lake Fork Marina & Motel. As the water warms and the surface temperatures reach the 58-60 degree mark the bass will begin spawning. You will find most of these bass on beds in 2-6 feet of water and very active! Another one of my favorite baits for targeting these bass as they spawn is a weightless Berkley Powerbait "Jerk" or the "General". Dead sticking these baits in the flats and spawning areas is very effective. You must remember that the bass have moved from a feeding bite and to a territorial bite. You are presenting your bait in a manner that invades their space and they strike it. Moving the bait a lot will defeat the purpose so be sure to really slow down! When you think you are fishing slowly, slow down some more! Another big favorite of mine for spawning bass is the Santone Lures "Piglet" shaky head with a Berkley Powerbait Chigger Craw. Best colors are black/blue, blue fleck and green pumpkin. You also can't go wrong on a windy day with a Santone Lures spinner bait. I will usually opt for the 3/8 - 1/2 ounce M-Series in white or white/chartreuse. Also Berkley SlobberKnocker will flat out catch em too! If the wind will not allow you to fish these baits another great way to catch spawning bass is with the good ole Texas rig. I usually use an Elite Tungsten weight in the 1/4 to 1/2 oz sizes with a 4/0 or 5/0 hook. I like to use the Berkley Pit Boss or just a plain Berkley Powerbait lizard in black/blue, green pumpkin, Okeechobee, California or watermelon candy colors. The bass will be spawning tight to standing timber in a lot of areas of the lake and using the tree's root system to hold their eggs in. Flipping or pitching these baits on the stumps is very intrusive to the bass and they will strike it hard. You also will want to keep a drop shot rod handy. These bass that are holding tight to timber will attack a small worm on a drop shot rig hovering around them at the base of these trees. Be sure you have your drag set properly because you will have some big ones try to take you for a ride!

Well, I hope this helps anyone that's coming out this month to chase some big bass. If you would like to fish with me this year, I still have just a few dates available. My 2024 schedule is filling fast though so



Another Lake Fork beauty while out with Lake Fork Guide James Caldemeyer

contact me as soon as possible if you are just now beginning to plan your trip. I also have gift certificates available for those of you that are interested in purchasing a friend or loved one a guided trip on Lake Fork. You can contact me to make your reservation at 903-736-9888 or send me an email at lakeforktrophybass@yahoo.com You can also visit my website for more information about Lake Fork and my guide service at [www.officiallakeforktrophybass.com](http://www.officiallakeforktrophybass.com) You can find me on Facebook and follow my official Lake Fork Trophy Bass Guide page at <https://www.facebook.com/lakeforktrophybassguide>

I have really enjoyed my Bass Cat boats the past few years and am about to rig my new 2024 boat for the season. I couldn't be happier to be serving my customers on Lake Fork as part of the Bass Cat Team and am looking forward to providing more great trips this year out of my new boat! If you're interested in checking out any of the Bass Cat models, be sure to reach out to R & R Marine in Pittsburg, Texas. They have the all-new Puma and Caracal STS that everyone is raving about so go by and check it out! Steven Stroman and his crew have amazing sales and service as well as a complete tackle shop with just about anything you need. I would like to thank all my sponsors that are continuing to support me in 2024. I am looking forward to representing them again this year on the major tournament trails. I appreciate all their support as I serve all my great guide clients throughout the year on Lake Fork as well! Sponsors: Toyota, AFTCO, Bass Cat Boats, Mercury, I Am Second, Omnia Fishing, Berkley, Abu Garcia, Garmin, Santone Lures, Costa Sunglasses, Power Pole, Elite Tungsten, Johnson Communications, EVOLV and Bass Boat Technologies.

Romans 8:28 - And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

Tight Lines & God Bless,  
James Caldemeyer

# Doug Champine Guide Fishing Report

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where a strong north or south wind cannot get to them. Try a spinner bait, chatter bait, swim bait, texas rig or shakey head to find these fish. They will be hungry and feeding before the spawn.

Same for the crappie start at the north end of the lake looking to the crappie in the protected shallows. A minnow or jig on a bobber will catch a good mess fished around vegetation. Look for water temperature's in the lower to mid 60's and you will find the bass and crappie. Good Luck and text me at 940-902-3855 for open dates

March is a great time to catch bass or crappie on Lake Fork. Both are moving towards the shallow water to spawn later this month. Look for the bass in the protected areas

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Valentine's Day. Thaddeus Galey caught ShareLunker 657 weighing in at 13.19 pounds. This is the 7th Legacy Class ShareLunker for the season and the 4th from O.H. Ivie.



Triple Lunker Day! Legacy Class ShareLunkers were caught in west and east Texas and will be heading to Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center - Texas Parks and Wildlife. Angler Aaron Suess (top) caught 13.87 pound Lunker from O.H. Ivie and Alec Morrison (bottom) weighed in ShareLunker 655 at 13.82 pounds at Sam Rayburn, and Ben with Milliken Fishing. ShareLunker 656 weighed in at 13.15 pounds.



Toledo Bend is on the board with ShareLunker #658! Join us in congratulating Tracy Adair of Hemphill for his 13.61 pound catch of a lifetime.





# LAKE FORK MEDIA BASS TEAMS FEB 3RD

"We were blessed today with a 4th place finish in Media Bass. #MEDIABASS. It was a fun and frustrating day all in one. The nature of the beast at Lake Fork with the slot. 2 that were under 16" and then relaxed to touch. We finished with 4 fish. We probably caught 15 slots up to 7.5#. And missed another 30 that just wouldn't eat it. Such fishing. Congratulations to the winners! See y'all in March! Thank you Gordon Stauffer for all you do!" Steve Hodge / Shawn O'Malley



1	Jeremy Wade Scott Mckee	5	15.09	\$2,100.00	165.09
2	Tyler Hobbs Ronnie Settle	5	8.90	\$1,000.00	157.90
3	Bruce Powell Chris Ford	5	7.54	\$750.00	155.54
4	Steve Hodge *Shawn O'Malley *	4	5.66	\$542.00	152.66
5	Todd Anderson Todd Pfeil	3	5.11	\$400.00	151.11
6	Andy Deatherage Scott Scroggins	4	4.92	\$250.00	149.92
7	Harry Williams Mark Barrett	3	4.81		148.81
8	Paul Von Wahlde Thomas Crawford	3	4.42		147.42
9	Aaron Huttel Ryan Elder	2	3.67		145.67
10	Byron Biondi	2	3.49		144.49



Statistics

Number Boats =	35
Number Limits =	3
Number Zeros =	19
Bass Weighed =	44
Bass Released =	44
Total Pounds =	77.24
Avg. Bass In Boat =	1.3
Avg. Lbs. In Boat =	2.21
Avg. Bass Size =	1.76
Total Payout =	\$5,342.00

Place	Big Bass	Pounds	Winnings
1	Jeremy Wade Scott Mckee	8.04	\$300.00
2	Harry Williams Mark Barrett	2.44	

\* Anglers-Of-The-Year - Fish Free!

More Info Air Temps - 55 - 58  
 Water Temp - 50's Weather - Mostly Cloudy  
 Best Lure - Chatter Baits  
 Best Depth - 2 - 4 ft.  
 Best Cover - Grass / Stumps



# LAKE FORK MEDIA BASS INDIVIDUAL FEB 10TH

Statistics

Number Boats =	24
Number Limits =	4
Number Zeros =	13
Bass Weighed =	31
Bass Released =	31
Total Pounds =	40.86
Avg. Bass In Boat =	1.3
Avg. Lbs. In Boat =	1.70
Avg. Bass Size =	1.32
Total Payout =	\$2,234.00



" I was blessed beyond belief today with a 3rd Place finish in Media Bass Individuals. Thank you Lord. Storms with lots of lightning and heavy rains and many a prayer to start the day off. Finally, the fish started cooperating. I can't count the number of bites I had. Fish pulled out due to the gates being open two guys figured out what I was doing on two spots and moved in on one of them and caught two really nice keepers. Such is fishing. All in all it was a fun day. I caught and missed all of my fish in two spots 30 yards apart, one was 20 yards long and the other was 30 yards long. Thank you Josh Priest for what y'all do so us weekend warriors can go compete with #MEDIABASS. A good showing today with numbers of people. We need to grow the Team Division back. A big shout out to all my sponsors." STEVE HODGE

\* Angler-Of-The-Year - Fishes Free!

More Info Air Temps - 52  
 Water Temp - 53  
 Weather - cool,rainy & cloudy  
 Best Lure - Chatterbait  
 Best Depth - 4 ft  
 Best Cover - water

1	Charlie Floyd	Emory, TX	4	7.01	\$1,000.00	157.01
2	Jay Kendrick	Ft. Worth, TX.	5	6.10	\$594.00	155.10
3	Steve Hodge*	Emory, TX	5	5.89	\$300.00	153.89
4	Tyler Hobbs	Fruitvale, TX.	5	5.45	\$140.00	152.45
5	Tim Weaver	Edgewood, TX	5	3.58		149.58



# LAKE FORK MEDIA BASS INDIVIDUAL FEB 25TH

1	JD Clements	Canton, TX	5	7.43	\$1,100.00	156.43	
2	Steve Hodge*	Emory, TX	5	7.02	\$580.00	156.02	
3	Tim Weaver	Edgewood, TX	5	6.55	\$450.00	154.55	
4	Haden Sickles	Sulphur Springs, TX.	5	6.44	\$200.00	153.44	
5	Bobby Applegate	Murchison, TX.	5	6.43	\$150.00	152.43	
BIG BASS			1	JD Clements	Canton, TX	2.70	\$300.00



Statistics

Number Boats =	31
Number Limits =	11
Number Zeros =	10
Bass Weighed =	77
Bass Released =	77
Total Pounds =	86.09
Avg. Bass In Boat =	2.5

Avg. Lbs. In Boat = 2.78  
 Avg. Bass Size = 1.12  
 Total Payout = \$2,970.00  
 \* Angler-Of-The-Year - Fishes Free!  
 More Info  
 Air Temps - 75  
 Water Temp - 60  
 Weather - cloudy/windy  
 Best Lure - senko  
 Best Depth - 2 ft  
 Best Cover - grass

# FISH ON FRIENDS *Luck of the Irish*



So as americans we all love to celebrate St Patrick's Day, a holiday for festive parades, green beer, party's and painting the town... well green!

The 'luck of the Irish' is celebrated in full force fashion but what does it really mean? Where and when was this originated? Who was this St Patrick Character?

The information that I discovered was interesting and goes as follows - "After being captured by pirates as a teenager, Patrick lived as a slave in Ireland for many years, tending to farm animals, before escaping back to his home in Britain.

There, he became a cleric, and decided to embark on a mission. He would return to pagan Ireland and Christianize to the country.

