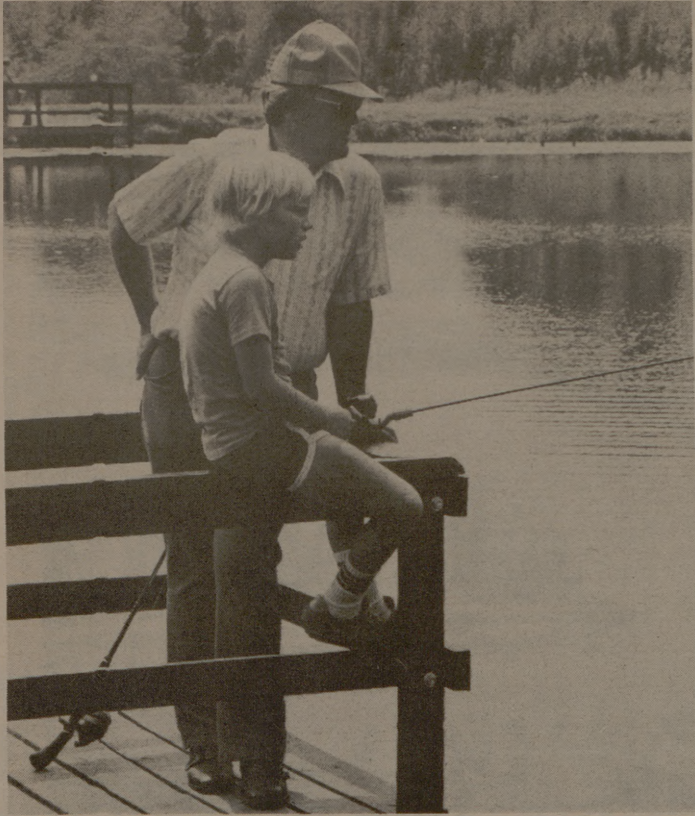


Cops, catfish team up for kids



There's always been something magic about combining a youngster, a pond and some ready-to-be-caught fish. Now the College Station Police Department is trying to use that magic to keep local youngsters out of trouble with the law. With catfish and supplies donated by Brazos Savings and the local Lions Club, College Station juvenile officers B. F. Kappella and F. R. Carr converted a small pond next to the city's police station into a prime fishing hole. The pond, first opened to fishermen 12 years and younger last Saturday, will be carefully managed by the department to maintain a healthy stock of channel catfish. The officers hope the pond will both give kids a place to fish and give parents an excuse to spend more time with their children. On the first morning, Jim Russell and son Mike, 9, above, wait for that first bite. Brian Faust, 6, above right, struggles to land a 2-pound catfish. Proud fishermen Tim and Lori Everett, below, show off a pair of 3-pound channel cats Lori caught. Below right, another fat channel cat comes flopping ashore. Anyone wishing to contribute to the project—which is supported entirely by donations—should call Sgt. B. F. Kapella at 696-8864.



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