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Deer Harvest For 2015 Season

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Preliminary counts of deer registered with the new electronic game checking process indicate West Virginia hunters harvested 138,493 white-tailed deer during the recently completed bucks-only, antlerless, muzzleloader, archery, crossbow and youth/Class Q/Class XS deer seasons, according to Division of Natural Resources Director Bob Fala.

This year's harvest was 32 percent higher than the 2014 deer harvest of 104,707 and 10 percent above the 5-year average of 126,067.

A breakdown of the combined 2015 deer seasons reveals 60,814 bucks harvested during the traditional buck firearm season, 39,853



Johnny Cole, from Spencer, bagged a buck.



antlerless deer taken during all antlerless firearm hunting opportunities, 32,540 deer harvested by bows and crossbows, 5,179 deer taken by muzzleloader hunters, and 107 deer taken but with an unknown season assignment.

Antlerless Deer Season

The 2015 antlerless deer season harvest of 39,853, which includes the youth/Class Q/Class XS deer season, was 1 percent more than in 2014 and 8 percent below the 5-year average of 43,188.

"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 Director Fala.

In 2015, all or portions of 47 of the 55 counties were open to antlerless firearms season for hunters to harvest one to three antlerless deer depending on the county. Next year, antlerless deer hunting opportunity will depend on the need to increase, decrease or stabilize deer populations in each of the 51 counties where firearms deer hunting is permitted.

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Luke Hyre used a bow for a real fine buck.







Betty Moore, from Clarksburg, harvested a nice 11 point buck.



The top 10 counties are: Lewis (1,753), Ritchie (1,622), Mason (1,593), Jackson (1,521), Roane (1,514), Preston (1,437), Wood (1,436), Upshur (1,271), Hampshire (1,240) and Harrison (1,228). Muzzleloader Deer Season



The 2015 muzzleloader harvest of 5,179 was 6.5 percent less than the 2014 harvest of 5,543, and 21.5 percent below the 5-year average of 6,603. The top 10 counties are: Nicholas (265), Randolph (203), Braxton (189), Fayette (183), Jackson (183), Preston (182), Ritchie (167), Lewis (165), Lincoln (159) and Upshur (155).

Archery and Crossbow Deer Seasons

The bow and crossbow hunters' take of 32,540 deer was 46 percent more than the 2014 archery season harvest of 22,281,28 percent above the 5-year average archery season harvest of 25,481.

Archery harvests are correlated



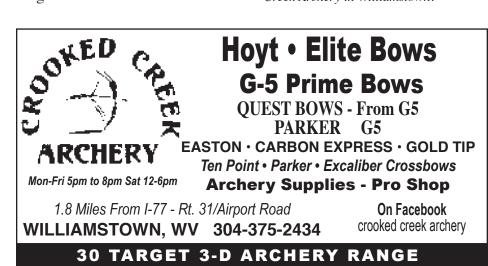
Logan Jarrette harvested a quality long tined buck.



to hard mast crops. The above-average acorn crop in 2014, followed by a below-average acorn crop continue to the next page



Travis Garrison bagged an 8 point in Wood Co. Photo courtesy of Crooked Creek Archery in Williamstown.



The above-average acorn crop in 2014, followed by a below-average acorn crop in 2015, likely contributed to the higher 2015 harvest and played a factor in the low harvest in 2014.

"Although there were no additions to a hunter's bag limit with the addition of the crossbow season, undoubtingly the rise in harvest reflected the use of crossbows, which probably increased hunter participation and success in some counties," Fala said.

Crossbows accounted for 37 percent of the total harvest for the archery and crossbow seasons combined. The top 10 counties are: Preston (1,415), Kanawha (1,069), Wyoming (1,039), Raleigh (1,032), Logan (924), Randolph (921), Wood (909), Upshur (906), Mercer (817) and Fayette (801).



Larry Conant brought in a nice 10 point buck.





2017 Wildlife Calendar Paintings

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR) is requesting original color wildlife paintings for the 2017 edition of the award-winning West Virginia Wildlife Calendar, according to DNR Assistant Wildlife Resources Section Chief Scott Warner. The deadline for submitting artwork is Feb. 19, 2016.



