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A very unusual huge largemouth bass was caught out of the New River by Aaron Currey. His fish weighed 7 pounds, 2 oz. and measured 22 1/2 inches. The New River is mainly noted for smallmouth bass. Largemouth this size are rarely reported.

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Bass Fishing In 2010

By Mark A. Garner

While the snow continues to pile up as I am writing this piece, I know that spring is just around the corner. Why do I feel this way, well its simple! Firstly, I am receiving all of the major fishing catalogs in the mail almost on a daily basis, and 2ndly, the Bass Masters Clas-

sic is starting this Saturday, and if there ever was a surer sign of spring, that is surely it!

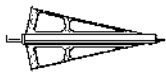
The Classic is like the Daytona 500 of the bass fishing world. If you love fishing, then this is the kickoff event of the season, and after that, everyone is talking fishing.

Just last weekend in Charleston at the RV show at the Civic center, Dave Waldron had a booth at the show showcasing the new All Pro EL rods he is stocking at his store. As I ambled around the booth talking to Matt, we had the opportunity to talk to hundreds of bass anglers,



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and without fail, everyone was excited about getting out on the water.

One occurrence I was also elated over was the number of youth that was asking about fishing opportunities! With national statistics pointing towards a decline in active outdoor enthusiast, I believe West Virginia belies that trend. With the continue to the next page

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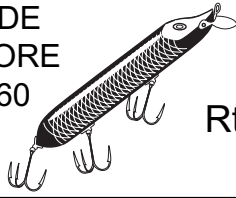
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number of trails that are active in this state, everyone who wishes to fish bass tournaments literally has hundreds of events in which they can participate.

This morning, I downloaded the complete listing of scheduled events from the DNR website, and I was amazed at the number of event that is already posted on the site. As a WVU commentator likes to say, "From Matawan to Welch.....



Robert Buckland landed a 6 pound, 4 oz. golden trout. Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.

and all points in between" there is an event being held close to your neck of the woods.

For a complete listing of these events, go to the DNR website, and on the fishing link, open the tournaments tab, and you can review this information first hand to review the events in your area.

In reviewing the information, I cannot help in noticing the opportunities that we have in our state to test our skills in competitive bass fishing. At a quick glance, you can chose to fish in any number of clubs, or organizations such as the Bass Federation Nation of West Virginia, West Virginia Bass Federation, Fishers of Men trail, and a host of others. In the Charleston area, Bobby Burgess hosts a Trail of Dreams which has a good following, in the central part of the state Nathan Lancaster has the Anglers Choice trail that also is gaining in popularity. Another favorite trail among anglers is the Poormans Trail. The Stover's put on a trail that encompasses the top waters in the state, and has a solid trail that is lots of fun to fish. Also, the Ohio

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Both Frank and Bob advanced through the ranks to compete with the top professional anglers in the country! In Frank's case, he fished in the Bass Masters Classic, and Bob recently fished in the Forest Wood Cup of the FLW, and finished 19th against the top bass anglers in the FLW tour! Both of these two anglers had what it took to become the state representative, and from there, they were given the opportunity to showcase their talent among the best fishermen in the entire country. Not bad for two West Virginia boys!

No matter whether you want to fish at a club level, or go all out and compete on a trail, West Virginia has a host of opportunities for you to become a tournament fisherman. For more information, you can go to the internet, and Google a search or perhaps, you can shorten your search by typing in the following organizations that I have listed below. I know that in becoming a tournament angler, you will become better bass fishermen along



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the way, and perhaps, in become part of an organization that you will enjoy the competition, and camaraderie that comes with it. I would encourage you to become involved in one, or multiple organizations. I know that it has changed my life, and given me many hours of enjoyment along the way! Good luck bass fishing this 2010. MAG

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Don't limit yourself to the usual "jig-n-pig" setup. You can also flip and pitch worms and small finesse baits. Rig a tube jig or grub on a 1/4 ounce jig equipped with a weedguard. Sometimes these smaller profile baits are the ticket to putting a limit in the boat.

This is best for targets between 10 and 30 feet away and provides a very quiet lure entry. Use a rod 6 1/2 feet or longer and a single-hook lure such as a worm, jig or spinnerbait. Face the target. Let out line until the lure is even with the reel. Hold the lure in your free

The Pitch Cast (Pitchin')

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Derrick Dillon caught 2 citation smallmouth. Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.

