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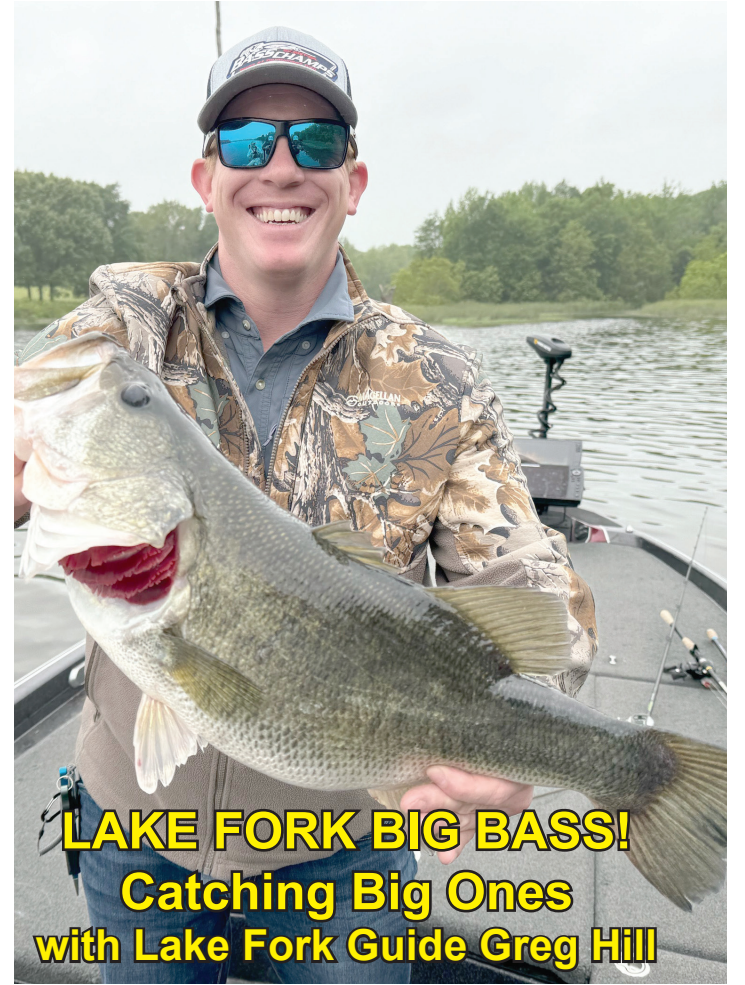
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James Crawford WINS MEGA BASS WITH A 9.88lber



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LAKE FORK BIG BASS! Catching Big Ones with Lake Fork Guide Greg Hill



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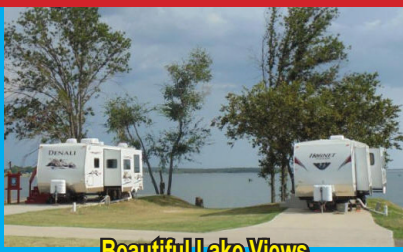
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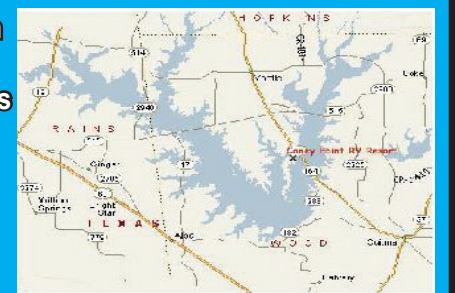
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LAKE FORK MEGA BASS 2024

The Bass Champs Techron 16th annual Mega Bass was held on Sunday April 7th and had over 1500 anglers out competing to snag some big money and of course a brand new Skeeter ZX 200 Yamamha 200 SHO Boat to take home with them! It was a beautiful weather day for the numerous boats on the water searching for a Big bass to bring back to the big tent at Lake Fork Marina and weigh in!

The 8 o'clock hour brought in the first over by Chad McClendon of Grapvine Tx with a 7.22lb Bass! The 9 o'clock hour over was brought in by Tom Mocny of Quitman Tx with a 7.99lber!

At the Ten o'clock hour Max Nwanebu weighed in a nice 9.75lbs over ! But the 11 o'clock hour James Crawford of Sumner Texas weighed in his 9.88lber taking the top spot by mere ounces!

The noon hour brought in two more overs by Thomas Trevino from Weatherford Tx weighing in a nice 9.30lber and Scott Sansom from Paris Tx weighing in a 8.56lb bass!

The 1 o'clock hour had one more over brought in by Joey Johnson of Mansfield Tx with a nice 8.66lb Lake Fork Beauty!

That would be the last over of the day and put James Crawford in the winners seat when it was all said and done! Congratulations to James and his Lake Fork over of 9.88 to win him \$15,000 dollars and a brand new Skeeter to take home !

It was a great tournament as usual and lots of cash handed out hourly to anglers that came



James Crawford, Summer, TX tops over 1500 anglers at the 16th annual Techron MEGA BASS on Lake Fork presented by Classic Arlington Buick GMC with a 9.88. Takes home \$15,000 cash plus a new Skeeter ZX 200 - Yamaha 200 SHO



from all over the country to participate in! A big shout out to the Basschamps crew and the many volunteers that contribute to it as well!

We look forward to next years event and the excitement it brings to Lake Fork!



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Williams Creek Crappie Club of Lake Fork



The WCCC of Lake Fork held it's meeting on the 13th of April at the Yantis Community Center in Yantis Texas.

The club started the monthly meeting with updates on club information and any upcoming events! The season has begun for all of us to get out and catch some big ones!

Tommy Ezell spoke about the Spring fishing. He shared tips and techniques with slip corks backs and great areas to find fish. He shared that once you locate where the fish are biting that all baits work well. The spawn has started however the full spawn has not quite in full swing yet - Expect full spawn to be coming soon!

The new logo shirts are available now for pre-order!



Far north end. Fished 8 to 16' of water and they were full of eggs! It's on!



There were several really good door prizes that were drawn for and a 50/50 raffle for \$96 dollars drawn as well. These meetings are a great way to get together share information and tips to prepare us all for now that it's finally time to get back on the water and catch those slabs!

If you are interested in joining the annual memberships are \$25.00 and includes your entire family.

We hope to see everyone at our next meeting on May 11th at 3pm! There will be a Fish Fry at the May meeting! Come on out and enjoy a fun afternoon and great Crappie tips and information!



Crappie Freaks - "we had Ronnie and Owen the birthday boy out with us today on the almighty Lake Fork!!"

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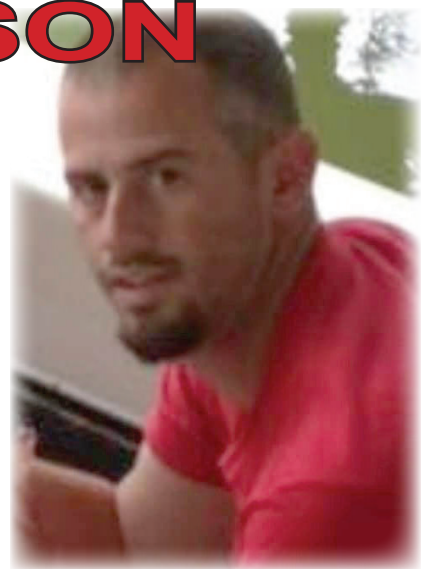
This tournament is very important to the Jake Wilson foundation as well as loyal Sponsors, Organizers, Anglers and the community! Because of the unfortunate weather some of the normal extra events were canceled for safety reasons but together we can transform a bad weather day to something positive with the love of knowing what it was truly all about - honoring Jakes memory and his love for the Lord and for fishing! The board is determined to continue this tradition and make the next Jake C. Wilson tournament bigger and better than ever!

Dear Sponsors, Raffle Organizers, Contestants, Volunteers and Applied Consultants,

I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude for each and every one of you who contributed to this tournament despite the weather.

To our esteemed sponsors, your generous support makes this event possible in every sense. Your dedication to our cause and your commitment to our community are truly inspiring. Your contributions didn't just fund an event; they create an experience that brings people together, fostering connections and camaraderie that will last long beyond this day.

To the contestants who brought their skills, determination, and sportsmanship to the competition, you are the heartbeat of our event. Your participation infused the tournament with energy



JAKE WILSON
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and excitement, turning a bad weather day into a vibrant celebration of community spirit and friendly competition.

A heartfelt thank you to Applied Consultants for not only sponsoring but also the amazing support to the Jake C. Wilson Foundation!

As we reflect on the memories we've created and the bonds we've strengthened, let us carry forward the spirit of gratitude and generosity that defines our community. Thank you, once again, for your unwavering support, your boundless enthusiasm, and your tireless dedication. Here's to many more tournaments, raffles, and moments

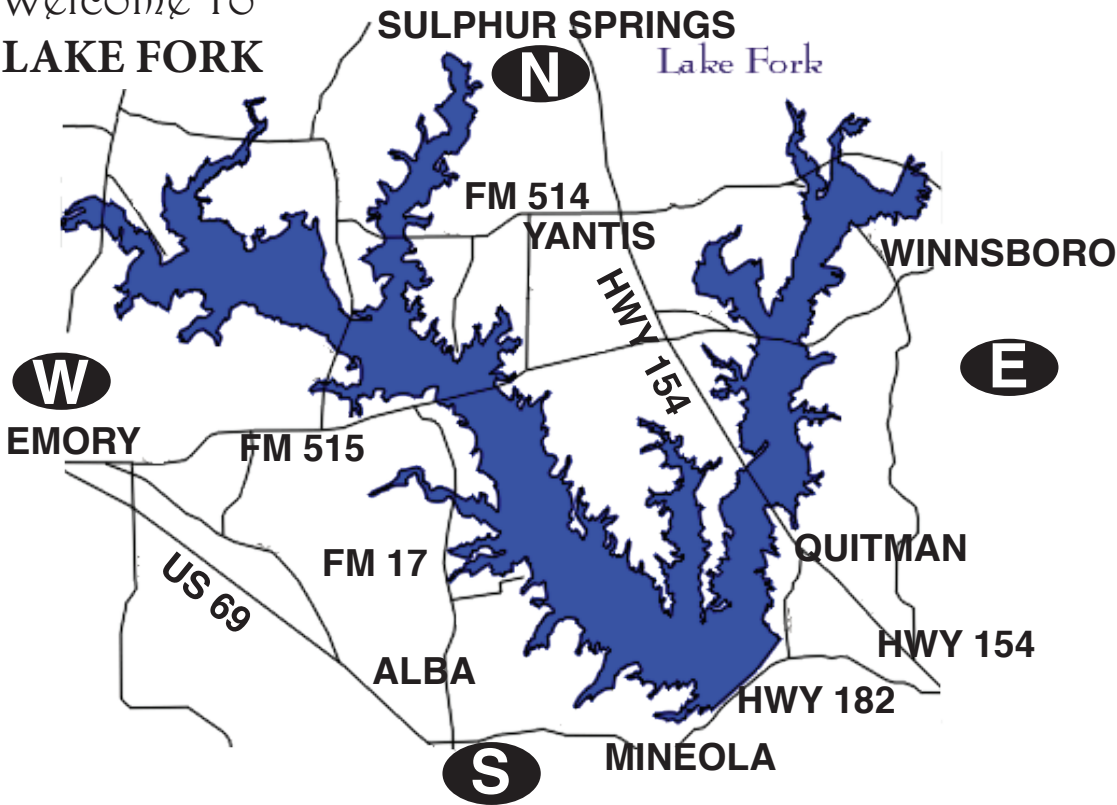
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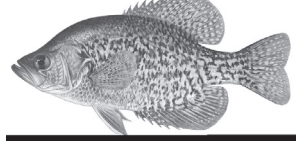


