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The newsletter for CCA members in Texas
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Now approaching Cedar Bayou

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Efforts to open Cedar
Bayou/Vinson Slough move forward

Cedar Bayou tide is turning

CCA, Aransas County efforts
continue, with a \$3 million boost
from the Texas Legislature.

That \$3 million allocation will come from Fund 9, which is the Fish, Game and Water Safety Account. Fund 9 revenue is generated through hunting and fishing license and stamp and permit sales, as well as federal funds appropriated specifically for hunting and fishing restoration purposes and boat registration and titling fees. These allocated dollars will also require matching local dollars.

"CCA Texas and Aransas County have put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into the Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough

project," commented Mark Ray, CCA Texas Chairman. Ray stated further, "This vote of confidence and resources from the Texas Legislature and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department puts the goal line for the project within grasp. Anglers and conservationists alike should celebrate this action by the Texas Legislature."

This commitment now brings the total funds committed and in hand to approximately \$5.95 million to date. Estimated construction cost is currently estimated at roughly \$7.4 million and an overall cost including monitoring and mitigation to \$8.37 million.

On the cover: Artist Al Barnes depicts a pair of whooping cranes on visual approach to a magnificent 'new' region of Texas, Cedar Bayou at the Gulf of Mexico.

See page 7 for an opportunity to own a collector's print of the painting.

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Homing In on the Cedar Bayou Project, 2014. A limited edition print from an oil painting by Al Barnes.

CCA Texas and Aransas County are working diligently to secure the final dollars necessary to complete the job. CCA Texas currently has over \$1 million out in pending proposals, and Aransas County has a \$2.4 million grant proposal in the works as well.

Coast Harbor and Engineering is continuing its work on the final engineering and bid packages. The permit-mandated Piping Plover study is currently ongoing and will be completed by the year's end.

CCA CEDAR BAYOU 2014 PRINT

This print by Al Barnes depicts Cedar Bayou as it would be if it were opened. This is an important project for CCA's Habitat Program. The flow was substantially hindered by man in recent history. In 1978, the mouth of the pass was intentionally blocked to prevent an oil spill from entering the bays. Once opened, the project will straighten Cedar Bayou and connect it with a channel from Vinson Slough near the Beach of San Jose Island. It will re-establish the life-cycle migration route for a variety of marine species, as well as enhance tidal flow to thousands of acres of tidal wetlands adjacent to Cedar Bayou and Vinson Slough.

Al Barnes has been a contributing artist since the first days of GCCA.

Expectations are high that construction of the project will begin April 15, 2014 and be completed by October 15, 2014.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit allows for construction to take place during the time period between April 15 and October 15, so efforts are being made now that will allow contractors the use of every day available in order to finish the project efficiently and on time.

Harte Researchers to assess impact of Cedar Bayou opening

By Megan Robillard

Researchers from the newly formed Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation at the Harte Research Institute, lead by Dr. Greg Stunz, will employ a before-after control-impact sampling design to assess the impact of re-opening Cedar Bayou to fisheries productivity. Basically, researchers are comparing the total number of small fishes and crustaceans collected before/after (temporal changes) the opening, as well as spatially (control/impact) to

best determine the impact of opening Cedar Bayou Pass.

They have selected several areas near Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough to be designated as “impact” areas, where once Cedar Bayou is opened, they expect to find newly-settled fishes and crustaceans that have recruited through the dredged inlet into productive nursery habitats of Mesquite Bay.

Researchers also selected “control” areas both northeast and southwest of Cedar Bayou, where they expect little change after the inlet is opened. They are also sampling seagrass beds near Aransas Pass as additional “control” areas.

Stunz and his team have been sampling these habitats for numerous years and will be able to compare these abundances in Cedar Bayou to see if the inlets function in a similar manner in terms of fish recruitment.

Researchers have been collecting fish and crustaceans twice seasonally since November 2012, during well-established fish recruitment periods in seagrass meadows using an epibenthic sled, which is a proven and standard sampling device for this type of study. Samples will continue to be collected seasonally before Cedar Bayou is dredged and re-opened, and for one year post-opening.

All species collected will be identified and measured, and water quality data (water temperature, salinity, pH and dissolved oxygen) is also measured at each site to determine if there are any physical differences in water quality post-opening.

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We have completed our nekton sampling for Fall 2012 /Winter 2013/Spring 2013. We are waiting to head back out again this coming fall (October or November) to continue our pre-opening monitoring until it opens. Right now we’re finishing up counting and measuring everything from our samples in the lab, so we are well on our way to having good baseline data from the area.

— **Megan Robillard**,
Research Associate, Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation, Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies.



Science isn't always performed in an air conditioned, comfortable laboratory. Here, Dr. Greg Stunz and Dr. Matt Ajemian trudge along, Stunz pulling an epibenthic sled in one of the impact areas chosen for careful sampling. Below, Dr. Matt Ajemian pulls and Dr. Michelle Sluis assists.





24th Annual CCA State of Texas Anglers Rodeo

First Five Redfish Winners Confirmed!

L. D. Whitehead and Jerry Mills reminisced about fishing an area with their dads.

"Wouldn't it be great if we won the STAR Tournament fishing this spot?" Later, L. D. hooked a fish and Jerry spotted a red tag. He couldn't get to the net fast enough! L. D. knew this redfish could be worth a \$70,000 truck, boat, motor, trailer package! The tag was 2013 CCATX/STAR TA495. They rushed over to official STAR weigh station Marburger's Sporting Goods.

L. D. Whitehead is the first official winner of Texas Ford Dealers Redfish Division on the 2013 CCA Texas STAR Tournament. He will receive a 2013 Ford F-150 Texas Edition XLT SuperCab truck, Haynie 23' Big Foot boat, Mercury 150 L Pro XS OptiMax motor and Coastline trailer.

Caleb Morales, age 10 and his father Greg, decided on May 26 that all the chores could wait. After getting lines in the water, Greg saw Caleb grab a rod and set the hook. When Caleb got the redfish to the boat, his dad netted the fish and that's when he saw the tag. It was Tag #TA471. "Awesome job son... you just won the STAR tournament!" They weighed the fish in at official STAR weigh station Surfside Marina. Caleb Morales is the second official winner of the Texas Ford Dealers Redfish Division of the 2013 CCA Texas STAR Tournament.

NOTE: Caleb is the first sub-teen youngster to catch a tagged redfish since 2006. He will receive a \$20,000 scholarship from the Texas Ford Dealers, in lieu of the Ford F-150 truck, plus a Haynie 23' BigFoot boat, Mercury 150 L Pro XS OptiMax motor and trailer.

Bret Coggins and buddy Kevin met up at 5:30 am. After a few smaller fish, Bret set a hook. There was no doubt it was a good redfish. Bret saw what looked like a tag, covered with algae. Without glasses, he took a phone photo of the tag and sent it to his wife. His wife called back shortly after to confirm that it was the right size and color. The fishing buddies were able to make out 2013 Tag # TA473. The celebration commenced followed by a speedy trip to Marburger's, where the fish was weighed in. Bret Coggins is the third official winner of the Texas Ford Dealers Redfish Division of the 2013 CCA Texas STAR Tournament. He will receive a 2013 Ford F-150 Texas Edition XLT SuperCab truck, Haynie 23' Big Foot boat, Mercury 150 L Pro XS OptiMax motor and Coastline trailer.



Jack Haire and his fishing buddy headed out June 29. Jack had a strong bite and could tell it was a larger fish. Reagan noticed a tag. Jack snapped a picture with his trusty I-phone and zoomed in. It read 2013 Tag #TA475.

Yes! They pulled the anchor and headed to official weigh station 3G Bait & Tackle. Ooops—It was the sixth tagged fish to be submitted. But on Monday, the STAR office confirmed that two of those ahead of him weren't registered. So, Jack became a winner of one of the five truck/boat packages. Jack Haire is the fourth official winner of the Texas Ford Dealers Redfish Division of the 2013 CCA Texas STAR Tournament and will receive a 2013 Ford F-150 Texas Edition XLT SuperCab truck, Haynie 23' Big Foot boat, Mercury 150 L Pro XS OptiMax motor and Coastline trailer.



Vicki Preston and husband Brian woke June 30 to bad weather. But they continued down the road with airboat in tow and went fishing. Vicki climbed out of the boat, ran to the closest sand pocket, made a cast and hooked a fish. Convinced it was a hard-head, much to her delight, it was a redfish!

A lady angler fishing close by asked, "What's that thing on its back?" Vicki screamed at her husband, "It's a Tagged Redfish!" The fine print read, 2013 STAR Tag #TA505. But, was she registered? Vicki's husband reminded her that one of the banquets they attended automatically entered



them in STAR. "Thank GOD the Corpus Christi CCA Chapter included STAR registration with the banquet ticket!" said Vicki. The couple headed over to official STAR weigh station Woody's Sports Center to weigh it in. Vicki Preston is the fifth official winner of the Texas Ford Dealers Redfish Division of the 2013 CCA Texas STAR Tournament and is the lucky fifth recipient of a 2013 Ford F-150 Texas Edition XLT SuperCab truck, Haynie 23' Big Foot boat, Mercury 150 L Pro XS OptiMax motor and Coastline trailer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIVE TAGGED REDFISH WINNERS! Fortunately, they were registered for the 2013 CCA Texas STAR and will be awarded their awesome prize package at the STAR Awards Ceremony, on Thursday, October 3, 2013.