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hand at waist level. Lower the rod tip toward the water and put tension on the line. In one smooth, quick motion, swing the rod tip forward toward the target and upward, letting go of the lure with your free hand. Use only your wrist, arm movement is not a factor. As the lure moves from beneath the rod tip, release the line and continue raising the rod tip. (On bait casting gear, this cast requires a very light setting on the spool tension control, and you must know how to control the spool with your thumb, or the reel will backlash.) The lure should fly just above the water. Use a combination of line tension and rod movement to guide it to the target and to make it touch down softly. If you stop the bait just before it enters the water you'll almost always get a smooth entry. Immediately place your free hand on the reel and be ready for a strike.

The Flip-Cast (Flippin')

This is intended for pinpoint lure presentation to visible, thick cover between 10 and 20 feet away. Use a heavy-action 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 foot rod. Let out about 15 feet of line. With your free hand, grasp the line between the reel and the first rod guide and straighten your arm to the side. There should now be about 8 feet of line past the front tip. Raise the rod to make the lure swing back close to the body. Lower the rod top to make the lure swing forward. Use only your wrist, roll the butt of the rod to the inside of your arm. As it moves past the rod tip, continue raising the rod as you feed line with your free hand. As the lure nears the target, lower the rod top again and make the bait touch down softly and precisely on target by stopping the bait just before it enters the water. Let go of the line in your free hand and immediate-

ly place it on the reel. Make sure you're ready to strike before beginning your retrieve.

Tips

Use your wrist, NOT your arm. Concentrate on the spot you want to hit, not on what you want to miss.

Use plenty of scent when trying to penetrate thick cover - it acts as a lubricant.

Stick to basic jig colors (black/blue, brown/brown, black/chartreuse).

Use a plastic worm with a glass bead between the worm and the weight for inactive fish.

If you think it's a strike, reel down until your rod is in a hookset position before you check.

A strike is anything different (something you wouldn't feel in a bathtub!).

Tighten your drag all the way down for better hooksets.

Use 17 to 25 pound test line for bait casting gear, 10 to 14 pound test on spinning.



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If a cold front moves through during the spawn, look for crappie in 8- to 10- feet of water. Min-

nnows are the best bait to use in this situation, since the minnows will naturally work themselves into the cover where the crappie are holding, rather than you trying to get them there.

Also, try casting a 1/32-ounce jig, and retrieve it slowly with your

spinning reel. As the line on the reel comes back in, gently touch the line with your index finger to cause the jig to twitch just a little. That small, erratic motion makes the jig look more lifelike and often will make tight-lipped crappie bite.



Mark Delligatti landed a big bass on a trip south . Photo courtesy of MAD Sporting Goods in Boaz.



Shawn Moran, from Horner, caught a big bluegill .

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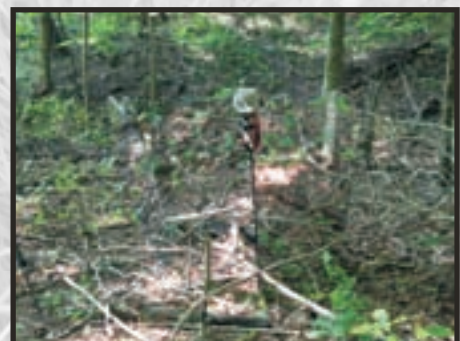
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1. One fine spring day I threw the kitchen sink at a gobbler. He roared at all my calls, but just stood out there and strutted. "OK old boy, I'll give you something a little radical," I whispered. Pinning a diaphragm to the roof of my mouth, I squealed, uttering sort of a chopped-off kee-kee. I pulled out a box call, pressed the lid hard against the sounding lip and stroked a couple of long whines amid a series of yelps. The turkey broke strut and body-rocked in! The 30-yard shot was a piece of cake.

Listen closely and you'll notice that many hens mix squeals, squeaks and whines into their clucking and yelping routines. These idiosyncrasies drive some toms wild. Tweaking your diaphragm and friction calling can have the same effect. Those "bad" notes you hit on purpose might bring a stubborn gobbler running.

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ive. You sound a vagabond tom in the social hierarchy. A subordinate longbeard looking for a buddy may come to check you out. Or a dominant gobbler may strut over to see who dares invade his breeding turf.

