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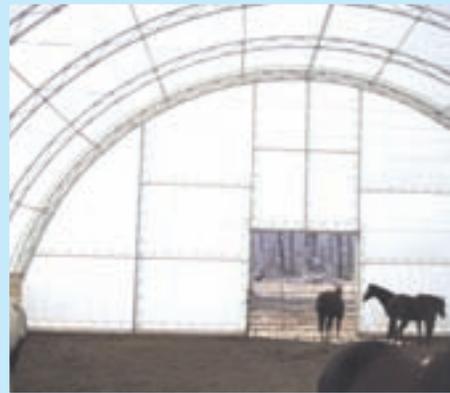
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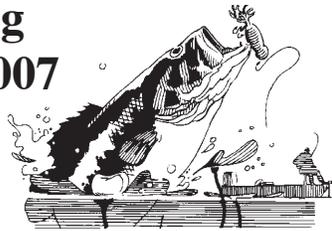
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An August fishing trip yielded a nice flathead catfish for Waylon Kincaid, from Drennen. His fish weighed over thirty pounds and measured over forty-three inches. The month was very hot and many anglers limited their time on the water.

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U.S. Hunting & Fishing Survey

According to preliminary state-by-state data from the new 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, Montanans were on average most likely to hunt, Alaskans and Minnesotans were most likely to fish; and residents of Maine are most likely to observe, photograph or feed wildlife, during 2006. In terms of total numbers, Texas led the nation with 1.1 million residents hunting at some point during the year, while Florida led in total fishing participation with 2.8 million anglers. California saw 6.2 million of its residents observe wildlife in 2006.

“The National Survey is an important tool that measures in economic and participatory terms the value that wildlife has in Americans’ hearts and to the nation’s economy. Wildlife related recreation rejuve-

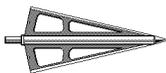
nates our spirit, connects us with nature and gets us outside pursuing healthy activities,” said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director H. Dale Hall.

In 2006, more than 87 million Americans, or 38 percent of the United States’ population age 16 and older hunted, fished or observed wildlife. They spent \$120 billion that year pursuing those activities. Further broken down by category, 30 million (or 13 percent) fished and spent a total of \$41 billion on their activities, 12.5 million (or 5 percent) hunted and spent a total of \$23 billion, and 71 million (or 31 percent) observed wildlife



Lori Darymple caught a 33 1/2” catfish on the Ohio River. *Photo courtesy of Backwater Bait in Newport, Ohio.*

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and spent a total of \$45 billion.

The National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation has been conducted every 5 years since 1955 and is one of the nation’s most important wildlife-related recreation databases. It is considered to be the definitive source of information concerning participation and expenditures associated with hunting, fishing and other forms of wildlife-related recreation nationwide.

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It is important to note that the National Survey counts only participants who actually went hunting, fishing or observed wildlife in 2006 and does not represent the total number of anglers, hunters, and wildlife watchers in the United States. Many people who consider themselves hunters, anglers or wildlife watchers do not participate every year. For example, examination of survey data shows that over the five year period from 2002 to 2006, a cumulative total of 44.4 million people fished and 18.6 million hunted.

This 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation State Overview report, as well as previous surveys



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Hunting - Age 16 and Over

Montana – 19%

North Dakota – 17%

South Dakota, Wisconsin – 15%

Arkansas, Maine,

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Mike Barr, from Pomeroy, Ohio, caught 13” yellow perch at Stone-wall Jackson Lake.

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Participants will get to meet Sam Thayer of Wisconsin, the young author of *The Forager's Harvest*, during the Friday evening program. Thayer was a participant during the 2000 Nature Wonder Weekend, after which he organized a similar event in Wisconsin and published his well-received book.

Other special guests include Dianne Anestis of West Virginia, a Native American program presenter covering all phases of early wild plant usage, including medicinal use; and Dr. John Tomikel of Pennsylvania, a participant in the weekends since the days of the late wild foods personality Euell Gibbons (who attended from 1968-75), and who has written a comprehensive book about the history of the Nature Wonder wild foods weekends.