So far, eight tagged redfish have been caught and five are confirmed winners. The other three, unfortunately, did not qualify for the CCA Texas STAR. That means there are fifty-two tagged redfish still out there swimming around. Trophy-sized prizes can be claimed by STAR anglers who bring in the first 10 tagged redfish. The first five winners will drive home in a 2013 loaded Ford F-150 "Texas Edition" XLT SuperCab, pulling a brand new 23' Haynie BigFoot boat rigged with a Mercury 150L Pro XS OptiMax motor and Coastline trailer. But, be aware that there are still five boat packages available! The next five tagged redfish winners will each claim a 23' Haynie BigFoot boat with a Mercury 150L Pro XS OptiMax motor and Coastline trailers.

STILL TIME TO WIN, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN! There's still time to make this happen, so get your "STAR insurance" now! Therapy is too expensive and your entry fee is too cheap. Now through 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 2 (Labor Day), anglers from all across the great Lone Star State can continue to compete to win one of many prize packages in the 2013 CCA Texas STAR Tournament, including boat packages, UV/boat packages and scholarships. A friendly reminder to all anglers who plan to fish the Texas Gulf Coast during this time... in order to win one of a \$1,000,000 in prizes being offered in Texas' largest, richest, summer-long saltwater fishing event, an angler must be a CURRENT member of CCA, in addition to being registered as a 2013 TEXAS STAR entrant. The STAR tournament entry fee is still an awesome bargain at only \$20 for ages 18 and up! Membership fee is \$25 annually, plus \$20 STAR Tournament for a total of \$45. In order to win at STAR, an angler must be registered and be a current member of CCA. You know you'll go, so you might as well do it now! Remember, everyone entered in the STAR Tournament, who will be 6 years old in 2013 and older, is eligible to win the prizes being offered (even the TAGGED REDFISH DIVISION)!!! Get everyone signed up for the 2013 STAR.

YOUNG ANGLERS FISH FOR FREE! Young anglers ages 6-17, the "New Tide" membership fee remains \$10 annually and the STAR entry fee is FREE!!! Parents, we want all kids on the water! CCA "New Tide" members will continue to have the opportunity to win giant scholarships to fund their college education for just the price of a \$10 CCA "New Tide" Membership. We thank our generous sponsors for making it possible for us to offer young anglers this great opportunity. Keep in mind, signing up as a "New Tide" membership DOES NOT automatically register member in STAR. "New Tide" Members MUST BE at least 6 years of age in 2013 to be eligible to fish STAR and under age 18 to enter for FREE. It is the "New Tide" Member's responsibility to register each year for STAR.



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2013 Ford F-150 "Texas Edition" XLT SuperCab with Haynie 23 Bigfoot, the Redfish Division prize.

Don't miss "the boat" or "the truck and boat"... register today! You can sign up NOW online at <http://www.startournament.org/!!!>

CCA TEXAS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS - Our most generous sponsor offerings still continue to add more value to your CCA Texas Membership. Be sure and remember to take advantage of the following wonderful benefits your CCA membership affords you!

- ☛ Ford X-Plan Pricing (see details below)
- ☛ \$10 gift card courtesy of Academy Sports and Outdoors (see details below)
- ☛ Texas Fish & Game Magazine subscription (see details below)
- ☛ \$1000 worth of free upgrades with your purchase of a new Tilson home (see ad on page ?)

FORD X-PLAN PRICING - CCA Texas members have been remarkably honored by the Texas Ford Dealers. They approved X-Plan pricing for us; that is, every current member can buy (or lease) any Ford product at the same price Ford employees must pay. This means we can save up to \$1,000 or much more, just by having a valid \$25 CCA membership card!!! Our Ford Partner Code # is CCA 61; go to <http://www.fordpartner.com/>, if you are considering a purchase. And please share your gratitude with the dealers for helping to make this great offer possible for CCA Texas members.

SPECIAL BONUS FROM ACADEMY SPORTS & OUTDOORS - One more great reason to sign up! Academy Sports + Outdoors will mail a \$10 gift coupon after the tournament ends just in time for hunting season! This is a limited time offer, so do it before it's too late!!! Special thanks to Academy Sports + Outdoors for continuing to make your CCA membership and STAR entry such an awesome value!

TEXAS FISH & GAME "BONUS" SUBSCRIPTION!!! Texas Fish & Game will again honor this year's STAR entrants with a ONE -YEAR (12 issues) subscription to Texas Fish & Game Magazine. Please be advised your subscription WILL NOT be sent automatically. If you wish to take advantage of this special bonus you must declare on your application form. If you have already signed up for the 2013 STAR, but did not declare that you would like this special offer and/or have questions regarding your past or current subscription, please call (713) 626-4222 or email star@ccatexas.org.



2013 PRIZE LINE-UP - This year's contestants have a chance at winning over 100 prizes including trucks, UV, boats, motors, trailers and college scholarships in the following categories:



Texas Ford Dealers Redfish Division - Texas Ford Dealers continue to make this division the "Best in Texas"! They will again give each of the first five registered STAR participants who catch tagged redfish a brand new truck to get to their fishing destination in a tough, dependable and stylish ride. The first five registered anglers to weigh-in a tagged red will receive a 2013 Ford F-150 "Texas Edition" truck. Haynie Boats returns with the

awesome Haynie 23 Bigfoot rigged with a Mercury 150 L Pro XS motor and Coastline Trailer completing this amazing package. The next five weighed in will receive the same boat, motor and trailer packages. For young anglers not of legal driving age and who reel in the famous tagged red, he or she will receive the boat package plus a college scholarship, in lieu of the truck.



ning angler will take home the Shoalwater 22' Legend with a Mercury 150 L Pro XS motor and McClain trailer. **SPECIAL NOTE:** If you're unsure a trout is large enough to qualify, consider this "easy rule-of-thumb" - if length is less than 27 inches, chances are it won't meet the eight pound minimum weight requirement for the Trout Division. Unless you intend to mount your fish as a personal best, why not think about releasing anything that might not make the cut so she can re-seed the bays.



some Explorer by Dargel 216 Blue Water Series boat prize to cruise the big waters along with a Mercury 200 XL OptiMax motor and McClain trailer.



will be handsomely rewarded with Blue Wave's 180 V Bay boat, a Mercury 115 L OptiMax motor and McClain trailer.

In the past eighteen years, \$4,635,000 in college scholarships has been awarded to fisher-kids across the state. And 2013 continues to offer plenty of reason for everyone to round up their kid(s), a rod and reel and head for the water.



flounder caught throughout the summer.



scholarship for the largest gafftop caught throughout the summer.



vision - This division age 6-10 a chance to win a \$50,000 college scholarship for the largest sheephead caught throughout the summer.

Trout Division - With winners in the upper, middle and lower coast regions, each win-

Offshore Division - Blue water anglers who land the heaviest kingfish, dorado and ling (cobia) will each win the awe-

Inshore Division - Each winner that reels in the largest flounder, gafftop and sheephead

Capital Farm Credit StarKid Flounder Division - This division gives entrants age 6-10 a chance to win a \$50,000 college scholarship for the largest

FS Southwest StarKid Gafftop Division - This division gives entrants age 6-10 a chance to win a \$50,000 college

Houston Community Newspapers StarKid Sheephead Division - This division



Trout Division: Shoalwater 22 Legend with Mercury motor



Offshore Division Prize: Dargel 216 Blue Water with Mercury motor



Inshore Division: Blue Wave's 180 V Bay with Mercury motor



Academy Sports & Outdoors StarTeens Trout Division - This youth scholarship division is open to all New Tide members

ages 11-17 and awards a \$20,000 college scholarship for each fisher-teen with the largest trout in the upper, middle and lower coasts. **SPECIAL NOTE:** The minimum weight requirement for the trout is six pounds. For all fish weighing less than six pounds, if no intentions of mounting young angler's prize catch, please take a quick picture and immediately release back into the water.



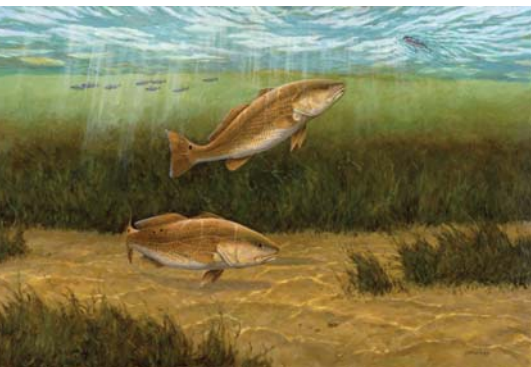
Time Warner Cable StarTeens Inshore Division - This youth scholarship division is open to

all New Tide members ages 11-17 and awards a \$20,000 college scholarship for each fisher-teen with the largest flounder, gafftop and sheephead statewide.



School Is In Session. The new STAR Platinum print by David Drinkard.

CCA Texas STAR Platinum Print Membership Package, Series III – We're pleased to announce the new print being offered for the 2013 CCA Texas STAR Platinum package is *School Is In Session*. Renowned artist David Drinkard wanted to honor those parents who take their kids fishing by creating a print depicting the parent and child fishing scene. You never know... maybe one of those "schools" has a "college scholarship" swimming in it! This special offer includes your CCA membership (new or renewal), your 2013 CCA Texas STAR entry, plus a signed, limited-edition print created exclusively for STAR, all for \$125! *School Is In Session* is a one-of-a-kind special print worth this price alone. If you would like to consider one, or several, of these limited-edition packages, go to: <http://www.startournament.org> more details or to place your order with the STAR Dept., call (713) 626-4222.