St Patrick famously used the shamrock to illustrate how the Holy Trinity is comprised of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

By the 7th century, St Patrick had become a Patron Saint of Ireland. There are many conflicting accounts of St Patrick's life, so separating fact from fiction is no easy task. In any case, we like to celebrate him, and

Irish culture overall, on what is believed to be the date of his death – the 17th of March. Was St Patrick lucky? Getting kidnapped by pirates actually sounds like the definition of 'unlucky'.

As for persuading an entire nation to convert from Celtic polytheism to Christianity – that may have been due to his killer charisma rather than pure luck.

In short – no, St Patrick is not behind Ireland's reputation as a nation of lucky people.

So where does the phrase 'Irish luck' come from? As it happens, the phrase has somewhat insulting origins. Between 1820 and 1920, an estimated 4.5 million Irish people emigrated to the US. Most were fleeing extreme famine, and many did not survive the treacherous transatlantic journey. To make matters worse, the local Americans weren't exactly the most hospitable toward Irish immigrants.

The Irish might be universally adored today, but 200 years ago they were discriminated against by the existing settlers. However, their arrival did overlap with the Gold Rush of the mid-1800s, and it just so happens that the Irish-American miners were especially successful, making fortunes with the silver and gold they excavated. Subsequently, the Irish became the subject of bitter jealousy, and other miners would attribute their success to 'luck' rather than skill.

'Irish luck' implied the miners' fortune was not the result of hard work, and therefore not rightfully earned. At least that's according to the historian Edward T. O'Donnell, who wrote '1001 Things



Everyone Should Know About Irish American History'.

In fishing and in life I have heard that saying "it was just luck" and it comes down to the same thing those immigrant miners experienced. I will be the first to admit that when I caught the Lake Fork Crappie record several years back ... I knew that it was luck, but it didn't mean I hadn't put in many hours learning how to fish, learning patterns, what bait was best, and finally landing the fish of my dreams!

As we go through life we work and learn skills, whether it is for a job or a hobby it comes down to putting the work in to get a result. Keep in mind the Irish suffered their fair share of ill fate but continued to press on and pursue happiness and celebration of the "luck of the Irish".

This is a lesson we should all carry every day. If you put forth a true effort of being the best 'YOU' that you can be by believing in your self, your work and moral ethics, your fellow man this will make you lucky every day!

The story of catching a leprechaun fairy will bring you good luck, in exchange for their freedom the leprechaun will grant you three wishes ... what would you wish for? We all can have fun with that one, but the reality is sometimes what we wish for isn't always what is in God's plan for us. Be patient, have faith, and most of all be aware of all the good things surrounding you on a daily basis!

The 'luck of the Irish' is in each and every one of us so spread that love and peace that they represent so well ... not just on the 17th but all year long!

*Fish On Friends!*

*"May the road rise to meet you, and the wind always be at your back. and the rains fall softly on your fields. May God hold you gently in the palm of his hand!"*



## Congratulations to Julie Mattox!

Congratulations Julie Mattox! Julie's land steward achievements were recognized at the annual Wildlife Society conference in Houston – presented by Missy Young Singleton.

Julie is our local Yantis Resident and Queen of conservation to the land and the nature here in our small little town of Yantis! If you haven't met her you are surely missing out!

Julie has a passion for wildlife prairie restoration and is involved in every asset to not only maintain her farm but to share that knowledge with everyone including the future generation.

Julie opened up The Northeast Prairie Community Classroom in Yantis where events and teaching of nature and the importance of conservation is so critical. The Annual Yantis Prairie Day, a family-friendly, free outdoor event celebrating community, nature and our grazing lands at the Northeast Texas Prairie Community Classroom it includes a prairie restoration walk Texas Parks and

Wildlife, interactive stations in the field for kids and adults, land stewardship and land management talks, special programs and so much more .

The Prairie Classroom has weekly classroom events held by Kelli Ebel with the kids teaching many aspects of nature and exploration.

So Julie has been humble on the many things that she has created and fought for so if you see her Thank her for her hard work and dedication for making the progress to continue our future in nature and wildlife!



Another win for WILDLIFE in the form of Julie Mattox! Congratulations, Jazzy Julie! Thank you, Missy Young Singleton, for nominating nuestra Amiga, very deserving steward to so many species.

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# Williams Creek Crappie Club of Lake Fork



The WCCC of Lake Fork held its meeting on the 10th of February at the Yantis Community Center in Yantis Texas.

The club started the monthly meeting with 33 members for February. If you are interested in joining the annual memberships are \$25.00 and includes your entire family.

Tommy Ezell and Guest speaker Lake Fork Guide Jacky Wiggins gave tips and great techniques to use as we enter into the spring transition. This is the perfect time of year to get geared up for a great Crappie season coming up!

There are always several really good door prizes that are drawn for and a



50/50 raffle drawing as well. These meetings are a great way to get together share information and tips to prepare us all for when it's time to get back on the water and catch those slabs! Come join the fun! Don't forget the 11th annual Crappiefest will be held on Saturday March 23 - 2024 Here at Lake Fork!

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The annual dues are \$25 per family members in a household.



WCCC of Lake Fork Next Meeting  
MARCH 9TH  
AT 3PM  
Yantis Community Center  
COME OUT AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP - FUN AND ALL THINGS CRAPPIE!

**11th ANNUAL CRAPPIEFEST**  
Saturday, March 23, 2024  
Lake Fork - NEW Location  
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# LAKE FORK ANGLERS

Lake Fork Anglers (LFA) Bass Fishing Club



## Tournament Results for JANUARY 2024

Winter Bass fishing, especially in January, can be quite challenging based on what Mother Nature decides as well as how the Bass respond. This January turned out to be even more challenging than expected with very low catch numbers. Still, the comradery of club fishing makes every outing a fun and enjoyable day on the lake for everyone that ventures forth to brave the elements.

Results: 2/01/2024

Results: 2/8/2024

Results: 2/15/2024

Results: 2/22/2024

**Hard Core Tournament – All Bass 10 inches and over count towards total weight scored.**

25 Members spent an unusually beautiful and warm early February day searching for Lake Fork Bass. Unfortunately, while conditions continue to improve with the lake down a mere 2.4 inches, and water temperatures up and ranging 46-50 degrees, the bass remain elusive and are still lethargic when you do find them. There were just 13 bass caught, but the slots are starting to show up with two over 5 lbs. boated today.

**Winning Anglers**

1. Dusty Newton with 3 Bass @ 539 lbs.
  2. John Berech 1 bass @5.39lbs
  3. Mike McWhorter 1 Bass @ 4.78 lbs.
- Big Bass: John Berech @ 5.39 lbs.

**Winning Co-Anglers**

1. Ken Chapman with 1 Bass @ 5.28 lbs.
  2. Matt Scotch with 1 Bass @ 2.36 lbs.
  3. C.J. Riffle with 1 Bass @1.82 lbs.
- Big Bass: Ken Chapman @ 5.28 lbs

**LFA Tournament – Largest 5 Bass 10 inches and over**

24 Members fished today with a total 17 bass caught.

28 Members fished today with a total 39 bass caught, with one over 5 lbs. Water is level and temperature are up and the weather today was breezy but mild. As conditions improve the catch continues to improve with some larger bass starting to move up.

**Winning Anglers**

1. Billy Davis with 3 Bass @ 11.44 lbs.
  2. Dennis Bubinas with his best 5 Bass @ 10.64 lbs.
  3. Don Overstreet with his best 5 Bass @ 7.74 lbs.
- Big Bass: Billy David @ 5.60 lbs.

**Winning Co-Anglers**

1. Rick Wright with 3 Bass @ 10.43 lbs.
  2. Jerry Gaither with his best 5 Bass @ 7.01 lbs.
  3. Larry Kelly with 1 Bass @ 3.09 lbs.
- Big Bass: Rick Wright @ 4.49 lbs.

**Hard Core Tournament – All Bass 10 inches and over count towards total weight scored.**

26 Members fished today with a total of 40 bass caught. Published Lake Fork water temperatures are being reported as 48-52 degrees, though many members reported water temperatures above 55 and as high as 58 degrees. At these temperatures, the bass should start transitioning out of their winter pattern with a focus on spawning, so in the coming weeks, we should start seeing a jump in weight and numbers of fish caught.

**Winning Anglers**

1. Mike McWhorter with 4 Bass @ 9.41 lbs.
  2. Jack White with 2 Bass @ 5.31 lbs.
  3. Galen Smith with 3 Bass @ 4.81 lbs.
- Big Bass: Jack White @ 4.31 lbs.

**Winning Co-Anglers**

1. Rick Wright with 9 Bass @ 15.16 lbs.
  2. Matt Scotch with 3 Bass @ 8.97 lbs.
  3. Gary Gilmore with 4 Bass @ 8.20 lbs.
- Big Bass: Matt Scotch @ 4.87 lbs.

**LFA Tournament – Largest 5 Bass 10 inches and over**

31 Members fished today. A total 83 bass were caught, with two over 5 lbs. Water is up. Temperatures are up. The full moon is up. And yes - - the bass are finally moving up!!!

**Winning Anglers**

4. Galen Smith with best 5 Bass @ 14.58 lbs.
  5. Randy Bunch with 3 5 Bass @ 13.08 lbs.
  6. Don Overstreet with his best 5 Bass @ 9.26 lbs.
- Big Bass: Randy Bunch @ 6.64 lbs., barely beating Galen Smith @ 6.52 lbs.

**Winning Co-Anglers**

1. Jerry Gaither with 5 Bass @ 10.79 lbs.
  2. Ken Chapman with 2 Bass @ 6.51 lbs.
  3. Kan Kielbas with 5 Bass @ 36.36 lbs.
- Big Bass: Jerry Gaither @ 4.87 lbs.



John Berech @5.39 @ 5.94



Ken Chapman @ 5.28 lbs.



Galen Smith @ 6.52lbs.



Billy David @ 5.60lbs.

The LFA club fishes every Thursday with afternoon weigh-in at the SRA Park on Hwy 154 @ 12:45 pm (Summer Hours). Two club tournament formats are rotated weekly.

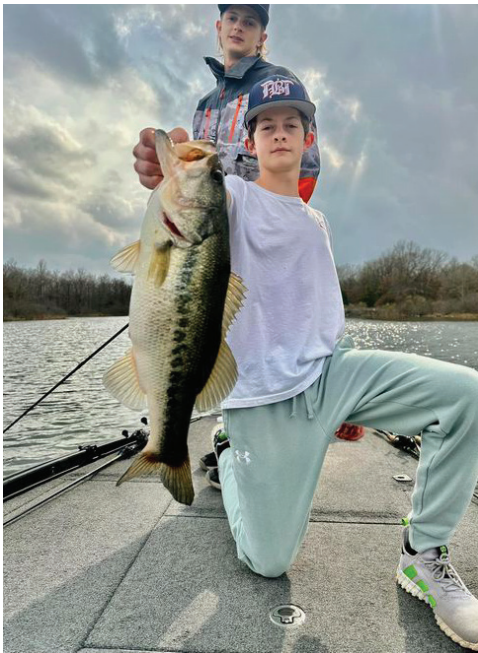
- LFA – Best 5 fish format – 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month
- Hard Core – MLF format – 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month

All club tournaments are two-person catch and release tournaments with an angler and a co-angler per boat. Anglers compete against anglers and Co-Anglers compete against co-anglers.