Other leaders during the weekend



A 3 1/2 pound crappie was landed by Gary Chenowith. Photo courtesy of Jerry's Sporting Goods in Horner

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include Edelene Wood of the National Wild Foods Association; Emily Fleming, Assistant to the director of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources; and Supt. Steve Jones and Asst. Supt. Kathy Metz of North Bend State Park.

Popular activities include a wild foods cooking contest (with two \$50 prizes), a wild cake contest (with a \$50 prize), a wild drink contest (with a Friendship Cup as the prize), wild food hikes, and

workshops related to the identification and cooking of wild foods. Although wild foods are featured throughout the weekend, five conventional meals will be provided by North Bend Lodge Restaurant.

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Delores Shafer hooked a 5 pound, 11 oz. bass. *Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.*



Don Pepper hooked a nice Stone-wall Jackson bass. *Photo courtesy of Johnny's Outdoors in Boaz.*



Fishing with a fly rod at Cranberry River, John Murray reeled in a brown trout. *Photo courtesy of Starcher's Sport Shop in Lubeck.*

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Kevin Hughey landed a nice Northern pike in Canada. Photo courtesy of Elk River Outfitters in Charleston.

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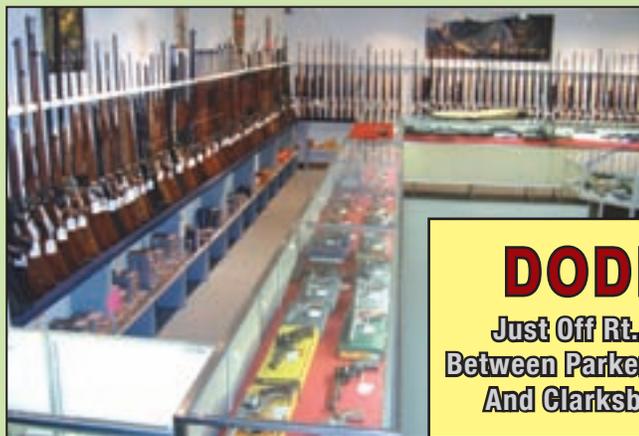
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Craig Holcomb took this 161 B&C buck last year. Photo courtesy of Bowlistic Archery in Chelyan.



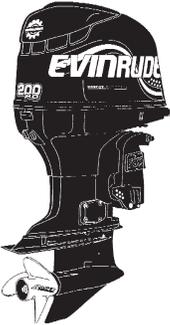
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Joe Woods hooked a nine pound trout. *Photo courtesy of Middle Mountain Sporting Goods in Elkins*

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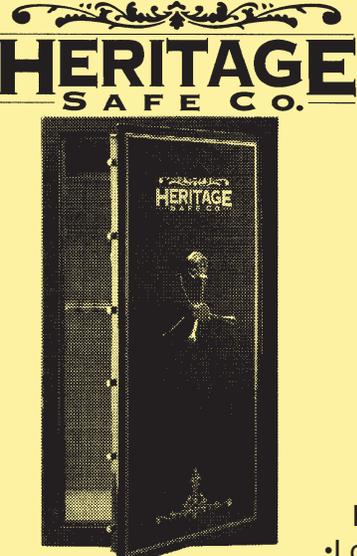


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“Fishing in West Virginia is very popular and more anglers are catching citation-size fish,” said Kevin Yokum, district fisheries biologist who is overseeing this display. “Because of the attraction to big fish, we wanted to develop a display to showcase some of the trophy-size fish that have been caught in our own backyard. This will be the first year for this display and we believe it will be very popular. I am sure that a lot of people will be surprised when they see the size of these fish.”

Anglers interested in having their fish displayed must meet the minimum qualifications, which are posted on the DNR’s Web site at www.wvdnr.gov. Click on “National



Charles Bias landed a mess of fish. Photo courtesy of Christy’s Trading Post in Mt. Nebo.

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tries received, and no more than five individuals of the same species will be accepted. As an incentive for participation, each angler who displays a trophy fish mount at the two-day event will receive a door prize, and four randomly picked participants will receive a substantial prize.