STILL AVAILABLE... CCA Texas/STAR Platinum Print, Series I & II – STAR Reds & STAR Sightings are still available. If you haven't purchased yet and would like to begin your CCA Texas STAR Platinum Collectible Series, please contact the STAR Dept. and we can get you fixed up. To own this first-ever commemorative piece, purchase yours today before they're all gone!

The proceeds from the sales of Platinum Packages will help us continue to fund the STAR scholarships. Thanks for supporting CCA Texas and the STAR Tournament!

More Chances to Win Great Prizes!

2013 Berkley Gulp Challenge "Use Gulp and Win!" - To qualify for prize package, STAR anglers must catch a winning fish using a Berkley Gulp bait,



abide by all rules of the CCA Texas STAR Tournament and be on the FINAL leaderboard after the close of the 2013 CCA Texas STAR Tournament on Sept. 2, 2013. Prize package includes a Limited Edition All Star Team Series Rod, Abu Garcia Revo S Baitcast Reel, Berkley Trilene XL fishing line, Gulp Alive Bait and Berkley tackle bag.



Runner-Up Prizes - The first through fourth runners-up in all divisions will receive various gift certificates from Academy Sports & Outdoors.



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"New Tide" Member Drawing - The "New Tide" Scholarship Drawing will be offered again in 2013. "NewTide"/STAR participants at least, 6 - 17 years old in 2013, are eligible for a bonus drawing that will net one lucky youth a \$20,000 college scholarship even if the participant never wets a line or enters a single fish during the entire tournament.



Please don't forget to thank our generous sponsors for their loyal support... return the favor by remembering them when making your purchasing decisions. They make this wonderful family event possible. Major sponsors for the 24th Annual CCA Texas/STAR Tournament include:

Texas Ford Dealers, Tilson Home Corporation, Academy Sports + Outdoors, Whataburger, Shipley Donuts, Ozarka, Berkley Gulp, Houston Community Newspapers, Fox Sports Southwest, Time Warner Cable, Haynie Boats, Shoalwater Boats, Dargel Boat, Explorer by Dargel Boats, Blue Wave Boats, Texas Fish & Game Magazine, Costa Sunglasses, Texas Oilman's Charity Fishing Tournament, Coastline Trailers, McClain Trailers, Chris's Marine and Mt. Houston Marine.

STAR has reached \$4,635,000 in scholarships awarded to children 6-17 years of age. Many thanks to our sponsors for making this happen. Without them, it would not be possible.

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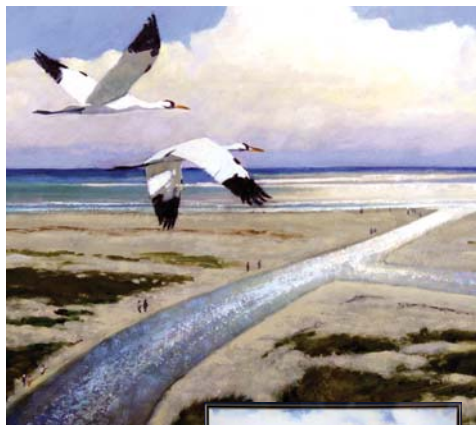
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CCA Cedar Bayou 2014 Print

This painting by Al Barnes depicts Cedar Bayou as it would be if it were opened. An important project for CCA's Habitat Program, this is a very limited edition print that was only made for CCA Texas. There will be only 60 ever made or sold. Make sure you get yours today.



Wade Butler Art Package

A great art package from Wade Butler: two prints from his CCA Collection, "A Texas Treasure." The 2nd piece is "Redfish and Lures." The traditional Texas redfish with great old time lures underneath. These 2 great framed prints can be yours for the right price. Always know that every dollar made by CCA goes towards helping save the fish for future generations to enjoy.



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Great Foods / Food Editor Ellen Ohmstede

GRILLED TROUT SANDWICH WITH OLIVE - CAPER TAPENADE

INGREDIENTS

4 small ciabatta, hoagie or French rolls / 1/3 cup pitted green olives
1/4 cup pitted Kalamata olives
1 T drained capers / 1 T plus 2 t olive oil / 1 T lemon juice / 1 T fresh parsley
1 t lemon zest / 1 t anchovy paste
4 trout filets / 1/3 cup mayonnaise
2 T Dijon / 1 jar purchased roasted red bell pepper, drained and sliced into wide strips / 1 large purple onion sliced thin / 2 cloves fresh garlic
Romaine lettuce

COMBINE olives, capers, 1 T olive oil, lemon juice, parsley, lemon zest and anchovy in a food processor. Pulse until olives are finely chopped. Season with salt and pepper. Combine

Mayonnaise and Dijon in a small bowl. (Tapenade and Dijonnaise can be made in advance)

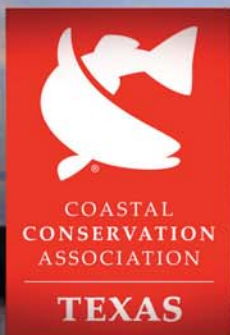
Prepare Grill. Drizzle bread with a little olive oil and toast lightly, cut side down. Remove from heat and rub each piece lightly with whole clove of garlic. Set aside. Save garlic for another use. Drizzle fish filets with olive oil, salt and pepper. Grill until opaque careful not to overcook.

Spread dijonnaise on both sides of sandwich. Layer roasted peppers and onions on bottom half. Place fish filet on top of onions and spoon tapenade over fish. Place romaine leaf on top fish, finish with the bread, slice and enjoy.



Just hangin' with my buds. Great Wildlife / Humor photo by Mary Clare Ganucheau, age 17.





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*"Idle Iron" changing for
the better*

Policy shift favors artificial reefing

*Federal agency clears important
hurdles to increased reefing of
offshore energy platforms*

By Pat Murray

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) rolled out new guidelines this week that should make it easier for energy companies to reef obsolete platforms and related structures in the Gulf of Mexico where they can continue to serve as valuable marine habitat.

"This is welcome news for anglers and conservationists," said Pat Murray, president of Coastal Conservation Association (CCA). "It is good to see this positive progress, and we appreciate BSEE and all of the stakeholders who continue to work on solutions to this complex issue."

"The revised rigs to reefs policy is the result of a continued dialogue between federal agencies, states and affected stakeholders," said BSEE Director James Watson. "The CCA has been very engaged throughout this process and was instrumental in bringing people together to discuss these complex issues and informing this policy."

The vast network of energy platforms in the Gulf of Mexico forms what is widely regarded as the

largest man-made reef in the world, but due to a variety of liability issues and environmental concerns, federal regulations require that energy companies remove the structures if they are unused for a period of years. Concerns have mounted in recent years as the pace of removals has increased while little new structure has been placed. Over the history of offshore energy development, nearly 6,000 structures have been placed in the Gulf of Mexico with fewer than 3,000 standing today.

The new policy directive states that BSEE supports and encourages the use of obsolete oil and gas structures as artificial reefs, and provides greater opportunities for reefing by removing the five-mile buffer zone between reefing areas to two miles, allows for reefing in place when appropriate in Special Artificial Reef Sites or SARS, and provides for extensions to regulatory decommissioning deadlines for companies pursuing a "Rigs to Reefs" proposal. The policy states that the use of explosives on plat-

forms that are proposed for reefing will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, but will not be ap-

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artificial reefs...*

proved if analysis determines their use will cause harm to established artificial reef sites and/or natural biological features. The policy formalizes many of the changes that have been discussed at workshops with stakeholders in New Orleans and Houston over the past year.

"For the past several months, we have been working with our federal partners, state officials and affected stakeholders in the Gulf of Mexico region to learn about their needs and concerns regarding the inclusion of oil and gas infrastructure in the states' artificial reef programs," Watson said. "This policy is reflective of the feedback we received. It provides states greater flexibility in their planning and addresses the multiple uses for these areas while ensuring the marine environment is protected."

In a teleconference this week announcing the new policy, Watson stated that his agency is also increasing staff to better deal with the increased pace of removals and reefing proposals, and he outlined plans for a GIS map of every platform in federal waters of the Gulf with an overlay of information on each one. The map will be used to interact with stakeholders to get a better understanding of which structures may make the best candidates for reefing. Ideally, information gathered on specific platforms that are greatly valued by anglers, divers or other stakeholders will be used to promote reefing options with the structure's owner.

For more information on the Idle Iron issue, visit the [Idle Iron](http://www.JoinCCA.org) page at www.JoinCCA.org.

"The vast network of energy platforms in the Gulf of Mexico forms what is widely regarded as the largest man-made reef in the world..."

"Idle Iron To Living Reef" painting by Sam Caldwell



Upper Coast

By Capt. Jamie Pinter

Options, options, options—

So much water to look at and plenty of fish to catch. On the Upper coast we are blessed with a unique situation that allows people without boats, kayaks, and million dollar boats the capability to catch good numbers of fish most of the year.

