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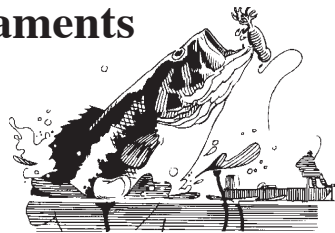
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Don Lilly just started musky fishing last year. The Sutton native and his grandsons were on a quest to land a state record or a fish close to it. He hooked and released this 51 1/2" musky at Burnsville Lake in late fall.

Send in your 2016/17 game and fish TEXT pics. Send to 304-482-7217. Bucks only - no does.

There have been numerous text pics sent in this year. If you are not in the last couple of issues, look in future issues for your pic.

60 Fun Fishing Facts

Most fish reproduce by laying eggs, though some fish, such as great white sharks, give birth to live babies called pups.[4]

Lungfish can live out of water for several years. It secretes a mucus cocoon and burrows itself under the unbaked earth. It takes in air with its lung through a built-in breathing tube that leads to the surface. A lungfish has both gills and a lung.[4]

Some fish, such as the great white shark, can raise their body temperature. This helps them hunt for prey in cold water.[5]

The oldest known age for a fish was an Australian lungfish. In 2003, it

was still alive and well at 65 years old.[5]

Fish use a variety of low-pitched sounds to convey messages to each other. They moan, grunt, croak, boom, hiss, whistle, creak, shriek, and wail. They rattle their bones and gnash their teeth. However, fish do not have vocal chords. They use other parts of their bodies to make noises, such as vibrating muscles against their swim bladder.[1]

Fish can form schools containing millions of fish. They use their eyes and something called a lateral line to hold their places in the school. The lateral line is a row of pores running along the fish's sides from head to tail. Special hairs in the pores sense changes in water pressure from the movements of other fish or predators.[5]

Starfish don't have a brain or blood

Starfish are not fish. Neither are jellyfish.[1]

Since a fish's jaw is not attached to its skull, many fishes can shoot their mouths forward like a spring to catch startled prey.[1]

Electric eels and electric rays have enough electricity to kill a horse.[3]

Sharks are the only fish that have eyelids.[3]

Fish have sleep-like periods where
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Kevin Smith, from Hinton, caught a huge largemouth bass.

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they have lowered response to stimuli, slowed physical activity, and reduced metabolism but they do not share the same changes in brain waves as humans do when they sleep.[4]
 Some fish, such as the herbivorous

fish (grazers), often lack jaw teeth but have tooth-like grinding mills in their throats called pharyngeal teeth.[6]
 Most fish have taste buds all over their body.[6]
 An estimated one third of male fish in British waters are changing sex due to pollution in human sewage.[7]

Saltwater fish need to drink more water than freshwater fish. Since seawater is saltier than the liquids in a fish's body, water inside the fish is constantly flowing out. If they didn't drink to replace the lost water, saltwater fish would dry up like prunes.[1]

The oldest fishhook ever found
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Cody Smith, from Hinton, hooked a big largemouth bass.

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dates back to about 42,000 years ago.[2]

Most fish have little salt in them. Sharks, however, have meat as salty as the ocean they live in.[5]

Most brands of lipstick contain fish scales.[5]

Yes, there are probably scales in your lipstick

Most fish can see in color and use

colors to camouflage themselves or defend themselves and their territory. Most fish have the best possible eyesight for their habitat and can most certainly see you peering at them in a fish tank. Some fish can see polarized and ultraviolet light.[4]

A fish does not add new scales as it grows, but the scales it has increase in size. In this way, growth rings are formed and the rings reveal the age of a fish.[4]

Fish that have thin fins with a split tail indicate that they move very

quickly or may need them to cover great distances. On the other hand, fish that live among rocks and reefs near the ocean floor have broad lateral fin and large tails.[5]

A ship has a heavy keel in the lower part to keep it from capsizing. Fish, on the other hand, have the keel on top. If the paired fins stop functioning to keep the fish balanced, the fish turns over because its heaviest part tends to sink, which happens when it dies.[5]

On average, flying fish can glide 160
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Bryan Pugh got a nice 10 point buck in Tyler County.