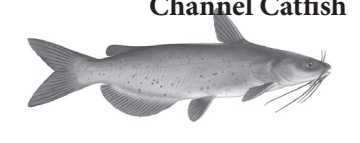

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2	Brett Thompson	Chris Johnson	5 2.06 6.15	\$1,000
3	Harold Bredemier	Jeremy Cruz	3 2.28 4.78	\$700
4	Toby Lewis	Jeremy Thomison	2 3.10	\$500
5	Jason Smith	Reid Goff	4 2.48 3.10	\$400+\$500BB
6	Randy Bunch	Preston Gieger	2 1.91 2.96	\$300
7	Steve Hodge	Shawn O'Malley	3 2.91 2.94	\$250
8	Brandon Buchanan	Eddy Wooldridge	3 2.77	\$200
9	Bradley Daniel	Brian Helm	2 .30	\$175



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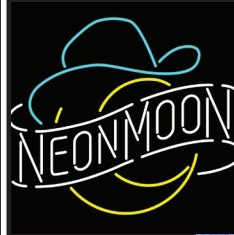
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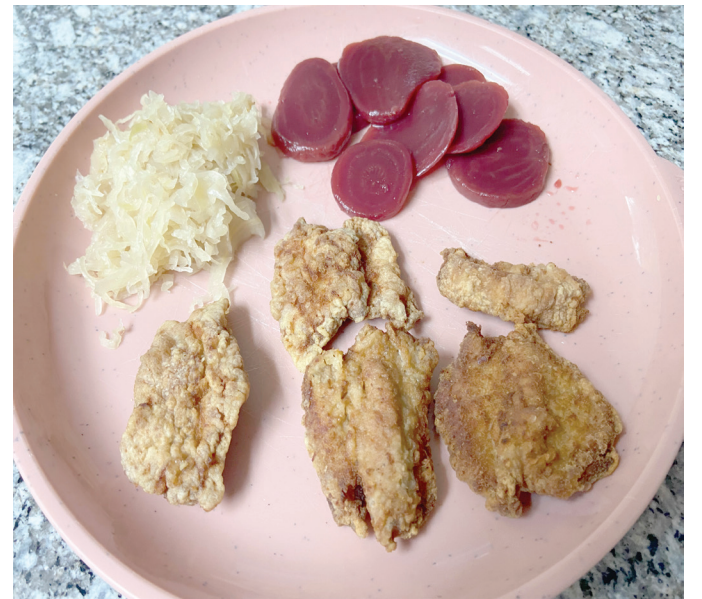
My family and friends that know me well often joke about the way I go about planning a hunt. I almost always have the hunt planned out in my mind before I ever hit the woods, everything from the time I expect game (hogs this time of year) to show up to the seasoning I plan to use on the meat I harvest. Sometimes, my plans actually fall into place perfectly like a hog hunt I enjoyed this past week. Game animals don't always cooperate or Lady Luck just might not be smiling but I need a plan, regardless! On my close to home hunt a few days ago, the stars were aligned and everything, well almost everything went as planned. Let me tell you about it! I had every detail of my hunt scripted. The recent high water had pushed the wild porkers out of the bottoms and the trail camera I have running near a corn feeder indicated lots of activity around sunset every day. I wanted to put my CVA Optima muzzleloader to work and checked the zero on the scope a couple days before the hunt, it was shooting dead on at 100 yards, all good! I planned to film the muzzleloader hunt for our TV show "A Sportsmans Life" which airs on several networks including Carbon TV and YouTube so I made sure the video camera battery was well charged and plenty of room on the SD card to store all the action. I had 'brushed up' my makeshift blind situated on a fence row about 60 yards from the feeder with freshly cut green cedar branches. Because of the muddy road and the need to walk back to my hunting area, I planned to keep only the choicest part of the hog I harvested,

the backstraps. Hog numbers have been the highest I've seen in several years and the wild porkers have been tearing up my friends pasture. This was not a hog eradication hunt but rather a 'pork procurement' venture with one young good eater hog in mind.

I enjoy cooking game almost as much as I enjoy hunting. I used to do restaurant reviews for a large newspaper and had the opportunity to dine at all the top game restaurants in the Dallas -Ft.Worth Metroplex . I learned to love German schnitzel which is pork loin sliced thinly, tenderized and seasoned with salt, pepper and garlic and then fried crispy. It is often served with pickled beets, sauerkraut and potatoes and hard bread. All the necessary items I had on hand before the hunt, I even found some Brotchen which is a hard German roll, all I needed was the fresh pork!

Sunset this past week was a few minutes before eight and a big groups of sows with pigs began to trickle out of the dense bottomland right on cue. Hunting and attempting to self film one's hunt are two very different things. It's hard enough to be stealthy and avoid spooking pigs with just a firearm or bow. Add the challenge of positioning a video camera at just the right angle to capture the shot and you have more than doubled the challenge. As the hogs began to approach the feeder, I had already centered the viewfinder on the area and widened the angle in hopes to catch everything on video. I had my CVA muzzleloader in position to shoot, the barrel resting on a piece of iron pipe used to brace the fence corner I was hiding behind. All was set for not only the harvest of my pork for the next day's dinner but some great video to boot!

A total of four sows with about 25 pigs stormed out of the brush and with reckless abandon, began chowing down on the corn under the feeder. Hogs were everywhere, each jockeying for position to get the best spot to devour the golden kernels. Mature hogs can consume a great deal of corn in short order but those little week old piglets were gobbling up the corn like so many little vacuum cleaners! Then following the group was a lone hog that I first thought to be a sow but after close study through the muzzleloader's scope, I determined it to be a young boar, not quite of breeding age. The sows guarded the corn with occasional mock charges at the 100 pound boar but he scurried out of range for an instant but then rush back in to gobble down a few kernels of corn. When the porkers were finally settled down and eating like, well... hogs, I reached up and punched the start button on the video camera but I didn't take time to peer around the camera and make sure the red record light was on. You have probably already anticipated what happens next. The hogs were in great focus on the screen but... the camera was not



filming. I had not checked to make sure it was running!

The discharge of a muzzleloader on camera is pretty impressive to watch. One moment you're watching the targeted animal and with a loud KABOOM, the entire scene is obscured with thick white smoke. There was little wind and the smoke hung out in front of my little blind for a good twenty seconds or so. The shot looked good but I honestly couldn't see if my pork was on the ground or not. I reached up to turn the camera off but alas! There was no red light indicated it had been running and sure enough when I plugged the SD card into my PC back at home, there was no muzzleloader discharge or video of pigs under the feeder for that matter but there was one very dead hog on the ground, and two very lean pork backstraps that I went to work on out in my little cooking shack back at home. My plan had almost been a one-hundred percent success. I had the pork but not the video! I proceeded to cut the loin into very thin fillets, across the grain and season with Kosher salt, garlic powder and black pepper. Into the fridge the very fresh pork went and into bed went I. I was soon comfortably watching a rerun of Dragnet on one of the streaming TV networks my normal bedtime, one of the big advantages of hunting very close to home. The next day for lunch I tenderized the little fillets with a meat hammer, dusted them with flour and fried them until crispy. My son joined me for a German lunch of schnitzel, pickled beets, potatoes, sauerkraut and Brotchen, the hard German rolls. After enjoying a very tasty meal of very fresh pork, I vowed to make a return hunt this week and capture the hunt on film. You can bet I will watch for the little red light indicating the camera is actually running!

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James Caldemeyer Lake Fork Fishing Guide Report



Guide James Caldemeyer

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

May is an outstanding month here at Lake Fork! As we just came off the last full moon, at the end of April, there are a large number of fish that have moved up to spawn. This second wave of fish will give many anglers the opportunity to get in on some late spring spawning action. So if you are still in pursuit of that double digit bass, now is the time to be fishing.

The lake is in great shape as far as the abundance of water goes. We are a couple of inches above full pool right now. The recent winds, rain, and lack of mature grass beds have continued to keep a lot of the lake stained on the northern ends and clearer to 3ft as you work your way south. Expect the water clarity to get better as the grass in the lake continues to mature.

Basically, the patterns and baits have stayed the same. My best producer has been wacky rigged stick baits like a senko and Berkley General and Bottom Hopper. This worm has produced a lot of big fish lately. If you haven't tried these, all I can say is you better get you some! Best colors have been watermelon red, green pumpkin, junebug, or black/blue. A weightless rigged fluke, light Carolina rig, or split shot rigged Berkley 6" Power Lizard has been killer too. I have also been catch numbers on a 1/16 oz. Texas rig with a baby brush hog or Berkley 4" Power Hawg in the same colors. The key lately to getting bites has remained fishing these things extremely SLOW! If you move them around too much, you won't get many bites. You can also catch some top water fish early with a frog, buzz bait, or yellow magic work-

ing it over the grass and around stumps in 2-6 ft where the bass are guarding fry. Minus one crank baits, jerk baits, and wake baits also work well on these fish that are guarding.

If you are a site fisherman, fish are visible on beds right now. Flipping these fish with texas rigged worms and jigs are very productive if you spot a big mama nesting. Most anglers opt for a brighter color so they can visually see when the fish takes it. I prefer more natural colors if the conditions will allow. A lot of fish will shy away from the bright ones and jump on a natural color wit all the fishing pressure they are seeing this time of year. The big swimbaits have been putting them in the boat as always. The glide baits have been my go to but the line thru 316 Lure Co Rising Son has done real well lately too. Best colors have been dirty chartreuse, light hitch, carp, and my Caldemeyer Custom color.

There are a number of post spawn fish that are starting to move out to deeper water and get active. Deep diving crank baits like a Berkley Dredger in a variety of shad patterns, texas rigged 10" Berkley Power Worms, and Carolina rigs worked over the deeper points and humps at the mouth of spawning coves in 14-24 ft will really start heating up this month. I rely on my Garmin Echo Map Ultra 2's to find these deep post spawn fish. Once I have located some and determine how they are positioned in the water column, I choose the bait that best suits the conditions. If you have one of the new Garmin units with Livescope and would like some instructional training on how to operate them or you would just like to better understand your current electronics and fishing deep structure, I have dates available for summer fishing which is a great time to learn!

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 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



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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 Shampine Guide Fishing Report



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April held true to its name April showers!! Maybe May will have a few less showers so everyone can enjoy the May bite. Everything will be about to finish up the spawn with a few main lake late bloomers.

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Look for the bass to be recovered from the spawn and moving back to the main lake points and a little deeper water. The top water bite will be outstanding especially where you find the fry moving to the deeper water around the stumps and stickups. The Yellow Magic is my favorite bait in May and than followed up with the Carolina rig with a watermelon red baby brush hog. The deeper diving crankbaits will also be popular to be throwing beside the deeper trees. The crappie will also finish up the spawn and move to the deeper water especially is there is a brush pile around. Look for the crappie in the 14-18 foot range. A jig will also catch those hungry fish in anything that looks like the small shad. If you are interested in a trip text 940-902-3855 for open dates. Have a great May Doug Shampine DSP Guide Service

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JC OUTDOORS APRIL 6 th

Thanks and Congrats go out to our Anglers who fished the 2nd Event of our Lake Fork Spring Teams on a very busy Lake Fork!