Weather in my trips is usually the dictator. During the next two months, as it has been in July, the wind will blow for several days and then we'll get two or three days of perfect weather. As far as bay fishing, the trout and redfish will be spread out throughout our bay system, from the jetties on up to Trinity Bay. Tide is the key; having a moving tide is always a bonus. We have been catching a majority of fish on artificial baits worked near the bottom. The croaker bite is going strong up and down the Ship Channel and will continue into mid-August. Around the jetties and surf, you have some options for both the artificial and bait bite being good. For artificial lures, I use Bass Assassins and Tidal Surge.

When we have the good green water flowing in from the Gulf, the trout bite has been fantastic and will only get better.

Getting out in the Gulf when the weather has been calm, our summer time tarpon fishing was in full swing. Casting and connecting with these fish that average 100 pounds or better will never be forgotten. We cover a lot of miles for these bites but typically on our slower days you can usually plan on catching some monster blacktip and spinner sharks and an occasional big kingfish. Fishing anywhere from a mile to five miles off our beach, and not spending too much gas, you will find some fish that amaze plenty of anglers. Natural and artificial baits can be used out in the shallow waters of the Gulf, fishing from as shallow as 15' to 50'. The main thing out there, the weather is the determining factor. Always remember the Gulf can get very rough very fast, so don't push the limit on what your vessel can do.

Some of our best Upper Coast fishing of the year is right around the corner as you receive this issue of *Currents*. While the kids are out of school, take time and get them on the water. Take advantage of the great fishery the Galveston Bay complex and Upper Coast has to offer. —Capt. Jamie C. Pinter 281-844-7887 Angling Adventures www.anglingadventures.net

Middle Coast

By Capt. Levi Price

Tactics and expectations

Here come our warmest and most trying conditions of the year. As August approaches, we will see the temperatures rising and little to no tidal movement.

Fishing in these elements can be challenging, but if you are willing to work and read the conditions you can still catch quality trout and redfish. From San Antonio Bay all the way to Baffin, I will be focusing on bait movements along with tidal and wind current. Numbers of trout will be holding on the deeper grass beds in the Laguna, as well as the edges of the ICW. During the heat of the day never overlook the channel edges, as the channel will have the most constant current and cooler water. These factors will make the fish less lethargic in the heat of the day.

Redfish will be doing their typical redfish thing, moving across the shallows chasing mullet and perch as they are on the hunt for an easy meal. Look for mud boils and jumping bait, while keeping a keen eye out for schools pushing water. A weedless spoon and a precision cast at these fish will afford an angler's rod and reel a good workout.

Using your eyes and ears while on the water will be the difference between success and going home empty handed, whether fishing for trout over deep grass, or redfish in the flats. Look for what we call the bait line. This is when the bait is jumping to avoid ambush from a predator and it may run with the wind or parallel to you. This bait line is where the gamefish will be and can be anywhere from 15 yards long to almost a mile and drop off into potholes holding bait. Focus on finding the bait, coupled with using the wind and the current to your advantage.

In closing, fishing during August and September can be more difficult for some anglers, but remember, a fish is a living predator, and they must eat to survive. From the deep shell in our northern bays, to the shallow grass down south, if you find the baitfish, and use the proper timing with the moon phase, current, and as always a little bit of luck, you may very well turn a slow day of fishing in the heat, into the trip of a lifetime. Tight lines, —Capt. Levi Price 830-613-1865 captlevi@tstar.net

Lower Coast

By Capt. Jack Klostermann

Everyone's best friend...

It seems that the old adage "be careful what you wish for" has never been truer than it has been for those of us fishing the Lower Laguna Madre. Just over a month ago we were all hoping that the wind would let up. It did, and now by midmorning on most days, it feels like you are in a sauna. Welcome to the dog days of summer, Lower Laguna Madre style!

Even though the action has slowed considerably from the easy limit days of late spring, there are still plenty of fish to be had. It's just that, most days require a little more perseverance to wind up with a hefty stringer. With water temperatures bumping ninety degrees, the fish will act differently, and so must we. Every year during late summer, the fish seem to move to deeper water earlier. For our bay, deep water means from waist deep to chest deep on the east side. If you are having trouble getting on fish, try the breaks between Dub's Island and Butcher's Island. There will be lots of fish caught in that type of water in August. When it really gets hot, still and muggy, being in the water beats being on the water by a wide margin, so don't be afraid to leave the boat and wade them up.

Late summer is normally when we have lots of oversize reds showing up at the Mansfield jetties. As long as the tide is running, these fish are usually pretty cooperative. All you need is some fresh finger mullet and calm enough seas to allow you to anchor close to the rocks. Large bull reds are great for salvaging those slow days that we all sometimes have.

Down here we have a saying; the five fish limit is a guide's best friend. It allows our clients to limit out in half the time and we wind up looking really smart! In reality, the five fish limit is everyone's best friend. It allows us to sustain a fishery with more and larger fish, which translates to better fishing for all.

Good luck, and don't forget to practice the good neighbor policy when on the water.

—Capt. Jack Klostermann 956-245-5008 www.captainjackscharters.com

Just waiting. Great photo of a Great Blue Heron by Terry Parisi. Gotcha! This Laguna Madre redfish was then released by guide Rene Hinojosa. Sam Caldwell photo.



CCA Texas Goes Social

CCA Texas has had an exciting two months! With the addition of a new Facebook page, Twitter account, and Instagram feed, CCA Texas is now actively involved in the social media landscape. Members share photos of their exciting catches on Facebook, send us live Tweets on Twitter, and follow CCA Texas photos on Instagram. In each issue of *Currents*, CCA Texas will feature a Facebook photo, Twitter Tweet, and Instagram photo from the previous two months. Please "Like" our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter and Instagram to get the latest updates from CCA Texas and become a part of the conversation!

Facebook:
Submitted to us by **Brandon Pello**: Gunner's first fish out of the ocean!!!! We were using live shrimp. Fishing off the jetties in Port Aransas.



Twitter:
@mrsneeples: Follow @CCA_Texas and join too while you're at it

Instagram

Submitted to us by **Timothy Kiker**, after his trip to Cozumel with his sweetheart **Julie Bedell**: @cca_texas: CCA is everywhere! Spotted in Cozumel at Coconuts by one of our members.



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Chapter Updates

*Chapter Updates are edited for brevity to allow everyone's voice to be heard. For the full version, go to your chapter's area in the CCA website. Drop by www.ccatexas.org, click on **Local Chapters**.*

Alvin-Pearland
Rex Richards 281-923-3050
Monthly General Meetings: 7PM First Tuesday of the month.
Location: Spring Creek BBQ
9005 Broadway, Pearland Texas
Thanks to Capt. Steve Hillman - Hillman Guide Service for his informative talk at our June meeting.

The Alvin/Pearland chapter would like to thank all our 28 table sponsors, all the donors and underwriters for the best ever Banquet we had in June 2013. We could not do it without you and all the hard work from all the chapter board members. **Mark your calendar for our June 19 2014 banquet.**

July - No General Meeting
Tuesday August 6th - General Meeting / Susan A. Heath, PhD - Gulf Coast Bird Observatory / Spring Creek BBQ - Pearland 7 PM
Tuesday September 3rd - General Meeting / Speaker TBA
Spring Creek BBQ - Pearland 7 PM
Tuesday October 1st - General Meeting / Jason Bryant - Inshore Informer Blog / Spring Creek BBQ - / Pearland 7 PM
Tuesday November 5th - General Meeting / Chickenboy Lures - Joe
Spring Creek BBQ - Pearland 7 PM
December - No General Meeting

We would welcome new board members who would like to get plugged in. Our monthly chapter meetings have a great speaker lineup and we will have a raffle. Bring a friend, a kid and get plugged in! —Rex Richards



Emery Sadler apologized for running late with his Chapter Update for Alvin-Pearland and sent a photo. Apparently, he was doing research on the edible qualities of Colorado brown trout.

Aransas Bay
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Our 14th Annual Banquet is scheduled for August 10th at the Paws and Taws Convention Center in Fulton, Texas. We hope you will join us for a fun filled evening consisting of both a Live Auction and a Silent Auction. Also try your luck with our ever-popular Raffle. We are very lucky to have **Ron Hoover RV and Marine** as our Title Sponsor again this year and greatly appreciate their continued support of both our chapter and CCA. Tickets will be available for sale at **Rockport Tackle Town and Seaworthy Marine** and include Dinner (catered by **Castaways Seafood and Grill**), Open Bar, and a CCA Membership. For any questions concerning advanced ticket reservations, Sponsor opportunities, donations or any other matter contact **Michelle Green**, Banquet Chairperson, at jeepgirl.green@gmail.com.

The 14th Annual CCA Babes on the Bay made history again this year setting a new participation record, 1478 lady/babe-ette entrants. Many thanks to all participants, both the first timers and to those whose faces are very familiar. On behalf of the Aransas Bay Chapter of CCA we would like to thank our sponsors **Ron Hoover RV and Marine, KST Electric Company, L & F Distributors, Coastal Innovations, Rockport Mail Center, and HMI/SCADA Systems Corp.** Many thanks to all vendors and Aransas Bay Chapter volunteers who help make this event a success. A special thank you goes to tournament director, **Karol Scardino**, for her leadership and dedication to Babes on the Bay. First place winners in their respective divisions were: Non-guided Artificial - **Bustin Tails**, 16.72 lbs. / Non-guided Any Bait - **Fishin' & Bitchin'**, 14.66 lbs. / Non-guided Juniors - **Hadley**, 4.58 lbs. / Guided Artificial - **Redden's A-Luring Ladies**, 11.02 lbs. / Guided Any Bait - **Saltwater Cowgirls**, 18.18 lbs. Junior Division Guided - **Reds wit Envy**, 7.44 lbs. For complete list of winners go to www.babesonthebay.com.