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feet (50m), but have been known to glide as far as 660 feet (200 m). And they can reach heights up to 19 feet (6m).[5]

An inflated porcupine fish can reach a diameter of up to 35 inches (90 cm). It puffs up by swallowing water and then storing it in its stomach. The stomach increases in size with more water. If the fish is taken out of water, it can inflate in a similar way by swallowing air.[6]

A fish can drown in water. Like humans, fish need oxygen, so if there isn't enough oxygen in the water, they will suffocate.[5]

Although the fangtooth fish is only a few inches long, it has teeth about the size of a human's.[5]

Their teeth are so big that they can't close their mouths completely

The fish in the middle of a school control the school. The fish on the

outside are guided by those in the middle. Only bony fish can swim in highly coordinated groups.[5]

Most fish cannot swim backwards. Those that can are mainly members of one of the eel families.[1]

Fish would suffocate if they tried to chew because chewing would interfere with water passing over their gills.[1]

The biggest fish in the world is the giant whale shark, which can grow to nearly 60 feet, or the length of two school buses. It weighs over 25 tons and eats mainly plankton. It has over 4,000 teeth, though they are only 3 mm long.[4]

The most poisonous fish in the world is the stone fish. Its sting can cause shock, paralysis, and even death if not treated within a few hours.[6]

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Eli Miller tagged his 1st buck in Tyler County.



Bobby Ingram, from Cairo, shot an 11 point in Ritchie County.

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rivers in South America, piranhas have razor-sharp teeth. They typically eat fish, insects, seeds, fruit, and even larger animals such as horses. While there are no proven reports of piranhas killing a person,



Cody Spring shot a Wood Couty buck.

they do eat human carcasses.[5]
 The fastest fish is the sailfish. It can swim as fast as a car travels on the highway.[4]
 Seahorses are poor swimmers and can die of exhaustion in stormy waters
 Seahorses are the only fish that swim upright.[1]
 The slowest fish is a seahorse. It swims so slowly that a person can barely tell it is moving. The slowest is the Dwarf Seahorse, which takes about one hour to travel five feet. It even looks like it is simply standing up, not swimming.[4]
 Some fish do not have scales.

Sharks, for example, have rough sandpapery skin instead of scales.[4]
 Fish have multiple Christian and pre-Christian overtones. For example, the Greek word for fish is Ichthys, which is an acronym for "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior" and was used to mark early Christian tombs and meeting places. Because of their association with fertility, fish have also been linked to Isis and Aphrodite.[5]
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Emma Ryan bagged an 8 point buck in Lincoln County.

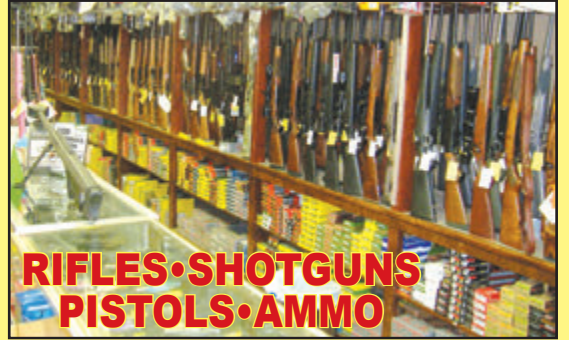
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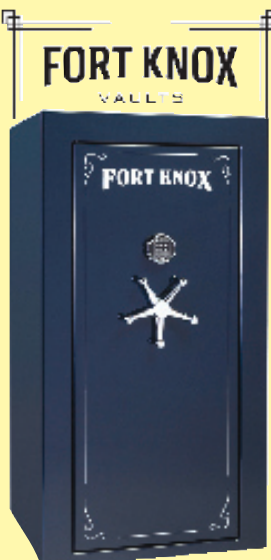
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son. However, it is so delicious that Japanese gourmets risk their lives to prepare it. To make this high-risk dish, chefs must have a certificate from a special school that teaches preparation of this toxic fish.[6] Hammerhead sharks can live in

schools of more than 500 sharks. The strongest female swims in the middle. When she is ready to mate, she shakes her head from side to side to signal the other female sharks to move away so she is the center of attention.[1]

There are approximately 32,000 different kinds of fish in the world today, which is more than all the other kinds of vertebrates combined. Scientists are discovering new species all the time.[4]

The batfish plays dead when dan-
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Jason Reed harvested a quality buck. Photo courtesy of Tyler Outdoor Supply in Middlebourne.