John Bird got a nice buck. *Photo* courtesy of Trapper's Den in Cowen.

Paintings may depict popular game and fish species or feature the state's other animals such as snakes, frogs, turtles, salamanders, bats, songbirds, small mammals and nongame fish.

"This calendar offers a wonderful opportunity for artists to feature their work," said Warner. "Besides distribution in West Virginia, our calendars are enjoyed by people all over the United States."

An electronic image of each encontinue to the next page



Don Flannery got a great 12 point. Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark.



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try capable of being sized at 141/2 inches wide by 111/2 inches high at 300 dpi is preferred, although a high quality print will be accepted. Artists may send in multiple en-

A Call

Phil Ring, from Piney, got a long tined buck.

tries.

Artists are reminded that the calendar format is horizontal, with measurements of 14 inches wide by 11 inches high, and should keep this ratio in mind when creating paintings.

Paintings not chosen in previous years may be resubmitted. "Just because the artwork is not selected one year, doesn't mean it will continue to the next page



Cassidy Jenkins used a crossbow for a nice 7 point buck.



Jamie VanDevender got a black

bear in Pocahontas county.



not be selected in the future," said Warner. "Often, there are several submissions of a particular species and only one can be used in a given year."

All artists, especially those from West Virginia, are encouraged to submit their work. A \$100 prize is awarded for each painting chosen, with \$500 going to the artist whose artwork is picked for the cover. Paintings are chosen based on overall composition and quality, along with anatomical and contextual accuracy. The quality of the



Mike Clay, from Pineville, used a bow in Wyoming Co.



Logan Wingler found a bunch of squirrels

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electronic image or submitted print is very important for judging the artwork.

To obtain 2017 calendar art rules or to purchase a 2016 calendar, please contact the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Calendar Art, P.O. Box 67, Elkins, WV 26241, phone 304-637-0245. Electronic images should be emailed to: Patty.S.Fordyce@wv.gov.



Kaleb Ramirez brought in his 1st buck.

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Mark Friend got a nice 8 point in Mason County.



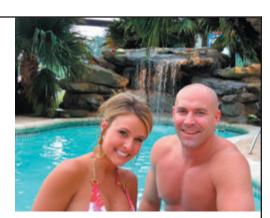
James Kemp, from Princeton, used a bow in Wyoming Co. for a 10 point that grossed over 160 P&Y.



BJ Martin got his first buck in Putnam County.







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Luke Morris brought in a nice 9 point buck. *Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark*



Rick Dunlap went to Ohio for a 185+ bow buck. *Photo courtesy of Rick's Taxidermy in Buckhannon*



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Trout is a term used for several types of fish that are a part of one of three genera: oncorhyunchus, salmo or salvelinus. They live in freshwater, but some trout do spend time out in the ocean and return to freshwater to spawn, just like salmon, which trout are closely related to. Several common types of trout are brown trout, lake trout, rainbow trout and steelhead. A trout's diet usually consist of other fish and aquatic invertebrates. When a trout reaches over 12 inches they'll usually only feed on smaller fish. Trout are a very popular game fish and many state wildlife agencies stock lakes, ponds and streams with trout for anglers to catch.

You can locate trout in lakes and streams with cool water. The ideal



Wylie Morgan used a bow for this preserve giant buck.

Trout Fishing Tips

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 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



Jim Carpenter caught lots of fish.

not only popular with anglers, they are also popular on the dinner table. Trout, along with its close relatively salmon are a common staple in many American's diets.

Trout Fishing Tips, Tricks and Techniques

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David Logan used a dog to find these squirrels.



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.

Power Bait ONLY Works on Stocked Trout – If you're fishing for trout with power bait you better make sure the trout in that body of water were stocked (farm raised) and not native. Native trout will not bite on power bait, the only reason stocked trout will is because they are fed pellets in the hatchery and will eat anything that resembles or smells like the pellets.

The Best Live Bait – Hands down night crawlers are an effective live bait for catching trout, along with minnows and crayfish. A neat trick 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 sea-



Stan Lough used a bow in Upshur County for a huge black bear..



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Choose Your Lures Wisely – It's important to pick the right lures.



Jordan Longmire, from Middlebourne, got a nice buck.

