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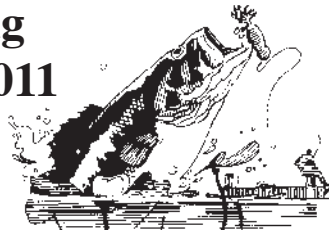
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Darren Kennedy, from Hanover, landed this whopper carp at Bluestone Lake.

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“It will quickly become one of our most successful campgrounds in our state park system,” said Ken Caplinger, chief of West Virginia State Parks. “It is a welcome addition to our outdoor recreation offerings at state parks.”

“These 30 sites have water and electricity,” said Erik Evans, park superintendent. “The remaining 16 sites, when completed, will have water only. All sites currently

have gravel based pads and access and can accommodate up to a 40-foot RV. The campground features a central dump station, check-in building with camp store. The camp store offers wireless Internet.”

A large bathhouse with laundry facilities is also open. “As we bring the campground into full operation, I know campers will appreciate the on-site services and amenities,” said Evans. The remaining 16-sites are forecast to be open by mid- to late-fall in 2011. Site paving is planned.

Camping rates are \$28 for sites with water and electricity and \$25 for sites with water hookup only. “Although these first sites are first-come first-serve for now, we expect to begin taking reservations next year. Our system will mirror the state park campground reservation guidelines,” Evans said.

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“The campground adds another layer of service at Little Beaver and to our state park system. We’re glad to have these 30 sites available and look forward to completing the full site inventory,” said Evans. Little Beaver is near Grandview National Park and Theater West Virginia summer productions. Grandview became part of New River Gorge National River in 1990 after more than 50 years as one of West Virginia’s state parks.

Campground construction costs

at Little Beaver are reported to be less than a million dollars, with work performed in-house by state park employees and other entities. For information about Little Beaver State Park, call 304-763-2494 or visit online www.littlebeaver-statepark.com.

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David Fields hooked a citaion 21 1/8 inch largemouth bass.

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Young Colby Buzzard caught some smallmouth bass. Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton.

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When's the best time to fish for walleye?

Close to night time as walleye are nocturnal. As the sun goes down walleye will come up out of the deep and start to feed. This is the best time to catch them using body baits that run only 10-15 ft down.

What approaches should be taken when fishing a new lake for bass?

Look at maps on a fish finder to see the contours and deeps along with the structure and cover. Bass love cover (rocks, weedbeds, shipwrecks, etc) so it is very important to know where these are on your GPS. If GPS is not available, paper maps can still give you the contours and lay of the lake. The next approach is to talk to the locals, like at tackle shops, for tips on what fish have been biting on and what methods have been most effective recently.

What are some effective carp fishing techniques?

Chumming the water beforehand with canned corn or bread will help attract carp to the area. Just be sure it is legal in your state or province: check the regulations for your area. As for bait, a common setup is a hair rig for carp. With the hair rig you will want the fish to run with the bait so keep your reel open so the fish can take line and swim



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with the bait. Allow the fish to take it for a few seconds and then set the hook.

What are some of the basics for catching sturgeon?

Sturgeon are bottom feeders, like carp and catfish. They love high protein foods like worms, scrimps, and fish. Unlike catfish and carp,

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What are the best depths when fishing for largemouth bass?

Largemouths are usually shallow water fish but will go deep depending on the temperatures and feeding patterns. In the shallower water use your top water lures over structure like logs and rocks. Topwater lures will call out bass from hiding areas. You can fish deeper water with a tube jig by working it off the bottom, but not too deep. Largemouth are generally caught at depths no greater than 20 feet, and often in much shallower depths than that.

What are some tips for catching a walleye through the ice?

Try deeper water for Walleye. They like areas that are weedy. Walleye will move throughout the day so you may need to move with them. Heavy traffic from other ice fishermen (snowmobiles and atv's) may scare them so try a spot that has good weed growth and away from the heavy traffic of other anglers. Using a jig tipped with a minnow is most effective. Remember not to over-jig as walleye can be quite lethargic in colder seasons.

What are some effective catfish techniques?