Some desert pupfish can live in hot springs that reach temperatures greater than 113° F.[5]

A male emperor angelfish lives together with up to five female mates. If the emperor angelfish dies, one of the females turns into a male fish and becomes the leader of the group.[5]

Mudskippers are also able to jump 2 feet in the air

The mudskipper is a fish that spends most of its time out of water and can “walk” on its fins. It carries a portable water supply in its gill chambers when it leaves the water. It can also breathe through the pores of its wet skin.[5]



A fine buck was tagged by this hunter. Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark.

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danger is near. It floats motionless on its side when scared, making it look like a dead leaf floating on the surface of the water.[4]

Anableps, four-eyed fish, can see above and below water at the same time.[4]

Sometimes tornadoes pick up fish while traveling over water and carry them over land, where the fish rain down. These "fish showers" have been happening for thousands of years. Roman writer Pliny the Younger describes this phenomenon in the 1st century A.D.[5]

Male anglerfish are much smaller than the female. While the female can reach up to 24 inches long, the males barely reach 1.6 inches long and live as parasites on their mates. They stay together for life. As the male ages, he gets smaller and smaller. The female anglerfish's light is always "on." [3]

Scientists have explored only 1% of the ocean depths. They believe millions of new kinds of animals

and fish are down there, waiting to be discovered.[3]

Empty dogfish egg cases sometimes wash up onto the beach. Some people call them mermaid purses.[5]


The entire body of a catfish is covered with taste buds

Catfish have over 27,000 taste buds.

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Unlike bony fish, sharks and rays
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A seahorse can move each of its
 eyes separately. One eye can look
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SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. – West Virginia hunters harvested 3,012 black bears during the combined 2016 archery, crossbow and firearms seasons, according to Colin Carpenter, Black Bear Project leader for the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

The preliminary black bear harvest data for the combined 2016 seasons were 6 percent lower than the record set in 2015. The harvest is the second highest bear kill recorded and is the second time the harvest has topped 3,000.

“The mast index for all oak species in 2016 increased significantly over 2015 and was above the long-term average,” said Carpenter. “Historically, an abundance of oak mast makes bears harder to target for archery hunters. Conversely, increased oak mast typically means a higher December firearms harvest because many bears delay entering their dens due to the abundance of food.”

Carpenter added, “In the 2016 Mast Survey and Hunting Outlook, we predicted a decreased archery harvest and a similar-to-slightly greater December firearms harvest over the levels observed in 2015. Our prediction held true for the archery season, but did not hold up in the December season.”

“Overall, the 2016 harvest de-

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clined during the archery, buck-gun and December seasons over the levels recorded in 2015. However, those decreases were partially offset by very successful early gun seasons in September and October. Hunters killed 1,012 bears during the first segment of the 2016 archery season (Sept. 24 – Nov. 19). They took 584 bears with vertical bows and 428 with crossbows. The top five counties were Randolph (82), Fayette (74), Nicholas (60), Greenbrier (55) and Preston (52). Firearms hunters harvested 2,000 bears during 2016. Hunters took 883 bears in September and Oc-

tober, 349 during the concurrent buck-gun bear season, and 768 during the traditional December season. The top five counties were Pendleton (177), Randolph (167), Pocahontas (161), Nicholas (153) and Hardy (133).

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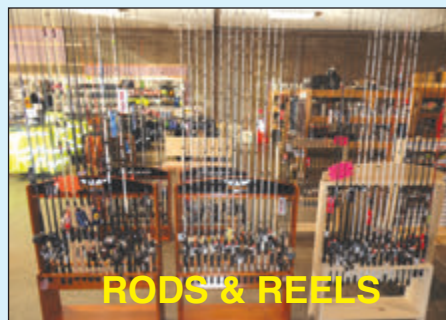
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A breakdown of the combined 2016 deer seasons reveals 46,071 bucks harvested during the traditional buck firearm season, 32,508 antlerless deer taken during all ant-

lerless firearm hunting opportunities, 28,808 deer harvested by bows and crossbows, and 4,997 deer taken by muzzleloader hunters.

