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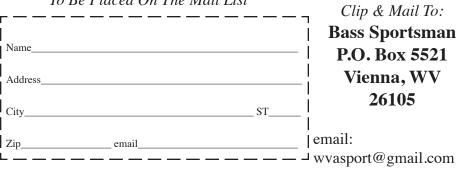
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Cover Photo

Hunting in Wyoming County, Brandon Lilly used a bow for this 9 point buck. It grossed 163 - Pope and Young.

It appears that 2013 was a good year for quality racks. The opening day was very chilly. Congrats to all those hardy hunters that hit the woods.

This magazine is looking for large game pictures for publication. Info is on page 27.

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Deer Hunting Facts In WV

The West Virginia buck firearms season is Nov. 25 - Dec. 7, 2013. It is open in all counties except Logan, Mingo, McDowell and Wyoming.

Approximately 330,000 deer hunters will be in West Virginia's woods during this season.

Hunters should review the 2013 -2014 Hunting and Trapping Regu-



Brain Galloway, from Mt. Claire, went to Canada for a big buck.

lations Summary for detailed instructions concerning bag limits and season dates. The regulations are available at license agents, DNR district offices, or online at www.wvdnr.gov.

A list of official game checking stations in West Virginia can be found online at: www.wvdnr.gov/ hunting/check stations.asp

The buck deer bag limit during the two-week buck firearms season is two (one on the base license and one on an RG [resident] or RRG [nonresident] stamp). A hunter may take no more than three antlered deer per calendar year in all archery and firearms seasons combined.

The last day to purchase an additional buck deer gun tag (Class RG/RRG Stamp) is Nov. 24, 2013. Class RG and Class RRG additional buck stamps can only be used to take an additional antlered deer in buck firearms season. Unused Class RG and Class RRG stamps continue to the next page

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Young Caden Barger, from Pt. Pleasant, shot an 8 point for his 1st buck. Great way to start out!



Chris Camion shot a great buck. Photo courtesy of Middle Mountain Sporting Goods in Elkins.

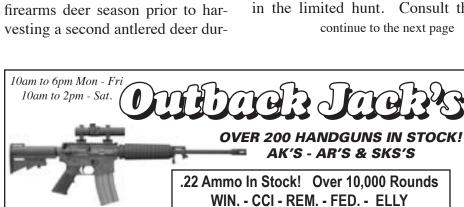
on private land in 51 counties or portions thereof and select public lands on Nov. 25 – Dec. 7, 2013, concurrent with the buck firearms season, with valid stamps.

There are 23 counties (see the 2013 – 2014 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary) that require buck firearms hunters to take an antlerless deer during the antlerless ing the buck firearms season. Deer taken on a base license or license/ stamp combination or Class RG or RRG stamps may be checked in any order.

A hunter may harvest two deer per day, but only one antlered deer may be harvested per day. The first deer does not have to be legally checked in prior to harvesting the second deer on the same day. However, all deer must be checked in before hunting during a subsequent day.

Concurrent with the buck gun season will be a bear gun season in 29 counties. A limited bear hunt will be held on private land only in 19 of these counties. Prior application was required in these counties. Resident landowners do not need a permit to hunt on their own land in the limited hunt. Consult the

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2013–2014 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary for specific counties.

Deer hunters spend an estimated \$230 million in West Virginia, much of it in the rural areas of the state that depend upon the deer seasons for a large portion of their annual income.

In 2012, hunters in West Virginia harvested 56,276 bucks during the two-week buck firearms season. which is six percent less than the 2011 harvest of 60,157 and is six percent below the previous fiveyear average of 60,236.

WVDNR forecasts that the buck firearms season harvest should be similar to the 2012 harvest and the overall deer harvest should be



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higher in 2013. Wildlife Resources Section employees working game checking stations in 2012 noticed an increase in the number of large antlered deer being checked in. Data indicate that the age structure of harvested bucks has shifted over time to include a lower percentage of yearling animals and a higher number of mature bucks. Hunters appear to be passing up younger animals for the chance at more mature animals. This will lead to an increased number of larger bucks in the harvest.

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As of July 1, 2013, Sunday hunting was legal in the following 14 counties on private land only: Boone, Brooke, Clay, Hancock, Jefferson, continue to the next page



Young Parker O'Brien brought in a nice 8 point. Photo courtesy of Old & New Sports in Ravenswood.

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Hunters are required to wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange (about the size of a vest) as an outer garment for visibility and safety. Blaze orange camouflage patterns are legal as long as 400 square inches of blaze orange are displayed on the garment. A blaze orange hat is not required, but the hunter must have blaze orange visible from both the front and the back.

Hunting licenses may be purchased online at any time and printed out on a home computer printer. Go to the goWILD! website at www.wv-hunt.com, fill out the application, and purchase it over a secure server with a credit card.

Hunters who wish to donate deer



Tom Frame, from Bridgeport, brought in a big bodied 6 point.

meat or dollars to the Hunters Helping the Hungry program, which distributes deer meat through the Mountaineer Food Bank and the Huntington Food Bank, should call 304-558-2771 or visit the DNR website at www.wvdnr.gov to find a participating meat processor.



Clint McFee went to Pendelton County for his black bear.





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LOGAN W.Va. – A Logan County man was arrested and fined on charges of illegally killing a trophy buck deer in Logan County, according to Lt. Bobby Cales of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section.