LFA members are mostly retired anglers who can fish weekly tournaments each Thursday. Membership is open to all persons who are physically able to fish and function independently in a boat, whether alone, or as a team member during scheduled Thursday fishing tournaments. Information about club membership can be obtained by sending an email to lfa\_2019@yahoo.com.

# CATCH of the DAY!

If you have a Lake Fork catch of the day photo you would like to share with us just email your photo and information to us!  
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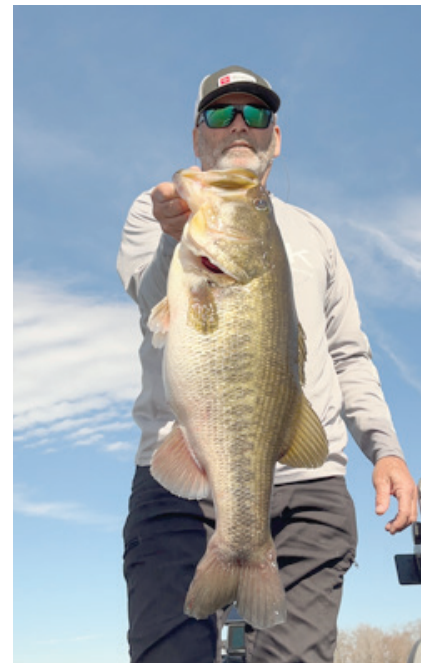
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**GUIDE MICHAEL SAMPLES WITH A LAKE FORK BEAST!**



**MARTY LANDING A LAKE FORK BEAUTY!**



**RANDY OLDFIELD LANDING ANOTHER LAKE FORK WHOPPER!**



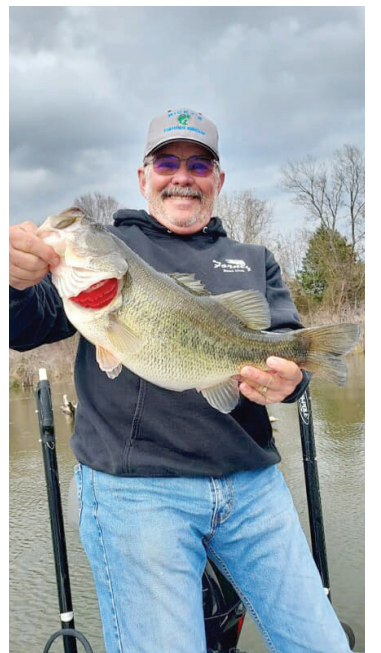
**TAKUMA LANDING A BIG ONE WITH GUIDE ANDREW GRILLS**



**@thrillerbassin flew down from Ohio with his dad for a shot at some TX protein and he got it! We got his new PB set at 11 lb 3 FISHING WITH GUIDE JACK YORK**



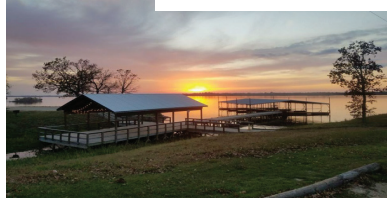
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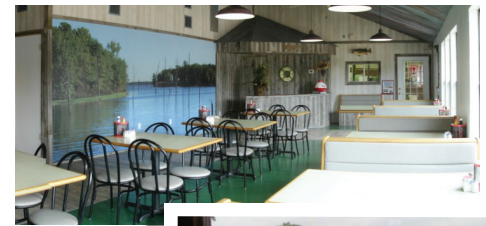
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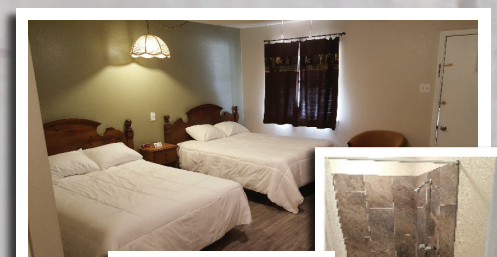
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## Forever In Our Hearts KALE ROBINSON



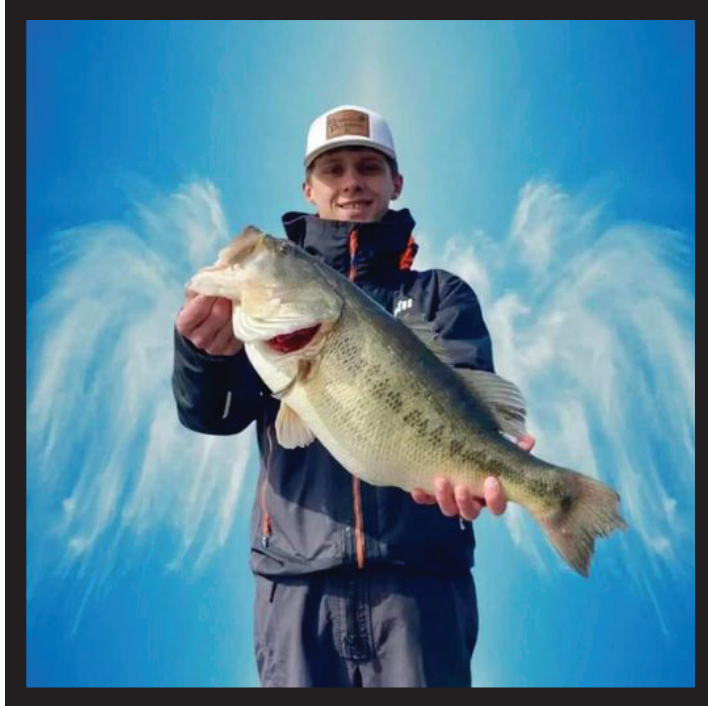
The impact that Kale Robinson has left in the fishing community and beyond is simply beyond words to describe! At 17 years old he lived a life that touched so many people in so many different ways that will never be forgotten! As we struggle to move forward without this amazing young man in our physical world through this grieving process let us all remember what a special angel that God has placed above to look after us all!

Let us reach out to one another with love and compassion and to also live our lives like Kale - with love for family, friends, faith and the gusto to make every day count because how you spend your day helping someone else, making someone smile or just making a difference in the world is priceless!

Kale caught his personal best bass out on the water that day and it left a mark on me and of course so many - but as I sat saddened by all of the loss for his family, team mates, friends and total strangers when learning of this news I could only think - Kale Robinson was a "Personal Best" in his own life and to others, lets go forward and cherish the memories, the smile, the skill and passion for fishing and the joy he brought to so many! So lets live a life like Kale and make your own "Personal Best" every day in memory of this young angel.

I send my deepest condolences and prayers to the entire Robinson family as well as the Winnsboro Fishing Team and the Winnsboro Community!

**Fish On Kale ... You will never be forgotten!**



THSBA Family,

It is with great sorrow and a heavy heart that we announce the untimely passing of one of our own, Kale Robinson from the Winnsboro Fishing Team.

Kale was an avid fisherman, and had fished with THSBA for 3 years. We find some solace in knowing that Kale was surrounded by friends and family, doing what he loved, and even catching his personal best.

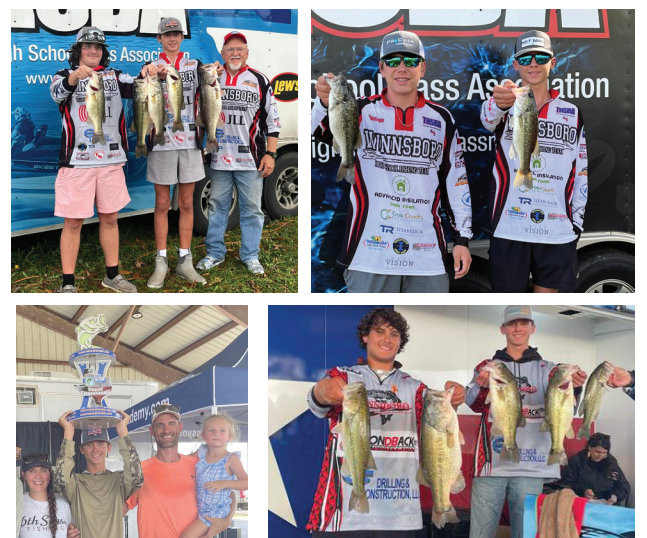
We are just so deeply sorry for the loss of this incredible young man who had a bright future ahead of him. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

We ask for the continued prayers of Kale's family, friends, and Winnsboro Fishing Team as we all grieve during this difficult time.

To Kale's parents, grandparents, and all that knew and loved him, we are truly sorry for your loss and you have our deepest sympathies.

Today, we pray for those whose hearts are laden with sadness and grief for losing a loved one. May they come to You, Jesus, to find rest for their weary hearts and broken spirit. I pray that You would guard their hearts and minds with the kind of peace that can only come from You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THSBA Board, Directors and Staff



### WINNSBORO TAKES 1ST AT BOB SANDLIN

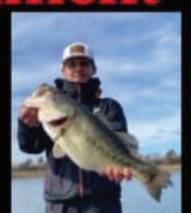
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#1	Winnsboro	57.44
#2	Rains	39.30
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# High School Fishing

## 2/17/2024 BOB SANDLIN



Saturday all 12 Rains Fishing Teams competed in their 4th regular season tournament at Bob Sandlin!! 10 teams were able to weigh in bags. The weather was frigid and very windy. We awaited all of our teams, praying for their safety and a great day out on the water... and of course big fish!!! We had stew waiting for all the Anglers and Captain's when they got in. Weigh in was not at all what we expected. And we will continue to keep our Winnsboro fishing family in our prayers. Many Anglers weighed in great bags and even a few pb's. It was hard for any of us to celebrate these accomplishments at the time. But, today I would like to shine a little light on our team. Rains came in 2nd place overall. And we are tied 1st for the season with Winnsboro. Daniel Alvarado won Big bass, his PB. Weighing in at 10.36lbs. His fish was big and beautiful. But that smile on his face was what counted. Congratulations Daniel. 3 teams in top 20(prizes paid out) #6 Anglers Jared Bagley/Daniel Alvarado with Boat Captain Jason



- Bagley 15.49LBS
- #8 Anglers Grant Guidry/ Brayden Juarez with Boat Captain Tim Thomas 13.74LBS
- #13 Anglers Diego McElveny/ Jaycee Ivie with Boat Captain Bryan Anderson 10.07LBS
- #30 Anglers Hagan Thacker/ Gunner Cook with Boat Captain Jeremy Cook 6.57LBS
- #39 Anglers Kadin Oakes / Manny Mares with Boat Captain Braden Katchinska 3.77LBS
- #44 Anglers Jason Wilson/ Karson Wallace with Boat Captain James Hervey 3.15LBS
- #53 Anglers Trent Kirby/ Ty Kirby with Boat Captain Tracy Kirby 2.26LBS
- #55 Anglers Spencer Lovell/ Gage Cook with Boat Captain Larry Lovell 2.20LBS
- #57 Anglers Shawn Robertson/ Kentlee Neighbors with Boat Captain Anthony Robertson 2.18LBS
- #67 Anglers Wyatt Cook/ Memphis McNew with Boat Captain Felix Alvarado 1.80LBS