1. Richard Osborn and Red McPeck took the Win and earned \$2000 with their 8.91 Limit
 2. Jason Smith and Fidel Remeriz with 8.66 \$1000
 3. Hunter Smith and Jeff Sanderson with 8.06 \$660
- BB Honors a 2.48 went to James Sharp and Randy Whitehead earning them \$460



JC OUTDOORS SOLO APRIL 14 th

TOP TEN WINNERS

1 Tim Weaver	5 2.39 8.25	100	\$1060+\$500
2 JD Clements	5 2.23 8.12	99	\$530+\$250
3 Darrell Campbell	5 7.16	98	\$260+\$180
4 Jeff Laubaugh	5 6.83	97	\$200
5 Jeremy Cruz	5 6.54	96	\$170+\$150
6 Nick Brown	5 6.44	95	\$150
7 Taj Chauvin	5 5.72	94	
8 Ricky Sipes	3 2.52 4.63	93	\$300
8 Robert Gayler	3 2.11 4.61	92	
10 Steve Hodge	4 4.39	91	

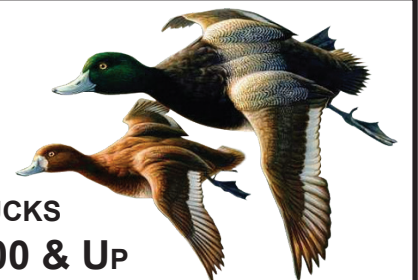


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As of the date I wrote this...the water level is 403.95 Welcome to all the new readers for FOB Lake Fork.... I have received a lot of great emails about some of the articles and it is great to see people following my social media as well. You can send 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.

Let's talk Post Spawn fishing.....

The post spawn fishing is generally all about the bass starting to feed on the different types of forage fish that inhabit Lake Fork. For the most part, these are the Threadfin shad, Gizzard Shad, and blue gill. They also feed on the sandbass, but I won't cover them specifically. As the bass spawn ends and they transition to their normal feeding habits, the male bass will start to feed feverishly on moving baits to make up for the 2-3 weeks they spent starving themselves while protecting their beds and fry. They are hungry. The females will be feeding as well but they didn't necessarily ever stop eating. It is the male bass that has its hunger suppressed so that it won't eat its own young. I remember my dad showing me one of the first bass pattern jerk baits when I was a kid. He explained how the bass would start eating their own young once they stopped protecting the fry. I think there are two kinds of bass as well to discuss. Those bass that will remain in the shallow waters and the bass that will make their way back out to deeper water until they eventually end up in their summer deep water haunts.

We will discuss the three different forage fish and how we can use this knowledge to target these bass. First, let's talk about the threadfin shad. Threadfin shad (*Dorosoma petenense*) are a small, freshwater fish that are native to the south eastern United States. They are a popular forage fish for many game fish species, including largemouth bass. Threadfin shad are silvery in color and have a compressed body with a deeply forked tail. Threadfin shad spawn in the spring when water temperatures reach around 68-72 degrees Fahrenheit. You can find them both on main lake clay banks and back in creeks in the grassy areas. If you think the bass are foraging on these in your area, try to match the color of the threadfin and general size. Smaller poppers, smaller zara spooks, swim jigs, square bill crank baits, jerk baits, spinner baits, bladed jigs, popper frogs, and the smaller swim baits can be used to mimic this forage. The Gizzard Shad Gizzard shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*) are a freshwater fish species found in Lake Fork. They are similar in appearance to threadfin shad, but are larger in size and have bluish-gray coloration. They can become quite large in Lake Fork and a favorite for very large bass. Because of



the size of these shad, many of the baits you can throw to imitate them are very large. Many glide baits that mimic these shad are up to 8 inches long. This is also the time to throw the largest variations of your top water baits. Zarra Spooks or whatever brands you like throwing can mimic these larger baitfish and draw some explosive top water bites from schools of larger fish. When these gizzard shad come up in those shallow waters to spawn they can attract large schools of bass. You can see the shad getting chased out of the water and you will know you are in the right place. One thing I have always been told about LakeFork is that you can look for those points that have some of the Blue Herons on them. These larger birds can eat the larger gizzard shad and can be a good indicator that the bass are pushing them really shallow. This gizzard shad spawn pattern can last all day long. Generally, it will be better up on windblown banks but that is not a requirement. I just seem to have better luck with that top water bite when the wind is blowing on the point. Larger wake baits and larger shallow running square bill crank baits in the shad patterns can work as well and are great search baits to help determine if there are active feeding fish on the point you are looking at.

Lastly, the bluegill will start to move to areas to build their beds. Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*) is a freshwater fish species found throughout North America. They are part of the sunfish family and are a popular game fish among anglers. Bluegills have a deep, compressed body with blue-green coloration on their head and back, and a yellow-orange coloration on their belly. This process will last well into the summer. Look for them to build their beds from 2 ft to 8ft deep depending on the visibility of the water. Old pond dams or protected banks with a good bottom and a steeper drop off can host large numbers of blue gill beds. You can easily start to see these with your side imaging. I recommend you go back to some of my older fishing reports from last summer on YouTube to get a good feel for what you should be looking for. When you find these bluegill beds you can throw a number of baits to try and draw some big bass bites. My favorite is a 10 inch worm. It doesn't look anything like a bluegill but the bass seem to really like it anyway. I will throw it Texas rigged, shaky head hook, and wobble heads. I did a great video last year that shows a variety of popular worms used and sold here on Lake Fork. Check out the video on YouTube and see why some worms work better than others on those shaky head rigs. Some brands of worms just float better and my video will demonstrate this so you can look at which worms you might use in the different set ups. I throw a lot of black with blue fleck, purples, and Reds with a blood stripe in it but I encourage you to go back and look at the worm video I made. You can find it by going to my website www.foblakefork.com and then going to my YouTube channel. Just some generalities about May fishing: You should be able to still find some spawning fish as there will be some late spawning fish. You should pay attention to the birds on the points. You should

start using your electronics to find those bluegill spawn beds. Try to focus on the windblown points to increase your top water and general shad pattern bite. Move around on those points. Pay attention to your electronics to help determine whether you are around threadfin or gizzard shad. The gizzard shad will just look bigger. This is much easier with your forward looking sonar. I will be taking some pictures of how the two different shad look on your sonar and posting to my social media so be sure to subscribe and follow my pages.

This is one of my favorite times of the year to throw swim jigs that look like gizzard shad. You can throw them in pretty much all cover that we have and let it come throw bouncing off the cover. It does a great job attracting a big fish bite.

Here are some of the things you can throw to work those shad spawn fish....

1. Square Bill Crankbaits: Every year around this time the Gizzard shad style 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 any main lake or secondary points. Strike king 8.0, wake baits s are examples of what you could throw in this situation Throwing these shallow water crank baits can get you some big number of bites pretty quick. This technique is very hard for a large female to resist as she is moving through the areas back away from the spawning areas. During this time, the males and females will feed on these points to make up for lost time while they were on the beds. You do have to make sure the water clarity is about two feet or more I think.

2. Jerk baits: Visual presentation better reserved for water with better visibility. Otherwise the jerk baits might not make enough commotion in the water to get their attention. This is 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 bait right after you give it a jerk. You can work both a quick tempo and a slow tempo. Even during

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A Mother's Love



A Mother's love is something that everyone each of us experience in our own unique ways, because just like or emotions, love and experience so is every mom unique in their own way.

I am very blessed to have such a loving and strong mother! I had two older sisters, and all three of us are so different in so many ways! But yet my mom always knew how to 'deal' with each of us with our

individual personalities and situations that we had growing up! It amazes me to this day how a mother has the natural ability to understand how to handle their children whether it is discipline, sickness, providing meals but most of all loving us in a way that makes us feel like we are the most special person in her eyes!

As children we tend to take this for granted because ever since the time we were in the womb she was a part of keeping us safe and loved! Even when we were bad (and as a child I had my fair share) she knew that we might not like it at the time but we knew if we were punished it was for our own good! Because after all she always knew what was best for us!

But the older I got the more I learned to really appreciate all that she has done for our whole family! A few years ago she was such a trooper staying with me



at the hospital non-stop during my open heart surgery! She has always been there when we needed her the most!

When my sister Dana was diagnosed with Cancer and fought for over two years before she passed and once again my mom was there every step of the way!

When my oldest sister Teresa went through health issues as a baby and as an adult my mom was there for love and support!

My mom has given us all the strength to fight whatever life throws at us and truly is the rock of the family! Her love for us has always been unconditional and has not only been there for each of us in tough times but supporting us through our good times our strange choices in life and always our safe place to go to with good news or bad!

I am so lucky to have here living by me at Lake Fork - Every day is a blessing and I have learned so much from her with every conversation with the wisdom and experience of her life's journey. One of the biggest things I have learned from her is



not just words but watching her actions, how she treats others and her many acts of kindness when no one is watching! She is passing down these amazing traits not just me and my sister but to her amazing Grand daughters and great grand children that she loves with all her heart!

To say that I am blessed is truly an understatement of how she makes me feel!

Whether she is taking care of one of the great grand children or one of us in need she is the best!

I LOVE YOU MOM!



MEDIA BASS APRIL 20TH



The Media Bass Teams fished on April 20th and it was quite a challenge dealing with the weather out on the water! The forecast was for rain and boy did it ever rain! Along with the rain came some gusty winds and scattered storms that had the Lake Fork water extremely choppy! But these teams toughed it out and weighed in some great fish! Congratulations to The Team of Tyler Hobbs and Ronnie Settle for a great win on a difficult weather day!



1	Tyler Hobbs	Ronnie Settle	5	14.32	\$2,300.00	164.32
2	Carter Brozovich	Chad Brozovich	4	10.60	\$1,100.00	159.60
3	Dustin Black	Michael Nantz	5	8.54	\$750.00	156.54
4	Paul Von Wahlde	Thomas Crawford	5	8.43	\$400.00	155.43
5	Bruce Powell	Chris Ford	5	7.50	\$300.00	153.50
6	Steve Hodge *	Shawn O'Malley *	4	6.67	\$206.00	151.67

Place	Big Bass	Pounds	Winnings
1	Tyler Hobbs Ronnie Settle	8.36	\$300.00
2	Carter Brozovich Chad Brozovich	6.82	



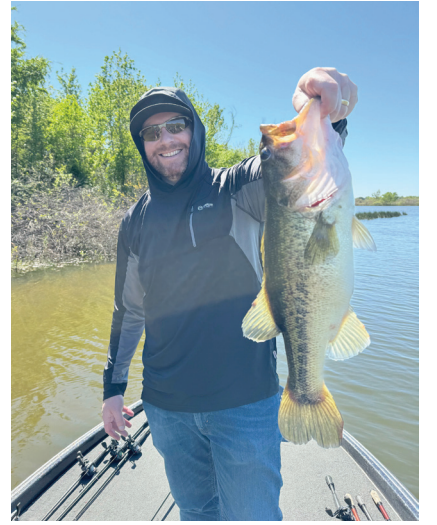
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the pre-spawn, you could find a fairly big concentration of fish sometimes if the conditions are right. I would focus on those secondary points back in the creak arms. Color will just depend on the water and cloud conditions. Trying the painted ones 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 shad colors during this time of year. If the water is heavily stained you can use a more chartreuse color as well. It brings the vibration and sound needed to get the attention of aggressive fish that are actively feeding and hunting shad. It is a good search bait to cover water and help determine if there are any numbers of fish in the area.