It's easy to gobble yelp on a multi-reed diaphragm. You can also run a raspy box, or stroke a striker in the low-pitched middle of a slate, glass or aluminum call. Whichever device you use, slow down the length and rhythm of your calls. Deep-throated gobbler yelps are slower than hen yelps. Toss in low-pitched clucks for realism.

After sneaking as close as you dare to a roasted turkey, set up and listen. If the tom booms love tunes and you hear no hens clucking and yelping, don't call too early. Wait until the sky glimmers pink, then float a tree yelp and a few soft clucks to let the bird know you're there.

If the turkey rips a gobbler, shut up! He thinks you're a hen, and he knows where you are. If the bird fails to talk, however, cluck and yelp a little louder to focus his attention your way. If still no action, don't sweat it. Sit quietly and listen for thumping wings. Immediately hit the grounded bird with a spirited cackle, flapping a turkey wing or cap to create the illusion of a hen flying down nearby. If the tom

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When you run across a tom strutting with hens, listen to the dominant girl and mock her. If she yelps, you yelp back, loudly and aggressively. If she clucks, you cluck spiritedly. Rile a boss hen and she may come to check out the sassy new girl in town, towing a gobbler along for a look. Your mocking calls might even lure a satellite tom traveling the fringes of a breeding flock. The turkey won't be the dominant strutter, but he might have a 9-inch beard and 1 1/4-inch hooks. You'll

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Danile McAfee hooked a 25" walleye. Photo courtesy of Jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth.

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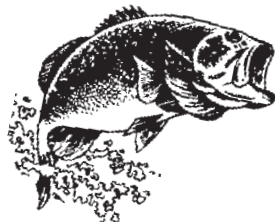


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be more than happy to take him.

Cutting on a diaphragm or friction call is a great way to locate gobblers strutting around during the midmorning hours. But don't get carried away and string together too many loud, aggressive, irregular clucks that can drown out a turkey's shock gobble. Cutt in sharp, 3-second bursts, then listen closely for a tom to roar.

When running a box or pot-and-peg call, hold it well away from your body and point it toward a ridge, hollow or creek bottom where you think a tom might be roosted or strutting. This enhances the volume of your yelps and cutts, and helps to funnel them toward a

turkey.

Let's say a tom gobbles in a spot where he cannot see you (i.e. behind a little rise or hidden in foliage 75 yards away). Cup a camouflaged hand to your mouth and turn your head slowly while running a diaphragm. Work a friction call to either side of your body, then move it into your lap and stroke some clucks, yelps and cutts out front. Varying not only the line but also the volume of your calls further enhances their ventriloquistic effects. This keeps a tom on the move and wondering just where the heck is that hen. Pretty soon he's apt to drift into shotgun range.

Now for the final convincer. When a gobbler is close and coming, it's best not to call at all. Let him play the game and strut on in! But if a bird hangs up 45 to 55 steps away, you might need to coax him with discreet calling. Cluck, yelp or purr softly when a tom gobbles or drums, or stirs leaves and snaps sticks with his feet. When a turkey makes noise, his hearing is less acute, and it's tough for him to nail the precise location your calls. The bird will have to inch 10 to 20 yards closer in search of that sweet-talking hen. When you spot his red-and-white brain stem and swinging beard, go ahead and shoot.



Young Dylan Thomas bagged a nice buck.

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been too cold for the worms to occur naturally, trout will instinctively pounce on a properly presented worm. The key to success is proper presentation. As with all forms of bait, the hook should be well hidden. Additionally, if a piece of split-shot is required in order to reach bottom, use just enough weight to maintain the correct depth, while still allowing the bait to drift natu-

rally with the currents.

The worm should be cast upstream at a 45-degree angle, preferably well above the head of the pool. Just as soon as the bait hits the water, close the reel's bail and begin a slow, deliberate retrieve. Keep sufficient tension on the line to detect the slightest strike and also to gently lift the bait over the snags.

A few weeks into the season, trout will actively feed on minnows. While many states do not permit the use of native minnows, tiny fat-head minnows are a good substitute, particularly when they measure no longer than 2 inches. The minnows can be either lip-hooked or impaled just beneath the dorsal fin, thereby keeping them alive and active as they drift through deep pools.