#70 Anglers Carsyn Moulder/ Hudson Potts with Boat Captain Chris R Phillips

#70 Anglers John McAllister/ Hagen Gowin with Boat Captain David Olivarez

3 Teams sit in the top 10 for AOY Waiting on official results to know where everyone sits for Regional. Tournament 5, last regular season tournament, Lake Of the Pines. As you know, that one tournament can change everything. Thank you to all of our sponsors for making it possible, for these young women and men to participate in such a rewarding sport. Big shout out to our Captain's. You guys put in more time, patience,

money, and love than anyone of us. If we didn't have such devoted Captain's, these kids wouldn't get out on the water. Thank you parents for sharing these amazing Anglers with us. Thank you to my Angler's for being respectful Saturday and for being so ready to help, where we can. You are a wonderful group of young women and men. We are proud to call you OURS!! We love you ALL!! Congratulations again!!! LET'S FINISH STRONG!!! "It's important to have as much fun as possible while we're here. It balances out the times when the minefield of life explodes." ~Jimmy Buffett



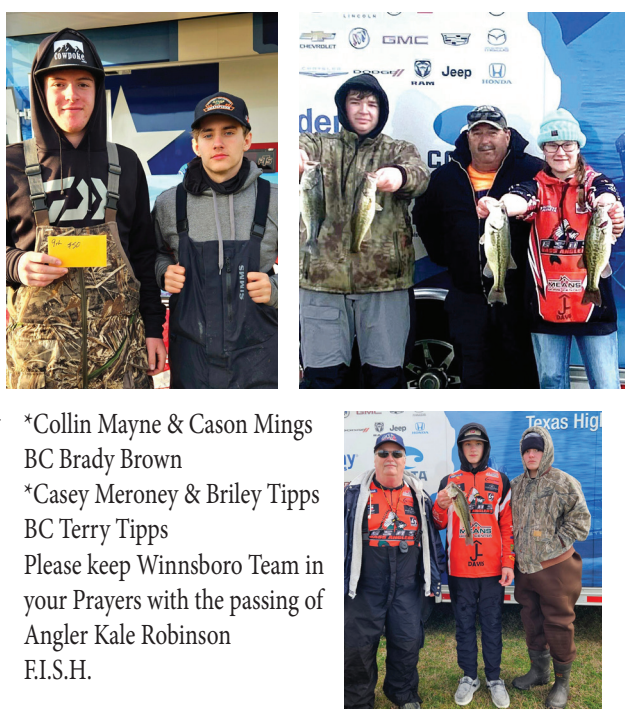
Our 4th Tourney of the Season was bitter bitter cold. Temps in the lower 30's with wind (and gust) 15-20 mph straight out of the north. Skies were cloudy all day. The waves were tough to maneuver across and they had to position their boats with wind concentration, not to take on waves. First Cast was 6:35 am Lines in at 3:00pm GSHSBA'S had 20 Teams that fished. Every Team suffered through this teeth chattering bitter cold day. Some came in with fish, while others came in with stories. Myself & Misti (Rains) put up our Team Canopies (with Northeast Division help) and fought those high winds, cold morning temps with weight buckets, tubes, stakes, you name it! It was all we could do to keep those tents secure. GS's Doug Scott cooked a delicious extra large pot of stew so when these Angler's & Captains came off the water,



they would have something warm to put in their cold bellies. GSHSBA'S had 9 Teams Weigh in with 3 in the Award Status. \*9th Place.. Tyner Jistel & Terry Thompson BC Brent Jistel with 12.94 lbs BB 7.23 lbs \$50 Gift Cards \*16th Place.. Ben Copeland & Carson Stevenson.... BC BJ Copeland with 9.25 lbs \$25 Gift Cards \*20th Place.. Kayden Currin & Braylen Price BC Don Fulton with 8.42 lbs \$20 Gift Cards \*28th Place.. Gabe Means &

Colby Koonce BC Travis Jones with 6.59 \*29th Place.. Raylee Copeland & Noah Harvill BC Travis Copeland with 6.57 \*Maddux Bartlett & Maycie Bartlett BC James O'Donnell with 2.22 lbs \*Chase McShooler & Ayden Hill BC Michael McShooler with 1.97 lbs \*Cooper Block & Kyler Barnhart BC James Dobson with 1.83 \*Koooper Wright & Austin Dugan BC Brian Dale Milliron with 1.71 lbs \*Bryce Henry & Jace Mercer

BC Ryan Henry \*Preston Black & Rylie Wade BC Harold Meroney \*Colson Bishop & Preston Sluder BC Lonnie Sluder \*Landon Plant & Zach Daniel's BC Stacey Henderson \*Gage Remington & Malachi Scott BC John Turner \*Kyle Ritterbach & Aiden Wood BC Dennis Wood \*Cole Ondrusek & Tanner Spindle BC Phillip Hope \*Macoy Lewis & Cody Daniel's BC Randy Denton \*Kaison Bolin & Mason Warner BC Gerald Bolin



\*Collin Mayne & Cason Mings BC Brady Brown \*Casey Meroney & Briley Tipps BC Terry Tipps Please keep Winnsboro Team in your Prayers with the passing of Angler Kale Robinson F.I.S.H.



We are so proud of each angler who battled the cold yesterday. A THANK YOU to each boat captain who give of their time , knowledge and heart to each one of these anglers.

- Boat Captain -Dustin Anglers - Lawton & Kason 4th place
- Boat Captain- Rich Anglers - Luke & Noah 11th place
- Boat Captain- Michael Anglers- Michael & Tucker 14th place



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## LEAVE NO FISH BEHIND .....



As of the date I wrote this...the water level is just under 403.0ft Welcome to all the new readers for FOB Lake Fork.... I have received a lot of great emails about some of the articles and it is great to see people following my social media as well. You can send any comments to foblakefork@gmail.com . I am on Instagram, Facebook, Youtube, and Twitter. You can find all my social media by just searching for Forward Operating Base Lake Fork or FOB Lake Fork. They both will find my website that has direct link to those accounts. I will be giving away quite a few Quantum Smoke S3 reels and Temple Fork Outfitter rods to the people who are subscribed to my social media sites. If you want to get a chance to win one of these rods or reels be sure to go there and SUBSCRIBE!! I do have a Twitter account as well but it is just seem harder to get some points across without a picture really.

I hope everyone is ready for the spawn fishing because it is here. I found 65degree water yesterday for the first time and we pulled some really nice fish from beds and in bedding areas. Other places they were just roaming around and are probably looking for their spawn locations. I am sure it is going to be great spring fishing!

You can go back to read some of the older articles to see what I was talking about leading up the spawn fishing but I wanted to touch base on that just a little and get right into the spawn fishing and what I will have my customers doing. Early March is time to start getting ready for and looking for fish in the pre-spawn and spawn portion of their mating cycle. When we get those sunny days the fish can move up to areas just to warm up. Additionally, they are now starting to move into the shallow areas of some parts of the lake to begin building their beds. With the first waves already moving into bed during this last full moon we are off to a slightly early start I think. Unless we get a cooling front to move in, the lake should progress as usual.

Here are some lures you can use for these pre-spawn males and females.

1.Square Bill Red Crankbaits: Every year around this time the Red Squarebill Crankbait will start catching fish. You can use different ones for different depths but I would be focused on the 2-8 ft deep around tree stumps of the larger trees. Last year, using my forward looking sonar to pinpoint which trees to focus on, we put quite a few fish over 8 lbs in the boat. We lost one that was most likely and had one right at 10. The specific technique we were using is kind of a very intricate dance though. The water in the shallows was very cloudy. There was maybe 6 to 8 inches of visibility. In order to catch these big fish, you had to throw past the tree with the appropriate crank bait to get to the depth the fish was at. Then, you had to speed the bait up right before it got to the fish and then stutter you retrieve so the bait just momentarily paused right in front of the fish. You then had to keep it moving but not move it to fast to pull it away from the fish as it started to commit to it. If you were able to do all of that correctly you were rewarded with that big fish. Otherwise you might get its attention and then pull it off to fast and the fish would stop chasing it. It was something to see in person and my clients all said they learned a huge lesson watching this technique.

2.Suspending and slow rising jerk baits: This technique is very hard for a large female to resist as she is moving throw areas back towards the spawning areas. During this time, the females will feed on these points to keep their egg production going. You do have to make sure the water clarity is about two feet or more I think. Otherwise the jerk baits might not make enough commotion in the water to get their attention. This is a visual presentation bait more than a vibration bate like the square bill presentation discussed above. You can work various depths but the fish is most likely to hit the bate right after you give it a jerk. You can work both a quick tempo or a slow tempo. Just see what the fish are wanting. If there is wind blowing up on the point or bank that is even better. The shad that are in the area will be getting pushed there and the bass will know this. Even during the prespawn, you could find a fairly big concentration of fish sometimes if the conditions are right. I would focus on those secondary points back in the creak arms. Or even

paralleling the banks trying to stay in that strike zone of those larger females. Color will just depend on the water and cloud conditions. Trying the painted ones on cloudy days and more reflective ones on the sunny days.

3.Lipless crank bait: Almost just like the square bill. I like this lure in red during this time of year. It brings the vibration and sound needed to get the attention of aggressive fish that are actively feeding and hunting crawfish. It is a good search bait to cover water and help determine if there are any numbers of fish in the area. The amount of noise they make can sometimes spook more cautions fish but if the water has become very stained, this might be necessary to help the fish lock in on the baits location.

4.Spinner baits: I throw a red spinner bait this time of year as well. I throw painted blades both in red and white/chartreuse. I need to be able to have the fish see this lure for the final strike. The thumping of blades along with the painted colors help the fish that final few inches in low visibility water. This bait can be thrown right in the thickest cover to get to areas that other moving baits can't get into. Don't hesitate to use this a primary search bait.