4. Spinner baits: I throw white/shad bait this time of year as well when chasing these shad spawn fish. I throw painted blade in 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

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

6. Senko: You can wacky, Texas rig, or Carolina rig for the right presentation

7. White Frogs: Early morning on these shallow extended points, I like throwing frogs back right against the bank in 6 inches of water and work them with a random fast paced pop retrieve

8. Top water: The choices are really endless here. If you are on them you are going to get bit. Zara Spooks, poppers, shad colored frogs are my favorites for the top water.

Make sure to do a good map study before heading out. Have a plan where you want to go and keep to your schedule. 15 minutes at a point with no bites might mean you need to leave. Look for the birds on the bank and see if they are feeding. Know to look for the two kinds of cranes. The grey crane can handle bigger bait fish while the smaller white cranes tend to go after the threadfin shad. Look for any areas of windblown long shallow points that the shad will spawn on. This can help you find water that has a larger population of bigger fish. I will have a YouTube video out shortly with some more specific information if you would like to hear a more in depth discussion.

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LAKE FORK ANGLERS

Lake Fork Anglers (LFA) Bass Fishing Club Tournament Results for APRIL 2024



Results: 4/04/2024

Results: 4/11/2024

Results: 4/18/2024

Results: 4/25/2024

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

26 Members fished today with a total of 61 bass caught weighing a total of 165 lbs. including 6 lunkers over 5 lbs. Blame it on the exceptionally high winds of the two previous days, but fishing was tough for many members. There are always exceptions though with 60% of the total weight caught by the top 3 anglers and top 3 co-anglers.

Winning Anglers

- 1. Steve Roll with 7 Bass @ 20.43 lbs.
 - 2. Tim Gold with 7 Bass @ 19.68 lbs.
 - 3. Dennis Bubinas 5 Bass @ 18.59 lbs.
- Big Bass: Dennis Bubinas @ 7.44 lbs.

Winning Co-Anglers

- 1. Rick Wright with 4 Bass @ 15.02 lbs.
- 2. Pat "Dio" Diomedes with 5 Bass @ 13.83 lbs.
- 3. Gary Gilmore with 4 Bass @ 4.40 lbs.

Big Bass: Rick Wright @ 7.41 lbs.

LFA Tournament – All Bass 10 inches and over count towards total weight scored.

26 Members fished today with a total of 44 bass caught including 2 lunkers over 5 lbs. This was another day in a week of very high winds and stormy weather, which set the stage for post-frontal conditions and a very tough bite.

Winning Anglers

- 1. Dennis Bubinas with his best 5 Bass @ 15.36 lbs.
 - 2. Billy Davis with 4 Bass @ 13.88 lbs.
 - 3. Dusty Newton with 3 Bass @ 6.39 lbs.
- Big Bass: Dennis Bubinas @ 5.28 lbs.

Winning Co-Anglers

- 1. Matt Scotch with 4 Bass @ 12.50 lbs.
- 2. Jackie Price with 3 Bass @ 5.42 lbs.
- 3. Bill Pigg with 2 Bass @ 4.80 lbs.

Big Bass: Matt Scotch @ 5.28 lbs.

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

30 Members fished today with a total of 65 bass caught, including five lunkers over 5 lbs.

Winning Anglers

- 1. Tim Gold with 7 Bass @ 23.82 lbs.
- 2. Dennis Bubinas with 5 Bass @ 20.69 lbs.
- 3. Billy David 3 Bass @ 14.29 lbs.

Big Bass: Dusty Newton @ 8.23 lbs.

Winning Co-Anglers

- 1. Chuck Boles with 4 Bass @ 10.93 lbs.
- 2. Tom Black with 1 Bass @ 7.28 lbs.
- 3. Matt Scotch with 3 Bass @ 4.57 lbs.

Big Bass: Tom Black @ 7.28 lbs.

LFA Tournament – All Bass 10 inches and over count towards total weight scored.

34 Members fished today with a total of 76 bass caught and released, including 5 lunkers over 5 lbs. Post frontal conditions affected many anglers today, but as always a lucky few will find and boat them.

Winning Anglers

- 1. Dusty Newton with his best 5 Bass @ 14.95 lbs.
- 2. Rudy Hall with 4 Bass @ 13.51 lbs.
- 3. Richard Morris with his best 5 Bass @ 10.52 lbs.

Big Bass: Rudy Hall @ 6.89 lbs.

Winning Co-Anglers

- 1. Gary Gilmore with 5 Bass @ 17.39 lbs.
- 2. Ken Kielbas with 3 Bass @ 10.88 lbs.
- 3. Matt Scotch with 3 Bass @ 9.83 lbs.

Big Bass: Ken Kielbas @ 6.89 lbs.

A lot of post-frontal days this last month that kind of threw the fishing off a bit, but it is Spring which means more large Bass. There were 19 Bass over 5 lbs. caught this month.

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.

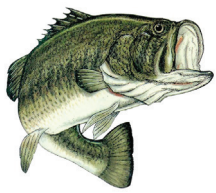
LFA – Best 5 fish format – 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month Hard Core – MLF format – 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month All club tournaments are two-person catch and release tournaments with an angler and a co-angler per boat.

Anglers compete against anglers and Co-Anglers compete against co-anglers.

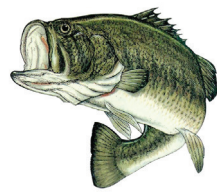
LFA members are mostly retired anglers who can fish weekly tournaments each Thursday. Membership is open to all persons who are physically able to fish and function independently in a boat, whether alone, or as a team member during scheduled Thursday fishing tournaments. Information about club membership can be obtained by sending an email to lfa_2019@yahoo.com.



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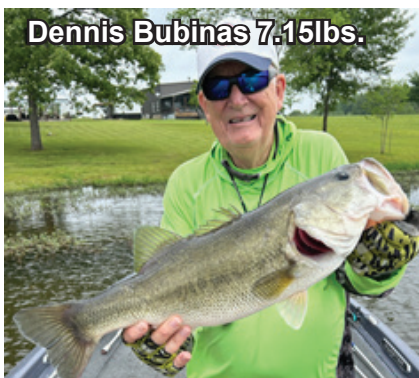
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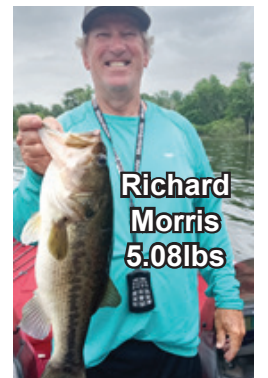
Larry Kell 5.49lbs



Dennis Bubinas 7.15lbs.



Tim Gold 5.08lbs



Richard Morris 5.08lbs

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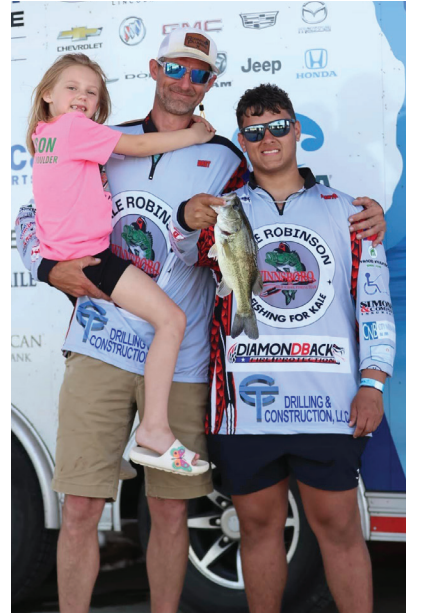
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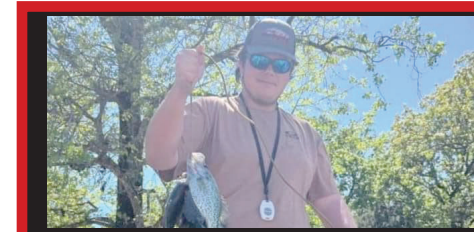
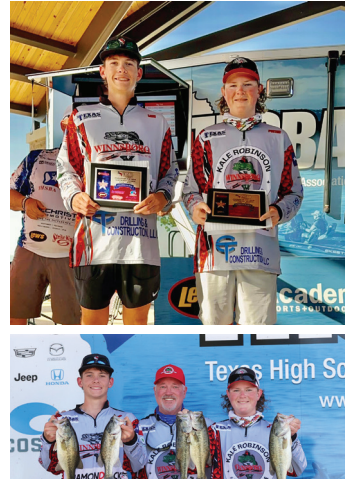
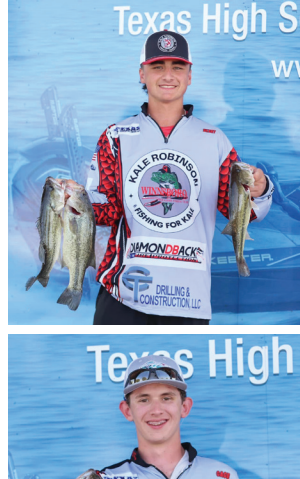
A huge congratulations to Winnsboro for taking Team of The Year! A great group of kids that have a tough year off the water but held strong and pulled it together on the water - Great Job!



Kaylee Spencer and Harlee Smith came in with five fish weighing 15.96; big bass 6.69 pounds puts them in first place



2nd Place Gilchrist Big Bass at Tawakoni with 6.22 goes to Winnsboro team of Samuel Cotton and Jarrett Baker.



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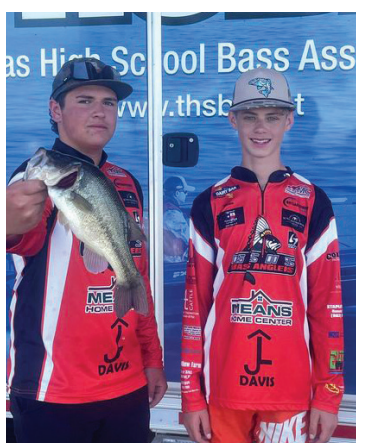
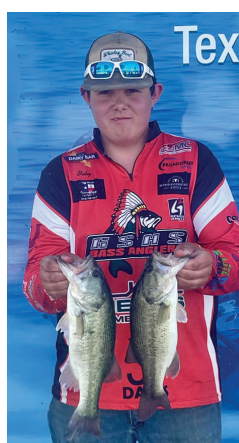
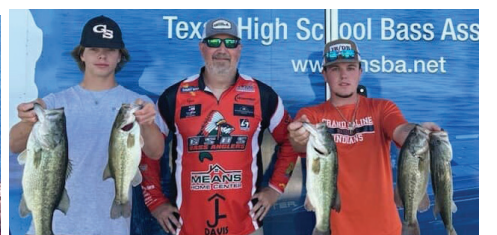
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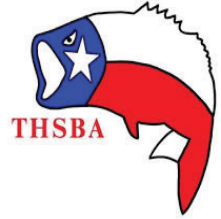
GSHSBA'S have 7 Teams ADVANCING TO STATE!!!!