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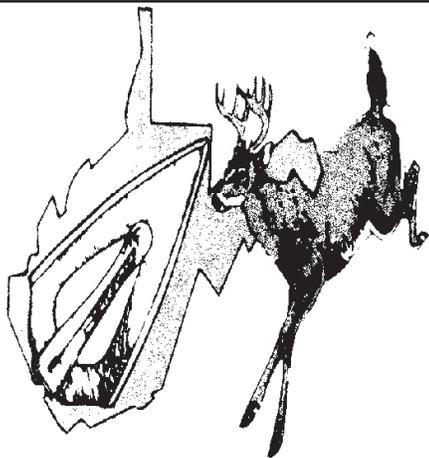
Kevin Hughey caught a nice smallmouth. *Photo courtesy Elk River Outpost in Charleston.*



Richard Allen hooked a 4 1/2 pound brown trout. *Photo courtesy Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.*



Steve Miller will be busy cleaning 17 catfish. *Photo courtesy Jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth.*



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Mourning Dove Season Dates

The September 1st opening of mourning dove season marks the beginning of traditional fall hunting for many West Virginia hunters, according to Curtis I. Taylor, Chief of the Division of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Section. The 2007 season will open at noon on September 1, and the first of three segments will continue through October 6. The two remaining segments are October 22 through November 3 and December 17 through January 5. Shooting hours, after the first day, are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. The daily bag limit is 12 with a possession limit of 24.

"Mourning dove seasons are set to maximize hunting opportunity in relation to other hunting seasons," Taylor said. "The bulk of the season falls in September when few other hunting seasons are open and the second and third segments target late crop harvests and the Christmas/New Year holiday period, respectively."

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Several hundred doves are banded with leg bands each year in West Virginia for monitoring and research purposes. If you harvest a banded bird, you can report it by calling 1-800-327-2263 or online at www.pwrc.usgs.gov (select bird banding lab). Hunters may keep the band and will receive a certificate of appreciation that includes the banding information for the bird.

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"There are a lot of hunting opportunities in West Virginia for waterfowl, especially when it comes to goose hunting," Jezioro said. "However, the majority of our hunters are unfamiliar with the techniques and regulations that are involved. Because of this lack of knowledge, we've invited Joe Austin, President of DOA Outfitters, to offer his expertise on waterfowl hunting at this year's event. Even if you're already an avid waterfowl hunter you still don't want to miss his seminar. In fact, everyone attending National Hunting and Fishing Days will have a chance to win a FREE Snow Goose Hunt, donated by DOA Outfitters, which includes food and lodging."

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Tips

- A popular rigging method is to use a 2/0 Shaw Grisby High Performance hook or a 2/0 offset shank hook with a (Glider) weight inserted in the body. This weedless rig is best used in cover.

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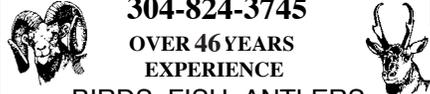
- Tighten your drag down for better hooksets, then loosen during the fight.

- Once the fish is away from cover, stop reeling and let the fish tire out. The line and rod will absorb the fight, reducing the risk of line breakage once the fish gets close to the boat.

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John Murray caught a couple of big flatheads. *Photo courtesy of Satracher's Sport Shop in Lubeck.*



A big hybrid was hooked at the Marmet Locks. *Photo courtesy of Amish Country Store in Marmet.*



EJ Pittman was pleased with this citation smallmouth bass. *Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.*

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Rick Russell caught two nice Lake Erie smallmouth. *Photo courtesy Johnny's Outdoors in Boaz.*



Joe Stephens hooked an 8 1/4 pound largemouth. *Photo courtesy of Starcher's Sport Shop in Lubeck.*

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Hibdon Rallies For FLW Win

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. – At the day-four weigh-in of the Wal-Mart FLW Series BP Eastern Division event on Lake Champlain, Guido Hibdon of Gravois Mills, Mo., demonstrated to the bass-fishing world why he is a legendary figure in the sport.

Despite claims from the “young pups” (a term Hibdon uses to affectionately describe his competition) that smallmouths would be the winning ticket on Champlain in September, despite battery and trolling-motor woes that plagued Hibdon for two days of the event and despite having to contend with severe wind conditions during those two days, the 61-year-old veteran hoisted up 20 pounds, 5 ounces of largemouth bass to take back his day-one lead in the final moments of the event.