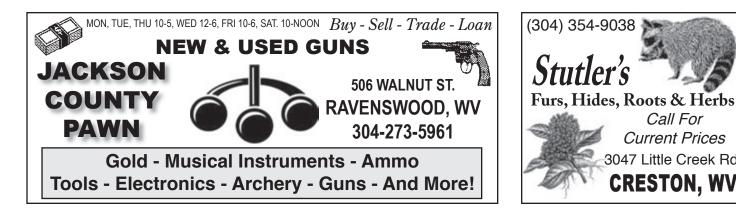
Using the wrong type could make you miss out on opportunities. Fortunately, there are a few brands on the market that do a tremendous job.

The Silver Spoon – Trout, especontinue to the next page



Kaleb Gooding is happy with his musky.





cially lake trout love to bite on a small silver spoon. There are several different rigs that might work best for you, try them out to see what works best.

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 Resourc-



Shawn Stidham, from Red House, shot a 6 point in Putnam Co.

es for Trout Fishing. Hopefully one day we'll see your name listed below for a record trout!

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Llvod 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 (onocorhynchus 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 continue to the next page

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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.)

John Skimmerhorn caught a cutthroat trout (oncorhynchus clarki) in Pyramid Lake located in Nevada, USA on December 1st, 1925 that weighed 18.59 kg (41 lbs. 0 oz.)



Rick Dunlap Jr. brought in a nice buck. *Photo courtesy of Rick's Taxidermy in Buckhannon*.





Ronald Thomas had success with a nice buck.



Bill Stoneking used a crossbow for this nice buck.





Sport Show In 15th Year

The 15th annual WV Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Sports Show will be held March 5-6, 2016 at the Ruby Community Center at MYLAN PARK in Morgantown. Recognized as the largest outdoors show in northern WV, the event sells out annually with over 150 vendor booths representing outdoor businesses from all over the US and Canada.

"We are so excited for this year's



Chantz Williams, from Sistersville, caught a big largemouth.

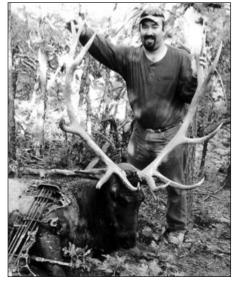


show," says Labeth Hall owner of PR Plus Events, organizer of the event. "We have the largest show ever with over 53,000 square feet of everything you need to go fishing, hunting or enjoy the great outdoors, in addition to boats, campers. ATV's, truck bed liners, trailers, tractors and much more. There are thousands of products and services related to the outdoors and we have added a lot of new vendors also." continue to the next page

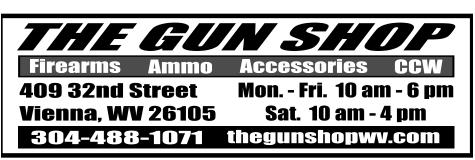


Lewis & Tim Smith landed some big catfish last fall on the Kanawha.





John Stalling used a bow for a great elk. Photo courtesy of Crooked Creek Archery in Williamstown.



For those who are serious fisherman, they will find a variety of fishing trips in the US and Canada, bait, tackle, reels, area fishing guides, as well as numerous charter boat captains from the Great Lakes. Professional anglers and fishing enthusiast will find everything they need to catch the Big One.

The avid hunter can browse through lots of guns, archery equipment, knives, ammo, beef jerky, hunting associations, DNR, taxidermists and camo gear and lots of new gadgets. There will be turkey calls, tree stands, scents and a variety of new hunting products. Hunting outfitters will be there to book bear, elk, whitetail, wild boar, moose, turkey and game birds trips to a variety of destinations including Colorado, Kentucky, Maine and Canada.



Jameson Hardy, got a 5 point in Tucker County with a bow.



Thomas Ray caught an Ohio River walleye..



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Young Justin Adkins went to Lincoln County for an 8 point buck.



Tom McIntyre bagged a great 10 point in Wood County.



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Ronnie Stilner, from Baileysville, brought in a large rack buck.



Dalton Mullins got his 1st bear in Clay County.



Sabrina Midcap bagged a big buck. Photo courtesy of Tyler Outdoor Supply in Middlebourne.