1. Bryce Henry & Jace Mercer
BC Ryan Henry
2. Macoy Lewis & Cody Daniel's
BC Randy Denton
3. Cole Ondrusek & Tanner Spindle
BC Phillip Hope
4. Chase McShooler & Ayden Hill
BC Michael McShooler
5. Preston Black & Rylie Wade
BC Eric Autry
6. Raylee Copeland & Noah Harvill
BC Travis Copeland
7. Gabe Means & Colby Koonce
BC Travis Jones

GSHSBA'S Regional Results 4th Place

- Bryce Henry & Jace Mercer
- BC Ryan Henry
- 5 bass for 14.77 lbs
- Top 29 Received Awards
- Received \$250 Strikeking/Lews Gift card each
- \$1,500 Scholarship (\$750 each)
- Plaques
- STATE QUALIFIER





High School Fishing

2023-24 NORTHEAST DIVISION

REGIONALS LAKE TAWAKONI



Lake Tawakoni
April 13, 2024

205 Teams Registered/410 Anglers 62 Teams Qualified to move forward to THSBA State Championship

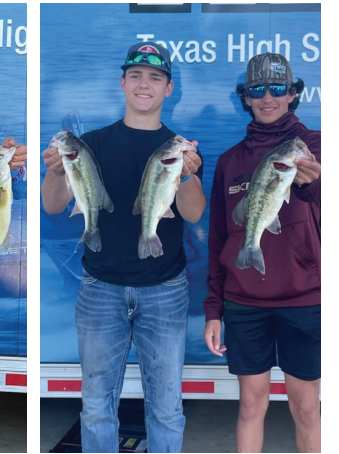
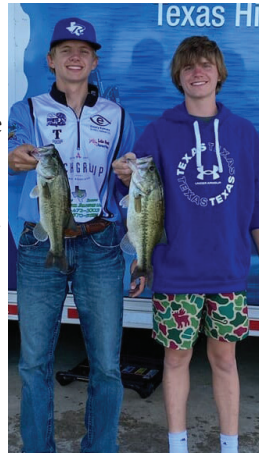
Rains had 8 Teams compete in the Regional Championship last Saturday. It was tough. Bags were not as big as we expected. Recent rain brought the lake up, making the water muddy. And Temps have been crazy. Windy, making it tough to get out on the main lake to fish spots you could on a calm day. All Teams finished at 3pm. They fished hard. 6 Rains team wrangled in some fish. And 3 managed to catch enough to advance to THSBA State Championship, MAY 18-19, on Lake Palestine. Congratulations to you all for making it this far. You guys and gals worked hard to

get here. Your community, sponsors, friends and family are proud of you all. I AM PROUD OF YOU ALL!!!

This was the last tournament for some. State and AOY, 2 more fishes for some of you. Let's finish Rains Strong!!!! Thank you to all those that came out to cheer your Rains High School Fishing Teams on!!! We appreciate it, more than you know.

Congratulations to Rains top 3 Teams advancing to THSBA State Championship:

- 5th Anglers Spencer Lovell/Gage Cook BC LARRY LOVELL 14.77LBS
- 42nd Anglers Jared Bagley/ Daniel Alvarado BC Jason Bagley 6.44LBS
- 60th Anglers Trent Kirby/ Ty Kirby



They are HEADED TO STATE folks !!! Congratulations to Lawton & Kason , weighing in 7.66 and finishing at 33rd (unofficially) out of 205 teams !!! We are so proud of y'all ! Thank you to Mr. Dustin Coppers for being their boat captain! ON TO STATE !!!



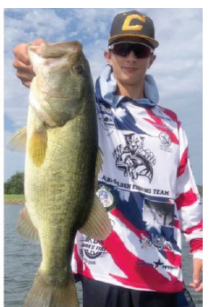
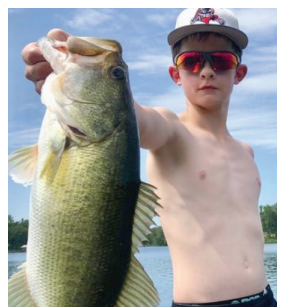
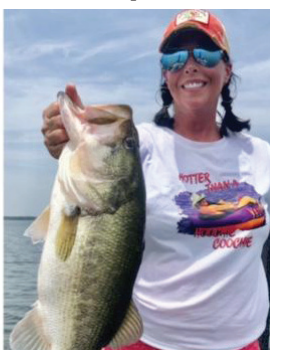
It was a hard day fishing today for a lot of teams! Michael and Tucker had tough luck today with catching plenty of fish just not the right kind. Congratulations on making it to regionals boys! Thank you to their boat captain Michael Samples! Looking forward to next year !



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TEAM HODGE & O'MALLEY WIN BIG!



Yantis, TX (April 13, 2024) – Anglers left the dock at Caney Point Recreation Area to a beautiful Texas sunrise, all with the hopes off conquering Lake Fork, stop #3 of the 2024 Bass Pro Shops & Cabela's Texas Team Trail presented by Progressive. The day presented perfect conditions for fishing up shallow chasing spawning fish, and overall tournament conditions that anglers dream of each event. But when the dust settled and all numbers were calculated, the Lake Fork local team of Steve Hodge & Shawn O'Malley walked away the newest champions of TXTT. The team weighed in a Rapala "Crush City" bag worth 13-04, anchored by a very impressive over-slot-limit fish. For their victory, the team wins a 2024 Ranger Z-518 with 150hp Mercury motor, a new Garmin graph, Power-Pole Charge system, and Angler's Advantage cash. In total, they team cashed in on \$57, 978 in cash & prizes, plus valuable points toward the 2024 TXTT Championship in June on Toledo Bend where, if qualified, they will fish for over \$100,000 in cash & prizes.

For second place, the team weighed in 12-14 and took home \$5,928.00, which included Angler's Advantage, the \$300 Garmin Bonus (awarded to the highest finishing team with exclusively all Garmin electronics), and the Power-Pole Big Bass Award. The Power-Pole Big Bass was a 10-08 Lake Fork monster, and awarded the team a Power-Pole Pro Series II shallow water system.



- 3rd: Thomas Martens & Dean Alexander: 9-04, \$4,146.50
- 3rd: Cole Mitchell & Connor Theiler: 9-04, \$2,386.50
- 5th: Jared West & Joe West: 9-01, \$2,692.00
- 6th: Terry Peacock & Scott Dean: 8-14, \$2,390.00
- 7th: Shane Howell & William Davis: 8-09, \$1,699.00
- 8th: Nick Brown & Byron Chaves: 8-07, \$1,585.00
- 9th: Michael Rollert & Gandy Stubblefield: 8-04, \$1,437.00
- 10th: James Harrison & Kyle Swearingen: 8-03, \$1,558.00



The Good Lord blessed us today beeping what I can comprehend! We won the Texas Team Trail event on beautiful Lake Fork out about 170 teams. We caught an over in probably the first 5 minutes of us getting to our spot and fishing. She was a skinny spawned out 24 1/4" 7.08 Over. After having her in the livewell all day, she barely went over 24". We caught a skinny 12" fish at 1:15 to give us five alive. That fish was the difference in first and second place and about \$50K difference. The 2nd place team had a 10.50 Over. However, they only had 2 swimmers to go with it. We actually had the pleasure of the camera boat guy getting in the boat with us while we tried to catch a bedfish that would have been an upgrade. We missed that fish 5 times. We wound up with 13.04 for the win. We won a Ranger 518 with a Mercury 150 Four Stroke on it. It will be for sale as soon as the paperwork comes in. Thank you TTT for coming to Fork. A big shout out to my sponsors:



A HUGE Congratulations to Steve Hodge and Shawn O'Malley that had an amazing day at this great event! They are on our favorite local anglers list and have such a amazing passion for fishing and it couldn't happen for two better people ! Great and job and well deserved !





7th annual JAKE C. WILSON Bass Tournament

Continued from Page 4 of joy shared together in the future.

To all of our faithful supporters and our die hard Fisherman, we appreciate all of the support that you give us every year. On behalf of the JAKE WILSON MEMORIAL BOARD, we apologize for the inability to provide all of the services we have had in the past. Just know that moving forward, we will do whatever it takes to carry on the Legacy of Jake C. Wilson.

With deepest appreciation and warmest regards,
Diane Wilson



Happy Mother's Day to Jakes Mom - Diane Wilson who has always been such an Amazing Mother and will always continue to honor her beloved son!



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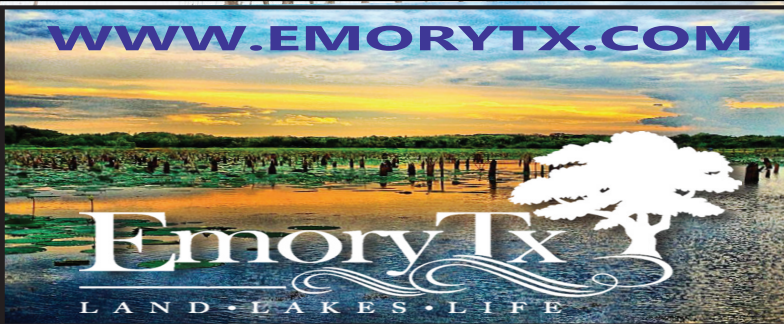
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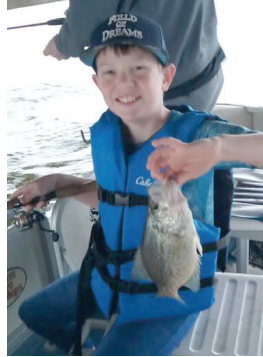
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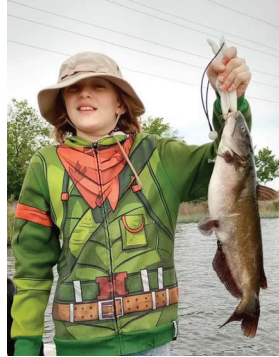
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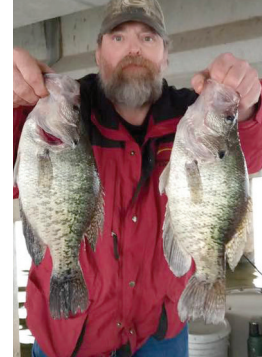
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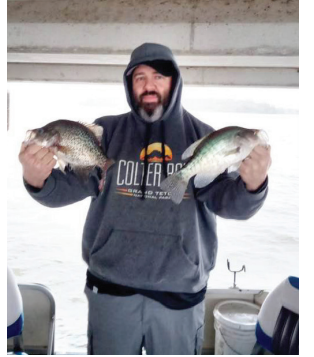
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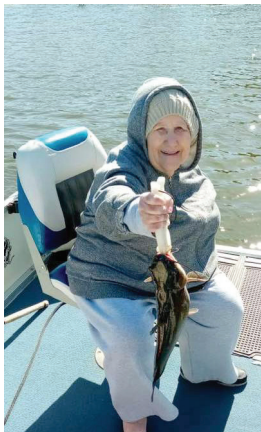
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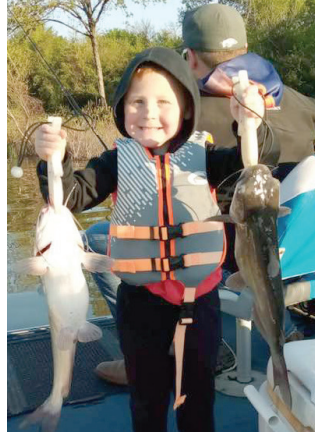
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Total Eclipse In Wood County

The 2024 Total Eclipse on April 8th was quite an event throughout Texas and especially throughout Wood County! There were events scheduled in each corner in our community, including schools, park events, lakeside viewing and multiple celebrations to participate in this once in a lifetime occurrence!