Smell is important when fishing for catfish, so the stinkier the better. Like carp, a hair rig (where the bait is on the line and the hook away from the bait) is a useful setup for



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catfish. If you do put your bait on the hook make sure it is strong but not too big. Ball the bait on it so the hook is hidden. Worms are an effective bait for catfish. Target

under cuts on the edges of banks and log jams. Be sure to use strong braided line to get the catfish out of heavy cover.

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Where do I fish for muskie?

Muskie can occupy any depth of the water column depending upon their size and feeding habits; Smaller muskies usually inhabit the same locations as Bass and Walleye (weedlines, thick cover, and submerged wood); bigger, more mature muskies are usually near deeper water haunts and feed on some of the lakes higher protein baitfish like smelts, herring or

suckers. Trolling or casting bigger baits near off shore humps, shoals, or drop offs can produce bigger fish.

What do I use to fish for bass in the middle of summer?

The key thing is to be versatile as what will entice a bass one day may not the next. First off, some form of topwater bait works well, fishing off of key locations like points or shoals with deep water close by for either largies and/or smallies. As the day progresses, switch presentations and bait selections, depending on the species of bass. If it's a largemouth bass lake, choose some form of semi-weedless bait that can be fished in or around heavy weed growth, like a texas-rigged worm or crawfish imitation. It's a good idea to have several rods rigged up with different baits as you'll be able to switch baits and presentations more easily until you find a

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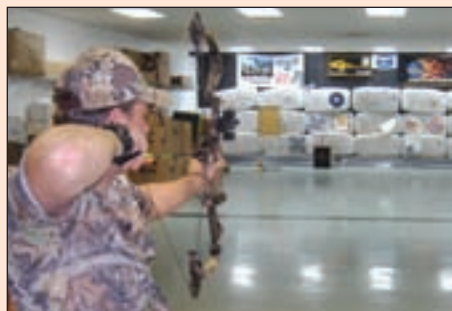
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Murder Mystery

“End of the Line for Brakeman Tom Hanson,” set in the 1920s in Pocahontas County, is written by Cass Trainmaster Fred Bartels. This second in his series of Sheriff Lincoln Cochran Murder Mysteries debuted Memorial Weekend in 2011. His first mystery, “The Murder of Lumberjack Johnny Parker,” based on a murder in the early 1900s, ran for two seasons.



AJ Starcher hooked several catfish. Photo courtesy of Jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth.

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at 5:15 p.m. The event includes the train ride to Whittaker Station, the murder mystery, a self-serve buffet dinner at Whittaker Station, optional locomotive shop tour or Cass Showcase presentation and an optional self-guided tour of Camp Whittaker, a recreated logging camp. The packaged price for the Murder Mystery Evening Train is: Adult \$42; Child, 5-12, \$32; Child, under 5, \$22. The dates are: July 1, July 29; August 12; September 2, 23.

Bluegrass Buffet

Bluegrass Buffet is a winning combination of a train ride, bluegrass music and self-serve evening buffet. "I've yet to hear anyone complain there wasn't enough to eat," Bartels said. Allegheny Outback, a bluegrass band performs at Whittaker Station. The Last Run Restaurant, located at the Cass Company Store, prepares the evening train meals. Optional tours of the Camp Whittaker are available and while in town, optional tours of the locomotive shop or Cass Showcase, the history of Cass, are part of the evening ticket price. The package prices for Bluegrass Buffet Trains are: Adult: \$36; Child, 5-12, \$26; Child, under 5, \$16 and reservations are required. Bluegrass Buffet Trains are scheduled on Saturdays and depart the depot at 5:15 p.m. The dates are: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; August 6, 13, 27; Septem-

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Ribs and Rails

Ribs and Rails is offered July 22 and August 26. "This is a must for folks who enjoy storytelling, bluegrass music and good food," Bartels explained. The evening features Homer Hunter, who is a one-of-a-kind story teller and a local radio personality. Joining Hunter is "Hot Mater Gravy," a band that plays traditional bluegrass. The band's influences include Bill Monroe, Jimmy Martin, Ricky Scaggs, Flatt and Scruggs, and Larry Sparks. Members of Hot Mater Gravy in-

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Danny Welch hooked a 22" small-mouth bass at the Bass Sportsman tournament in St. Marys.