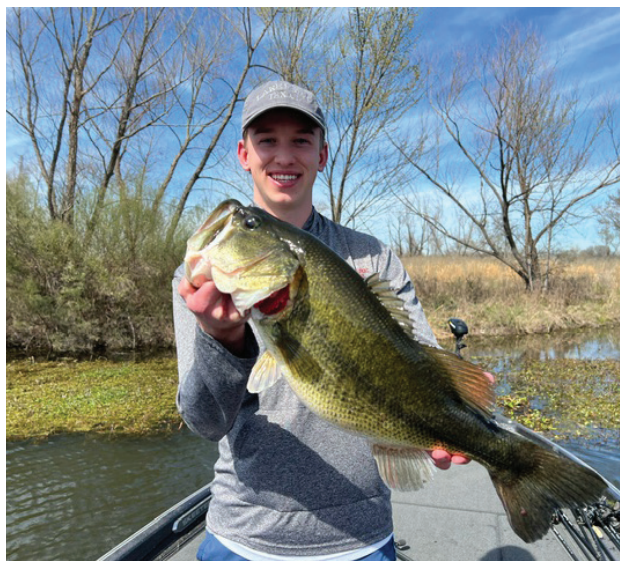
5.Bladed Jigs and swim jigs: I lumped these together because they really serve the same purpose. These are baits like the spinner bait that can be thrown in pretty heavy cover and still give a slow enough presentation. The swim jig is a little more snag proof but the blade will give it an additional thump. When throwing a true swim jig, think about using a Lake Fork Trophy Lures Live Magic Shad as your trailer. I have been using them for years and believe they have helped me put some huge fish in the boat.

6.Senko: You can wacky, Texas rig, or Carolina rig for the right presentation. If you know you are in areas where bass are on bed and building their beds, slowly pulling the bait through the area with one of these presentations will get some bites. I like the texas rig for way back in grass and the wacky or Carolina rig technique for out further from the bank around larger tree stumps.

7.Frogs: Early morning during the spawn, I like throwing frogs back in the grass. Males that get aggravated and females that are still eating will hammer these baits. One of my customers broke his rod a few years ago when he got into a tug of war with a monster. The bass won that fight after breaking a \$600 rod.

Now to talk about lures you can use on the beds.

1.My absolute favorite Is a creature bait I use. However, I won't say exactly what it is because I am reserving that info for my customers who fish with me. Any of my customers who have been fishing with me during the spawn know what I am talking about. For the last few years, this baits is responsible for an overwhelming percentage of my larger bed fish. It doesn't matter if we can see them with our eyes or with my electron-



ics. It just seems to catch more of the fish. Now that it is such confidence bait for me, it probably does catch more just because I am throwing it constantly. There are probably many different creature baits that can catch fish but once you find a bait that catches them this well it is hard to put down. If you really want to find out, schedule a trip with me and see it firsthand.

2.Jigs: LARGE heavy jigs are another must. I mean 3.4 -1 oz. I want to throw a large bait that has a large mass to make these larger bass see it as a threat to their nest. I am usually using a 1 oz football head. I will use a pointed now as well but the football seems to disturb a little more of the bottom as you move it through the nest area. I usually am throwing blue gill colors and a trailer with blue gill as well. The blue gill is a natural enemy of the bass during this time of the year. Any lure that can get that profile and action mimicking them will get the attention of the bass. The larger weight will help with casting it further and keep you further off the bed so you don't spook them. The jig is also the final punch sometimes. When I can't get a bass to hit a number of baits, the heavy jig comes out and we are about to



get physical. I will pitch this bait on the far side of the bed and wait for the bass to swim between me and the bass. When it is right between us, I will jerk it hard and actually hit the bass right in the face. I am aiming to hit it in the jaw area between the point of the snout to the last part of the jaw. I do this to elicit anger from the bass. I am trying to remind him he is the big boy on the block and he needs to teach this lure a lesson. This is a technique that my customers sometimes just sit back and laugh about once they see it in action. Most have never seen anything like that before.

3.Jerk Baits: Depending on the amount of cover right near the nest. Jerk baits jerked right over the top can elicit a response. I tend to use ones that are smaller and will actually suspend. Bring it near their nest and see what kind of reaction you get. It won't take long to figure out if these are thinking of attacking it.

4.Pocket craw type baits: soft plastic crawfish baits with larger claws. I have thrown the white color of this bait for years just because I can see it easy in different water clarities. At longer distances, you can see the fish take the bait and give you the chance to set the hook before it spits it out.

5.Lizards: I once throw almost everything I had in the boat at a huge fish once. It just would not commit and kept swimming and circling around whatever I threw in there. Out of frustration, I dug deep in the boat and pulled out some lizards I hadn't thrown in a while. I kept them in an old plastic lure binder I hadn't used in forever. I put on a white lizard to throw in at the nest. The fish responded with an immediate ferocious strike. I learned a lesson that day that I should have already known. Every bass has a little different thing that will set him off. Like, us we all have our own personal experiences we draw on to make every day decisions. Obviously, sometime in the past, this bass had a bad day with a lizard and wasn't going to let that happen again.

To get ready for the pre-spawn and spawn you should think about getting your maps out first before you get your boat out. Go look at your maps and look for the shallow spawning areas you think you might target. Then just look for any creek lines or drainage ditches that run to these areas from the main creek or lake area. The spawn will historically start up in the northern part of the lake and then move south. (This is more like a guideline though. If you found some water down south that was really locked in like small cut it might warm up faster and hence allow some fish to bed there early). Follow those creeks





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or ditches out farther to look for anything that looks like the fish would pause there as they come from the deeper water. Lay downs or brush piles along these areas are great examples. Remember, deep is relevant. If you are targeting an area where the deepest water for 2 miles is 10ft, then that is the deeper water around and would be where the fish would congregate in during the winter spots. I would start to target fish with a number of lures at these pre-spawn staging areas.

There is the possibility of a huge bite this time of year. The females really have to increase their food intake to help them get their egg producing going. The males have to increase their feeding because they shut down their feeding completely once they go on next to ensure their instinct to eat doesn't make them eat their own young. Down in the southern part of the lake there is obviously much deeper water to try to start from. The males will begin moving along creek lines back towards the spawning flats and the females will be there as well. The water temperatures have been around 54 degrees where I have been looking out in deeper water and up in shallow water I have found 60 Deg water already. I have found some fish at some traditional spots but not in the numbers yet. Baits that mimic bait fish seem to be doing the best. Shad colored crank baits have caught the bigger fish and the numbers.

The most important thing for me during this year are these holding areas before they start to release out to the spawning areas. Time on the water with your side imaging will help this immensely. Your side imaging can see these creeks and ditches very easily if you know how to use them. The year before last, I saw two brush piles in the perfect location. I marked them and then went back to pick it apart with my forward looking sonar. I ended up catching 2 fish over 8lbs off of those brush piles after working them with a suspending jerk bait. Without using my side imaging I never would have caught those fish.

So you might ask what I would do in the next few weeks if I were coming to Lake Fork and hadn't been here before. Here you go: I would make sure I had one of the boating lane chips. It will show you both the approved boating lanes and the "guide" lanes chips. I run two of them at the same time and it helps me. I fine tune many of the routes. I do this because even those chips are no guarantee you might clip something. Sometimes you could be 10-15 feet off to the side and that might just be enough. Then I would make sure I have updated electronics maps for my sonar system. I would go back and watch a few fishing reports from last few springs from some of the YouTube providers on the lake. I have mine so you can check that out. I would then try determining where some of the major spawning areas are on the lake. That isn't that hard, Glade Creek, Big and Little Mustang, Birch to name a few. They are all places where the fish are going to migrate to for the spawn. Do your map study of these areas and where you think the fish will spawn. Find those highways under the water where you think the fish will migrate on as they move from the deeper water. Go to those areas and then you will have to do some idling to use your side imaging to look for any swings in those features where the fish might start to congregate. Remember, some form of lay down or brush pile would really be a plus for a spot. Now we are going to work those spots with baits that are applicable to the depth and clarity of the water. You shouldn't be throwing suspending jerk baits in water that has 8 inches of visibility. If you are up in the north part of the lake and the water clarity is really bad. You are going to have to throw bigger bait that makes some noise or vibration. You will have to slow it down as well. Black and blue jigs can be used to tear apart a brush pile slowly. Red or

chartreuse crank baits can do well in those conditions. Bottom line - slower is better. Vibration is better. Rattles are better. Baits colors that stand out in murky water are better. The fish will be deep in that cover. Sometimes we are catching the fish right off the root ball from the lay downs in these conditions. If you are finding some clear water and trying to fish there then you can get away with some less colorful lures. Natural bait colors would do better. I wouldn't go for the bluegill colors yet. I would stick with the shad type colors that will more closely resemble the larger shad they will be looking to get into. The clear water is a better candidate for swim baits. This is a time of year when the really large swim baits can help attract big bites from those females looking to support their egg production. Get out on these long points off the main lake that they will suspend and stage on before moving back into the creeks. If you think they have pushed in a bit you could look at secondary points back in the creeks.

Right now is a really good time to fish. There are more and more boats on the water every day now. I have some good dates available in April and May still so give me a call and book one of these days while you can. It is going to be a great spring as usual I think.

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Service section. See my social media from my website. Plan early for next year. I am already booking up well into the summer and fall. Do not wait to long. A few weeks ago someone booked two days for March of 2025! I am looking for a buyer for my 2022 Skeeter FXR21 with 250 SHO. Call me for details. I am ordering my 2024. Give me a call. I think you would appreciate getting a boat with the electronics pre loaded with a bunch of good fishing spots!! Good luck and I hope everyone gets the trophy of a life time. I want to say thank you to my sponsors, Quantum Fishing Reels, Temple Fork Outfitters rods, and Diamond Sports Marine. I really appreciate them and their products get me through each fishing day chasing down these Lake Fork TANKS. Remember, here at Forward Operating Base Lake Fork our motto is LEAVE NO FISH BEHIND.....



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3	David Laymance	5		8.48
4	Bobby Applegate	5		8.25
5	Steve Hodge	5		7.51



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## Yantis Senior Night 2024

The last basketball game of the 2023-2024 season took place and it was Senior Night for four of our outstanding athletes, Kole Collins, Brant Harville, Turner Hathcoat, and Juan Hernandez.

The ceremony for these seniors included a live zoom from senior Juan Hernandez to participate in the night's events and presentations including a check presented to the family to assist with medical bills.

It was an emotional night for the young athletes, parents and supporters in the Owl Pride Community who stand together as one!

As a small town in Texas the values of these students and faculty make a HUGE impact on the future of the younger generation that will follow



in their footsteps and learn what growing up in a small town is all about! We are so proud of their accomplishments and can't wait to see what's in store for their future!

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## Yantis Baseball



FEB 27th YANTIS VS Campbell --- Yantis wins 18-3

Yantis baseball boys played the Campbell Indians. They scored two runs in the first inning. CJ Madison started on the hill allowing zero hits over two-thirds innings. Justice Vivion came into the game to pitch, adding multiple strikeouts and giving up one hit in 1 inning. Offensively, our Owls were led by CJ and Aiden Cason. Ashton Rodriguez and Turner Hathcoat also recorded a hit and a couple of walks. Our owls had a total number of 15 stolen bases for the game.