Although the day was cloudy off and on it did not deter the multitudes of people that had traveled from far abroad to share this moment with our Wood



County locals! We had a prime spot viewing of the total eclipse and it did not disappoint! If you were one of the millions that got to experience this phenomenon you would have to agree that it was something very exciting to witness. As we gathered by the lake at Sun Eagle Bay with a group of about 60 folks and cooked hot dogs over the fire leading up to the main eclipse everyone was quietly sitting with one another as



in mid afternoon the day turned to night and the darkness of night had appeared in mere minutes! It was a amazing event for our group and I am so glad to have shared it with friends and family!



Throughout our entire area in Wood County it was a fun time had by all - The schools did an amazing job making it special for the kids and faculty to experience this event as well! It is so great to be in such a special part of Texas and the World to share fun events with one another and making great memories!



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Special Olympics in Quitman



The Special Olympics was held April 5th at Quitman High School and what a beautiful day for the amazing event!

The Pilot Club did an outstanding job making this event a great day for this athletes that came out and showed their skills in various events with smiles and determination!

It kicked off with a grand walk around the field introducing the athletes to the crowd with the Quitman Band and many volunteers encouraging the stars of the day to get out and do their best!

Country artist Billie Jo Jones did an amazing job singing the National anthem and spending time with the



athletes! It is clear by the many photos taken that this was a fun filled day for all!

The Quitman Pilot club does so many wonderful things in the Wood County area that helps bring positive activities that include everyone to come out and participate with one another bringing not just joy but encouragement for us all to become involved!

THANK YOU PILOT CLUB OF QUITMAN FOR ALL YOU DO!



“A loud shout out to our volunteer village. In addition to our Pilots and their family members, we were joined by QISD high school Anchor club, 20+ other QHS students, and about 55 community volunteers, for a total of over 115. These volunteers helped with softball and tennis ball throws, track events, javelin and shot put, and high and long jumps. Others awarded medals, managed registration and announced events. Our grill and kitchen team prepared sack lunches of hamburgers or hot dogs, with chips and cookies for all the athletes, coaches and volunteers. Thank you for showing up and showing out! Many of the photos here are from the prior post of over 300, and some are from other sources.

Also, thanks to KMOO 99.9 for the live onsite broadcast, with local country artist Billie Jo Jones.”



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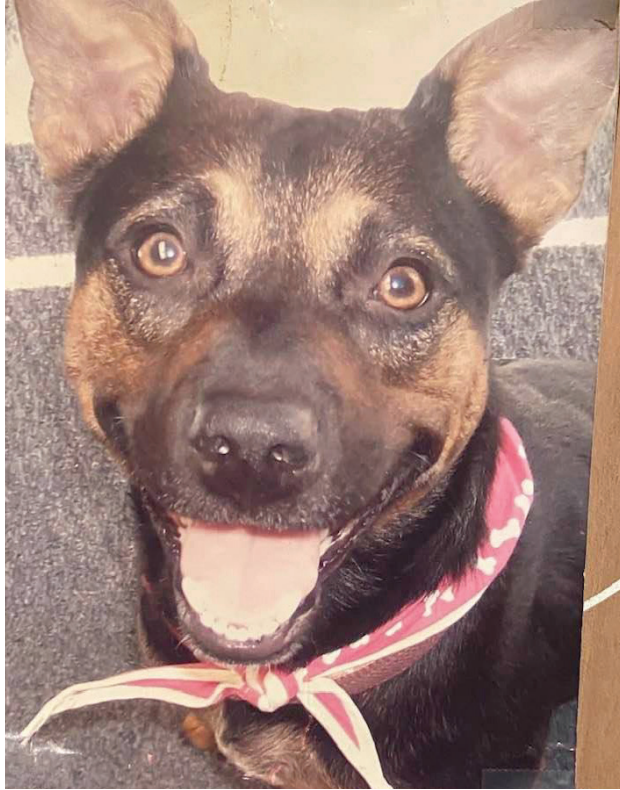
Some of us have never given birth however we are still lucky enough to become Mother's through the love of our Fur-babies!

Are sweet pets are family and we share a pure honest unconditional loving bond that is like no other. I have had the honor of many fur-baby's that God sent to me in various stages in my life and I am blessed to share my story about Harley! Me and Harley were friends for over ten years - When I found her (or she found me) we were both kind of lost and alone in life - so yes she is a rescue dog but the rescue part applies to the both of us!

I can brag about the many times she has always been there for me, when I was happy, sad, sick, scared but I want to share a story about how she literally saved my life!

In 2015 on a hot July night I was awoken at 3am by Harley Barking intensely. Occasionally she would go out the dog door in the back and chase off a stray raccoon or wandering armadillo, but she continued to bark louder running in and out of the doggie door. I scolded her and told her to hush and come back to bed. I rolled over to try and go back to sleep but she ran over to the bed and began pulling me out of the bed by my shorts! She had never acted this way before so I scrambled to the front door knowing this was something serious and we were in danger. My heart was pounding and as I opened the front door to find my entire deck between my house and travel trailer was in flames!

Inside the trailer were two rescue kittens with the flames less than 2 ft away - I called 911 and began fighting it the best that I could with a water hose, soaking the side of the trailer which seemed like a endless battle - but the Lands End



volunteer fire department arrived and saved what was left of my property including saving the trailer and my tiny house!

When the flames were put out and we could go into the trailer Harley ran in front of me and began licking the frightened kittens.

Harley had woken me up just in time to not only save my life, but our home and the lives of the two rescue kittens that were minutes away from being engulfed by the fire!

I could never put into words the love I had and will always carry with me from this once homeless street dog that cross paths with me years ago and chose me to share her love with! Harley passed away March 9th 2020, but I will carry her love always she was not just a hero , she was my guardian angel! God's presence comes in



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I would search the trash just to find a bite, and I would bear my teeth Prepared to fight

Trying to survive was all that I could do, stopping for a short rest Preparing my next move

On a hot summer day I was looking for shade I noticed a human looking my way

I was cautious at first when she reached to pet my head But my tail started wagging and I felt good about what the human did

She scratched my back and petted my belly I rolled right over and felt kind of silly

I had spent my whole life just trying to survive And now I felt different I felt love inside

The human turned to walk away, then turned and called me, and I knew for sure this was my lucky day

Not knowing my whole life would change that day We smiled at each other while she showed me the way

We came to a house and she let me inside, it was home and I knew It was safe and I would never have to run and hide

For the first time I was given free food and water She talked to me softly and I fell in love with my new mother

I knew in my heart I would never be a stray again Because on that hot summer day I found my forever friend

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April

I Pray that April is the Month filled with Good News, Many Blessings, New Opportunities, Healing and Love.

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Veteran News Updates



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MINEOLA VFW RECOGNIZED AS PURPLE HEART CEREMONY

By JD Conte

The Mineola VFW was recognized as a Purple Heart Post in a ceremony in April.

The award recognizes the post's contributions to the community and support for veterans within.

"It's an honor to all the veterans who have served and especially the ones who were wounded in combat," said Post Vice Commander Eric Walter.

The national commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart was in attendance to present the declaration. Carder Ferguson made the trip to Mineola, where his stepfather was one of the founding fathers of Post 7523.

"To remember in his name, John W. Day, he came here and was part of the members starting up this post, and I just think it has a special meaning," Ferguson said.

Day spent 38 months as a prisoner of war during the Korean War. His license plate now hangs on the wall of the post.

"They've actually got the community involvement," said Ferguson. "That's one of the things

you need to get any veterans service organization up and going...and I can tell you this, it's not every time a national commander comes down to a post."

It is estimated that 1.8 million Americans have been awarded the Purple Heart since George Washington created it during the Revolutionary War. The award is given to those who are in-



VFW 7523 Jr Vice Commander Eric Walter, MOPH Associate Member Lisa Holmes, and James of VFW 7523 hold the new signs.



GOT YOUR 6 GIVES BACK

Mineola resident John Wright, a Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart Recipient gets his home fixed after storm damage.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers who worked so hard to give back to this man who sacrificed so much for our Country!

Another big thank you to Mr. Michael Guin of Hometown Roofing and Restorations LLC for volunteering your time, and your expertise to guide all of us through this project. Your compassion and professionalism shine bright!

Thank you to Domino's Pizza in Mineola for donating lunch to feed the entire crew.

If you would like to Volunteer, or just learn a little more about what we do here in the community, please visit our website at: <https://www.theygotyour6foundation.org>



WE HONOR AND REMEMBER...
U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Shane L. Goldman
Died April 5, 2004

LCpl Goldman, 19, from Orange, TX lost his life due to hostile fire in an ambush in a small town called Zedon which is a short distance from Abu Ghraib in Anbar Province in Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Platoon, Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Goldman was born in Houston to Mother Jan (Bobby) Manshack and Father, George H. Goldman Jr. and was a lifelong resident of Orange, Texas. He attended Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School and graduated from Parkview Baptist High School in Louisiana before joining the Marine Corps in 2002. Family stated he had always wanted to be a U.S. Marine and he was able to serve proudly and honorably.

In continuing to honor the sacrifice and memory of LCpl Goldman, The Marine Corps League located in Wood County, Texas has officially named their detachment after this brave Marine and is known as the Wood County Marine Corps League, LCpl Shane L. Goldman Detachment #1278 located in Mineola, Texas. www.woodcountymcl.org



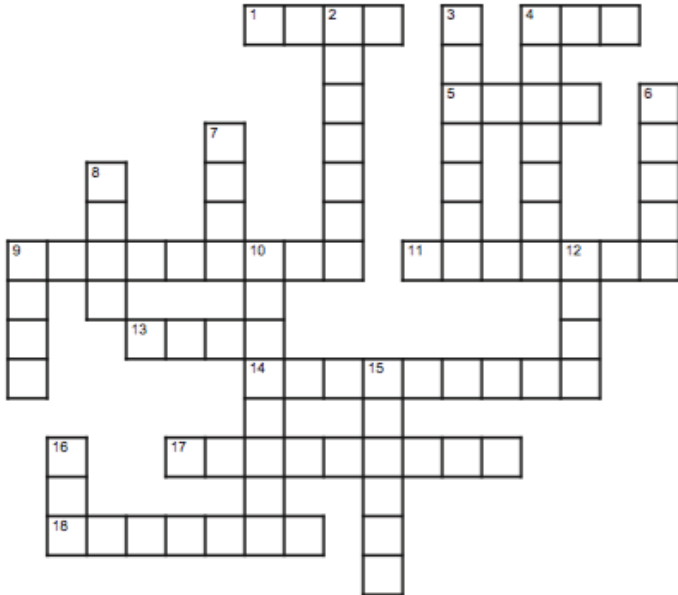
Crossword Challenge

(Answers on page 28)

Word Search Challenge

- ACROSS
- Bundle of joy.
 - Female parent.
 - Popular flower for Mother's Day.
 - Official Mother's Day flower in many countries.
 - Sparkling accessory.
 - Where the heart is.
 - Sweet treat loved by many moms.
 - Morning meal in bed.
 - Mom or Dad's mom.