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therefore, unless you keep constant tension on the line, they will quickly scurry under any suitable rock. Hellgrammites, the larvae of dobson flies, are likely among the ugliest creatures that nature could have ever dreamed of. They have a pre-

hensile tail, a soft black body with lots of legs and head that resembles that of a gigantic ant. Unlike a butterfly that becomes a beautiful, winged creature after metamorphosis, the dobson fly just grows wings and remains ugly. You can find them residing on the back side of partly submerged, flat rocks in most free-flowing streams. They're not pretty, but they're irresistible

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Jeremy McCloy, shown with his son Conner & daughter Riley, landed a 41 inch musky at Wells Locks in Elizabeth.

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to any trout. Hellgrammites have a hard-shell collar that is located directly behind the nasty-looking head and powerful pincers. The collar is a good place not only to hold them, but additionally, it's a great place to insert your hook. In this particular instance, the hook will be exposed, therefore, a small No. 10, short-shanked, bronze hook will be your best bet. The hook's color closely resembles that of the hellgrammite. The only problem trout anglers complain about when using hellgrammites is that everything in the stream seems to enjoy eating them.

As the season progresses, other forms of natural baits will become highly productive. Don't overlook such crickets, grasshoppers, moths and various forms of insect larvae. As each of these becomes available naturally, they also become an integral part of a trout's diet.

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Geese Numbers Up

Wildlife biologists counted 2,868 ducks and 7,789 Canada geese during the annual mid-winter waterfowl survey in early January, according to Steve Wilson, Waterfowl Biologist for the Wildlife Resources Section of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

"The numbers of both ducks and geese were higher than 2009, with ducks up 41 percent and geese up 138 percent," Wilson said. "The real value of this survey is analysis of long-term data across broad geographic areas, rather than annual fluctuations within individual states."

Weather conditions during and immediately prior to the survey strongly influences waterfowl movement. When snow cover and frozen waterways force birds to move south and congregate on larger rivers and lakes that are not frozen-over, waterfowl counts in West Virginia usually increase.

Canada geese, mallards and black ducks, as usual, were the most commonly observed species in the 2010 survey. Other observed waterfowl

include: canvasback, scaup, ring-necked duck, gadwall, bufflehead, goldeneye, mergansers and tundra swan. Eleven bald eagles and one golden eagle were also observed.

The survey was conducted on January, 5, 8 and 11, 2010 and included portions of the Kanawha, Ohio, Shenandoah and New rivers as well as Tygart and Bluestone Lakes.



Roger Bumgardner took this 9 point in Mason County.

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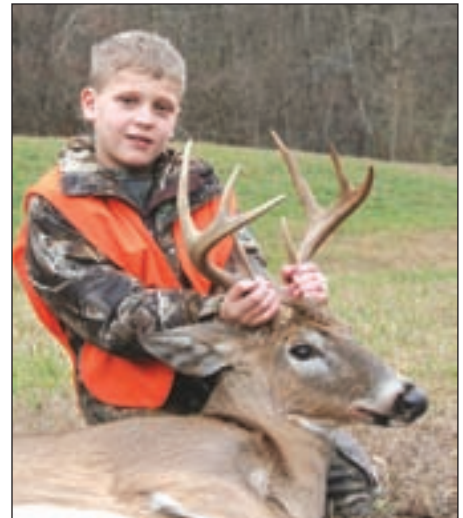
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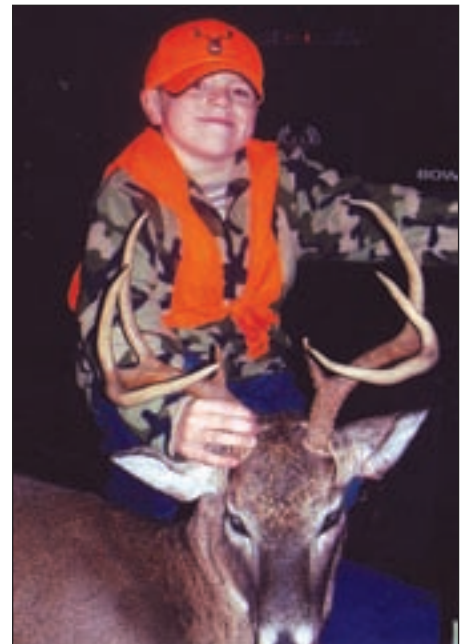
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Nick Stalnaker, from Glenville,
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Young Garret Owens got his 1st
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Richard Goode used a bow for this 245 pound black bear. Photo courtesy of Holmes Market in Moundsville.