Shawn Johnston, from Ohio, went to Doddridge Co. for a good buck.



Graden McKinney shot a nice 10 point in Ritchie County.











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Three Species Of Trout

There are 3 species of trout; Rainbow, Brook, and the Brown Trout:

The rainbow trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss) is a class of salmonid native to cold-water tributaries of the Pacific Sea in Asia as well as the United States. The steelhead (sometimes "steelhead trout") is an anadromous (sea-run) form of the coastal rainbow trout that normally comes back to fresh water to spawn after dwelling two to three years in the sea. Freshwater varieties that have been introduced into the Great Lakes and migrate into tributaries to spawn are also called steelhead. Mature freshwater stream rainbow



Tyler Bonetti got a 6 point in Randolph County.



Dan Buzzard went to Ohio for an awesome buck..

trout average between one and five pounds, while lake-dwelling and anadromous forms might reach twenty pounds. Colorings vary widely based on subspecies, forms and environment. Mature fish are distinguished by a wide reddish stripe along the lateral line, from gills to the tail, which is most vivid in breeding males.

The brook trout (Salvelinus fontinalis), sometimes called the eastern brook trout, is a type of fish in the salmon family of order Salmoniformes. It is indigenous to Eastern North America in the United States and Canada. In most parts of its range, it is called the speckled trout or squaretail. Although commonly called a trout, the brook trout is actually a char (Salvelinus) which in the North American continent comprises the lake trout, bull trout, Dolly Varden and the arctic char.

The brown trout (Salmo trutta) is an initially European species of salmonid fish. It includes both purely freshwater populations, and anadromous forms known as the



sea trout. The latter migrates to the seas for much of its existence and comes back to fresh water simply to reproduce.

The majority of profoundly successful trout fishermen are usually those who are knowledgeable in the environment, diet, behavior, and continue to the next page

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Essential Rainbow Trout Fishing Gear

A hand net used to land your trout. The line can easily break if the trout is pulled from the water.

A good pair of waders.

A stringer to hold your catch of the day.

A fishing vest to hold what you need out on the water.

A good pair of polarized sunglasses



Cole Jones got a nice buck in Ritchie County.





so that you can see trout under the water.

Rod and Reel. A standard spinning rod and reel will work very well. Ultra-light rods and spinning reels tend to be more flexible and better to feel a hit. Rods six to 6.5 ft long prove to be more advantageous for castability and make it simpler to use a float. An ultra-light spinning reel is especially made for light line like 4 lb test. Trout and fly fishing are somewhat synonymous. Tackle for this type of angling is available in a vast array of types and models, like most fishing equipment. But there are some important factors for a comfortable experience. The rod, reel, and line should be matched up (use the manufacture's recommendation that is stated on the rod). In general, a 7.5 to 8 foot flyrod with medium to slow action is just about



perfect for trout fishing. The reel is continue to the next page



Marlon Henry caught a 7 pound rainbow trout.



not as crucial since it simply stores the line; select one that fits you best. Fly lines come in numerous weights and styles. Again, make use of what you are most comfortable with to use. Highly Pro fisherman recommended rod and reel combo-Berkley Trout Dough Series Spinning Rod Combo Rigging the Rod and Reel

A leader, preferably tapered, with a 3 lb test tippet should be attached to heavy line. Make sure to use a light leader, which makes the end of your line less visible to trout whilst enabling you to use heavier line on the reel. A leader is a 2foot a segment of 2-pound test (or possibly lighter) line. Affix a snap swivel to the original line on your reel. The leader is going to tie to the snap swivel.

If using a hook, attach a split-shot about the size of a BB above the snap swivel on the reel's main line.



Several different types of hooks could be used depending on the type of bait chosen. A treble hook (sz 16-18) is effective with many cheese and dough baits. One single hook sizes- 10-16 is the preference for salmon eggs. When utilizing a lure or selected artificial, just tie the lure to the leader. You should not use a split shot unless the water is high.