- DOWN
- Inflated decoration.
 - Fragrant gift.
 - Sentiment shared on a card.
 - Sweet treats often given on Mother's Day.
 - Token of appreciation.
 - Hallmark purchase.
 - Sweet treat for celebrations.
 - Frozen sweet treat.
 - Unconditional feeling.
 - Morning beverage choice.
 - Warm embrace.



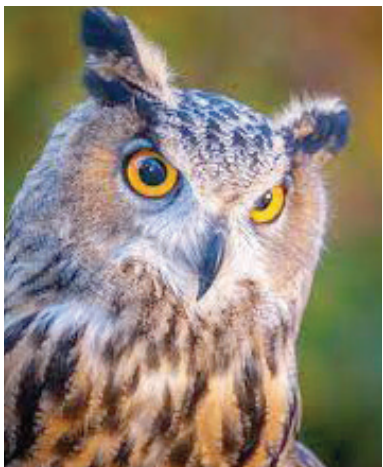
I Could be a Chef
Word Search



- APPRENTICE
- BAKE
- CERTIFICATION
- CLEANING
- COOK
- CREATIVITY
- CRUISE SHIP
- CULINARY SCHOOL
- EXECUTIVE CHEF



- FOOD
- HARD WORK
- HOTEL
- HYGIENE
- KITCHEN
- KNIVES
- LEADER
- MENU
- MULTITASK
- ORGANIZATION
- PANS
- PLANNING
- PLATING
- POTS
- RECIPE
- RESTAURANT
- SOUS CHEF
- STRESS
- SUPPLIES
- TEAMWORK



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!



Grow with the Wind!

The Wind doesn't blow in vain and neither does it blow to destroy you! The wind blows to TRANSFORM you and bring change to your life.

Life will sometimes have to make you uncomfortable to trigger things to change around you and WITHIN you!

The wind will wipe away all the things holding you back from growing into the person you need to become!



Always leave people better than you found them

Hug The Hurt

Kiss the Broken

Befriend the Lost

Love the Lonely

MOMENTS IN TIME

There are moments in life that hurt big. Like, really big. Moments that shatter your heart into a million pieces. Moments that make you question the point of it all. Moments that make you doubt the future of humanity. Moments that make it hard to find hope or light. Moments that make you want to scream, cry, and shout. Moments that make you feel completely out of control. Moments that make you feel like you can't find any air to fill your lungs. Moments that make you feel like you are falling apart. Moments that make you actually fall apart and send your world crumbling down around you. When those moments hit

you - and they will - because it seems no one is immune to moments like that, remember to reach out and hold on. Reach out even if you can't see where you are reaching. Hold on even if it feels like holding on is the last thing you can do. Reach out and believe that the people that love you most will find their way to you. Hold on and remember that even the darkest moments are just moments in time. Those moments will move on, leaving new moments in their place. And in those new moments you will find love, support, and hope. Keep reaching out. Keep holding on. Better moments are ahead. They have to be.



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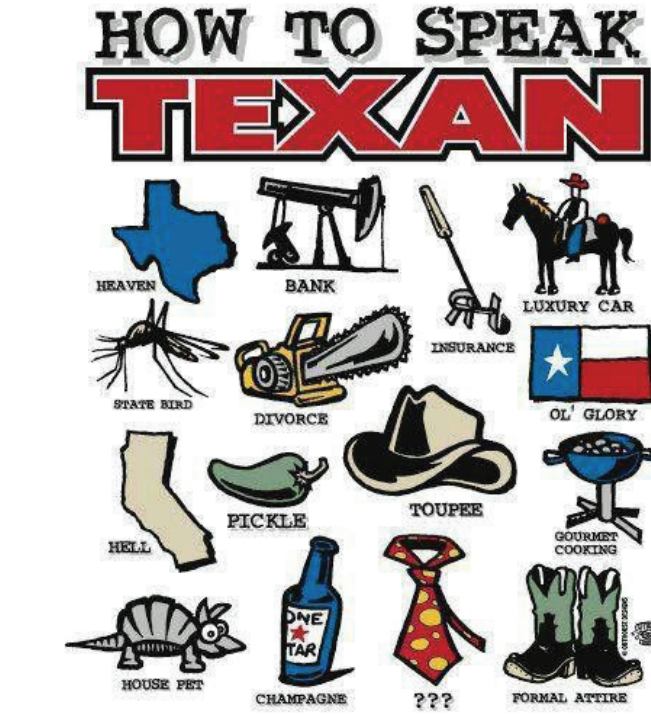
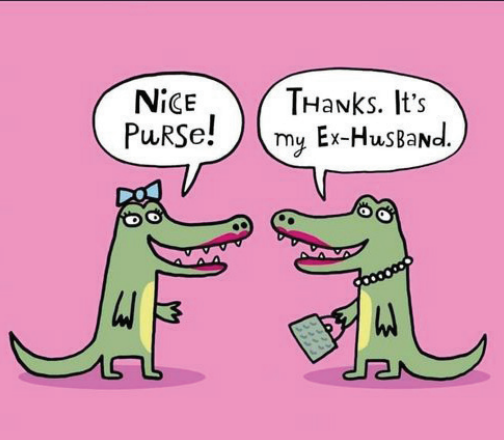
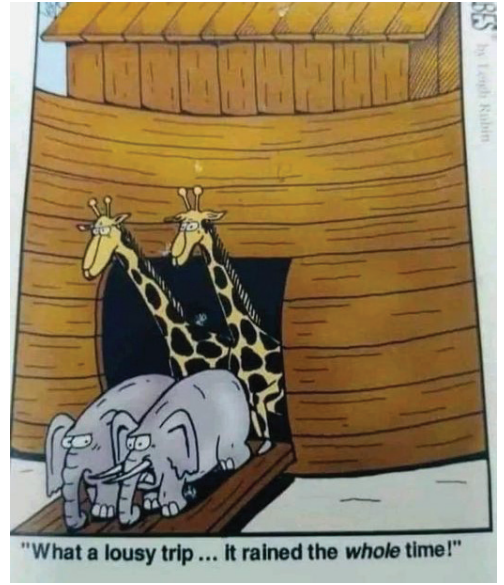


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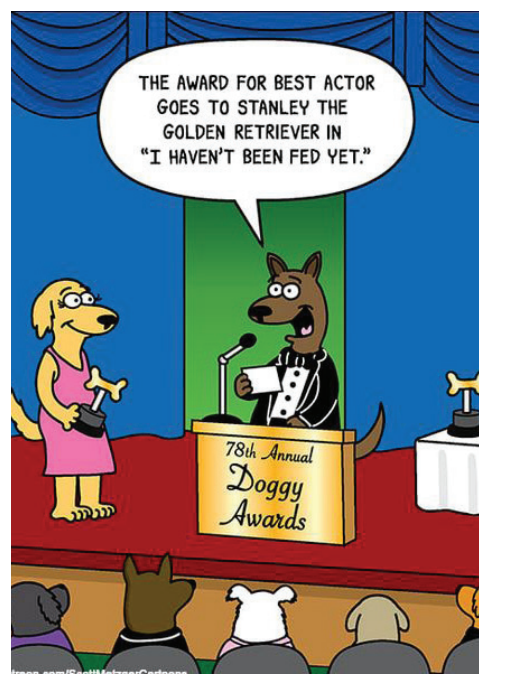


LIFE IS JUST A HOOOT...



Hilarious Things My Mother Taught Me..

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE . "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL . "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me LOGIC. " Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."



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Why Did God Create Evil ?

Why did God create evil? The answer struck me to the core of my soul!

A professor at the university asked his students the following question:

- Everything that exists was created by God?

One student bravely answered:

- Yes, created by God.

- Did God create everything? - a professor asked. "Yes, sir," replied the student.

The professor asked :

- If God created everything, then God created evil, since it exists. And according to the principle that our deeds define ourselves, then God is evil.

The student became silent after hearing such an answer. The professor was very pleased with himself. He boasted to students for proving once again that faith in God is a myth.

Another student raised his hand and said:

- Can I ask you a question, professor?

"Of course," replied the professor.

A student got up and asked:

- Professor, is cold a thing?

- What kind of question? Of course it exists.

Have you ever been cold?

Students laughed at the young man's question.

The young man answered:

- Actually, sir, cold doesn't exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is actually the absence of heat. A person or object can be studied on whether it has or transmits energy. Absolute zero (-460 degrees Fahrenheit) is a complete absence of heat. All matter becomes inert and unable to react at this temperature. Cold

does not exist. We created this word to describe what we feel in the absence of heat.

A student continued:

- Professor, does darkness exist?

— Of course it exists.

- You're wrong again, sir. Darkness also does not exist. Darkness is actually the absence of light. We can study the light but not the darkness. We can use Newton's prism to spread white light across multiple colors and explore the different wavelengths of each color. You can't measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into the world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you tell how dark a certain space is? You measure how much light is presented. Isn't it so? Darkness is a term man uses to describe what happens in the absence of light.

In the end, the young man asked the professor:

- Sir, does evil exist?

This time it was uncertain, the professor answered:

- Of course, as I said before. We see him every day. Cruelty, numerous crimes and violence throughout the world. These examples are nothing but a manifestation of evil.

To this, the student answered:

- Evil does not exist, sir, or at least it does not exist for itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is like darkness and cold—a man-made word to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is not faith or love, which exist as light and warmth. Evil is the result of the absence of Divine love in the human heart. It's the kind of cold that comes when there is no heat, or the kind of darkness that comes when there's no light.

The student's name was Albert Einstein.



What did Jesus say about animals? Pointing to the sparrows, humble creatures by human standards and having very little monetary value, Jesus tells the crowd that "not one of them will fall to the ground outside the love of your Father" (Matthew 10:29-31)

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind." Job 12:7-10

WHO OR WHAT SHAPES YOUR LIFE
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Sampling of what Proverbs in the Bible says about becoming the best version of yourself.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not depend on your own understanding. Seek the Lord's will in all you do, and He will direct your paths. Prb 3:5-6 (NLT)

Proverbs 4:23

Your life is shaped by your thoughts. (TEV)

Thought determines action. Matthew Kelly

Your become what you think about. Earl Nightingale

Above all else guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. (NIV)

Respect of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in understanding. Prb 9-10 (NLT)

You can sure that God will rescue the children of the godly. Prb 11:21 (LB)

Those who help others are helped. Prb 11:25 (MSG)

A life devoted to things is a dead life, a stump. A God shaped life is a flourishing tree. Prb 11:28 (MSG)

Proverbs 13-7

A pretentious, showy life is an empty life; a plain and simple life is a full life. (MSG) One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth. (NIV)

Proverbs 15:1

A gentle response defuses anger, but a sharp tongue kindles a temper-fire. (MSG) A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (NIV)

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. Prb 16:3 (NIV)

We should make plans – counting on God to direct us. Prb 16-9 (LB)

The wise in heart are called discerning, and pleasant words promote instruction. Prb 16:21 (NIV)

Those who listen to instruction will prosper; those who trust the Lord will be happy. Prb 16:20

Choose a good reputation over great riches, for being help in high esteem is better than having silver or gold. Prb 22:1 (NIV)

Take the challenge, read Proverbs in The Bible and find those that help you become the best version of yourself.