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clude Homer Hunter, Dana Moyers from Lewisburg W.Va. on the mandolin; Dewitt Daniell also from Lewisburg, plays a glemman from Lewisburg is on bass; Bob's wife, Julie Riggelman is on vocals and a second rhythm guitar; and Dave Buck, from Pocahontas County W.Va., is on lead guitar.

Like other evening trains, the ticket prices for Ribs and Rails includes the optional tours and bar-b-que'd ribs is the featured buffet entrée at Whittaker Station. "You can't beat ribs and bluegrass for an evening on the mountain," Bartels said. "And to top it all is a train ride powered by a locomotive that is part of the world's foremost roster of working Shay engines. And with the railings of Homer Hunter, It just doesn't get much better." Ribs and Rails is scheduled for July 22, and August 26. The ticket price is: Adult: \$36 Child, 5-12: \$26 Child, under 5: \$16.

Haunted Train

The stand-alone evening event is the Halloween Train on Saturday, October 29, and it is the last special train of the season. The haunted



A large carp was hooked in Blue-stone Lake. Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton.

train ride to Whittaker Station with ghostly surprises includes a rare night descent back to Cass. This is the only train that departs at 6 p.m. Passengers are encouraged to wear costumes. Like all of the special evening trains, reservations are required and the rates are \$32 adult, \$26 youth 5-12 and children under 5 is \$16.

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With bait casting, you can use larger lures (1/2 to 3/4) and cast them for longer distances. To get started, you’ll need a rod with good spring action, a good quality anti-backlash reel, 10 to 15 pound test line and a variety of specific bait casting lures.

Spin Casting

We won’t say it’s foolproof, but spin casting is an ideal fishing method for beginning anglers. Spin-casting equipment is easier to use than bait casting. You can use it to cast both light and heavy lures without tangling or breaking your fishing line. Basic equipment includes a 7-foot rod, a spinning reel and 6 to 10 pound test line for casting 1/16 to 3/4 ounce lures. You can use an open-face, closed-face or spin-cast reel for spin casting.

Fishing Tips: How to Cast a Spinning Reel Courtesy of ExpertVillage.com

Trolling

Trolling is done using a small electric motor that moves the boat quietly through the water so fish aren’t spooked. But you can also troll by towing a lure while walking along the edge of a shoreline, bridge or pier. The speed of the boat deter-

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Still Fishing

Still fishing is a versatile way to go. You can still fish from a pier, a bridge, an anchored boat or from shore. You can still fish on the bottom or off the bottom in ponds, lakes, rivers and streams for a variety of species. And you can still fish during most seasons and during any part of the day. Your equipment and the size of the hooks and bait you use depends on what kind of fish you're after. But your best equipment for still fishing is patience. You have to wait for the fish to bite.

Drift Fishing


Drift fishing allows you to fish over a variety of habitats as your boat drifts with the currents or wind movement. You can drift fish on the bottom or change the depth with a bobber or float. Natural baits work best. But jigs, lures and artificial flies will produce good results, too.



Young Emma Adkins, from Ripley, hooked her 1st trout.

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Bottom Bouncing

Bottom Bouncing is done from a drifting or trolling boat, and it's a great way to attract or locate fish during most seasons and times of day. Use a buck tail jig or natural bait and drag it along the bottom. The dragging motion causes the lure to bounce along stirring up small clouds of sand or mud. After a few strikes with bottom bouncing, you can drop anchor and apply other methods to hook the particular kind of species you've attracted.

Surface Poppers

There's nothing quite like the sudden, exciting rush of a fish rising to the surface and exploding onto your lure. Surface poppers are a style of topwater fishing bait that get their action from a cupped face carved or molded into the front of the lure body. Cast your popper out to the target area and let it settle briefly. By taking in small amounts of line slowly, the cupped face "pops" along the surface, imitating the action of prey, such as small insects, small frogs or even a small injured fish. **Jigging**

Jig fishing is popular and challenging. Why? Because the person fishing is creating the action that attracts, or doesn't attract, the particular type of fish he or she is trying to catch. Here's how it works. Cast out and let your jig hook sink to the bottom. Then use your rod tip to raise the bait about a foot off the bottom. Then let it drop back to the bottom. You can jig up and down, side to side or up and down and sideways. Jig rigs come in all sizes, shapes and colors, and can be used with or without live fishing bait.