His three-day total of 56 pounds, 1 ounce gave him over a 2-pound margin of victory worth \$125,000.

As Guido and his wife Stella enjoyed their first FLW Outdoors victory on the stage, FLW Series Tournament Director Chris Jones described Hibdon’s unwavering winning drive as “perseverance,” to which Stella jokingly remarked,

“You mean stubbornness.”

“This is not about the money,” said the fishing legend as he paused to hold back his emotions. “This is about proving to myself that I can still do this.”

Many consider the Hibdons to be godparents of the FLW Tour. Over the years the Hibdons have helped, housed and fed dozens of young, struggling bass pros on tour. Some of those “young pups” owe their careers to the Hibdons.

Onstage, Gain pro Koby Kreiger noted that when his own father died five years ago, he started looking up to Hibdon as a father figure.

And of all the great anglers who crossed the FLW Series stage this week, there are quite a few who have learned a thing or two from bass fishing’s patriarch, either directly or indirectly.

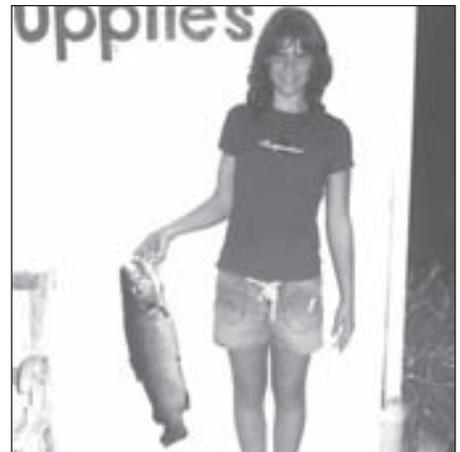
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From the start, Hibdon concentrated on two types of cover for largemouths – grass and docks in the Mallet's Bay area.

He flipped and pitched isolated patches of "clean, pretty" milfoil in 6 to 10 feet of water for a better part of the tournament. He used a 3/4-ounce chartreuse and pumpkin jig, trimmed with either a Zoom chunk or Guido Bug to seine the healthy grass patches.

Once he got a solid limit from the grass each day, Hibdon moved to shallow docks to do what he does best: stalk big largemouths in hard-to-reach places by skipping a jig.

His skipping jig was a 3/16-ounce jig teamed with a brown Guido Bug trailer. The jig was tied to 15-pound-test Trilene braided line on a spinning reel.

"I use bright yellow braid so I can see my line better up under those dark docks," he revealed. "I color the first few feet of the braid just up from the jig with a dark green

marker, but the rest of it is bright yellow so I can see when one of those big suckers starts swimming off with it."

Hibdon caught his kicker largemouth today on the very last dock he fished at 2:30 p.m.

Wolak relies on largemouths for second

Hefty Lake Champlain largemouths also helped propel David Wolak of Wake Forest, N.C., to second place with a three-day total of 53 pounds, 12 ounces, worth \$47,671.

Wolak estimated that he spent about 80 percent of his time fishing for largemouths during the event.

"The largemouth bite was best in the afternoons," Wolak said. "So I would fish for smallmouths until about 9 o'clock and then moved to largemouth water. Any good smallmouths I caught in the morning were just a bonus."

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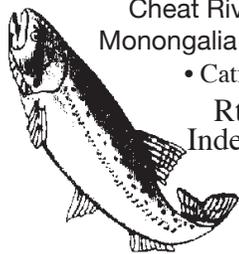
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"Largemouths here really seem to like some form of hard structure – wood, rock, pilings, tires or anything out of the ordinary that is situated around grass beds. They'll stay in the grass in the morning, but once the sun gets up and starts creating shadows around hard structure, they'll set up on it to ambush prey.

"A lot of my largemouth spots were just one or two cast-type places, and I would swim or hop the Title-Shot jig around the darkest parts of the cover for the largemouth bites."

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Marlborough, Mass., stayed with his smallmouth game plan to finish third with a three-day total of 52 pounds, 11 ounces, worth \$38,137.