Antlerless Deer Season

The 2016 antlerless deer season harvest, which includes the youth/Class Q/Class XS deer season, was 18 percent less than in 2015 and 26.5 percent below the five-year average of 44,239. "It is important to note that the antlerless harvest is the key component to any deer management strategy, as it controls the future deer population," said Johansen. Hunters are reminded that on March 13 and 14, 2017, the DNR will hold 12 public meetings across the state to gather comments on proposed fall 2017 antlerless deer hunting seasons in each of the

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Muzzleloader Deer Season

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of 4,997 was 3 percent below the 2015 harvest of 5,178, and 21 percent below the five-year average of 6,344. The top 10 counties are Randolph (243), Nicholas (232), Preston (217), Upshur (185), Lewis (168), Jackson (158), Braxton (157), Mason (153), Wood (141), and Webster (139).

Archery and Crossbow Deer Season

The bow and crossbow hunter's take of 28,808 deer was 11 percent less than the 2015 archery season harvest of 32,540, and four percent above the five-year average archery season harvest of 27,596. Archery harvests are inversely correlated to hard mast crops. The below-average acorn crop in 2015, followed by a better acorn crop in 2016, likely contributed to the lower 2016 harvest; however, the proportion of the harvest taken using a crossbow increased in 2016 over that recorded in 2015. The 2016 top 10 counties are: Preston (1,365), Randolph (975), Wood (945), Kanawha (921), Upshur (867), Wyoming (867), Mason (791), Jackson (785),

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By Tom Redington

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Fishing on a daily basis, first as a guide on Lake Fork and now as a pro, I've been able to watch the bass bite ebb and flow each spring. Fronts roll through about every five to seven days. It becomes a fairly predictable cycle of fish-
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ing getting good, then the weather changing and things slowing down. Over and over it goes, until a prolonged warming trend kicks off the spawn.

Warm and stable weather usually results in consistently good fishing. The pattern stays the same for a few days, and once you figure it out, you can catch fish reliably. The day a cold front arrives is the favorite day of most anglers. The front really turns on the bass, and this is the day to catch big numbers and some good fish too.

As the front passes, conditions turn nasty, the bite slows and fair-weather fishermen stay home. Air temps drop quickly with a cold front, and the pressure changes, but water temps aren't affected at first. The following day, water temps plummet, and north winds thrash the lake.

In my experience, the crashing water temps seem to urge the biggest bass to feed. Although fish are less aggressive, they're often grouped up in the thickest available cover or the closest deeper water near any hot spots that you found during the front. For example, if bass were roaming a shallow flat before the front, check nearby matted grass, brush piles, points or creek channels after the front.

Once I get a bite on a post-frontal day, I assume there is a school in the area. Even though it's typically

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shallow fishing, I think of it more like offshore ledge fishing. Time to drop the Power-Poles and go to work. Bass on Lake Fork often drop back to creek-channel bends. While they might have been all across a 200-yard-long flat before the front, they will hang around a couple specific stumps on a bend afterward. Many times, I'd have guide customers cast jigs to the same stumps for 30 to 45 minutes. The fishing is painstakingly slow, but when one bites, you better get the net.

So the moral of the story is to go out and catch a bunch of fish when
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Danny Frazier caught a 5 3/4 and a 4 1/4 pound smallmouth bass *Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton..*

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All your golfing buddies call in sick on the nice days, surely causing their bosses to raise their eyebrows. If you play hooky on the nasty post-frontal days, you might catch a lunker ... plus your boss won't suspect a thing.



Nathan Weekley harvested a 10 point in Tyler County.