## Senior Spotlight

<p><b>Senior 2024 Spotlight</b> <b>Heaven Villafuerte</b></p> <p>What do you like best about Yantis ISD? Small school, nothing crazy.</p> <p>What advice would you give to the class of 2025? Find out what you want to do quick before graduating.</p> <p>What are your plans for after graduation? I want to be a mechanic.</p>	<p><b>Senior 2024 Spotlight</b> <b>Jasmine Victor</b></p> <p>What do you like best about Yantis ISD? The fact that most of the work is easy and that the school is small.</p> <p>What advice would you give to the class of 2025? Don't worry about what is far in the future. Just worry about what you can control.</p> <p>What are your plans for after graduation? My plans are to go to college.</p>	<p><b>Senior 2024 Spotlight</b> <b>Bodie Bevill</b></p> <p>What do you like best about Yantis ISD? The kindness and respect I give and get back from teachers.</p> <p>What advice would you give to the class of 2025? Be kind and be responsible. Don't give up on something that will change your life.</p> <p>What are your plans for after graduation? Go off to tech college and succeed in a full time life career.</p>
<p><b>Senior 2024 Spotlight</b> <b>Ozzy Parsons</b></p> <p>What do you like best about Yantis ISD? Not many people and I can walk to my friend's house.</p> <p>What advice would you give to the class of 2025? Don't miss so many days that you can't graduate.</p> <p>What are your plans for after graduation? National Guard or use Grandpa's GI Bill.</p>	<p><b>Senior 2024 Spotlight</b> <b>Brant Harville</b></p> <p>What do you like best about Yantis ISD? The students.</p> <p>What advice would you give to the class of 2025? Just get bread, it ain't hard.</p> <p>What are your plans for after graduation? I am going to go to trade school and go to work.</p>	<p><b>Senior 2024 Spotlight</b> <b>Alexander West</b></p> <p>What do you like best about Yantis ISD? The Teachers and staff.</p> <p>What advice would you give to the class of 2025? Just work hard and achieve your goals.</p> <p>What are your plans for after graduation? I plan to go to trade school for welding.</p>

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# SMALL TOWN HISTORY

## Yantis Texas



### YANTIS, TX.

-Yantis is located at the intersection of State Highway 154 and Farm Road 17, near the Lake Fork Reservoir, twelve miles north of Quitman in northwest Wood County. Harry M. Matthews was said to have settled the area as early as 1860, and by 1870 a gristmill (Grain mill) and cotton gin was being run in the area by J. Singleton. The community was served by the Quitman post office before receiving its own in 1885. Yantis was named for its first postmaster, George R. Yantis, who by 1890 was also running the gristmill and gin at the community of thirty-five people.

The population climbed to fifty by 1892 and to sixty by 1896, by which time the community had at least fifteen businesses, including a mason and two gristmills and gins. At that time Yantis also had a sheriff, a justice and bailiff, two churches, and five schools that served 251 students. By 1914 the town of 300 had a phone connection and twenty-one businesses, including the Yantis State Bank. The population peaked at 500 in the early 1930s then fell to 400 by 1943. The June 1947 discovery of the Yantis oilfield nearby apparently had no lasting effect on the community, as around that time population fell again to 350, then to 290 by 1949. By the late 1960s Yantis had incorporated. The town had a population of 174 and three businesses in 1968. In 1988 Yantis reported a population of 209 and eight businesses. In 1990 the population was 210. The population reached 321 in 2000.

Yantis has begun to grow again and reported a population of 408 as of July 1, 2021.

It might not sound like alot because the census is just counted for those who live in the downtown area. But it Yantis expands throughout and even into surrounding small towns. Yantis is continuing to grow and prosper with so many local merchants and great opportunities in the future! I am proud to be a Yantis local! Support our Local merchants and our Yantis schools!

Located in the northeast region of Texas sits the small town of Yantis. Despite its quaint size, this area has been witness to many significant historical events. From early settlers to political milestones, here are seven significant moments in history that have taken place near Yantis, TX.

#### 1. Caddo Indian Culture

Before Texas was claimed by the United States, it was the homeland of several indigenous tribes, including the Caddo. The Caddo Indian Culture developed around 1200 A.D. and continued to thrive until the early 19th century. The Yantis area was once the site of Caddo villages, located near the Attoyac Bayou, where they hunted and fished. In 1687, French explorer La Salle encountered the Caddo and described their culture in his journals.

#### 2. Early Settlers

After Texas gained independence from Mexico in 1836, Anglo-American settlers began to arrive in the area. In 1847, the Peters family became the first Anglo-American settlers in Wood County, where Yantis is located. They established a trading post in Stroud's Creek and later married into the Caddo tribe. Other early settlers included the Bailey, Henderson, and Mims families, who established farms and businesses in the area.

#### 3. The Civil War

As a part of the Confederacy, Texas played a crucial role during the Civil War. The nearby town of Tyler became a hub for Confederate troops and was home to several military hospitals. Many residents of Yantis and the surrounding towns fought in the war, with some wounded or killed in battle. Today, visitors can explore several Civil War sites near Yantis, including the Confederate Cemetery in Mineola.

#### 4. Oil Boom

The early 20th century brought the discovery of oil in Texas, and the Yantis area was no exception. In the 1930s, oil wells began to sprout up around the town, providing jobs and boosting the local economy. The town of Quitman, located just a few miles from Yantis, became known as the "Oil Capital of East Texas" due to the abundance of black gold in the area.

#### 5. Desegregation

Like much of the American South, East Texas was deeply affected by the segregationist policies of the mid-20th century. In 1956, the Wood



County Commissioners Court voted to close all county-owned parks and recreational facilities rather than integrate them. The decision sparked national attention and was eventually overturned by the Texas Supreme Court in 1959.

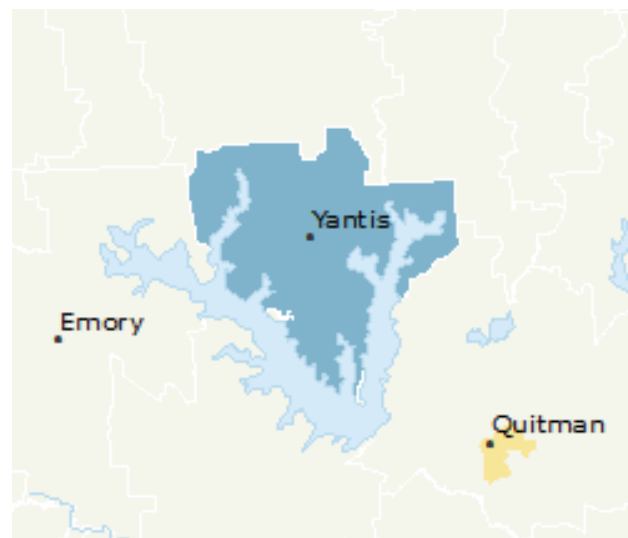
#### 6. Political Milestones

Several influential politicians hail from the Yantis area, including former Texas Governor Bill Clements and former U.S. Representative Ralph Hall. In 1978, Clements became the first Republican governor of Texas since Reconstruction, paving the way for conservative policies in the state. Hall, who served in Congress for 34 years, was the oldest member of the U.S. House of Representatives when he retired in 2015.

#### 7. Space Shuttle Columbia Tragedy

In 2003, the Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrated over East Texas upon re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere. Debris from the shuttle rained down on several towns near Yantis, including Emory and Winnsboro. The tragedy claimed the lives of all seven astronauts on board and left a lasting impact on the region.

In conclusion, Yantis, TX, and the surrounding area have been witness to a diverse array of significant historical events. From the Caddo Indian Culture to the tragedy of the Space Shuttle Columbia explosion, this area has played a part in shaping the history of Texas and the United States.



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Michael Carnell enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1998 and spent 9-years in the Marines until receiving an Honorable Discharge in 2007. During his time in the Marine Corps, he served as Anti-Tank Assaultmen and as an Intelligence Specialist.

Once in a lifetime you meet someone who changes everything.

The TRIBE was blessed to know and love this Man, Husband, Father, & Bahston-Irish Marine, Michael Carnell. He changed each and every one of us for the better and has been part of the Tribe since the beginning.

Mikey, thank you for serving others, fighting for good, loving hard, inspiring us and for truly living. We will continue to hold close the words you shared with us:

“Never be hard on yourself for the things that happened in the past. Everything in life is a lesson that makes us realize that we are humans and we should be kind to ourselves. We can't



control life, but what we can control is how to confront the situations that life put in front of us. Every day is a blessing, an opportunity to be better, to be yourself and it's OK to stop, if you have to, give yourself grace and take a break; then move on, always forward no matter what. All the great things in life take time; never be hard on yourself. No matter what other people tell you, no matter if others want to change your life, take your time, because everything in life will happen at the right moment.”  
 We will never forget. Love ya, kehhd.

## UNITED STATES NAVY SEAL BEN “SCOOP” WILLIAMS United States NAVY



A man among men with a heart of gold, Ben “Scoop” Williams went home on Sunday, January 21st. A Navy SEAL as part of SEAL Team 3, Ben has lived nothing short of a crazy life - having been kidnapped in the Philippines, shot in Panama, and struck by lightning twice, amongst other things. We miss you, brother. Live a life worth writing about, just like Scoop did



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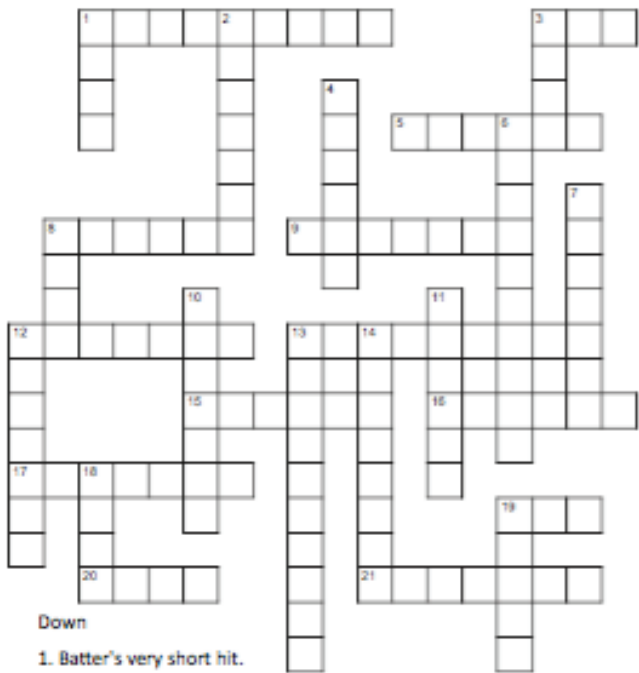
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*Crossword Challenge*

(Answers on page 28)

**Baseball Time**



- Across**
- Simple seating for the fans.
  - Ball that is hit to the outfield.
  - This hit gets the batter to first base.
  - Player who is ready to swing.
  - Puffed corn snack.
  - Roasted, salty snack.
  - His position is between second and third base.
  - Where the team sits when not playing.
  - There are nine of these in a game.
  - Four base hit.
  - Baseball player headwear.
  - Group of players.
  - Part of the field between the bases.