Correia used a big 1-ounce spinnerbait ripped on the surface over 8 to 10 feet of water around the middle portions of Lake Champlain to do most of his damage.

While he did use a drop-shot Senko on the earlier days, he committed to the spinnerbait today.

"The best quality fish really came on the spinnerbait, so that's all I threw today," Correia said. "This time of year, the bigger fish start to feed on yellow perch, and that's what I was trying to emulate: a perch fleeing near the surface.

"I don't have any regrets about

finishing third," he added. "I fished the way I love to fish for three days and had a flawless tournament in terms of decision-making and execution. There is not much else I could have done to win."

Wendlandt fourth

Clark Wendlandt of Leander, Texas, finished fourth with a three-day total of 51 pounds, 13 ounces for \$28,603.

Wendlandt also committed to smallmouths north of Plattsburgh for the duration of the event.

His two primary lures were a Lucky Craft jerkbait and a 3/4-ounce Santone spinnerbait in a perch color, fished over flats.

"I really enjoy fishing for small-
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Nationally-recognized predator hunter Tom Bechdel of Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, will return for the tenth consecutive year to present his popular coyote hunting seminars during the 2007 West Virginia Celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Days, to be held at Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park in Lewis County (Interstate 79 exit 91) September 22nd and 23rd.

"There is a lot of interest in coyote hunting in West Virginia," Bechdel said. "Typically, more than 500 people attend my seminars to learn what it takes to become successful. However, my seminars are a little different; I try to educate hunters on the life of a coyote, how to find them, how and when to call them, how to use electric and mouth calls, and how to use decoys. I cover all 12 months of the coyote's life, what he does, how he does it, and why. I will explain the different color phases of the Eastern coyote as compared to a Western coyote. This will be time well spent to learn of your new neighbor."

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This event provides activities that

include everything from archery, shooting, fly-fishing, and kids fishing derby, to list only a few. In addition, attendees will also have opportunities to sit in on several other wildlife demonstrations or visit one of the hundred-plus vendors on hand. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children under age 15, and children 3 and under free. For more information call (304) 558-2771, or visit the DNR's Web site at www.wvdnr.gov



Riley Freeman, 15 years old, and fishing guide, Darrell Brown, brought in a big lake catfish on a trip. *Photo courtesy of Burnsville Docks on the lake.*

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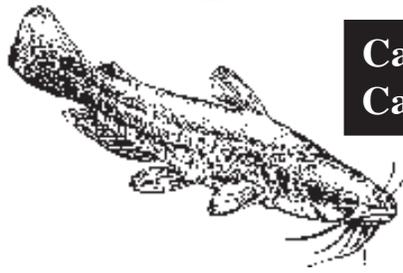
The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Section is requesting original wildlife art and related outdoor scenes for the 2009 edition of the award-winning DNR Wildlife Calendar, according to Curtis I. Taylor, Wildlife Resources Section Chief. The deadline for submission of artwork is February 16, 2008. A 35-mm color slide or a high resolution electronic image of each entry must be submitted by this date. Artists may send in multiple entries.

"This is our 24th calendar and it offers a wonderful opportunity for artists to feature their work. Besides distribution in West Virginia, our calendars are enjoyed by people all over the United States and are sent to countries around the world," Taylor said.

Artists are encouraged to submit paintings of a wide variety of wildlife topics. These may depict hunting, fishing, landscapes, or feature the state's diverse array of wildlife and plants. Paintings depicting lesser-known animals such as snakes, frogs, turtles, salamanders, bats, songbirds, insects, small mammals (including mice, shrews and moles) as well as nongame fish are all encouraged. Practically any rendering of some aspect of West Virginia's natural resources -- animals, plants, landscapes, waterways, hunting, fishing and or nature study experiences, can qualify.

