Lake Knierim to be stocked with trout

On December 16, 2022, Lake Knierim in Bronte will be stocked with 600 rainbow trout. These are cold water fish, so come on out and enjoy fishing in the cooler months because they won't survive once the water warms next spring. Remember, Lake Knierim is a "community fishing lake." By state law, pole and line are the only lawful means or methods allowed and a person can fish with no more than two poles at a time. Minnow traps, cast nets, trot lines, limb lines, throw lines, jug lines, etc. are not lawful in Lake Knierim.

VP holds Hunters BBQ Vision With A Purpose held their annual Bob Wrinkle Hunter's BBQ on Saturday, November 5, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

With the help of the community, it was a huge success. Among the groups and folks who gave of their time and support were the 64 Study Club, football team, cheerleaders, senior and junior class members, Gina and Jason Green. Moran, Richard Michael Seth, Robin Gordon, Cindy Caston, Ginny Caston and many more. Many complimented about the food and the raffle was a huge success. Mickey Baker did an outstanding job as MC.

VP appreciates everyone who attended and participated.

...School Menus (Continued from page 5) Wednesday, November 30

Chicken nuggets, mac-ncheese, carrot coins, squash, grapes, milk

Thursday, December 1 Mexican combo plate, beans, peaches, milk

Friday, December 2 Pizza, salad, green beans, apples, milk

Blackwell CISD <u>Breakfast</u> Monday, November 28

French toast stix, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, November 29 Funnel cake fries, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, November 30 Pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, December 1 Biscuit sausage hash

Biscuit, sausage, hashbrown sticks, scrambled eggs, gravy, fruit, juice, milk cheese, salsa, milk Celebrate the holidays

at Texas State Parks

Texas State Parks will be commencing its holiday season festivities with special seasonal events across the state. State parks across Texas will host themed guided walks, scavengers hunts and more for all visitors to enjoy.

Anyone planning a trip to a Texas State Park is highly encouraged to reserve their day pass in advance since some parks are expected to reach their capacity limit. Reserve day passes online through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) website or over the phone by calling (512) 389-8900.

Get crafty at the corn husk doll event at Goliad State Park and Historic Site from 10-11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 20. Visitors will be able to make their own corn husk dolls and learn about the history of this toy. This event is free to participate in with regular park entrance fees.

Don't let the real turkey steal the show this Thanksgiving by showcasing your centerpiece creation from the Thanksgiving Arts and Crafts event at Ray Roberts Lake State Park-Johnson Branch Unit. Ranger Izzy will be leading this event at the Nature Center from 10 a.m.noon Tuesday, Nov. 22. The park will bring the supplies and visitors only need to bring their imagination. This event is free with park entrance fees.

Skip the Black Friday scramble and head for the trails with the Opt Outside Hike at Lockhart State Park from 10 — 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 25. All ages are welcome for this 3/4 -mil e guided st rd and participation is free with park entrance fees. Visitors are encouraged to wear weatherappropriate clothing and sturdy shoes and bring water. The trek down the trail will begin at the Creekview Trailhead.

Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park invites visitors to spend the afternoon discovering the furry, fishy and feathered friends that call the park home at the Festive Frontera Family Fun Day from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Participants will be able to ride the shuttle to the pavilion and make holiday ornaments, explore the touch tables, open an owl "present," play the "backyard bass" fishing game or go birdwatching with an expert. Attendance is limited and registration is required. Anyone interested in participating should call 956-584-9156 or sign up at the park to reserve their spot.

The elves have left the shelves and have run amuck at Fort Boggy State Park! From 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, visitors can take a walk on the one-mile Lake Sullivan Trail and see how many elves they can spot. The first 10 people to find all 10 elves will receive a prize from the park office. This event is free to participate in with regular park entrance fees.

Explore the far reaches of the universe in the Badlands with a Star Party at Big Bend Ranch State Park. This event, which runs from 6:45 -9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, will deliver unparalleled views of the darkest skies in Texas along with constellation identification, star and planet gazing and stories of the night sky. Spots are limited for this event and participants must RSVP to Ranger Layla via email layla.spurlock@tpwd.texas.gov or 432-424-3327 ext. 2. Visitors will meet at the West Contrabando Trailhead located eight miles from the Barton Warnock Visitor Center and 41miles from Fort Leaton State Historic Site. A ranger will direct attendees at the trailhead to the star viewing area.

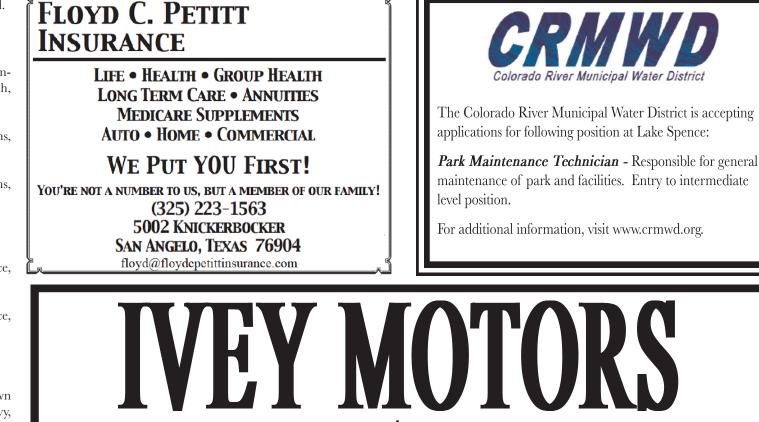
Dust off the Santa hats and stretch your legs with a guided hike at Franklin Mountains State Park from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. This two-mile hike on the Upper Sunset Trail will let visitors experience sprawling vistas along the ridgeline. Participants should bring water, snacks, hiking boots or sturdy shoes, comfortable weatherappropriate clothing and a Santa hat. This event is free with park entrance fees.

For more information about these and other holiday activities at Texas State Parks, visit the . A full calendar is available online on the TPWD calendar page.

Photos of past holiday events are available on the TPWD Flickr page.

If you're looking to add some Texas State Park shine to your holiday display, the 2022 edition of the State Park Ornament is available for purchase. This vear's edition celebrates Enchanted Rock State Natural Area and features the park's namesake granite dome, under a star-filled night sky. This is the 21st annual edition of the state park ornament and can be purchased exclusively through the online State Park Store.

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Kolache, funnel cake fries, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, November 28

Chicken Parmesan, peas, sweet carrots, garlic toast, milk **Tuesday, November 29**

Southwest chic casserole, corn, tortillas chips, milk Wednesday, November 30 Salisbury steak, mashed

potatoes, white gravy, green beans, hot roll, milk

Thursday, December 1

Sloppy Joe pasta, corn on the cob, salad, cornbread, milk **Friday, December 2**

Homemade chicken quesadilla, refried beans, nacho

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