

should be promptly removed and burned. Consult your veterinarian for appropriate methods to decontaminate the soil. To disinfect panels, trailers, milking facilities or equipment, use an ammonia-based disinfectant, peroxides, or chlorine dioxide labeled as effective for anthrax. All label directions should be carefully followed.

When dealing with vaccines and/or carcasses practice good biosecurity:

- Wear long sleeves and gloves
- Do not move or open bloated carcasses as that could release bacteria into the air
- Do not salvage hides, horns, antlers, skulls or any other tissue from the carcasses

Anthrax is a reportable disease in Texas. Suspected animal cases must be reported to the Texas Animal Health Commission. Suspected human cases must be reported to the Texas Department of Health.

The Texas Animal Health Commission Regional Office in Beeville (counties in the recent outbreak) may be reached at 1-800-658-6570 or you may contact the Austin Headquarters at 1-800-550-8242. The Texas Department of Health Austin Headquarters (infectious diseases) can be reached at (800) 252-8239.

The information for the above article was obtained through articles and publications of the Texas Animal Health Commission and the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Game Warden Field Notes

The Pool is Closed

An Abilene game warden received information about a family in Hamlin possessing an alligator. The concerned citizen stated that he saw photos posted on Snapchat. The warden drove to the suspect's house, asked if he could see the alligators, and was led to the back yard where he discovered five baby alligators in a small swimming pool. The warden seized the alligators and took them to the Abilene Zoo for holding until arrangements could be made. Case is pending further investigation.

No Fame, No Shame

Just before midnight back in July, a Van Zandt County game warden approached three individuals as they were wrapping up their night of fishing on the Sabine River. The warden asked if they had any luck and after a long pause and some blank stares one of the individuals spoke up and said they did well. The warden had them open their ice chest, which contained 27 striped and hybrid bass, 12 over their limit. All three individuals were cited for over their daily bag limits. On a side note, all three individuals claimed to be huge fans of the Texas game warden TV show "Lone Star Law." However, when asked if they wanted this incident to be

filmed, they declined.

From Cheer to Fear

While on the way to patrol the San Jacinto River, a Montgomery County game warden observed a vehicle driving erratically toward a bridge near the river. The vehicle voluntarily pulled into the same area beside the road as the warden. After approaching the vehicle, the warden noticed several beer cans in the passenger's side floor board. The driver, who was the only occupant in the vehicle, denied drinking the ice-cold beer. The warden began a field sobriety test and when instructed for the hand coordination test, the driver began doing a high school cheer. When asked to do the breathalyzer to prove they hadn't been drinking, the driver refused. When asked why they wouldn't do it, the driver said, "because I would be way over." They were placed under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated, a charge the driver had previously been convicted for.

Oh, Deer, Did You See That?

While driving down I-35 near Belton, a caller reached out to let game wardens know he observed two live white-tailed deer fawns in the backseat of a Toyota Prius. The warden got the vehicle information and contacted its owner, who resided in Limestone County, and instructed him to

meet at the sheriff's office and turn over the two deer. Upon arrival, the warden seized the two fawns and noticed one had a hole in its ear due to a missing ear tag. The driver admitted that he worked at a deer breeder facility/ranch in Dimmit County, and that he took both fawns (one from within the breeder facility without a valid permit and the other from outside the facility) without permission from the ranch manager. The warden took the driver into custody for Triple T Violation (Trap/Transport/Transplant Game Animal without permit-Class B Misdemeanor) and Possession of a Live Game Animal. The

driver was booked into the Limestone County Jail. Wardens contacted the ranch manager at the breeder facility and received authorization to file additional charges on the subject for taking both deer without landowner consent. Cases are pending.

Boat Karaoke Fail

Over the July 4th holiday weekend, Angelina County game wardens were on patrol for water safety violations at Sam Rayburn Reservoir when they got a call from a concerned fisherman about a large center console boat occupied by several intoxicated people singing at the top of their lungs, and a child not wearing a life jacket.

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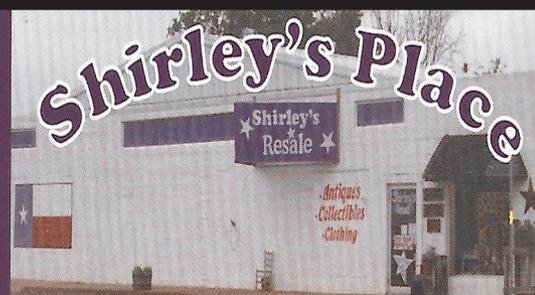
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