Flies, lures, and baits for Rainbow Trout

Natural as well as scented baits – A natural fish food like bait fish, crayfish, frogs allowed as bait, grubs, insects, larvae, worms, salmon eggs, cheese, corn as well as other diet substances not containing any kind of ingredient to injure or destroy fish. Good examples are worms, mayflies, minnows, crayfish, fish eggs, crickets, grasshoppers, fly larvae, waxworms and numerous additional bug larvae. Also comprises dough bait, putty or paste-type bait, any material designed to draw in fish by taste or continue to the next page



Peggy & Bernard Drennen were in Gilmer County for an 8 & 9 point.



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Justin Knicely got his buck in Upshur County.





scent and virtually any fly, lure or bait containing or used with such materials. Hooks used for these baits ranges from No. six to fourteen, generally fitting bait size with hook dimensions. Worms should be threaded on the hook in at least two places and the whole hook concealed. On occasions trout are going to grab a worm, squash it, spit it, and then pick it up again. This nibbling routine can make a cautious fish difficult to catch on an uncovered hook point.

There are 2 types of hooks which are great for worm fishing. The first is a split-shank hook, that contains sharp points over which the worm can be threaded. The other is a tandem hook rig in which two hooks are attached by a length of leader

- the lower with the curve aimed downward, along with the upper one around an inch above and the bend aimed upward. Hook the worm so that the head and tail extend about an inch past the points, leaving a loop in the middle. Worms are probably the best all-around trout bait and work especially well in springtime and fall, particularly after rain fall.

Grasshoppers and crickets are most often used in the fall. They are usually hooked once through the tough portion of their body, above the front legs, or simply threaded onto the hook. These baits are most effective while drifted downstream



Jackie Murphy caught a 29" Smith Mountain striper.



into likely trout cover.

Minnows are sometimes employed for trout, particularly for large Brown's. Hook the minnow gently through the back or lip and drift it into the deep pools which have hiding habitat structure. Petite, soft-shell crayfish and fish eggs, typically from salmon, can continue to the next page



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Riley Lemasters got a Jackson County buck. Photo courtesy of Old & New Sports in Ravenswood.

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also be productive whenever drifted in a similar fashion. Egg hooks should be used for salmon eggs. Insect larvae are productive sometimes, especially if they are plentiful in streams and are starting to emerge. Most of the time they are fished similar to worms, but take care in casting because they can come off the hook very easily.

Prepared trout bait ranges from commercial products to do-it-



Brock Perkins used a bow in Upshur County for a great buck.

yourself concoctions. Most varieties have a cheese base and come in small chunks or balls. Cheese baits are normally cast across a pool area and the bait allowed to drift with the current. Other popular baits include whole kernel corn, marshmallows, and cereal kinds. It doesn't take much imagination to fish for trout.

Artificial Lure – A lure made from any material not including the soft plastic bait and natural and scented bait. Artificial lures for trout are approximately the same variety as for any other sport fish; primarily the size is generally smaller. Spinner-baits and leadheads are utilized quite often. 2 of the very most essential suggestions are to make use of smaller sized lures - onesixteenth to one-thirty/second oz. and present these kinds of lures by angling upstream with a moderate rate of retrieve. In such a position the lure appears more natural, in addition to being less difficult for a trout to go after and strike. Both spinner-baits and leadhead lures

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may be dressed with a variety of materials or with live bait. Soft plastic dressings are quite possibly the most well-liked by nearly all trout fishermen. Take note that rate of the retrieve is critical; not too fast. Pro Fishermen highly recommend the wee-crawfish lure. I must have in the tacklebox.



Robert Lane landed a 9 pound New River walleye. Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton.



Frank Bogard, from Moundsville, hooked an Ohio River flathead.





The Davis father and son team, from Buckhannon, got bucks.



Kolten Holbert (6) shot a 7 point in Calhoun County.



Theron Smallridge got a great buck this year. *Photo courtesy of Anderson Outdoors in Buckhannon*.



Russ Dawkins, from Walker, shot a 10 point buck.



Hunter Wiseman got an 8 point in Jackson County. *Photo courtesy of Old & New Sports in Ravenswood.*



Phil Rager has a quality drop tine deer. *Photo courtesy of Resse's Country Store in Deerwalk.*



Angie Hunter bagged an 8 point in Jackson County.

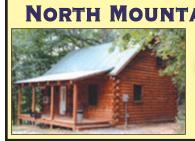


Ralph Seebaugh shot an 8 point in Wood County.