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Great Wildlife/Humanitarian Photo by Spence Collins. Laura Collins rescued an Atlantic Green turtle in front of our bay house in Flour Bluff. It had been hit by a propellor. Turtle Rescue picked it up the next morning and said it would survive to be released back into the Laguna Madre. [Notice the duct tape on the head of the turtle- Ed.]

Doug Bowers, Ginette Collins, Terri McDonald and Dino Scardino were recognized and presented plaques for their dedication and support of the Aransas Bay Chapter of CCA. Mark your calendars for the **15th Babes on the Bay tournament** to be held in Rockport, Texas, May 16 - 17, 2014. Tight lines, —Carter

Austin
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A record setting night for CCA Austin. May 9, 2013 was a historic day for CCA. Over 1500 fellow fishermen/women gathered at the Palmer Events Center for the Austin banquet and enjoyed a spectacular evening. And with the incredible support of all in attendance, and our sponsors, donors, members and patrons, the Austin Chapter set an all-time fundraising record for CCA. Of all the events, over 36 years, across 17 states, and all the chapters within them, the 2013 Austin Chapter event stands alone at #1 in gross AND net revenue for a banquet. And equally impressive is that a large net revenue will go to CCA Texas, for use in Texas, to conserve and sustain the coastal resources that are so near and dear to all of us.

And what an exciting night it was. Live auction buyers are preparing for trips of a

lifetime to destinations from Hawaii to New Zealand, and many spots in between. **Tiffany Miller** won a new Shallow Sport, **David Weaver** is cruising the outdoors in his new **Polaris Ranger Crew**, and **Renee Blaine** made off with the always popular Custom 4WD. In all, nearly \$500,000 in prizes and trips were awarded during an absolutely phenomenal night. Our banquet, with your help, has become the marquee fundraiser of the year in Austin.



Thank you, and know that your Austin board is already hard at work to bring you another unparalleled event in 2014. Make plans now to join us next year on May 8th as we work to ensure the generations that follow us can enjoy our great Texas coast just as we do.

All boats rise with the tide...It is such an exciting time to be part of CCA. Other chapters across the state are enjoying record years. The reopening of Cedar Bayou, after years of legal and regulatory wrangling, is near. In 2012 CCA funded a record \$1.7mm in projects and is certain to surpass that milestone in 2013. That means more hatcheries, research, offshore reefs, fresh water inflow, and much, much more. The great work of CCA goes on, and gets bigger and better every year. You, and the 50,000+ members across the great state of Texas, truly make a difference.

On behalf of the entire CCA Austin board, thank you very much, and best wishes for a fun and safe summer on the water.
—**Scott Sanderson** scott@mbsquoteline.com

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Brazoria County CCA chapter will be holding two general membership meetings before December, so chapter members should watch their emails for notification once we have speakers lined up. **Also, some of the Brazoria County Board of Directors competed in the CCA Interchapter Challenge and took first place.**

Let one of the board members know if you'd like to become more involved in the chapter or serve on the board. Call **Dan Johnson** at (979) 481-3907, **Wes Dingee** 979 299-8245, **Kyle Harris** at (979) 798-2429 or **Glenn Blount** at (979) 236-1700. —**Wes Dingee**

Brazos Valley
Larry Purifoy 979-229-4752

We did a debrief of our ICC trip at the July meeting. The hot topic was, Be careful of your hooks (we had two fishermen hooked). Both required trips to the medical facility nearby. Other than that we are trying to stay cool and looking forward to next trips. Stay safe. —**Larry Purifoy**

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We have already started working on our **2014 banquet which will be May 1st 2014**. Please put this on your calendar and be on the look out for our raffle boat to be! Best,—**Todd Buster**

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Please mark your calendars now for the three upcoming "on the water" events (listed below) for the CCA Corpus Christi Chapter.

Upcoming events –
Guides Cup - October 3-4, 2013. Contact Cody Roesner, Chairman 916-531-0078. Captain's dinner and Calcutta, Thursday evening (Doc's Restaurant) at 6:00 pm.
Babes on Baffin and Blue Ladies Fishing Tournament – October 11-12, 2013

We are looking forward to our Babes on Baffin and Blue Ladies Fishing Tournament, which takes place October 12th at Bluff's Landing in Corpus Christi. Doc's Restaurant (under the JFK Causeway) is the location of Friday

night's check-in and social. The Tournament features a live weigh in / donation bonus with the live fish going to the CCA/CPL Marine Development Center in Corpus Christi. For those not familiar with the Marine Development Center, it is one of the world's largest state-of-the-art saltwater hatcheries, which provides educational outreach and cutting edge marine science work and produces tens of millions of fingerling redfish and spotted seatrout for release into Texas bays for stock enhancement. Contact Lauren Hollon, Chairwoman 361-461-9396.

Thank you Babes on Baffin and Blue Sponsors: **Majek Boats, Premier Yamaha and Total Oilfield Equipment.**

Poco Rojo Kids Fishing Tournament
– October 19, 2013 / Contact **John De John** 361-728-8152 or **Mike Henry** 361-816-0300.

The Kid Fish will be held at the CCA/CPL Marine Development Center in Corpus Christi. E-Blasts are forthcoming for early registration for this event.

As always, if you have an interest in joining our board and being involved in conservation of our coastal resources, please contact a board member or myself @ r_poelmacpa@sbcglobal.net . –**Randy Poelma**

Dallas / North Texas

Welcome new president, Robert DiCicco
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We hosted our annual banquet at Joe Ts on May 2nd of this year. For the first time in years we had to battle the weather for control of the evening. After calling some last minute audibles and working closely with the folks at Joe Ts, we were able to get the event moved inside. Thank you to Joe Ts for being such a great partner with our chapter. Your kindness and help aided our chapter in setting a fundraising record.

We had some awesome items to raffle off and one lucky winner, **Cheever Farley**, went home with a brand new bay boat! Thank you **North Texas Marine** for getting it all set up for us.

Everyone set your calendar for **October 24 at the Rahr Brewery (www.rahrbrewing.com)**. We are planning some awesome and new ideas for this general membership meeting

Everybody's favorite auctioneer, Ed Phillips, tells a story at the Greater Woodlands CCA chapter banquet. Listening are Drew Adams and Erich Schneider of CCA.

Scotty Lyons and Scotty Lyons Jr. celebrate a fine art purchase. Scotty senior has collected the top art painting at the Woodlands banquet for several years.



Galveston's 21' Shallow Sport, put together by Coastline Marine.

and this won't be one to miss out on! One last thank you to Dennis Denson and our friends at Brute Outdoors for the awesome cooler and lid wrap (www.bruteoutdoors.com). Thank you to everyone who made these past events a success and we look forward to another great year full of friendship and tight lines.

—**John Black**

Galveston

Dr. Ken Ellis 713-962-7731

Hello, everyone. The Fourth of July is behind us, the heat has set in and fishing has improved since our last conversation. The **Ladies of Tiki Island fishing tournament** was held on June 29, and I am a proud Pappa, to say that my daughter Katelyn won first place in the redfish division with a 28 inch (on the money), 8 pound / 9 ounce redfish. The tournament was a great success, and **Gwen Schulte** should be congratulated on all her hard work for putting it together. Thanks, Gwen.

As this newsletter reaches your mailbox, **our 21st annual Galveston CCA banquet will be held on August 3, at Moody Gardens at 6 pm.** We will be giving away the 21 foot Shallow Sport that evening along with many live auction items, silent auction items, and raffle items, fishing trips to all parts of Texas and around the world will be available. We have tables of 10 at three different levels, Flounder Tables at \$800, Trout Tables at \$1500, and Redfish Tables at \$2500. Please call

me personally if you are in need of a table, at any level, boat raffle tickets, or individual banquet tickets.

If you see "Hook'em," my orange Transport in Galveston, wave me down and say hello please. Tight Lines —**Dr. Ken Ellis** 713-962-7731

Golden Triangle

Welcome new president, Josh Kaczynski
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Welcome new president, Weems Turner
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Greater Woodlands

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Hello CCA Members. By the time this article makes it to your home or office it will be August. Wow! Where has the time gone? Our banquet will have concluded and we predict a record banquet for the CCA Texas Greater Woodlands Chapter. Thank You !

One of the Live Auction items that the GWC offers is a Fish Fry for You and 29 of your friends. We are finding this to be a good benefit for the purchaser and CCA Texas. It builds relationship and friendships. This year one of our key sponsors, **Charles & Susan Upshaw (TEXCRAFT)** purchased the fish fry that we enjoyed June 2013. It was a fantastic event and awesome food. Thanks to the team of preparers and cooks. I highly



recommend other chapters to utilize this tool to build CCA Chapters and relationships.

DYNA-THERM – This is our sponsor mention of the month. **Dyna-Therm** has been a world leader in the field of mechanical separation technology since 1961. Dyna-Therm specializes in the design, manufacture, re-design and retrofitting of separation equipment and steam drums for the process, power and petrochemical industries. If any of these services are needed, please log onto their web page at www.dyna-therm.com. Thank You Dyna-Therm for your support of CCA Texas and our chapter.