Artists are reminded that the calendar format is horizontal with new, larger measurements of 14 inches by 11 inches and should keep this ratio in mind when creating paintings. Paintings not previously chosen may be resubmitted. Just because the artwork is not selected

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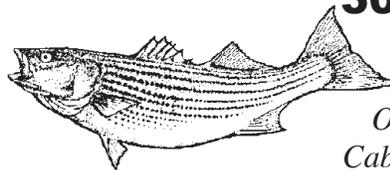
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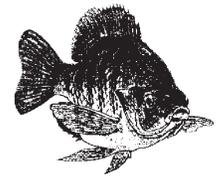
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one year doesn't mean it will not be selected in the future. Often there are several submissions of a particular species or season and only one can be used in a given year.

Paintings are chosen based on overall composition and quality, along with anatomical and contextual accuracy. The quality of the submitted slide and electronic image is very important for judging the artwork. A \$50 prize is awarded for every month's painting and \$250 for the cover.

The 2008 West Virginia Wildlife Calendar, featuring a young

black bear on the cover, will soon be available at newsstands, convenience marts and retail food stores throughout the state. To obtain 2009 calendar art rules or to purchase a 2008 calendar, please contact the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Calendar Art, P.O. Box 67, Elkins, WV 26241: phone (304) 637-0245. Make checks payable to WVDNR in the amount of \$9 for each calendar, which includes shipping and handling (WV residents add \$.48 for state sales tax). Visa, MasterCard and Discover are also accepted.

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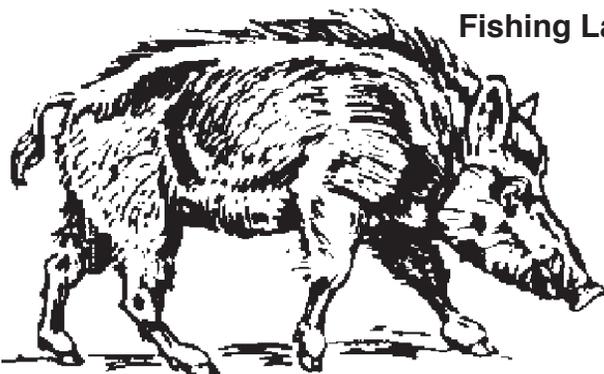
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West Virginia's 2007-08 waterfowl seasons will begin statewide on September 1 with the opening of the early Canada goose season, which will end on September 15, according to Curtis I. Taylor, Chief of the Division of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Section. Shooting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset. All other general waterfowl hunting regulations apply to the September season. Hunters must possess a federal waterfowl stamp and a free Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration card in addition to their regular hunting license. HIP registration is free and available from DNR offices and all hunting license outlets.

"We continue to maintain a relatively high Canada goose population

despite our liberal hunting season," said Taylor. "Consistently successful hunters are those who maintain good relationships with landowners, scout regularly and adjust their tactics based on what the birds are doing." Canada geese are wary and will change feeding and loafing areas quickly due to hunting pressure and food availability.

Waterfowl hunters are reminded of two important toll free numbers. Federal waterfowl stamps may be

purchased with a credit card by calling 1-800-782-6724. Also, hunters who harvest a banded bird may call 1-800-327-2263 to report the bird and find out when and where it was banded. Banded birds may also be reported online at www.pwrc.usgs.gov and select bird banding lab.

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Danny Frazier caught a 42" flat-head catfish. Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.



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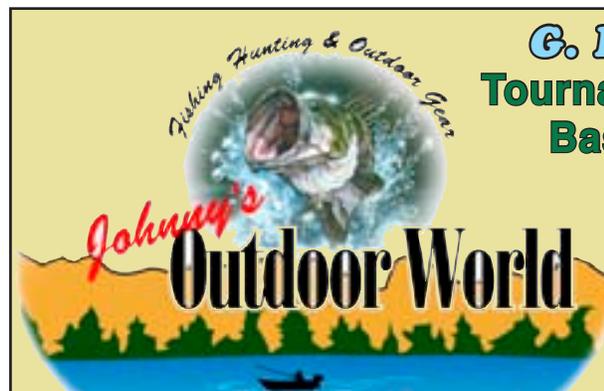
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Danny Frazier landed a big smallmouth and a flathead. *Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.*



Young Bob Snyder, from Evans, hooked a 24" largemouth bass.