- Down**
- Batter's very short hit.
  - Position behind home plate.
  - Hit that is out of bounds.
  - Frankfurter in a bun.
  - Seating in a large stadium.
  - Pitcher's place to warm up.
  - Baseball runner's destination.
  - Large structure where baseball is played.
  - Three of these and you are out.
  - He throws the ball.
  - Where the game tally is shown.
  - Area of the field outside of the diamond.
  - Catcher's protective glove.
  - Large group of people.

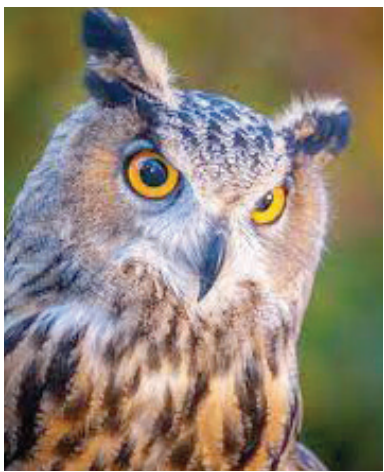


*Word Search Challenge*

**Amusement Park**  
Word Search



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*Advice from a Wise 'Ol Owl*

STAY FOCUSED - BE "HOO" YOU ARE - TRUST IN A WISE FRIEND - LIVE OFF THE LAND

GLIDE THROUGH THE DARK TIMES - BE OBSERVANT - LIFE WILL BE A HOOT!

*The Long and Winding Road of Life*

I asked a friend who has crossed 70 & is heading towards 80 what sort of changes he is feeling in himself? He sent me the following:

- After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.
- I have realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.
- I have stopped bargaining with vegetable & fruit vendors. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.
- I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.
- I stopped telling the elderly that they've already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.
- I have learned not to correct people even

when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.

- I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You."
- I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.
- I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.
- I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.
- I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.
- I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep

me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.

- I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.
- I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!

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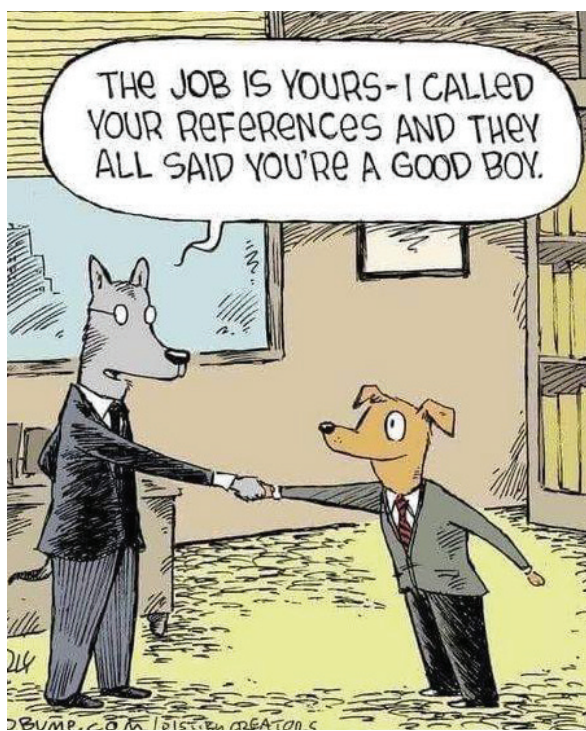
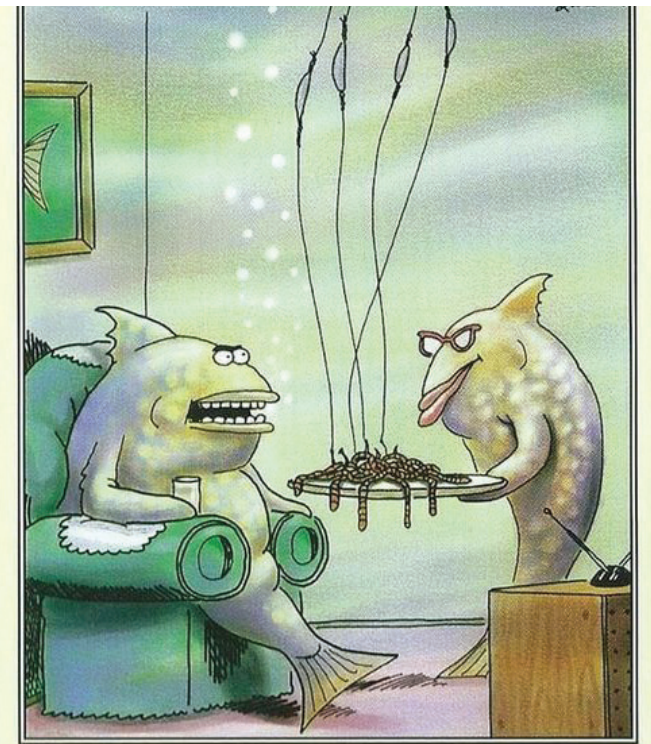
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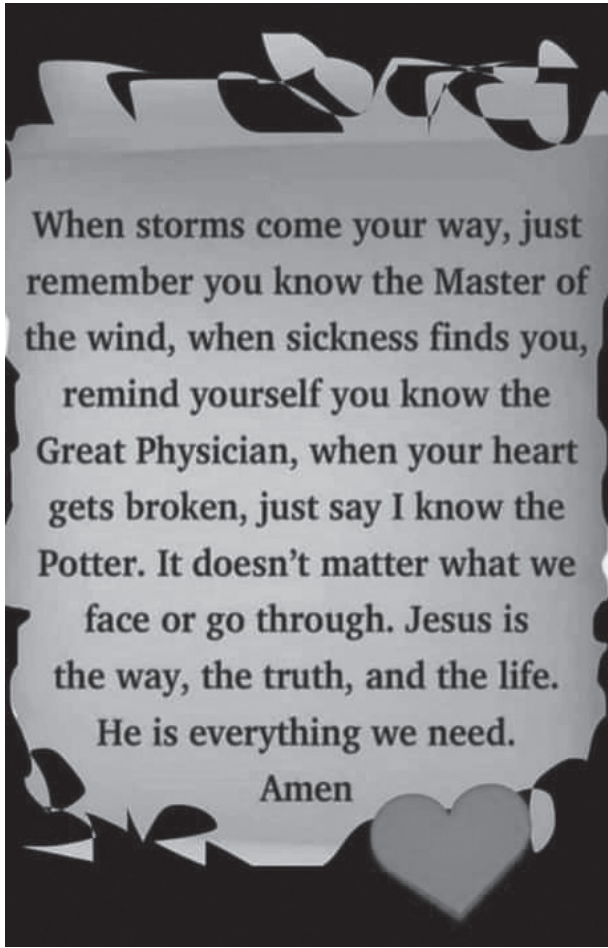


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GOAL FOR TODAY:

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to make changes, not excuses;
to be motivated, not manipulated;
to be useful, not used;
to excel, not compete;
I choose self-esteem, not self pity;
I choose to listen to my inner voice, not the random opinion of others.
As above, so below... living Lowder, Alisia

An Irish Prayer

May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
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REMEMBER

To forgive yourself and to forgive others.

It is easy to be outraged these days, So much harder to change things, to reach out and to understand.

Try to make time: minutes and hours and days and weeks can blow away like dead lives with nothing to show but time your spent not quite

ever doing things, or time you spent waiting to begin.

Meet new people and talk to them. Make new things and show them to people who might enjoy them. Make mistakes: your growth is built from your mistakes.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up. 1st Th 5:11

Be kind, Be courageous, Hug too much, Smile too much, Love harder, Go be awesome.

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## YOU ONLY HAVE ONE HEART



The human body is an amazing creation! Many of our body parts come in twos: two legs, ears, eyes, hands, kidneys, lungs, etc. Although we want to keep them all, it is possible to live with only one. Not so with the heart. You've only got one heart! It can't be cut in half and remain useful.

Unfortunately, we are not doing enough to take care of our hearts. The number one killer in the United States is heart disease and that is true for much of the Western world. Each year, over 600,000 people in the U.S. die of heart disease. Today, we will be talking about what we can do to protect our hearts. But first, let's review some facts about the heart to become more familiar with this precious component of our bodies. It is an absolutely unique and astonishing organ!

The heart has four chambers

The heart is approximately the size of a fist

The heart is actually a muscle

The heart pumps blood through two separate circulatory systems: The pulmonary circulation system (the right side of the heart which pumps blood to the lungs) and the systemic circulation system (the left side of the heart which pumps blood through the rest of the body)

The system that is associated with the heart and lungs is the cardiorespiratory system. This system is responsible for transporting oxygen, nutrients, and other key substances to the organs and tissues in the body. Furthermore, it picks up

and expels waste products.

In order to keep the cardiorespiratory system and its components healthy, it is essential to incorporate cardiorespiratory fitness into our daily lives.

Cardiorespiratory endurance fitness refers to the ability of the body to perform prolonged, large-muscle, dynamic exercises at moderate to high levels of intensity. This component is one of the five key health-related fitness components. The following list includes examples of benefits of cardiorespiratory endurance exercise:

- Improved cardiorespiratory functioning
- Improved cellular metabolism
- Reduced risk of cardiovascular disease
- Reduced risk of cancer
- Reduced risk of type 2 diabetes
- Better control of body fat
- Improved immune function
- Improved psychological and emotional well-being
- Better rest/sleep
- Better self-perception (and many more...)

Unfortunately, the reality is, that most US adults do not meet the minimum requirement for cardiorespiratory fitness, which is 150 minutes of moderate to high intensity physical activity, which translates into about 30 minutes, five days per week. The key question that must be asked is: do YOU engage in 30 minutes of moderate to high intensity cardiovascular exercise five days per week?

If the answer to this question was "yes", then that is fantastic! Keep it up! If, however, your answer was "no", then it is time to face the facts of the matter. Don't get hung up on what you did not do yesterday, rather, make a decision

right now to incorporate cardiorespiratory exercise into your daily routine. If you haven't been doing any of this type of exercise at all, then consider starting slowly at a lower intensity and build up your endurance. The F.I.T.T. formula is an easy-to-use formula to create a basic fitness plan for cardiorespiratory fitness. Here is a sample of this formula that you can easily adapt to fit your life:

Frequency: 3 - 5 days per week

Intensity: You can still talk while exercising, but not sing (you are breathing harder)

Time: 20 - 60 minutes each time depending on your current level of fitness

Type: Biking, fast walking, swimming, dancing, aerobics, sports, roller-blading, etc. (NOTE: pick a variety of activities that you personally enjoy and alternate them regularly)

If you are just not sure how to get started or wonder if it is safe for you, seek out a degreeed and nationally certified personal trainer through a local fitness center. A professional personal trainer will be able to help you get started with an appropriate fitness program and conduct a variety of baseline fitness assessments to ensure safety for your participation in cardiorespiratory exercise.

The benefits of cardiorespiratory fitness are plentiful and you can't afford not to take advantage of this completely free way of preventing chronic heart disease. It is never too late to start. Just doing something more than you are doing now will get you started on the right foot and in the right direction. Remember, you've only got one heart, so do the right thing and take care of it! Start by incorporating cardiorespiratory exercise into your daily life today.