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Eric Romanello hooked a 4 pound, 15 oz. smallmouth bass. Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton.



Jack Herron, from Buckhannon, caught a nice largemouth bass.



Isaac Dennison landed a musky. Photo courtesy of Burnsville Docks on the lake.



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Roy Adkins caught a 4 pound, 10 oz. smallmouth. Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton.



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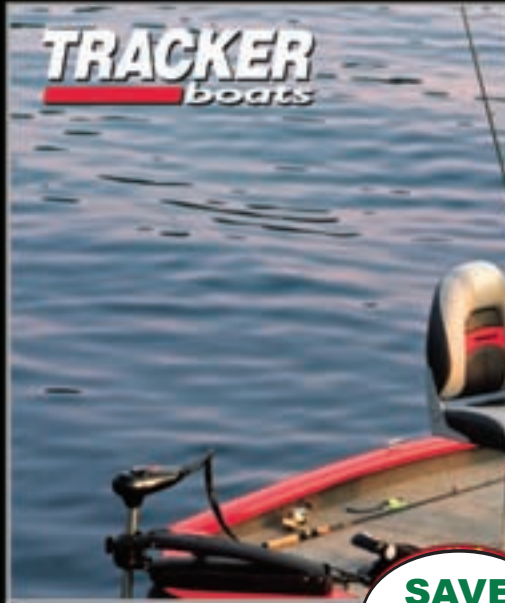
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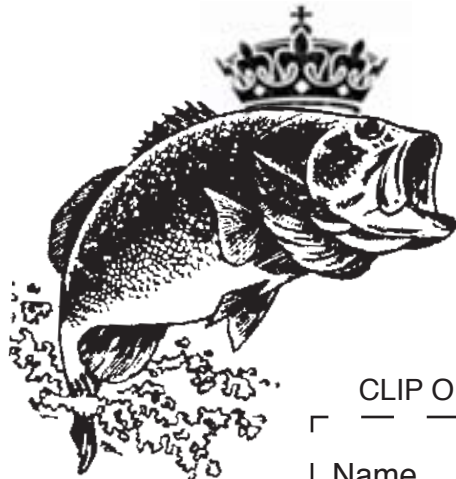
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Before the Toyota Toyota Trucks All-Star Week voting started, Steve Kennedy was asked who he would like to see the fans vote into the tournament. The first name he mentioned was Aaron Martens.

"I think Aaron Martens could teach us something about how to catch those Coosa River bass," Kennedy said. "I learn more from Aaron Martens than anyone on the tour."

That statement exemplifies how much emphasis Kennedy places on continuing education in the world of bass fishing. To some, it might seem self-destructive to want another angler with more knowledge than you in the event. But Kennedy takes the long view. Anything he learns from Martens during All-Star Week might pay off in another tournament somewhere down the road.

As the son of a former Bassmaster Classic competitor – Van Kennedy – Steve Kennedy got more home schooling than most anglers. So the tips that some might have learned in a bass fishing seminar were most often old hat to the Auburn, Ala., angler.

"I've been to one seminar in my

life where I actually learned something that really, really impressed me," Kennedy said. "David Fritts came down to Georgia one time and gave a seminar. And it wasn't like your typical seminar. We went into a classroom setting, and he sat down with everyone and said, 'What do you want to know?'"

"Someone asked him what his favorite color crankbait was, and he said, 'Chartreuse with a brown back.' He had won a couple of those Red Man regionals on Lake Sinclair.

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Kennedy looks you in the eyes, then looks away while adjusting the Auburn Tigers cap that usually sits atop his head. It's a sign that Kennedy would just as soon not continue to the next page



Chris and Brad Lucy went to WV Safaris in Ripley to bag these wild boar. Photo courtesy of Hobert's Store in Big Bend.