The Grand Palace has been a lifelong dream that has come true. Now in its fourth year, The Woodlands and Spring area have a place to have Banquets, Weddings, Receptions and many other Events. **The Loughridge Family**, owners, have been in the catering and hospitality business for over 45 years. One of the motto's for the Grand Palace is where we offer "Elegance with Ease." Offering a full ballroom area of 4,800 square feet, they are able to accommodate all types of events and host your next function. Presently it can seat up to 300 guests comfortably. This is a facility that The Woodlands and Spring area have needed for quite some time. CCA Texas Greater Woodlands Chapter has hosted their Banquet Fund Raiser for several years. For more information, contact the Facility Director, **Kathi Boyd** at 281-367-3200 or e-mail thegrandpalace@hotmail.com.

Please visit our web page for up todate events and information. <http://www.ccatexas.org/chapters/inland/greater-woodlands/> Keep Conserving ...To Keep Fishing –**James Kay**

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The Hill Country chapter had our family fishing tournament June 8 in Rockport at **Drifter's Hall**. We had 100 people attend. Thanks to **Josh and Elizabeth Downey and Sterling Schulz**, Tournament Chairmen it was a huge success. Great prizes and door prizes!

Our next General meeting will have been July 16 at the **Elk's Lodge** in New Braunfels. **Dr. Greg Stunz** of the Harte Research Institute that CCA helped fund is set to be our guest speaker. Dr. Greg Stunz has a Ph.D. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University, a M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University and a B.S. in Biology, University of Texas at San Antonio.

He focuses on where the fish are, how they interact with their habitats, and the vital role of the estuaries and near-shore



Sunrise at the Pier by James R. Dimel. A powerful abstract photograph, by a careful observer, ready with a camera.

waters. He brings an understanding of the consequences of natural and man-made behaviors to these vital resources. If you want to know about the trout population in the Port Aransas, Rockport area, or any other sport fish, he's the man to ask. The meeting starts at 7p but come early for burgers and fish stories!

Speaking of fish stories, the Hill Country Chapter took 7th place at the ICC tournament. Congratulations to our **Captain Bill Daugherty, Jeff Coleman, Miles Engelke, Jim Cook, Dennis Williams, Todd Thetford, Keith Cook, Darlene Cook, Thomas Morgan and Joe Mark Miller**. Outstanding team!

Our Banquet is August 15th at the New Braunfels Civic Center. This will be the 19th Annual Banquet. My husband and I helped plan the first one! A lot has changed and it's grown to capacity! If you don't have your table you had better get it soon. The word is out and we have sold several tables to a lot of 'first-timers' so make your reservation today. Call me or **Todd Thetford** at 830-660-8825. You can reach me at **KGNB KNBT Radio, 830-625-7311 ext 217**.

We are looking for lab puppy or a cute 'lap' dog for the banquet. If you have one you would like to donate please give me a call. You will receive a donor form for your taxes and your donation will bring a lot of money for CCA. The money raised in Texas stays in Texas and preserves the coastal waters and environment for your children and grandchildren. It's a worthy investment. We also need two-night stays at condos in Port Aransas or Rockport area for the banquet. If

you can make that donation we would greatly appreciate it!

And for the Grand Finale! The Hill Country Chapter is raffling a 2013 Polaris Ranger 500 Crew Cab. Only 300 tickets will be sold at \$100. We are selling the raffle tickets now. We will give it away at the Banquet August 15. You do not have to be present to win. Again, you do not have to be present to win.

Purchase a raffle ticket from a Hill Country Director. In Seguin, **Royce Harborth**, 830-832-7430 and **Miles Engelke**, 210-260-8968, have tickets. Or call me, I'll have some at the Radio Station.

Dr. Greg Stunz is a marine biologist that specializes in sport-fisheries. He is the new director of the recently formed and CCA-funded Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation. He holds the Endowed Chair of Fisheries and Ocean Health at the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies and is a Professor of Marine Biology at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Dr. Stunz was the first "G" CCA graduate scholarship recipient. The sportfish research center is currently focusing on habitat requirement of marine fish and migration patterns of marine life using a variety of state-of-the-art electronic tracking devices for fish such as sharks, red snapper, and dolphin-fish. The center also has a variety of projects dealing with red snapper and research directed toward understanding the importance of tidal inlets on sportfish populations. –**Darlene Cook**

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Katy

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HOLY COW! The Katy Chapter just hosted the best banquet in our 14 year history! The efforts of our board members FILLED Agave Road, and our generous buyers stepped up to provide more value for CCA than ever before! In addition to our awesome buyers and table sponsors, we had some MAJOR underwriting. Special thanks goes to **Katy Boat and RV Storage** for stepping up as the largest underwriter the Katy Chapter has ever had. **Wet Sounds, MacQuarie Energy, Beaux Kisses, Capital Farm Credit, Possession Limit Lures, Chicken Boy Lures and Academy** also made generous donations to our banquet. Obviously, our banquet would not be a success without the hard work and effort of the Board members. Thank you all for raising the bar!

I apologize to the chapter for missing the last edition of *Currents* (I musta been fishing). Here's what we've been up to: In March, we hosted **Captain Ralph Morales**. Ralph is a sight casting, redfish angler at heart, but his passion for fishing and teaching shines through. In May, we are hosting **Captain Greg Brewer**. Greg has been fishing the Galveston Bay systems for almost 30 years, and looks to the haunts of Galveston, Freeport, and Matagorda to get tugs on the line. The Captain uses the advantages of wading and drifting to put his clients on fish, and caters to the needs of all anglers. Customer service is the name of the game for Greg, and he works his tail off to make sure his clients have a great outing. Captain Brewer runs the brand new, JH Outlaw and starts most trips out of Bastrop Marina.

The rest of this year, we'll rest and reload. Our July meeting will be a debrief and recap of the banquet. I'm sure we'll realize some things we can improve on. August and October will continue out speaker series - I hear Capt **Walt Kolinovsky** might make an appearance. Thanks again to Katy's awesome supporters! Without our underwriters, buyers, and board volunteers nothing would get done. Until next time, —**Clint Hilton**

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Lower Colorado

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KidFish has come and gone. We had a good turnout of youngsters despite the threat of thunderstorms. They braved through it and everyone had a good time. We served some great hot dogs afterwards and 10 lucky kids went home with a new rod and reel combo. We had some really great sponsors this year that I would like to recognize. **First State Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Tim's Auto Body Shop, Dependable Machine Shop, Capital**

Farm Credit, IBC Bank, Bell Realty, HEB Stores, Wal-Mart, OXEA Chemicals, Celanese Chemicals, Lyle Printing, and Taylor Bros. Funeral Home. I want to thank the **Matagorda County Birding and Nature Center** for the use of their facilities, and to **Drew McGinnes** for supplying all the fishing equipment at the ponds for us to use. Thanks to all the chapter members and volunteers who gave their time.

We are busy planning and preparing for our **5th Annual Lower Colorado Chapter Fundraiser and Banquet to be held Friday, August 16, 2013, at the Bay City Civic Center.** We are fortunate to have a lot of our previous sponsors to step up and support us again this year. We still have a lot of work to do, and with determination, we will get it done. Our Raffle Ticket this year has 30 great prizes for \$20. We are busy selling them and Banquet Tickets too. So, come on out on August 16th and have a great time with us.

A&A BBQ will be serving the meal again for us this year. For information about the banquet or raffle tickets, contact **Jerry West** at 979 318-9007, **Ronnie Bose** at 979-429-0457, **Tim Munos** at 979-332-2876, or **John Kubecka** at 979 245-9571. —**John Kubecka**
Secretary

Lower Laguna Madre

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Mainland

Eric Minor 281-534-6242

Let me get some housekeeping items out of the way and then I would like to talk about our banquet. We will have had **Bryan Treadway** as a keynote speaker at our July 9th meeting at **Dickinson Bar-B-Que**. We would like to thank him in advance for coming down to talk with us. On Saturday August 24, we will have our **fourth annual Kid Fish Tournament**, once again, **Harborwalk Marina** will be our host. This free tournament is open to all kids ages 14 and below. More information will be made available as the date nears.

Our banquet, the best one we have had in our 15 year of existence was held on Friday May 3 in Texas City's Nessler Center. Our main attraction, besides all of the raffle and auction items was the boiled crawfish and suds. We received many compliments on them, thanks to our cater **Me and Bubbaleaux Crawfish Express** for a job well done and for **Del Papa Distributors** for supplying the beer and **Kroger Foods** for the water and sodas and **Ziegler's Food** for the hot dogs. A lot of the credit goes out to each individual who attended the event, we had over 300 people there and I hope you all enjoyed yourself. A special thanks to all our board members, without you all, we could never pull off this event. We greatly appreciate all of our table and donation sponsors as well. Some of our long time sponsors came through as usual: **Shelmark Engineering, American National Insurance Company, Academy, Kyle Jackson, Marc Hilliard, Texas First Bank, Dickinson Feed, Randy's Marine, Eastman, Stronghold,**

Crescent Electric, Serious Tackle, Valero, McRee Ford, C-Bar Contractors, DOMAC, JZ Rails, Bay Oil, Cook Ford, Chickenboylures, Sherwin-Williams, StickEmRods, Capt. Kurt Saures, Capt. Lloyd Pepper, Mickey's Marine, Doreck & Sons, and Ron Hover. We also had some new sponsors including **Mike Suis, Mike's Auto Service, Hackberry Rod & Gun, Marburger's Sporting Goods and Sarge Rods.** We had a great looking hat made up this year for our hat raffle thanks to **Apollo Sign** and board member **Doug Fullilove** and other sponsors **Chris Sapp Allstate, and Angler Products.** Thanks again for your support and a job well done! —**Eric Minor**

Matagorda Bays

Linc Lutrick 979-541-9901

The Matagorda Bays chapter again presented the annual award for the Region 4 Game Warden of the Year.



