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Great fishing, to the size of fish being caught with new stocking of striped bass and the size of the spotted bass and the always presence of plenty of big crappie, Highland Marina Resort being completely remodeled and the new Captain Ron's restaurant locat-

the year.

You would think it couldn't get any better; not so. The biggest marina on West Point Lake, Highland Marina Resort has new owners with a new vision; they are taking Highland Marina Resort to an exciting new level. They are Danny and Kris Ellrich; they are great hosts and very much lake people. From completely remodeling the numerous waterfront cabins with new furniture and

bedding to the great new restaurant Captain Ron's which also overlooks the lake, and everything is within walking distance. With a convenience store and boats rentals that include PWC, pontoon boats and yes, fiberglass bass boats with trolling motors and depth finders, all with good affordable rates.

The Walmart sponsored FLW Outdoors bass fishing tournament group is coming to Lagrange in February, 2006! Highland Marina Resort has been successful in attracting a very prestigious FLW Everstart bass fishing tournament to Lagrange in February of 2006. Danny Ellrich (Highland Marina Resort), Morre McCollum (Best Western) and Dianne Holbrook (LaGrange Chamber of Commerce) worked to put together a last second package and offer for the FLW Everstart Southeastern event. They were awarded the event on Tuesday at approximately 11 AM. This of course comes at a time of the year when tourism is very slow for Lagrange. There will be approximately 640+ people coming to this event comprised of 400 competing anglers, 200 Family/Press and Special Guests, 20 sponsor representatives, 15 factory service personnel and 8 FLW Staff members. It's estimated this event will bring almost 1 million dollars to the local economy! In addition to the immediate financial boost to the LaGrange economy, the total economic impact of this event is estimated to to exceed 2.8 millions dollars! The national coverage this event has

with the FLW's national magazine coverage is tremendous. Check out the FLW's web site at www.flwoutdoors.com"

There are also improvements going on right now on West Point Lake with the help of Highland Marina Resort, the West Point Lake Coalition has constructed PVC pipe "pup tents" for fish habitat. These will be located on great fishing holes all over the lake using my experience of 28 years as a fishing guide to mark the GPS locations. All these GPS locations will be documented and put on handouts that will be at Highland Marina Resort and other locations on the lake. In addition to this I have marked trees on lead-in banks for the Corp of Engineers to cut and let fall in the lake that will also add new fish habitat and great places to fish. Also there will be lights installed on main channel buoys for your navigation at night on West Point Lake.

Everyone here will work hard to make sure you enjoy your visit here to include an up to date fishing report to let you know not only what's biting but what to use and what are the best areas in the lake provided by me.

West Point is a dream come true with natural beauty to great boating to excellent fishing and nature at its best. Wildlife is plentiful to include the site of eagles soaring, with a slow moving big buck on the bank, with fall coming you will have 26,000 acres of beauty.