Robert Francis, from Parkersburg, went to Ohio for this 13 point buck with a very large drop tine .



Jeremy McCloy, from Ravenswood, caught a 10 pound hybrid bass at the Belleville Dam..

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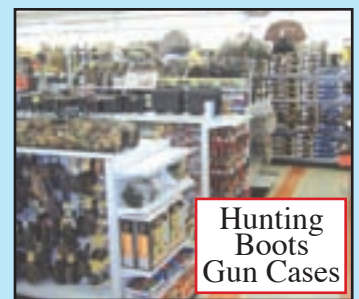
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Caplinger explained. “We started an April “All Aboard” promotion last year that included a train ticket for Cass Scenic Railroad’s Whit-

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Holders of the All Aboard ticket may apply the ticket value to a Bald Knob or Spruce run by paying the difference of the Whittaker Station

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Billy Thompson hooked a musky. Photo courtesy of jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth.

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New State Record Deer In Ohio

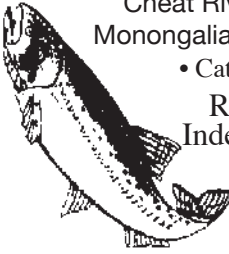
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Southwest Ohio buck largest non-typical deer ever taken with a muzzleloader

DAYTON, OHIO – The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife announced that another record-setting deer has been harvested in southwestern Ohio. On Saturday, January 30, the 18-point non-typical (non-symmetrical antlered) deer, taken by Brian Stephens on November 30, 2009 with a muzzleloader in Highland County, was officially scored.

Brian Stephens, with friends and family by his side, excitedly awaited the official score Saturday morning in Xenia. The buck was scored by Mike Wendel, David Haney and Ron Perrine, certified scorers with Buckeye Big Bucks Club (BBBC). Gary Trent, BBBC president, announced the score as 232 5/8, which certified it as the new state record.

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17 4/8

Total of abnormal points: 32 0/8

Net score: 232 5/8

The Highland County deer is the largest non-typical rack ever taken with a muzzleloader in Ohio his-
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Brian Stephens took the new state record for muzzleloaders in Ohio.

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ory, beating out the 2004 record of 225. The 35 1/8 inch left main beam is a Boone and Crockett largest ever recorded and the right main beam measured an impressive 34 1/8 inches. Marty Murphy of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association said the score will be recognized as the largest ever in Ohio according to the association's Longhunter Big Game Record Book.

This magnificent animal will also be a record for World Classics in the men's muzzleloading category, according to Dan Stapleton. The World Classics scoring system does not include deductions and the main beam outside spread measurement is added. Under these scoring criteria Stephens' buck scores 252 0/8. "Deer hunting in Ohio continues to prove to be world-class," said Todd Haines, ODNR Division of Wildlife District Five manager. "We are seeing the benefits of a successful whitetail deer management program." Brian Stephens' deer is one more to add to Ohio's record books. In the last decade, southwest Ohio has been the setting for numerous records including:

The Beatty buck, harvested in Greene County in the fall of 2000 by Mike Beatty, holds the record for non-typical at 304 6/8 and currently ranks as the number one non-typical buck in Ohio, the largest non-typical whitetail deer ever

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Spring Fishing And Camping At State Parks in WV

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Any camper presenting a valid fishing license upon registering for a campsite at Beech Fork State Park will get 10 percent off standard camping rates in April. “It can be for one night or up to 14 days,” according to Yeager, “and the fishing is optional.” West Virginia’s senior discount is also offered in for camping at all state park campgrounds that are open in April.

Beech Fork State Park is located near Barboursville in Wayne County. Its campground is the largest in the state park system with 275 sites. The Beech Fork Lake project has several managing agencies that oversee various recreational opportunities.

