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**Choppy Start for Lake Secession Summer Season**

HONEA PATH – Stormy weather brought a choppy start to the boating season on Lake Secession, according to local business owners. Memorial Day weekend business was way down, according to Gina Lewis, manager of Crawford’s County Store on Highway 28 South in Abbeville. Billy Gilmer, owner of Jet’s Landing in Abbeville, agrees the weather has caused a lot of ups and down so far.

The good news is the lake is full, ideal for fishing and boating. “This is a good time for catching crappie, brim and bass,” said Gilmer. Frank Crawford, owner of Crawford’s, agrees crappie fishing has been good and brim are just starting. He’s selling a lot of minnows and crickets.

Everyone agrees if the weather stays sunny, it will be a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday on the lake.

For more information about Crawford’s Country store, call (864) 348-7442 and ask for Frank Crawford or Gina Lewis. For more information about Jet’s Landing, call Billy Gilmer at (864) 446-8143

[Photo: Boaters enjoying a sunny Saturday on the lake pulling into Jet’s Landing].

[Photo: [(l-r Abigail Nelson, Gina Lewis) Abigail Nelson of Antreville, Crawford’s employee, and Gina Lewis, Manager, prepare food for hungry boaters and fishermen.]

[Photo: Gina Lewis inspects minnows.]

[Photo: Billy Gilmer checks on his bait.]

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