Billy Fortney had success with a nice 9 point. *Photo courtesy of ReCreations Taxidermy Studio in Elkins*.





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Randy Williams, from Fulton, catured a rattlesnake. in Raleigh Co.

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Craig Coplin bagged a spike albino buck. Photo courtesy of Holbert's Store in Big Bend



Tom Boggs took a great buck. Photo courtesy of Trapper's Den in Cowen.







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Mitch Liggett went to Africa for a large baboon. *Photo courtesy of Anderson Outdoors in Buckhannon*.



Mike Murray shot a nice 10 point buck. *Photo courtesy of Crossraods General Store near Newark*.

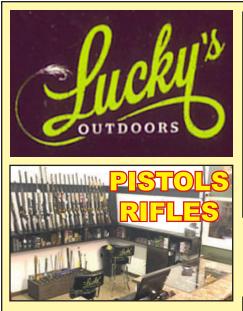


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SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. - West Virginia hunters harvested 3,195 black bears during the combined 2015 archery and firearms seasons, according to Colin Carpenter, Black Bear Project Leader for the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. The preliminary harvest data for the combined

2015 seasons were 17 percent higher than the previous record set in 2012 (2,735 bears). The black bear harvest of 2015 marks the sixth time in six years that the harvest has topped 2,000.

"In the 2015 Mast Survey and Hunting Outlook brochure, we predicted an increased archery

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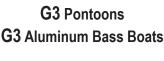






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harvest and a decreased December firearms harvest compared to the levels in 2014. Our prediction held true; however, the archery harvest increased a whopping 92 percent, a record, and the December harvest only decreased by 18 percent," Carpenter said.

"When looking at all mast species combined, 2015 was slightly above the long-term average. However, the oak mast index for 2015 continue to the next page



William Pike harvested a nice buck.



Noah Miller brought in a huge coyote. Photo courtesy of Tyler Outdoor Supply in Middlebourne.



decreased 50 percent over 2014," said Carpenter. "Historically, a scarcity of oak mast makes bears easier to target for archery hunters. Conversely, decreased oak mast typically means a lower December firearms harvest because many bears have entered their dens as the



Gail Martin got her deer in Jackson County.

season progresses."

Hunters killed 1,140 bears during the 2015 archery season, including 710 with vertical bows and 430 with crossbows. The top five counties were Nicholas (90), Fayette (86), Wyoming (78), Randolph (74) and Webster (65).

Firearms hunters harvested 2,055 bears during 2015. Hunters took 694 bears in September and October, 490 during the concurrent buck-gun bear season, and 871 during the traditional December season. The top five counties were Randolph (193), Nicholas (176), Pocahontas (171), Greenbrier (168) and Pendleton (160).

The large increase in archery harvest was bolstered by a very successful early firearms season in Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties, according to Carpenter. In addition, the record mild Convenience Store • Movie Rentals Boat & RV Supplies • Souveniers Game Checking Station • Hardware



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Jerry Phillips, from Arthurdale, brought back a huge mule deer.





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Elite pro Cliff Prince is sympathetic and understands how overwhelming it can be to learn the



Josie Walker shot a nice ber in Raleigh County.

ropes of a sport that has so many different techniques and nuances to learn. Sometimes it seems the barriers to entry are just too much and too discouraging.

Fortunately, he's got a plan for getting started that will satisfy virtually every bass situation you might encounter anywhere in the country at any time of the year, and it takes just four rods and reels.

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Carl Smith (83) used a crossbow for his 1st archery buck.





NO. 1: ALL-AROUND SPIN-NING

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Rod: Fitzgerald Rods Stunner HD 6-foot, 9-inch medium spinning Reel: Lew's Team Pro Speed Spin TLP2000

Line: Seaguar InvizX fluorocarbon,



Joe Farley caught a 3 3/4 smallmouth on the New River. *Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton.*

8-pound test NO. 2: LIGHT-DUTY CASTING

"Because this outfit is spooled with mono, it's the choice for floating topwaters," Prince says, noting that fluorocarbon line sinks. "I also like it for lipless crankbaits, small diving baits and vibrating jigs and spinnerbaits when the cover isn't too thick for such light line. It's also a great choice for fishing in clear water – anything more than about 3 feet of visibility."