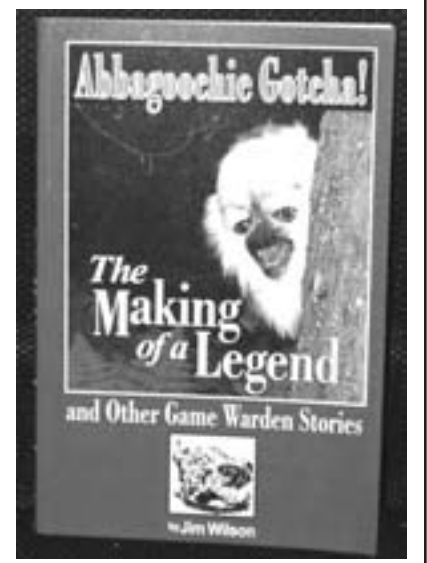
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ming pool and overnight facilities on the Barboursville side of the lake, the wildlife management area has hunting potential in specified areas, the Army Corps of Engineers operates the beach and full-service marina areas on the Lavalette side of the lake, and we all enjoy the lake,” Yeager said. “It can be a

little confusing for individuals not familiar with our area or a first time guest. We’ve recently posted a map online that illustrates what facilities are where and the major facilities or recreation offered at each area.”

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A 21 inch smallmouth was caught.
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Blen Tennant, from Waverly, killed this black bar in Webster County.

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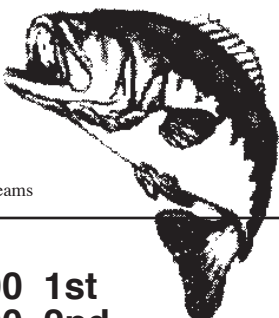
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With the start of the 2010 spring gobbler season approaching, the West Virginia State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) will pay \$200 cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who illegally kill or possess a wild turkey. "This cooperative effort between the NWTf and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources is designed to curtail illegal activities associated with the state's wild turkey resource," said Curtis I. Taylor, Chief of the Division of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife Resources Section.

The public is urged to contact their local conservation officer or their local DNR District Office if they see someone illegally killing a turkey or know of a person possessing an illegally killed turkey. The informant's identity will remain confidential.

"By reporting poaching incidents, the public can make a significant contribution to West Virginia's wild turkey management program," Taylor said.

The West Virginia statewide spring gobbler season runs from April 26 through May 22. In addition, the one-day youth spring turkey season will be held on Saturday, April 24.

Hunters are reminded that it is illegal to bait wild turkey in West

Virginia. The West Virginia State Chapter of the NWTf pays a reward of \$100 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of persons attempting to kill wild turkeys through the use of bait or who willfully destroy the nest or eggs of wild turkey.

"Unfortunately, baiting and trespassing continue to be the most

common hunting violations reported in the Wildlife Resources Section's Annual Spring Gobbler Survey," according to Taylor. "Baiting turkeys is illegal, unethical and creates disrespect for the great sport of spring gobbler hunting. I encourage turkey hunters to report any such activity to their local conservation officer."



A 45" musky was hooked in the New River. Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton.



Bucky Martin, from Roanoke, went to Nebraska for this big 18 point.