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

MENTAL AWARENESS MONTH

As Mental Health Awareness Month, May is a time to raise awareness of and reduce the stigma surrounding behavioral health issues, as well as highlighting the ways how mental illness and addiction can affect all of us – patients, providers, families, and our society at large.

Arpan Waghray, M.D., CEO, Providence's Well Being Trust

Past Chair, American Hospital Association Committee on Behavioral Health

In addition to Mental Health Awareness Month, May is Older Americans Month. While there has been increased awareness about the youth mental health crisis in our country — a critically important action — the mental health of Americans aged 65 and older is often overlooked. As a practicing geriatric psychiatrist for more than 15 years, I've seen firsthand the mental and physical toll that anxiety, depression and other mental health conditions have taken on older adults, especially when left untreated for years.

Currently, anxiety is the most common mental health concern among adults in the U.S. Yet, two-thirds of seniors with mental health concerns do not get the treatment they need. Older adults may not seek treatment or receive diagnoses because their symptoms, such as irritability, persistent worry, or insomnia are minimized as just "getting older." Most seniors with anxiety have struggled with the condition throughout life, but the anxiety may present itself differently as they age, further contributing to misdiagnoses.

If left untreated, studies have linked anxiety in older adults to other serious, sometimes fatal,

health concerns, including dementia, stroke and heart failure. Unfortunately, there is a shortage of mental health providers who specialize in treating older adults. Furthermore, the number of seniors with mental disorders is expected to double by 2030. We must work now to help ensure that the mental health of our seniors does not go ignored and provide the resources to adequately care for them.

Whether they are our parents, grandparents, spouses, peers or friends, our older adults are a vitally important part of our community who deserve the highest quality of mental health care. It's our responsibility to listen to their concerns and, in turn, create better living conditions for them.

As the 2023 past chair of the American Hospital Association's Committee on Behavioral Health, I'm proud that the AHA continues to bring attention to the behavioral health needs of older adults, including the Age-Friendly Health Systems initiative. Because every person deserves to have their mental, social and spiritual health needs prioritized and met, no matter his or her age.

Healthy Aging

Adopting healthy habits and behaviors, staying involved in your community, using preventive services, managing health conditions, and understanding all your medications can contribute to a productive and meaningful life.

Exercise and Physical Activity

Physical activity is an important part of healthy aging. Find tips on how to fit exercise into your daily life safely and get motivated to get moving!


Older Drivers

Getting older does not necessarily mean a person's driving days are over. Learn how to ensure you and your loved ones are safe on the road.

Aging at Home: A Guide for Home Improvements Tips for modifying your home to be more accessible helps prevent falls and injuries, and provides peace of mind for you and those around you.








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-  INSTALLING STURDY HAND RAILS ON BOTH SIDES OF STAIRS, INSIDE & OUTSIDE THE HOME
-  REPLACING KNOB-STYLE DOOR AND FAUCET HANDLES WITH LEVER-STYLE HANDLES
-  REMOVING CLUTTER
-  INSTALLING ANTI-SCALD FAUCETS
-  REPAIRING OR REMOVING WORN OR TORN CARPETING
-  PUTTING GRAB BARS IN THE SHOWER AND BATHROOM
-  ADDING NON-SLIP FLOORING
-  REPLACING TOGGLE ELECTRIC SWITCHES WITH ROCKER-STYLE SWITCHES
-  ADDING STAIR TREADS
-  PLACING ADHESIVE TREADS IN THE SHOWER

COMPLEX MODIFICATIONS

are more expensive and may require professional assistance.

-  REMODELING THE BATHROOM TO INCLUDE A SHOWER WITH A SEAT AND NO THRESHOLD
-  INSTALLING A RAMP FOR AT LEAST ONE ZERO-STEP ENTRANCE
-  WIDENING ENTRYWAYS AND DOORWAYS TO 36 INCHES
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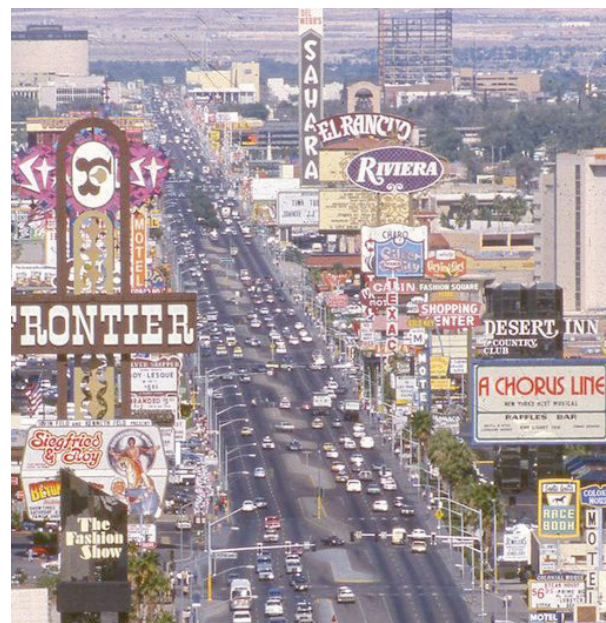


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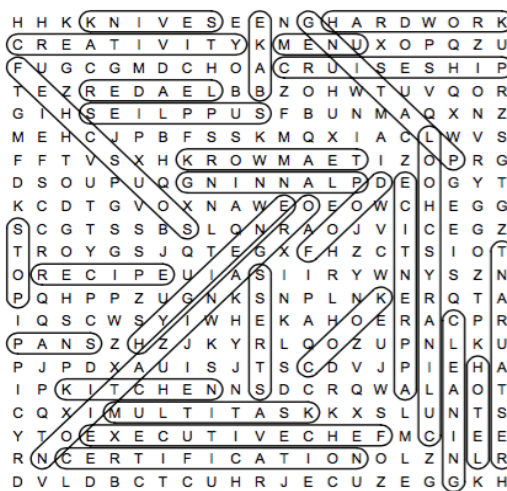
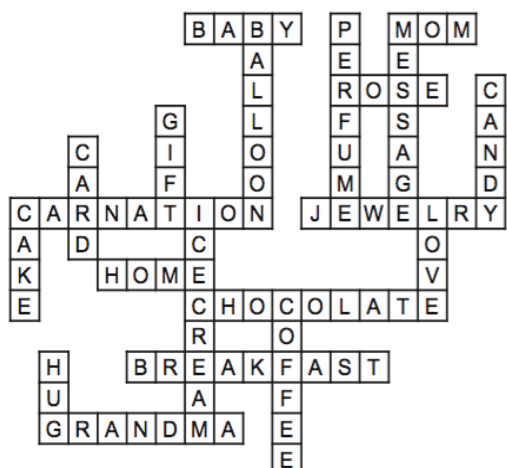


DEBBY BOONE—Can Her Image Stay That Bright?

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW with **GINGER ALDEN** Continued: "Elvis Will Never Be Gone From My Life!"



Puzzle Answers



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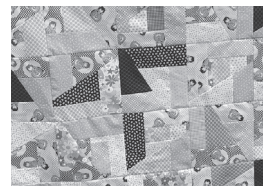
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FISHING REPORT BY ANDREW GRILLS

13 years ago, when I first started guiding, I can remember hearing the older guides talk about how the bass in Lake Fork don't bite when the gates are open at the dam. I thought that was the silliest excuse for not catching them. However, over the years I have learned with certainty that the older guides were right.

Now, I can't explain why, or what it is about the the gates being open that the bass don't like, but there's definitely something to it. It's also worth mentioning that one gate being open

seems to affect the bite just as much as all of them being open. The only good days of fishing that I can recall with open gates, are the first days after a very large amount of rainfall when the water is either rising or holding steady. When enough fresh water is still coming in, the negative affect of the gates being open seems to be off-set.

April is normally a phenomenal month, but this April has been disappointing as far as the fishing goes. We have had some very big rains though,

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and almost every day this month at least one gate was open. You would think by now they would be used to it...

Today, Lake Fork is almost 1' above full pool. The water temperature is in the upper 60's, but we're already seeing it above 70 in some places.

For most of the month, bass have remained in spawning areas. They've been done for the most part, but they're still hanging around "recovering" from the spawn. As soon as things stabilize, they will begin making their way out of those areas and feeding more aggressively. This is usually the best period of fishing all year. I love the "post-spawn feed". A wide variety of techniques will be effective, from topwaters to deep diving crankbaits. And with less cold fronts, the fishing becomes much more consistent.

Hopefully this helps prepare you for your next trip to Lake Fork. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.



YANTIS AG PARTNERS WITH LAKE FORK SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION



Ag Mech students continue our school's partnership with Lake Fork Sportsmen Association. Each year, we build projects that benefit the animal and plant life of Lake Fork in conjunction with the LFSA. In the past, our students have built fish habitats, duck boxes and minnow fortresses. This year, our project was floating planters that will hold aquatic plants for feeding fish. In the picture are LFSA member and retired ag engineer, Ed Swenson with the ag mech students who built the planters.



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ACADEMY

Volunteering within our community is not just a task; it's a beautiful journey of learning and giving back. Witnessing Bizzy Bee Academy Families volunteering at the @Hooves & Halos event this was truly inspiring. It's about instilling values of compassion and empathy in the next generation. Being part of such events is an honor, as it allows us to contribute meaningfully to our community while also enriching ourselves with invaluable life lessons.

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Watching the eclipse was surreal; the sun's dance with the moon captivated us. Nature's wonders never cease to amaze!



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Yantis Owl's Activities

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The Yantis ISD family comes together in solidarity and support for Dalton McKeever, a bright kindergartner at Yantis Elementary. Dalton was involved in a UTV accident and our hearts are with him and his family during this challenging time.

Dalton, we want you to know that you're not alone. Your strength and resilience inspire us all, and we're sending you all the love, prayers, and positive vibes for a speedy recovery.

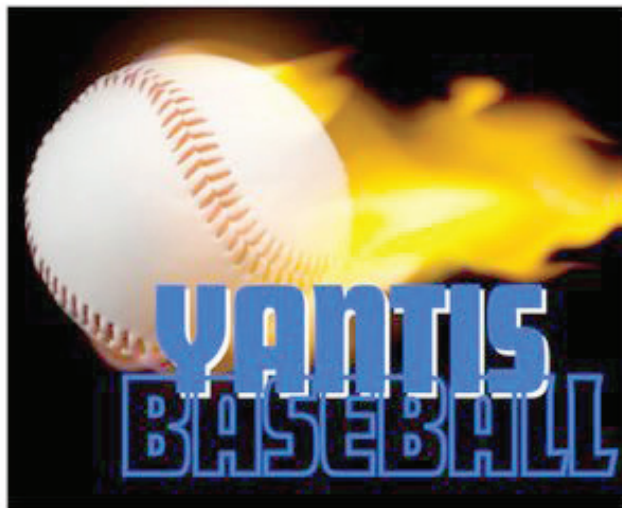
To Dalton's family: We're here for you every step of the way. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there's anything we can do to support you during this difficult period.

Let's continue to uplift Dalton and his loved ones with our unwavering support and care. Together, we can make a difference.



YANTIS OWLS BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS

YANTIS OWLS AG



Our Yantis boys battled in a double header against Sulphur Bluff. In the first game we came back in the bottom of the 7th to tie it 2-2. We lost 3-2 in 8 innings. In the second game we were down 4-1 by the 6th inning but couldn't get the job done in the 7th. Our boys showed so much grit and heart throughout 5 hours of baseball. Go Owls!



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