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Then several days later, on the Fourth of July, a spectacular sky rocket display is again sponsored by the adjoining city of Grapevine. More friends were invited to enjoy swimming, socializing, riding the PWCs or bouncing on the rafts easily being towed by the powerful engines before the festive spectacle.

### CONVERSATION-FRIENDLY

Dan Pinch explained that the joy of a pontoon boat is not being sectionalized like in a cabin cruiser where friends tend to compartmentalize themselves. A pontoon boat is one happy family where everyone can talk with each other across the aisle, so to speak, while enjoying your neighbor. With the quiet Yamaha engines, no one even has to shout to speak with each other. The boat is also easily accessible for all age groups with no problem maneuvering around.

Not only will the fireworks light up over the lake, but Pinch's Premier

Entertainer has its own display of night lights everywhere Dan and Courtney could think of. Blue LED lights highlight the pontoons and engines, with changing colored lights accenting the stereo system, seating, cup holders, and of course the stern bar. Dan likes lights and has fun thinking of ways to light up his favorite boat.

### NEXT GEN WATER LOVERS

The Huntington Beach, Calif., native also loves watercraft, growing up around boats early on in his life. Grapevine Lake nurtures that feeling, and he has instilled it in his girls who are constantly asking when they're going to the lake. As soon as they turned 13, the girls got their boating certificate to operate water craft in Texas waters. It's a requisite if born after 1993 to have a certificate, to operate anything with a motor. Unlike some other states, a resident's boat, motor and the trailer must be licensed in

Texas to prevent future theft, among other reasons.

The Pinches first docked their boat at Silver Lake Marina, but the lure of Big Daddy's great food, new dockage slips, plus the shorter distance from home to their boat, convinced them to move their boats and watercraft to Scott's Landing Marina. There is also a third marina on the lake, Twin Cove Marina. All facilities are owned by one company, Marinas International and have a combined 1,400 moorings with land-based storage for an additional 575 vessels.

### TAKE A HIKE

Not to be discouraged by that fact, there are 12 boat ramps that provide access to the lake free or for a small fee. When you aren't on the lake then take a quick trip on any of the 30 miles of maintained surface trails that include nature, biking and equestrian paths in