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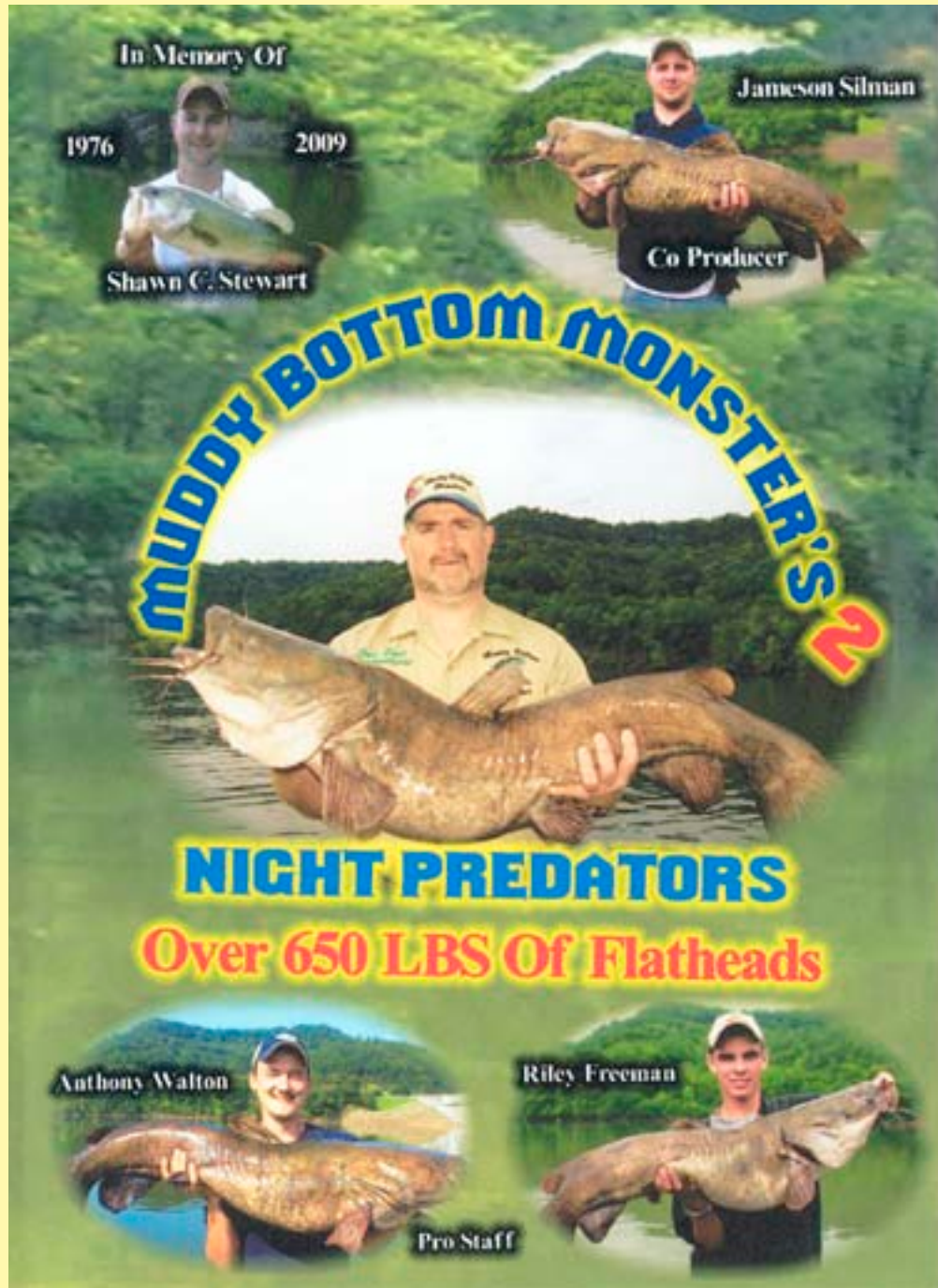
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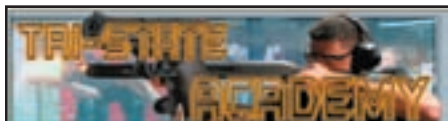
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Cody Wood brought in a nice buck. Photo courtesy of JBC Archery in Shady Spring.

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Trout stocking began in January and runs through May. Information about the stocking program is available online at www.wvdnr.gov. “What folks may not realize is the closeness of our park and forest cabins to great fishing waters. Cabins and lodges are good places to stay during a spring fishing adventure,” according to Reed.

For information about outdoor packages, events and activities at West Virginia State Parks and Forests, visit www.wvstateparks.com or phone, 800 CALL WVA and ask the call center to transfer your call to the area by name.

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The Tygart Lake tailwaters are stocked by the W.Va. Division of Natural Resources monthly in February, March, April and May. The river is stocked once a week during the second and third week of October. Stocking is generally done below the dam from the old Grafton City Park. For information, call 304-265-6144 or visit www.tygart-lake.com.

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Grover Rooker landed a 20' trout. Photo courtesy of Waterfront Sporting Goods in Alderson.

dream and a trout’s nightmare,” Wooton claims.

Trout Wrangler is by reservation and has limited availability. “We plan meals and determine the number of horses needed to pack in.” The maximum number the package can accommodate is 10 people.

Wooton says the package has been popular the past two years with

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A nice smallmouth bass was brought in. *Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton.*

road State Park. The state park also offers train rides starting May 28 – October 31, special events, restaurant, museum, company store, and lodging packages.

Deer Creek and Knapps Creek are both near Cass. Deer Creek is stocked once each month from February - May, Knapps Creek is stocked each week March-May, and nearby Seneca State Forest Lake is stocked every two weeks, March - May. For a list of stocked waters, visit www.wvdnr.gov/Fishing/Fishing_regs.shtm.

