

**LFSA IN THE SPOTLIGHT**  
**LAKE FORK SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION**  
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Where did the time go?! My regrets are abundant for not posting an ***LFSA IN THE SPOTLIGHT*** article in April; however, the main issue was where did the time go?

It was a busy month for members of LFSA. We won the 2018 Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame Award and from that point our attention turned to plans to go to Austin to receive the award at the Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest at Lake Travis in Jonestown, Texas on May 19, 2018. A freelance photographer was sent to Lake Fork to assemble a documentary of our members, projects and people who have benefitted from our work.

Jim Canning interviewed charter members to learn the origination of LFSA; he interviewed current members; he visited Yantis High School to learn more about the FFA students' involvement in the growing of Button Bushes and Aquatic Grasses. He was present when Pond King delivered the twenty (20) Honey Hole structures and our members delivered them to the lake. Jim visited the Kostials' home and marveled at the amount of fishing equipment being collected for high school fishing teams. He saw the Live Release Boat in action and learned the value of that boat to the lake. He interviewed a fishing team that told him about our contribution of tackle.

The documentary is complete and will be shown at the Awards' ceremony on May 19. LFSA members will see it for the first time when the public sees it. For event details, visit

<https://www.bassmaster.com/tournaments/2018-toyota-bassmaster->

[texas-fest-benefiting-texas-parks-and-wildlife-department](#). **To say we are proud of our Association is an understatement.**

The Spring Raffle will end on June 10 at the Skeeter Tournament. This major fundraiser supports about one half of the annual budget. LFSA members have been seen at the major tournaments selling tickets for a great list of prizes from rods and reels to coolers to Go Pros to patio sets. The Fall Raffle will begin mid-summer and will fund the second half of the annual budget.

May's LFSA membership meeting featured Game Warden Kurt Kelley sharing information about the annual Kid's Fish at the Sabine River Authority Facility near the dam. LFSA volunteers help administer the functions. Saturday, June 2, 2018 the Wood County Sheriff Department, Game Wardens and SRA expect to see about 400+ kids up to the age of 16 with their parents as the kids fish for prizes and enjoy hot dogs and drinks.

On Wednesday, May 16 and Thursday, May 17, Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas Freshwater Fishery in Athens will deliver approximately 800,000 fingerlings to be stocked in Lake Fork. LFSA will have their Live Release Boat ready for mass delivery on Wednesday. On Thursday, association and local volunteers will be ready at 9:00 a.m. to bag fingerlings and disperse them to volunteers who will take them by car and boats to areas of cover throughout the lake. LFSA will keep records of areas of release. This huge project is coordinated by member, Ed Swenson. The Live Release Boat will again be available to make mass deliveries to areas with heavy aquatic coverage.

The aquatic grasses and button bushes continue to grow in the Yantis High School greenhouse and on the campus grounds. The students have given the plants excellent care throughout the school year.

LFSA's tackle program is flourishing as members, businesses and community individuals donate their rods, reels, lures, bait, line, and equipment. Mike Kostial is a professional at refurbishing these items and the committee, Pat Kostial and Bruce and Cheryl Allen, are working with the schools to get information about the fishing teams needing tackle.

The Association continues to expand in membership and encourages the Lake Fork community to join this Hall of Fame group of involved members who work hard to **PRESERVE THE LEGEND OF LAKE FORK.**