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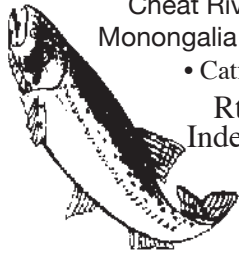
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answer that question. But he eventually does.

“It’s pretty amazing,” Kennedy said. “That’s basically why I’m sitting here today, that one thing I got out of Fritts.”

And that, bass anglers, is a bold statement. Kennedy has won over \$1 million on the B.A.S.S. circuit and another \$650,000 in FLW events. His B.A.S.S. record includes two first-place finishes, two seconds, five thirds and 20 top 10s. Kennedy finished fifth in the Bassmaster Elite Series Toyota Tundra Angler of the Year race this season.

Kennedy had another important influence in his youth, this one far more unlikely than his bass fishing father.

“My grandmother was a pretty good painter,” Kennedy said. “She made me take all those art classes growing up as a kid. I won’t say I hated it, but Grandma made me do it, Mom made me do it, it was one

of those things.”

After Kennedy heard Fritts’ comment about crankbait colors in 1996, he put those childhood art lessons in practice, bought an airbrush painting kit and began custom painting lures.

“It’s pretty neat to have a creative outlet at this point,” said Kennedy, who has a mechanical engineering degree from Auburn. “As an engineer, being creative is a big part of it.

“There are very few baits that I fish stock – very, very, very few. I carry an airbrush with paints, and I’ve had some real good tournaments because of it.”

The 2008 Bassmaster Elite Series schedule provides a good example. There were back-to-back tournaments in May on lakes where blueback herring are the dominant bass forage. Kenyon Hill won the first one at Clarks Hill in Georgia, where the Sebile Magic Swimmer swimbait emerged as a good blue-

back herring imitation.

Because of that name, blueback herring lures often have a blue tint on the back. But the baitfish actually has a green-gray tint, not blue. So Kennedy went swimbait shop-

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ping after the Clarks Hill tournament, came to South Carolina's Lake Murray two weeks later and got out the airbrush kit.

"I custom painted those Sebiles after I saw what color the bait was," Kennedy said. "I didn't even know about that swimbait until Kenyon won over at Clarks Hill. I got a few to practice with at Murray, and in a matter of three or four days I had them custom painted and almost won."

Kennedy finished second to Fred Roumbanis at Murray and earned a check for \$42,000.

Kennedy looks at every lure with the eye of an artist, not just the hard bodies, like crankbaits and some swimbaits.

"Most of the time when you're fishing a frog, you aren't imitating a frog," Kennedy said. "You're imitating a bluegill."

That white belly on most soft plastic frogs gives Kennedy a clean slate to apply his art skills.

"Frogs dye very well with an airbrush," Kennedy laughed.

That's just one final example of how Kennedy spots a bass fishing trend, thinks about it, then allows his creativity to go to work.



Easton Rollyson fished with his dad, Adam, for this bluegill.

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Dehydration Scare For Angler

Matt Herren has survived a "drinking problem." And he wants you to know about it, so you don't have to live through the nightmare he did.

Herren's health concern would be more accurately described as a "lack of drinking problem." Competition in three straight bass fishing tournaments – all of which were endured under sweltering heat – put the 48-year-old Trussville, Ala., angler in a world of hurt. It resulted in him undergoing a battery of health tests this week. Ultimately, Herren was hooked to an I.V. to replace the fluids he lost.

"I almost pushed it past the limit," Herren said. "We all think we're invincible. It almost got me."

Herren is an outdoorsman. Besides bass fishing, which he does for a living, Herren's other hobbies are hunting and golf. He has never been bothered by extreme temperatures, either heat or cold. So when he came down with extreme chills, nausea, an aching body and a headache while competing in an FLW event on the Potomac River, he thought he'd picked up a virus of some kind or possibly food poison-

ing.

"All of us get those 24-hour-bugs," Herren said. "You just fight through it and go on."

Herren stays in his camper when traveling for bass tournaments. He said he usually turns the air conditioner on its coldest setting when he goes to sleep at night. But he couldn't do that during the Potomac River tournament.