The presentation was made at the June 27th banquet, where a full house of CCA members enjoyed the **Prasek**-provided meal and a fine evening of auction items.

Presenting the award was Phillip Fitzgerald. Along with the plaque was a rare copy of CCA's Change of Tides history book. In the photo, center, are **Bobby Kana**, Game Warden of Year, wife **Dena Kana** and daughter **Hunter Kana**.

Full details about the banquet will be in the next *Currents* newsletter. —**Linc Lutrick**.

MidCoast

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Northeast Houston

Jason Law 713-898-8594

The Northeast Houston chapter would like to give a big THANK YOU to Gary Barth!!!! He has been a contributing board member for a significant number of years, and in that time he has helped to grow our annual banquet by

leaps and bounds. It's going to be hard to replace him, but we wish him all the best! Hope everyone is enjoying their summer and finding time to fit in some fishing!

—Jason Law
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Blayne Eversole
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The next General Membership meeting is August 6th. It will be held in the Stein Room at Houston Distributing as it has been in the past. We will announce the speaker when we send out the meeting notice.

NW Houston CCA Kid Fish:

We held our 2013 Kid fish on Saturday, June 29 at Sylvan Beach Park – Fishing Pier, in La Porte. Lots of Prizes were given to the kids with a 7 lb blacktip shark winning the biggest fish award! Hotdogs were provided after the event along with the awards. Many thanks to **Harris County Precinct 2, The City**



The Matagorda banquet was a special evening for supporters of the Operation Game Thief program and Texas Game wardens. In the photo, center, are **Bobby Kana**, Game Warden of the Year, wife **Dena Kana** and daughter **Hunter Kana**. Also in the photo: Phillip Fitzgerald, Capt. Game Warden Edward Tanuz (Bobby Kana's Supervisor), Game Warden Ray Canales, Capt. Game Warden Fred Ruiz, Game Warden Adam Clark and Capt. Game Warden Nick Harmon.

of La Porte and Linda's Bait & Tackle for their support of this annual program.

Our Annual Fund Raising Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, August 15th. This year again, the banquet will be held at the

Crowne Plaza – Houston Northwest located at 12801 Northwest Freeway. (Pinemont @ Hwy 290). Get your tickets early by calling me (Blayne) or Alan Massey at 281- 414-6341.

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Throughout the years, the Budweiser Outdoors Program has supported numerous conservation organizations.

"Budweiser has become an important supporter of CCA, and we're proud to be among their many conservationist partners," said Robby Byers, executive director of CCA Texas. "Our programs aim to conserve, protect and enhance our coasts for everyone to enjoy."



Dinner is served at 7 pm and the auction soon thereafter. Please plan to attend and support the NW Houston Chapter of CCA. You can count on a great venue and evening program.

Our sincere thanks to both **Houston Distributing and Academy**. They are active sponsors of our meetings and many events. We are especially fortunate to have such great support.

As a reminder, we are using email for meeting announcements. If we don't have your e-mail address and you would like to receive our announcements, please send your e-mail address to js_declue@yahoo.com.

Orange County
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As the dog days of summer are upon us, **the Orange County Chapter is in full Banquet (August 22) mode**. Table sales are moving along at a very good pace for another SOLD OUT event and it's going to be even bigger this year. We have **Mike LeMoine of SPANKY'S** doing the cooking again this year. Can't beat those hand cut rib-eyes. **GRANGER CHEVROLET** is a Saddle Blanket Flounder Sponsor, **Local Attorney Rodney Townsend** and **Stout Home Builders** have teamed up this year for Redfish Sponsor along with the **Port of Orange**. A few of our Speck Sponsors are **DuPont SRW, Fabrication**

Solutions, American Airboat Corp., All Tex Pipe and Supply, International Paper, Widgeon Construction, & Transit Mix, just to name a few. If you would like to get in on the fun, give a Banquet member a shout. Or Look us up on FACEBOOK (Orange County CCA Chapter). —**Scott Bandy**
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We hope everyone is having a great summer and the crowds on the weekends show a lot are taking advantage of all the activities on this end.

On July 11th, the POC CCA hosted a Banquet Appreciation /Membership Drive Fish Fry. This was held at **Josie's Cantina** in POC and a good crowd attended. **Mitch Brownlee**, Vice President of CCA Texas and Vice Chairman of CCA National spoke to the group about CCA. Kudos to the individuals who, again did an outstanding job on the banquet and are already working on the current banquet. Also to those who attended to join us to continue to be advocates for our beloved coastal resources. Also, we want to remind everyone to come **join us on Saturday, October 19th for our 14th Annual CCA banquet, which will again be held at the community center**.

We wish to express our appreciation to several POC businesses for assisting in the table and ticket sales. So, look for the

CCA banner at the following businesses: **Coastal Boat Services, Coastal Bend Marine, Port O'Connor Rods and Sonny's Marine**. Tickets/Tables may also be purchased from CCA Assistant Director **Ellen Ohmstede** or from any POC CCA member. So, as we continue to work to support our coastal resources, if you want to get involved, give us a call and definitely come join us on Saturday, October 19th in POC. "Where it all began" —**Bill Moore**

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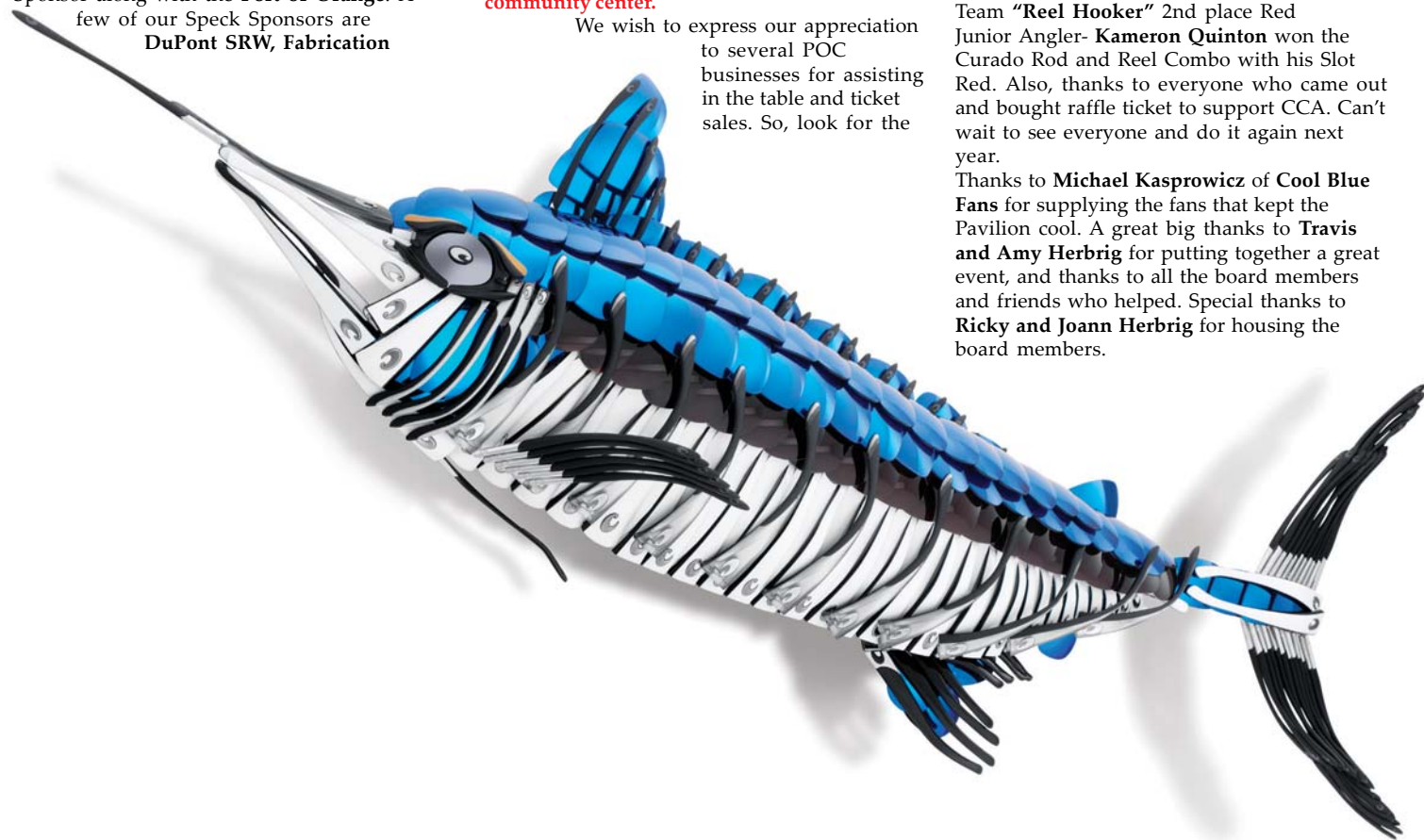
On May 18, we hosted our appreciation dinner at the **Goebel Ranch**. It was going to be a skeet shoot but turned out to be a bean bag tournament. There were no winners, but we had good food and fellowship. Thanks to **Westley Goebel** for preparing the shrimp and rib eye steaks. And a special thanks to **Sharon and Gordon** for the use of their party barn.