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Wearing the proper clothing helps to protect you from injury. It also keeps you warm in cold weather and cool in hot weather. Rainwear and other gear keep you from getting wet and chilled.

Safety Around Water

Anglers should learn how to swim and use caution around water at all times. You should always use the "buddy system" and have a friend or an adult with you in case something goes wrong.

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John Scott hooked a 24" rainbow trout. *Photo courtesy of Christy's Trading Post in Mt. Nebo.*

and life vests, are not just for wearing in boats. Anytime you are on or around deep or fast moving water, it is always best to be wearing your PFD. U.S. Coast Guard and/or state laws require you to have an approved PFD when you are in a boat. The rules say a boat must have one PFD for each person on board. Certain types of boats must also have a cushion or ring that can be thrown to a person in the water.

Wading

There are several rules you should follow for safe wading.

- 1 Always wade with another person.
- 2 Always wear your PFD.
- 3 Find out how deep the water is.
- 4 Find out how strong the current is.
- 5 Find out what the bottom is like.
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Young Nicholas Milam, from Fayetteville, landed a 5 pound, 5 oz. largemouth bass.

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you. If you can't reach the person, then THROW them a life-saving device. This can be a boat cushion or ring that floats. If possible, it should be tied to the end of a line so you can pull the person to you. If a cushion or ring isn't handy, anything that floats can be thrown. Plastic coolers, ski belts, or even beach balls can be used in an emergency.

If there is nothing to throw, ROW a boat to the person in trouble. There should be someone else in the boat to help pull the person in trouble into the boat. The person should be pulled in over the stern, or back, of the boat. If the boat has a motor, it must be shut off before you get to the person in the water. Don't let the person try to climb in over the side of a small boat. This can tip the boat over. If the boat is small, have the victim hang on the gunwales, and tow him to shore.

Swim out to save the person in trouble ONLY as a last resort and

ONLY if you are an experienced lifeguard or have had life-saving training. Going into the water after the person in trouble is very dangerous. People who are drowning often panic and injure or even drown someone trying to rescue them. Going quickly for help is often the best choice.

Swimming

If you fish, you should know how to swim for your own safety. Many young anglers like to go for a swim during a fishing trip just for fun or to cool off. Don't swim if there is any doubt about your ability. Never dive into the water of an unknown area and don't swim after a heavy meal or in cold water. Swim only when an experienced swimming partner is with you.



Karen Smith, from Upper Tract, caught a 15 pound, 5 oz. catfish.

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Take caution and use long-nose pliers to help remove hooks from a fish. If a hook is deep inside the fish, either cut off the line and leave the hook in the fish, or use a hook disgorger. Hooks left in fish will work themselves free or rust out.

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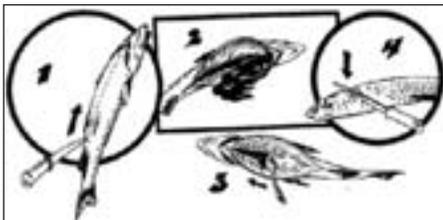


Cleaning & Preparing Fish

A fish that you plan to eat must be kept fresh. To ensure its freshness it must be kept alive until it is cleaned. You can put live fish in the livewell of a boat or on a stringer in the water. If a fish can't be kept alive, it should be cleaned and placed on ice to avoid spoilage. If you don't plan to keep a fish, free it quickly without harming it.

How to Clean a Fish to Eat

First insert the knife tip into the fish's vent and move the blade up



along the belly, cutting to the head. Keep the knife blade shallow so you don't puncture the intestines.

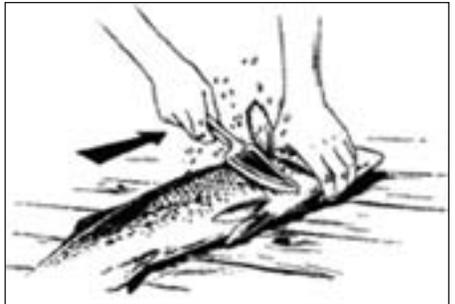
Then, spread the body open and remove all of the entrails. Some fish have a kidney by the backbone. You can remove it by scraping it out with a spoon or your thumb-nail. Cut off the head and rinse the fish in clean water.