"I had a bout of severe chills,"

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Herren said. "I was shaking while I was lying under every blanket I could find."

It was a phone call to his daughter-in-law – a pharmacist – that first alerted him to the idea that he might be suffering from dehydration. After that, Herren made certain he was drinking extra fluids while competing on the Potomac, where he picked up an \$11,000 check for a 29th-place performance.

Those winnings, however, weren't enough to make him feel any better when he got to Little Rock the following week for the Bassmaster Elite Series Diamond Drive. He practiced only about a day-and-a-half, venturing out only for early-morning and late-afternoon sessions on the Arkansas River. He finished 92nd in the 99-man field. And he wasn't feeling any better when he drove to Decatur, Ala., for the final Elite Series event of the regular season.

Once again, Herren fought through the pain and extreme fatigue. He made the two-day cut in the top 50. Then he earned another \$10,000



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with a 16th-place finish last Saturday on Wheeler Lake.

By this time, suspecting dehydration was the cause of his discomfort, Herron was drinking all the extra liquids he could get his hands on. But nothing was alleviating his symptoms of nausea, body aches and headaches. So when Herron got home after the Dixie Duel at Wheeler, he went to see his doctor. Lab work confirmed that Herren was suffering from severe dehydration. He was promptly injected with intravenous fluids.

"My electrolytes and my blood sugar were really messed up," Herron said. "It had started affecting my kidneys. I got too far down to

where I couldn't drink enough fluids to catch up. Once you get past that point, you're in trouble. I had been dehydrated to a dangerous level for three weeks."

Herren was feeling much better this week after the I.V. In fact, he was feeling good enough for a round of golf on Wednesday.

"It was cloudy and only about 85 degrees," Herren said. "I rode in a cart; I didn't walk."

Don't let that round of golf fool you. Herren has been appropriately scared by his bout with dehydration. His advice for others includes familiarizing yourself with the symptoms. For instance, Herren

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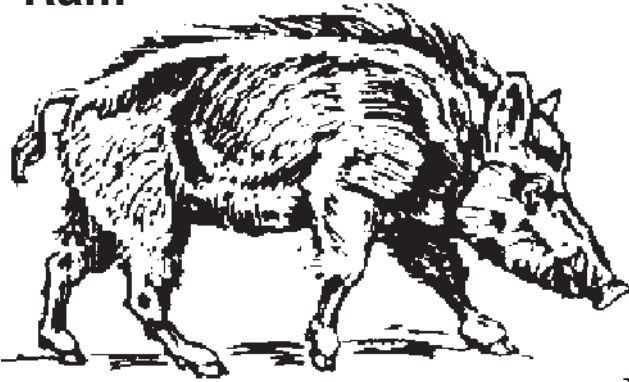
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kept sweating profusely during those three weeks of tournament fishing. He had mistakenly thought the body shutdown the perspiration process during dehydration.

“I just didn’t understand the symptoms,” Herren said.

Now that he does, Herren said he will be concentrate on drinking extra fluids days before an event where heat will be a concern, not just on those hot days of competition. And at the first sign of dehydration, he won’t hesitate to get himself to an emergency room.

“I should have gone to the doctor immediately,” Herren said. “But I was being hard-headed about it. If something like that happens again, I’ll go straight to the E.R. and tell them to get some fluids in me.”

Herren has qualified for the past three Bassmaster Classics, but he

didn’t qualify for the 2012 Classic through the Elite Series schedule this year. So Herren considered competing in the first Bassmaster Northern Open, scheduled for July 7-9 on the James River at Richmond, Va. After looking at the

weather forecast, Herren decided against it.

“Temperatures are supposed to be around 100 degrees,” Herren said. “I’ve learned my lesson.”



Young Jackson Englad, from Cross Lanes, caught a 4 1/4 lb. rainbow.



Dave Young, from Charleston, hooked a 28” citation walleye.

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Clyde Pruitt hooked a 24" hybrid.