Prince's choice

Rod: Fitzgerald Rods Stunner HD 6-foot, 8-inch medium-heavy casting

Reel: Lew's BB-1 Pro Series Speed Spool casting reel (6.4:1 gear ratio)



Torissa Perkins got her 1st buck in Lewis County.

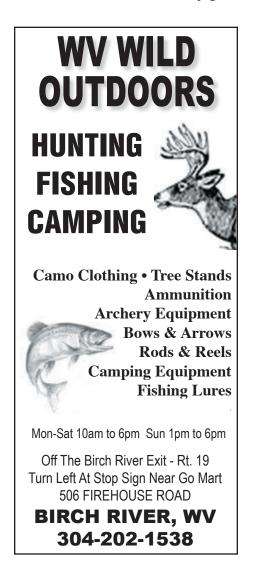
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Line: Seaguar Senshi monofilament, 12-pound test NO. 3: MEDIUM-DUTY CAST-

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"With a little bit heavier line," Prince says, "I like this outfit for big crankbaits, jigs, big Texas rigs, stick worms and light pitching which is a really underrated tactic continue to the next page



all over the country. This combo will see a lot of action because it's really versatile and lends itself to most power fishing baits and methods. If bass can be caught on larger baits and by fishing fast, this is the rod and reel you'll be using most of the time."

Prince's choice

Rod: Fitzgerald Rods Stunner HD 7-foot, 3-inch medium-heavy casting

Reel: Lew's BB-1 Pro Series Speed Spool casting reel (6.4:1 gear ratio)

Line: Seaguar InvizX fluorocarbon, 15-pound test

NO. 4: HEAVY-DUTY CASTING

"When you need to flip or pitch in heavy cover," Prince says, "this is your combo. It's heavy enough to handle all but the densest cover, and the 50-pound braid will pull big bass out of all but the heaviest matted vegetation. This outfit would also be my choice for giant crankbaits, big swimbaits, hollowbodied topwaters, buzzbaits and castable umbrella rigs. It's more versatile than you might think, and you don't need to be fishing in super-heavy cover to get a lot of use out of this combo."



Randy White got his bear in Nicholas Co. *Photo courtesy of Saltlick Plot Kennel in Heaters*.



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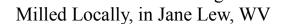
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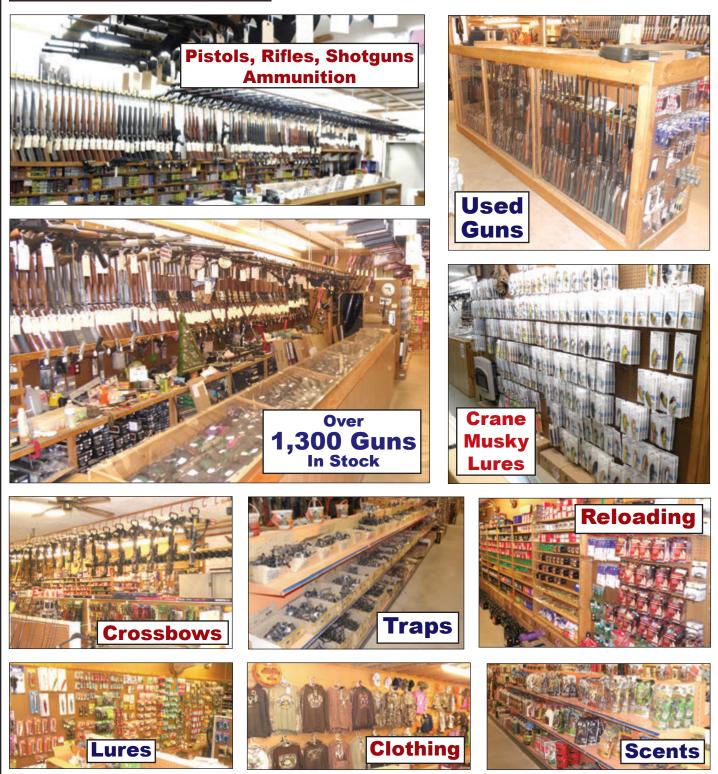
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