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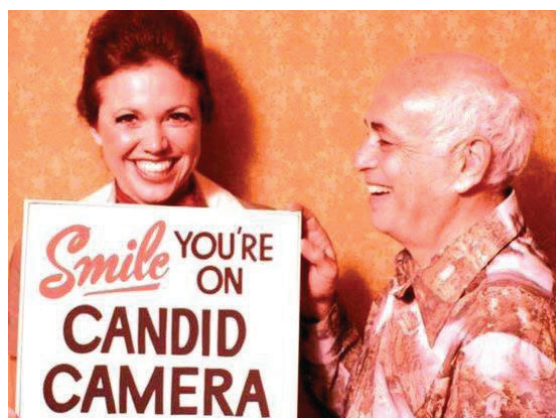
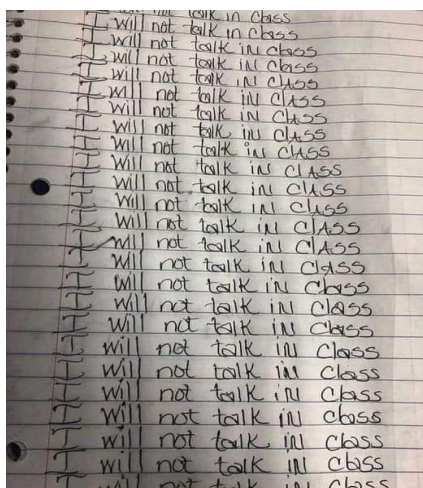
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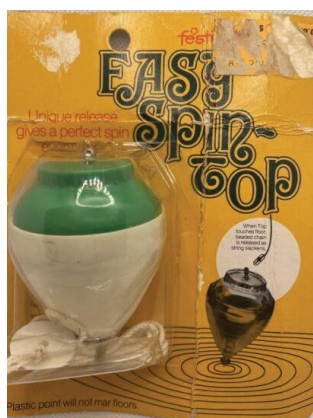
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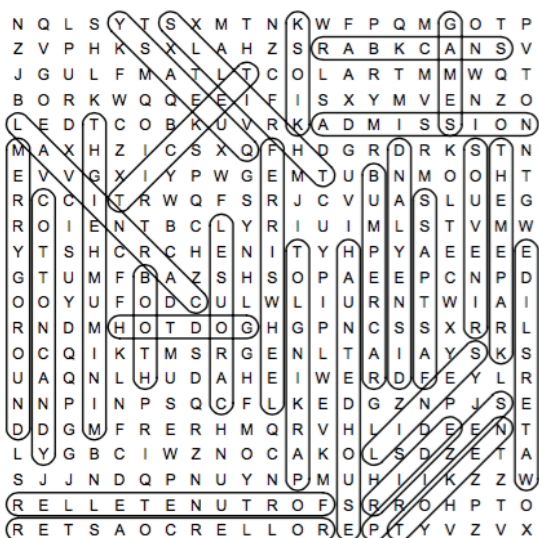
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*Mineola Library News & Events*

**Mineola Memorial Library's Notes**  
by Mary Hurley

The Library had a very good year in 2023. We circulated 28,388 items that included books, audio books, and DVDs. We welcomed 449 new patrons. We hosted 160 in-person programs, 65 outreach programs, and had a total attendance for all programs of 3,194 persons. It was a great year for seeing people again. The estimated value of the Library based on circulation, programming, internet access, reference questions was \$581,913.75. And please, note, we are not funded by city or county tax money.

We are so glad people are starting to come back into the Library. We try to offer a variety of books and audio books as well as programming. If you have a suggestion for the Library, please, let us know. We cannot accommodate every request or put together every program, but we need your in-put so we can better serve our community. Just a reminder as we get into the season where we don't know what the weather will bring, due dates. We do have a four week check on materials borrowed from the Library. If the weather turns

bad and it becomes difficult to get around, we will make sure to not charge late fees on the days we are closed. It's not anyone's fault when Mother Nature decides to make her presence know. If something happens in your household (sickness, death, new baby, accident), we can work with you on returning your items but you have to let us know there are extenuating circumstances.

We continue to have Toddler Story Time on Tuesdays at 9am, Preschool Story Time on Wednesdays at 10am, STREAM on Tuesday afternoons at 4pm, Home-school Heroes on the first and third Fridays of the month at 10am, and this month we will host the East Texas Library Friends Book Club on January 27 at 2pm discussing Karen Kingsolver's Demon Copperhead.

Remember, the Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3, non-profit and is not tax-supported. Your donations may be tax-deductible. The Library received several generous donations over the Winter holiday and they are very much appreciated.-

Mary Hurley  
Mineola Memorial Library

# FISHING REPORT BY ANDREW GRILLS

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**ANDREW GRILLS  
LAKE FORK GUIDE  
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We're having an early spring here at Lake Fork. I've seen times where we've had a few fish spawn in February, but before this month is over, I believe many fish will be spawning. The Bassmaster Elite series will be here this week and I suspect we'll see some of them doing well sight fishing.

Typically this time of year their still in more of a winter phase, out suspending in the trees or hanging on the edge of a creek channel. When they're up shallow in the dirt, a 30 degree night can really mess them up.

Don't worry about missing anything, this is just the beginning. I believe fish spawn in waves from the upper end of the lake to the south end, throughout March, April, and even May.

My go to lures have been a swimbait, chatterbait, and Texas rig. I've been fishing areas of the lake that I know historically warm up earlier. There's just some places they show up early, and there's no rhyme or reason to it. I've been fishing from inches deep, out to maybe 5'.

Fish are up shallow enjoying the warmer water between the cold fronts. However, when it's as warm as it is, and we are so far ahead, cold fronts seem to hurt them worse.

It's been fun and most days have been productive by my standards. Now that may not meet the expectations of the customer who traveled across several states in hopes of a 10lb bass.

However, when you go fishing on Lake Fork and you catch 8-12 bass and take a few pictures, it's been a good day. Having unrealistic expectations, going into it with the idea that all your hopes and dreams will be shattered if you don't catch a 10lb bass is a recipe for disappointment.

Hopefully this helps you catch a few more fish on your next trip. Have fun out there! Don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance on your next trip.



# ALBA GOLDEN FFA IN SAN ANGELO

What a great week spent in San Angelo with the Ag Mechanics guys! We had five students attend the show to compete with their shop built projects as well as the cutting torch competition.

Results are as followed:

Torch Cutting Competition:

Otis, Hudson, Mason, Will, and Hunter making it through three rounds of the torch cutoff and Dylan making it to the top 16 of 128 competitors.

Shop projects:

Outdoor Patio Fire Place: Blue Ribbon

Pallet Fork/Hay Spear Front End/Three Point Combo Tractor Attachment: Blue Ribbon and Second in Class.

Alba-Golden FFA

Our cattle showmen finished up San Angelo with a bang! Congratulations to these exhibitors on a very successful show!

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# Wood County News & Events

## WINNSBORO MIDDLE SCHOOL STEPPING UP!

What a great way for children to learn to give and support community.



Talk about giving hearts!!! Winnsboro Elementary School not only collected over 1400 jars of peanut butter and jelly for the food pantry but also helped sort and put it away. That is over 3 times what they collected last year! They worked very hard. Thank you also to the Winnsboro High School students who delivered it all. We are truly blessed to live in such an amazing community.

## The Prairie Classroom Adventures

Beautiful, blue sky and winter sun. Grateful to live in Texas! We enjoyed exploring in the prairie focusing on SOUND. Listen, listen to the mesmerizing music of the purple martins soaring in the sky, returning to Texas all the way from Brazil to prepare their nests for new life. Flying miracles high above. Pause and listen, draw what you see and hear around you in the winter season. I notice. I wonder. It reminds me of... What do trees hear? What do birds hear? Back inside, stations of critical-thinking games and playing a memory game of introduction to two new faces passing through the prairie classroom. Rashmi and Brandon. What sound soothes you? (the ocean waves, the sound of rain, hot water being poured into a cup, birds chirping in the morning, rain, wind at night, the song "You Can Bring Me Flowers." (yes, you can). Brief awareness of the holiday- President's Day and reflection questions: If you were to meet the President of the USA this week, what would you ask him? And, if you were elected President of the USA, what would you change? The children had lots to say. A beautiful discussion. Ask them what they bravely shared. An outdoor picnic and play, ending the day with a heART project of emotions, sounds and colors gracefully led by my friend, Rashmi. The day swirls in Joy and delightful interaction. Thank you for sharing your kiddos with us. We love them dearly.



District 5 Food Challenge  
Wood County was represented well!!!  
Third Place Junior Team "Cooking Queens": Emma Schuttler, Skylar Wallace, and Emily Ballard  
First Place Intermediate Team "Big Ounce": Claire Groter, Jacob Reed, Kaiden King, and Robert Schuttler  
Second Place Senior Team "e-LEMON-ators": Hunter Brian, Kyleigh Castloo, Katie DeGorostiza (not pictured) We are so proud of our 4-H members!



## YANTIS FFA AGRICULTURAL FUN

It was a busy two days of Agricultural Fun for the Yantis Owls! They had Mr. Sanders come out with the mobil dairy classroom and educate our students on the importance of milk and farming!  
Then the FFA spent the morning reading and teaching all things agriculture to prek-2nd grade. It was very rewarding to see our little friends get excited. We are building the leaders of tomorrow!



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# Yantis Owl's Activities

## Yantis Senior Night 2024



The Yantis Owls played with determination and true skill on Senior night against the Avenger Indians! This game was important to Seniors Kole Collins, Brant Harville, Turner Hathcoat, and Juan Hernandez. These young men have been outstanding as they represented Yantis this year and have played their hearts out while supporting Juan Hernandez who has been fighting his own tough battle like a warrior!

This team showed up to impress their hometown crowd for great night and a big win!

The traditional Senior Signing of the wall took place and the proud class of 2024 athletes left their mark here as proud Yantis Owls!



## Yantis Homecoming 2024

Yantis Homecoming 2024 was held in February and it was a fun filled week leading up to the big ceremony of coronation.

Homecoming activities throughout the week included decorating the entire halls of the school with full Owl Pride!

There was also a variety of themed Dress days all week and a big pep rally that included faculty, students, athletes and alumni boosting these owls on!

There was also the traditional bon-fire with a beautiful East Texas Sky to kick off the glowing of the huge fire celebrating in true owl fashion!

The Homecoming Court festivities were held after the boys game and coronation was beautiful and entire court looked fantastic ! Way to go Owls!



**Katy Miller & Brant Harville**



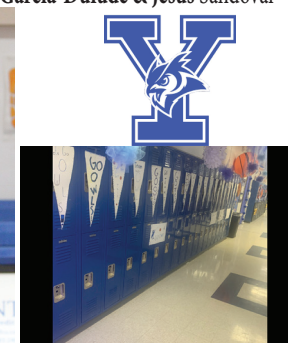
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