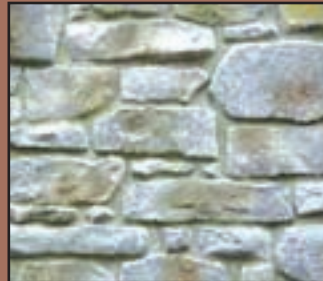
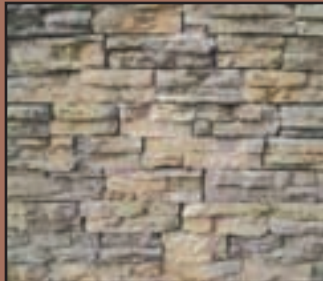


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to enhance trout fishing opportunities in the Gauley River, especially in the remote canyon section of the Gauley River, according to Frank Jezioro, DNR Director.

“The trout stockings were conducted by helicopter and should provide good fishing in the sum-

mer and fall,” Jezioro said. The program is supported by rafting fees to compensate for additional days of whitewater rafting flows on the Gauley River and reduced fishing opportunities during these high flows released from Summersville Dam.



Adam Barton hooked a 49 pound flathead at the Ohio River.



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Grigsby Wins At Kentucky Lake

MURRAY, Ky. – Goodwill pro and father of two Chad Grigsby of Maple Grove, Minn., caught a five-bass limit weighing 22 pounds, 13 ounces Sunday to earn a Father's Day win and \$125,000 at the Walmart FLW Tour on Kentucky Lake presented by Kellogg's with a four-day catch of 20 bass weighing 73-3.

The catch gave him the win by a solid 6-pound, 8-ounce margin over Kevin Snider of Elizabethtown, Ky., who caught a total of 20 bass weighing 66-11 and earned \$33,287.

"This is what everybody strives for," said Grigsby, who notched his first FLW Tour win in his 10 seasons as a pro. "You've got bars you strive for — make the top 20 and make the top 10. And I've bombed in some top 10s. But that's because my whole goal is to fish to try to win it. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't.

"I wasn't going to go out and stay on the bank and try to catch 12 pounds and see where I ended up," Grigsby added. "I wasn't going to



Jedediah Plunkett, from Martinsburg, caught a 20 1/2" citation smallmouth.

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Grigsby opened the tournament in 10th place Thursday with five bass weighing 19-11. On Friday he added another five bass weighing 14-10 to move up to seventh place. He then caught five bass weighing 16-1 Saturday to make the crucial top-10 cut in third place.

Grigsby said he fished spots around the Paris area as well as around Moors Resort and Marina on Kentucky Lake. The Paris area consisted of a channel swing that

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Will Fox hooked a 4 1/2 pound smallmouth bass. Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.

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featured turns in it. Grigsby said he targeted bass in 19 to 21 feet of water in that area with a worm on a jighead. Grigsby said he started the first two days of competition there to catch a quick limit and then ran north in search of bigger fish.

Grigsby said he caught about eight keepers Sunday; his key area was near a creek in front of Moors.

“There’s a ditch that goes through it and then drops back to 15 or 16 feet,” Grigsby said. “And the top where the ditch comes back up is where the big shell bed is. That’s where I caught every one of them.

“Everybody was talking about catching 50 and 60 (fish) and whatever, but I didn’t get in on that,” Grigsby added. “If I caught a bunch of little ones I wouldn’t stay, because I’ve found if you catch a bunch of little ones you don’t usually catch very many big ones. So if I caught one 3 (pounds) or better, that would be the area I would focus on.”

Grigsby’s setup for the week included a 3/4-ounce Secret Lures football-head jig as well as a jighead with a homemade worm on it. Grigsby also employed the use



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Grigsby said he was relieved to get his elusive first Tour victory behind him.

“I knew this day was coming,” he said. “I thought it would have been here by now. It wears on you a little bit when you get close and you can’t seal the deal. Everything just worked out.

“I wasn’t really on anything, but I could scrounge around and catch a couple of big ones every day, and

today I happened to catch four of them,” Grigsby added.