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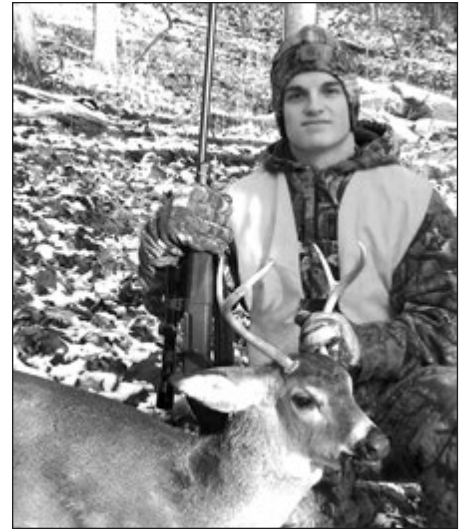
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You can locate trout in lakes and streams with cool water. The ideal temperature range is 50 to 60 degrees. Juvenile trout can also be known as fry, troutlet and troutling. They tend to mature around 2 to 3 years of age. The lifespan on trout depends on the species. For example, a rainbow trout can live

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can live up to 7 years while lake trout can live for several decades. The color variation of trout varies greatly and is dependent on the type of trout you're looking to catch. Trout are not only popular with anglers, they are also popular on the dinner table. Trout, along with its close relative salmon are a common staple in many American's diets.

Trout Fishing Tips, Tricks and Techniques

Know the Current – If you understand how a river or stream is shaped by moving water you'll be

able to find trout very easily. Deep pools created by the current can hold a big trout, but smaller trout can also be found in them. The large trout will most likely be in these pools during dawn and dusk. Choose Your Lures Wisely – It's really important to pick the right lures. Using the wrong type could make you miss out on opportunities. For optimal performance, we recommend the Panther Martin Spinning Lures.

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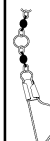
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is to take a look at what lives on the shore of where you're fishing for trout and see what might be native to their lunch or dinner menu. Mayflies, when native to the area, can be deadly during the fall season.

The Silver Spoon – Trout, especially lake trout love to bite on a small silver spoon. The best way to use this to your advantage is to buy a lure that mimics a spoon. Our top choice is the Kastaway Trophy Spoon.

Trout Fishing Records

Listed below are the world record trout caught by fishermen just like you. This data comes directly from the IGFA (International Game Fish Association). These type of fishing records don't change often and we do try to keep this section updated.

To see if one of the below trout records were broken you should visit the IGFA website, below we've provided a link to it in the bottom section called Additional Resources for Trout Fishing. Hopefully one day we'll see your name listed below for a record trout!

Llyod Bull caught a lake trout (*salvelinus namaycush*) in Great Bear Lake located in Canada on August 19th, 1995 that weighed 32.65 kg (72 lbs. 0 oz.)

Sean Konrad caught a rainbow trout (*oncorhynchus mykiss*) in Lake Diefenbaker located in Canada on September 5th, 2009 that weighed 21.77 kg (48 lbs. 0 oz.)

Chas Reed caught a golden trout (*oncorhynchus aguabonita*) in Cooks Lake located in Wyoming, USA on August 5th, 1948 that weighed 4.98 kg (11 lbs. 0 oz.)

N. Higgins caught a bull trout

(*salvelinus confluentus*) in Lake Pend Oreille located in Idaho, USA on October 27th, 1949 that weighed 14.51 kg (32 lbs. 0 oz)

Dr. W. Cook caught a brook trout (*salvelinus fontinalis*) in the Nipigon River located in Canada on July 1st, 1916 that weighed 6.57 kg (14 lbs. 8 oz.)

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Young Parker Crum, from Whipple, Ohio, bagged a gobbler.

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Scott Adkins used a muzzleloader for his 8 point buck.



Tiffany Perry tagged her 1st buck in Wirt County.



Ronnie Bennette got his 1st black bear in Boone County.



Tommy Eudy went to Raleigh Co. for this nice drop tine buck.



Roger Snyder used a crossbow for his nice buck. *Photo courtesy of Trapper's Den in Cowen.*



Hunter Bragg enjoyed his hunting season. Nice buck..

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Jeremy Simon hooked a huge trout recently.



Matt Stoddard landed a New River musky and released it.



Derrick Milhoan tagged a Jackson Co. buck. *Photo courtesy of Old & New Sports in Raveswood.*



Carol Proffitt Jr. harvested a top quality buck this season.



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