To keep a dressed fish fresh, surround it with ice in an ice chest or cooler. As the ice melts it should drain from the cooler. Never store fish in ice water. Most saltwater fish don't keep well when put in a livewell or kept on a stringer. They must be put on ice to keep them fresh.

Scaling

Scaling means to remove the scales from the skin of a fish. Scale fish on a flat surface using one hand to hold it by the head. Rake the scales from the tail toward the head with a fish scaler or a large spoon. Remove the scales on both sides of the body. After you remove the head, gills, guts, and fins, cook the fish with its skin on.

Small fish, like bluegill and crappie, are usually scaled, cleaned and then cooked whole. Cook scaled fish with the bones in the body and



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Harry McCumbers, 73 years old, got a coyote. Photo courtesy of Jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth.

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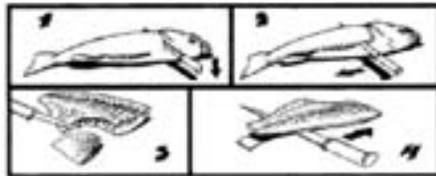
Removing the skin improves the taste of many fish. It also removes a layer of fat just under the skin. Catfish are usually skinned.

To skin a catfish or bullhead, hold its head firmly on a flat surface with a clamp. For safety, it is a good idea to snip off a catfish's spines before skinning. Then, cut through the skin behind the head and the pectoral fins. Use pliers to remove the skin from the body, pulling from the head toward the tail. Grasp the head of the fish with one hand and the body with the other. Break the backbone at the head. Pull the head and guts away from the skinned body. After you wash the fish in clean water, it's ready for cooking. You remove the fish's bones just before you eat it.

Filleting

Filleting means getting the meat of the fish without the bones. Larger fish, such as largemouth bass, northern pike, salmon, and wall-eye, are usually filleted. A filleted fish has its skin and all of its bones removed before cooking. Scaling isn't necessary. Fillet knives have a long, thin, blade that's very sharp and specifically designed for filleting fish.

Have an adult help as you learn to



fillet. A fillet knife is dangerous and must be handled safely. If you have any slime on your hands or the knife handle, wash it off to prevent slipping. Always keep your hands in back of the blade. For added safety, wear metal-mesh "fish-cleaning" gloves to protect your hands.

To fillet a fish, lay it on its side on a flat surface. Cut the fish behind its gills and pectoral fin down to, but not through, the backbone. Without removing the knife, turn the blade and cut through the ribs toward the tail. Use the fish's backbone to guide you. Turn the fish over and repeat the steps.

Next, insert the knife blade close to the rib bones and slice the entire rib section of each fillet away. Then, with the skin side down, insert the knife blade about a 1/2-inch from the tail. Gripping this tail part firmly, put the blade between the skin and the meat at an angle. Using a little pressure and a sawing motion, cut against - not through - the skin. The fillet will be removed from the skin.

Wash each fillet in cold water. Pat dry with a clean cloth or paper towel. The fillets are ready to cook or freeze.

Steaking

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ly, a fish is scaled only if the scales make it difficult to cut the steaks. Before steaking, chill the fish or put it in a freezer until it is partly stiff.

For most fish, cut through the body, working from the tail toward the head. Make each steak from 1/2-inch to 1-inch thick. After steaking, trim away any belly fat or bones that you can see, but not the backbone.



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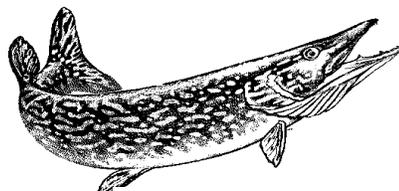
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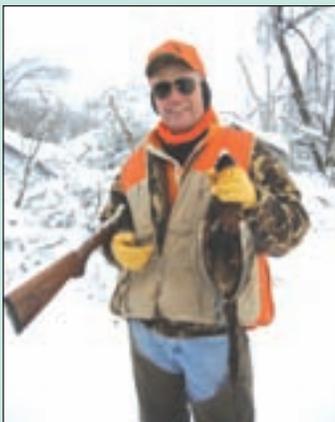
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