The remaining top 10 pros finished the tournament in:

2nd: Kevin Snider of Elizabethtown, Ky., 20 bass, 66-11, \$33,287

3rd: Chevy pro Jay Yelas of Corvallis, Ore., 20 bass, 62-10, \$28,520

4th: Ramie Colson Jr. of Cadiz, Ky., 17 bass, 61-4, \$25,003

5th: Tom Monsoor, La Crosse, Wis., 20 bass, 59-6, \$18,987

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9th: Diet Mt. Dew pro Jason Christie, Park Hill, Okla., 15 bass, 50-6, \$13,267

10th: Cheez It pro Shinichi Fukae, Palestine, Texas, 15 bass, 45-2, \$12,313

Fukae was involved in a one-boat accident during Sunday's competition and unable to attend weigh-in as a result. Fukae was treated for minor injuries and released and his cameraman was taken to a Nashville hospital for further observation.

Overall there were 40 bass weighing 108 pounds, 13 ounces caught by pros Sunday. The catch included seven five-bass limits.

Richard Peek of Centre, Ala., won the Co-angler Division and \$20,000 Saturday with a three-day total of 14 bass weighing 47 pounds, 2 ounces followed by Tony Dumitras of Winston, Ga., in second place with 14 bass weighing 46-14 worth

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In FLW Tour competition, pros and co-anglers are vying for valuable points that could help them qualify for the 2011 Forrest Wood Cup presented by Walmart, where they could win up to \$600,000 – the sport's biggest award – and \$60,000 respectively. This year's Cup will be in Hot Springs, Ark., Aug. 11-14 on Lake Ouachita.

Pros and co-anglers are also competing for the prestigious Walmart FLW Tour Angler of the Year presented by Kellogg's in 2011 that will be determined by the most points accumulated over the six Tour Majors. The pro winner will receive \$100,000, while the co-angler title holder will win a new Ranger 198VX with a 200-horsepower Evinrude or Mercury outboard.

The Kentucky Lake event presented by Kellogg's was hosted by the Murray Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Marshall County Tourist Commission, and was the seventh of 10 Walmart FLW Tour tournaments of the 2011 season. The Walmart FLW Tour on Pickwick Lake presented by AMP Energy will be the next tournament and will be held July 21-24 in Florence, Ala. The event will be hosted by Florence/Lauderdale Tourism and boats will launch from McFarland Park in Florence.

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Trail. Park Supt. Sam England has been involved the creation of the trail to make it easier for guests to explore the cairns in the northern section of the park.

“The area is one of the better locations for seeing the diversity of the stoneworks that some believe to be American Indian artifacts,” England said. “The trail passes through several cairn fields and along a rock formation referred to as a standing stone. We often call it the enigmatic rock. The large flat-faced stone is a true puzzle. How it can have the distinctive shape, location, and markings creates interesting discussions.”

The Cairn Trail development, construction and associated work was funded by a recreational trails program grant with more than \$66,000 provided by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways and the Federal Highways Administration through the Recreational Trails Program. More than \$16,000 in matching



A whopper 39 pounder was caught.
Photo courtesy of Catfish Paradise near Marietta, Ohio.

funds were provided by the Stonewall State Park Foundation through private individual giving.

“Without the support from our Foundation, we wouldn’t be able to consider these types of projects,” England said. “It’s a great tribute to not only Stonewall Resort, but also the park system to have so many good people preserving unique findings and development of outdoor experiences such as hiking and biking trail development.”

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Seth Kirby trapped a big beaver.
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"Visitors will find the trails, land-

scape and natural beauty of the area exceed the slogan expectations," England promised.

To contact Stonewall Resort, call 304-269-7400 or visit online at www.stonewallresort.com. To reach Supt. Sam England about the Cairns Trail development, email

Samuel.A.England@wv.gov. "Silent Stones" was a feature story in Wonderful West Virginia Magazine in March 2010 and featured the cairns located at the Stonewall Resort. That story can be seen at: www.wonderfulwv.com/archives/sub.cfm?month=mar10&fea=2



Stan Seckman, from Alma, hooked a citation 32" carp.



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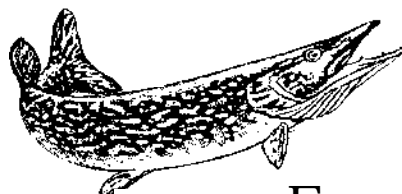
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