If you are planning a fishing trip, guests at Cass will have rates reduced 20 percent from April 1-May 15. A bonus for those taking a weekly rental during this time can earn two free tickets to Whittaker Station for the upcoming train season. Individuals must stay a minimum of two consecutive nights for the rate discount. This special rate offer cannot be combined with other discounts. Houses, like all cabins and cottages in the state park system, are fully furnished and include linens, dinnerware and other



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Risinger is conducting an outdoor classroom and hands-on workshop on fly-tying June 19 with lure craft and June 20 with fly tying and fly-fishing. An avid fisherman, Risinger encourages anyone interested in the activities to call for times and workshop information. Rhine Creek along the park boundary is stocked monthly. The park Web site is www.cathedralstatepark.com or call 304-



Terry Bolyard, from Morgantown, took a 9 point buck.

735-3771 during office hours.

Fishing for a Deal at North Bend State Park

The 305-acre lake at North Bend State Park calls to bass anglers. "It's one of the hottest lakes in West Virginia for smallmouth bass," according to Park Superintendent Steve Jones. "Our fishing package includes a one night stay at the park lodge, breakfast for two in our dining room, taxes, a lure and lot of lake information. You don't have to buy a package to fish at the lake, but we think for \$99, folks will find the 'bait' price a good value."

"Fishing for a Deal" at North Bend State Park is available March 15 - May 27 and again from Sept. 13 - Oct. 31. In addition to lodging, breakfast and lure, you'll get information about the underwater structures such as the original river channel in the lake, boat ramp locations, canoe/john boat launch sites, bank fishing opportunities and current water conditions (temperature and clarity). Fishing tips specific to North Bend Lake, species, bait

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The lure or bait included in the package is picked up at the Hess Fish and Tackle Shop with presentation of a package voucher. "When anglers stop to get their Crane or Jones Bait lure, Hess is sure to talk about fishing patterns on the lake and other tips," Jones advises. Hess is small business owner in Ritchie County and a local fisherman.

North Bend Lake is limited to trolling motors only. To recharge trolling motor batteries there are outlets at North Bend Lodge parking areas. For reservations or more information call North Bend State Park at 304-643-2931 or visit www.northbendsp.com and click Event/Deals.

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Scott Stevens, from Summersville, landed a 9 pound, 8 oz. walleye.

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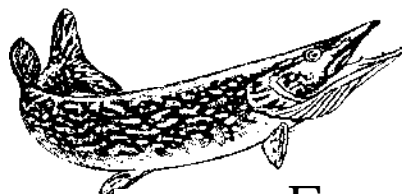
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NOON - 2010 Harley Davidson Softail

12:05 - \$3,000.00

12:10 - Ruger Red Label

12:15 - \$2,000.00

12:20 - Browning X-Bolt Medallion

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12:30 - 2010 Pontoon Boat

12:35 - Remington 700 CDL SF

12:40 - \$2,500.00

12:45 - \$2,000.00

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1:00 - 2010 Ford F150 Super Cab 4 x 4

1:05 - Weatherby MARK V Sporter

1:10 - Ruger Hawkeye

1:15 - 2010 Yamaha Rhino

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2:30 - 2010 Camper

2:35 - Weatherby MARK V Sporter

2:40 - Remington 11-87 Premier Sup

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4:30 - 2010 Harley Davidson Fatboy

4:35 - Ruger Hawkeye

4:40 - Tikka T-3 Hunter

4:45 - \$2,000.00

4:50 - Weatherby MARK V Sporter

4:55 - \$2,000.00



5:00 - 2010 Lincoln MKX AWD

5:05 - Remington 700 CDL

5:10 - Remington 870 12 ga

5:15 - \$2,500.00

5:20 - Winchester 70 Feather Weight

5:25 - \$2,000.00

5:30 - 2010 Polaris Ranger

5:35 - \$2,000.00

5:40 - Remington Seven CDL

5:45 - \$2,500.00

5:50 - Ruger Hawkeye

5:55 - Remington 700 CDL



6:00 - 2010 Corvette

6:05 - Browning X-Bolt Medallion

6:10 - Weatherby MARK V Sporter

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6:20 - Remington 700 CDL

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