On June 29th we had our **2nd annual CCA Bay Blast Tournament** that was held at Matagorda Harbor. There were 26 teams that entered. Great job to our tournament winners. There were some tough fishing conditions with winds up to 15-20 mph and a low tide. Congratulations to Team **"Stingray,"** 1st place Trout. 1st place Slot Red and 1st place Trio Stringer.

Team **"Fishing To Win":** 2nd place Trout and 2nd place Trio Stringer.

Team **"Reel Hooker"** 2nd place Red Junior Angler- **Kameron Quinton** won the Curado Rod and Reel Combo with his Slot Red. Also, thanks to everyone who came out and bought raffle ticket to support CCA. Can't wait to see everyone and do it again next year.

Thanks to **Michael Kasprovicz** of **Cool Blue Fans** for supplying the fans that kept the Pavilion cool. A great big thanks to **Travis and Amy Herbrig** for putting together a great event, and thanks to all the board members and friends who helped. Special thanks to **Ricky and Joann Herbrig** for housing the board members.



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On Saturday, September 21 we will be having our annual **Kids Fish tournament** at the **Eberly Ranch** in Chappell Hill. There will be T-shirts, food and drinks. Just bring your rod and reel and a yard chair. Worms will be provided. For more information call **Mandy Goebel** at 979-877-8690. Thanks! Have a great summer. —**Ron Chess** 979-992-3295

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Hope everyone is enjoying this Texas weather. It is that time of year again, the board is working hard gearing up for our **upcoming banquet. It will be on Thursday, September 5 at the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veteran's Complex.** We are looking forward to seeing everybody. If you have not attended one of our events, please come out and have a good time. For more information contact me —**Brandon Kolaja** 281-797-6908.

San Antonio
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Banquet season is over for San Antonio, but we are still working behind the scenes. Our committee members are still tidying up a few loose ends and getting ready for next year already, if you can believe that. If you're interested in joining our team, we'd love to have you.

Thanks again to the committee and everyone who attended. Because of you we had another very successful event. Remember that the money raised in Texas goes towards Texas projects. We will have another general membership meeting this Fall so look for updates via email.

Take a kid fishing. It will put a smile on their face and yours. —**Johnny Rayburg**

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Southwestern
Welcome new chapter and a new president,
Jody Jacobs 210-827-7180

TAMU
Welcome new president, **Cameron Blackwood** 713-591-7097
Howdy. This past April, Texas A&M CCA put on our 20th annual banquet. The night was awesome and filled with excitement. We had



The STAR Scholarship Program at work. Juan Lopez, Jr., now a CCA Trinity Bay member, was only 7 years old when he caught his 7 lb. 3 oz. sheepshead that won him a \$50,000 scholarship. Juan is now 18 and enrolled for the Fall 2013 semester at Texas State Technical College in Waco. Presenting the award is Gerald Payne, President of the CCA Trinity Bay chapter.

dozens of raffle drawings and over twenty live auction items. **J Cody's Bar B Q** catered the event with **Budweiser and Rebecca Creek** sponsoring the drinks. With over two hundred fellow anglers in attendance, we raised over \$13,000 for the CCA. A special thanks to **Matt Still** for helping us plan and coordinate the event. Look for events this summer and fall on our Facebook "Texas A&M Coastal Conservation Association" or twitter page "@TAMU_CCA".

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August typically means frequent checks of the STAR leader board and preparing for some fast action, September wing shooting. August is considered "Crunch Time" for those here in the Trinity Bay Chapter, making last minute preparations to host our annual banquet. Make plans to come out and feast on cooked to

perfection boiled shrimp and delicious side dishes that will make you go back for more. Don't worry; there will also be plenty of cold beverages to satisfy your thirst on this typical hot and steaming August night.

We are excited about our progress thus far and anticipate the 2013 Banquet to be yet another sell out based on the support of all our Sponsors and Title Sponsors such as: **Chastang Ford, Sunbelt Valve, Future Fasteners, and Fisher / Mechanical.** Mark your calendars for Friday, August 23rd at the Bay Area Community Center in Seabrook, Texas.

We're proud that one of our Trinity Bay members is now off to college on a STAR Scholarship program. See details about **Juan Lopez Jr.** above. —Gerald "Get er Done" Payne

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After the Storm – A double rainbow came through. Or, is that where a STAR tagged red is located? Great Scenic Photo by Marsha Landers.

Currents had many fine images submitted again this issue. Limited space means we can use only a few photos, but there is a good option for your Great Photo: send it to CCA via our new social media. See Page 7 for connections to Facebook and Instagram. Every entry there will also be an entry in the Currents Great Photos Competition.

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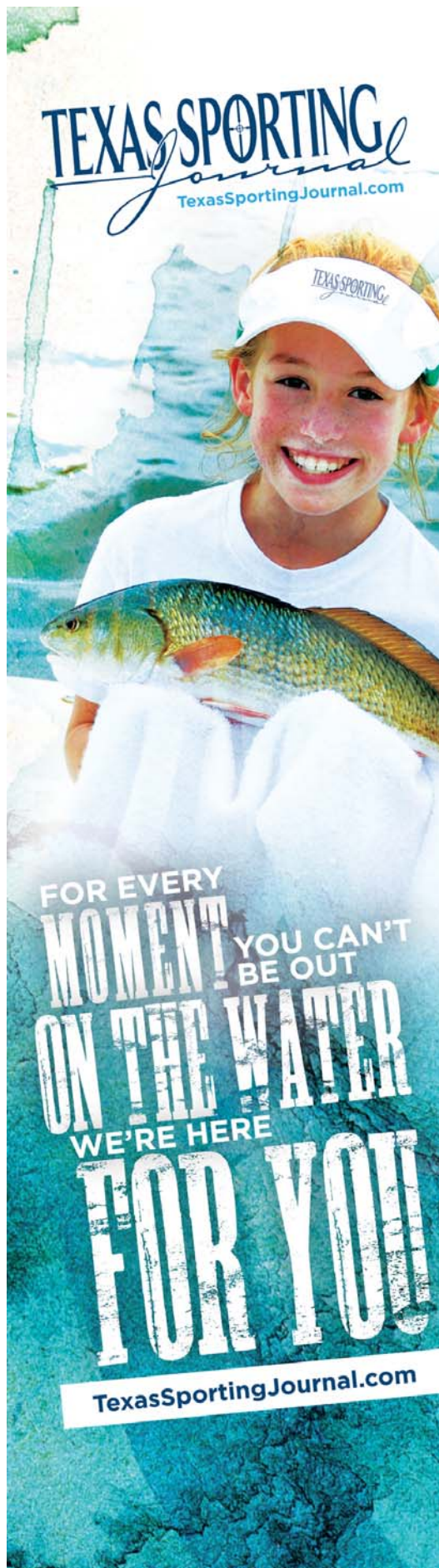
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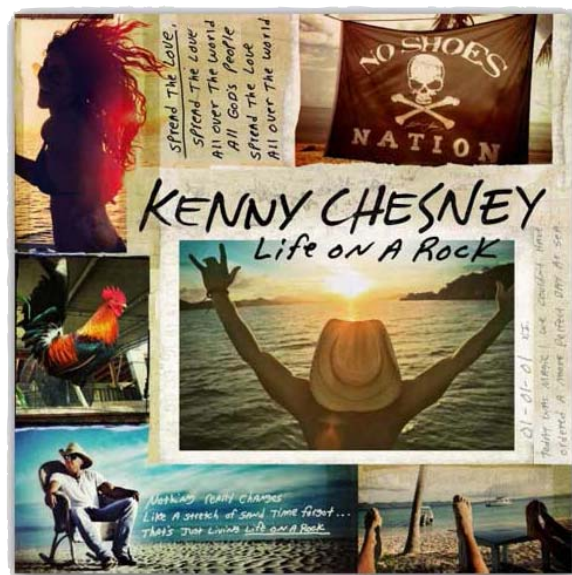


The Last Laugh



Let's GO, Dad! My daughter Adair Bates is ready for the day. More ready than dad. Photo by Cody Bates.

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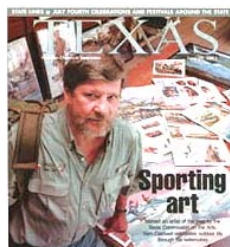
When Kenny Chesney decided to get personal, he stripped away expectations, pulled out a bunch of songs he'd written just for himself and kicked back for a soul-search that turned into *Life On A Rock*, available now on iTunes.



Detail from *Deep Red Structure*

You can watch the painting of "Deep Red Structure" grow—from sketch to finish, in a video made as the art progressed.

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The Texas Parks & Wildlife website is your starting point for almost anything you need to know about outdoor Texas, including links to many areas. Visit <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us> To focus on fishing and boating, visit <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/>



Current size, bag and possession limits are now available through the Texas Parks & Wildlife website: TPWD has a number to report game violations. **1-800-792-4263.**

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