Camron Stover of Lake in Logan County admitted in Logan County magistrate court to killing two antlered deer in Logan County in violation of wildlife regulations. Stover had already killed one antlered deer in Logan County during archery season, the legal limit.

Nov. 17, 2013, DNR Natural Resources Police Officers responded to a tip of the illegal second kill, and upon questioning, Stover admitted to killing the second deer with a bow Nov. 16, 2013. Logan

County has a one-buck bag limit per year and no deer firearm hunting season.

He was issued citations for exceeding the season bag limit, illegal possession of wildlife, hunting after killing legal deer, and failure to check game. Because the buck exceeded an inside spread exceeding 20 inches, he will have to pay the enhanced penalty of \$2,500 in addition to the \$200 replacement fee and any associated fines and court costs. The 11-point buck had a gross score of 180 2/8 and a net score of 169 3/8.

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Hunting illegal bucks, like this one, can lead to substantial fines.

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Cold and snowy weather did not stop young Colt Corder from bagging a 6 point buck. Photo courtesy of Old & New Sports in Ravenswood.

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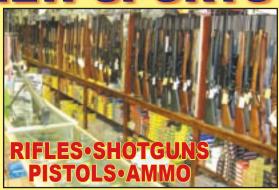
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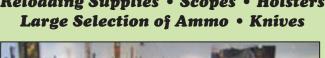
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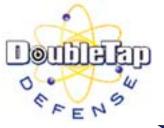


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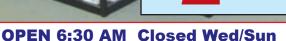
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Adam Trent and Courtney Morgan had bow success this season. *Photo courtesy of Uncle Tom's Loans in Occeanna*.





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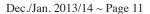
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In Florida it's even better. It took 27 pounds to win the (high school) Bobby Lane Cup on Kissimmee.

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The fact that the anglers are bet-

ter isn't all that much different, at least as far as the reasons for it are continue to the next page



Francis Herron landed a nice largemouth in Upshur County.



concerned. We know more now. We can make better decisions. At the same time, our equipment, especially our electronics, is superior to what we had available just a few short years ago.

What really surprises me, though, is how good the kids are. They understand the fish and they understand equipment. They're way ahead of where most of us were at their ages. It's almost frightening to think about what they'll be able to do when they mature and get some experience under their belts.

Plus, this is a sport that's growing by leaps and bounds. We're getting back on our feet after the Great Recession and it shows. The tournaments are getting solid sponsors and so are the anglers. The future looks good as far as I'm concerned.

While we're on this subject of how great bass fishing is these days, I want to mention Guntersville and



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I just wish I hadn't learned it the hard way. I hope someone out there can learn a little something from my mistakes and from my successes in Oklahoma. If so, it'll make your winter bassing one heck of a lot more productive.

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2013 WV Buck Harvest

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Preliminary data collected from game checking stations across the state indicate deer hunters in West Virginia harvested 56,333 bucks during the two-week buck firearms season, which ran from Nov. 25 through Dec. 7, 2013, according to Frank Jezioro, director of the

West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR). The 2013 buck harvest was slightly higher than the 2012 harvest of 56,276. The top 10 counties for buck harvest were as follows: Jackson (1,914), Ritchie (1,909), Roane (1,878), Preston (1,753), Lewis (1,685), Hampshire (1,637), Braxton (1,623), Wood (1,599), Wetzel (1,534), and Greenbrier (1,529).

This year's overall buck harvest is essentially the same as last year's, but varied considerably by region, with decreases occurring in four DNR districts offset by increases in harvest in two DNR districts. The largest percent increases occurring to the next page



Chuck Spears, from Cairo, used a bow for this large 11 point.





Are there big racks in the bow only counties? This large rack is one of them. *Photo courtesy of Jason's Country Corner in Saulsville*.

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Kevin Friend took a nice Braxton County 8 point buck..

curred in the western counties of the state while the buck harvest in the mountain and northern panhandle counties decreased. Inclement weather, especially Tuesday, the second day of the season, may have impacted hunter participation and contributed to the decrease harvest in these counties. The harvest was 27th among all recorded antlered buck firearm seasons. This year's preliminary buck harvest remains 3 percent below the previous 5-year average of 58,049.

Wildlife biologists and wildlife managers collected age-specific biological information at checking stations in 23 counties this year and will analyze data from the comcontinue to the next page



Riley Lantz has a high racked buck. *Photo courtesy of Anderson Outdoors in Buckhannon.*

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Mark Fluharty won the local big buck contest. *Photo courtesy of J&R Sporting Goods in Shinnston.*



A large bow buck was taken this year. *Photo courtesy of Boone's Bow Shop in Parkersburg*.



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bined 2013 deer seasons (i.e., buck, antlerless, archery and muzzleloader) before making appropriate recommendations for next year's deer seasons. These recommendations will be available for public review at 12 regulations meetings scheduled for March 17 and 18, 2014, (see current 2013 - 2014 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, Page 5, or visit the DNR website at www.wvdnr.gov for scheduled times and places).

Director Jezioro reminds hunters that several days of deer hunting opportunity still remain for 2013. The traditional antlerless deer season in selected counties on both public and private land opens Thursday, Dec. 19 and runs through Saturday, Dec. 21. The Youth, Class Q/QQ and Class XS deer season (antlerless deer only) will be open Thursday and Friday, Dec. 26 and 27, in any county with a firearms deer season, and will be followed by the reopening of Class

N/NN antlerless deer season Dec. 28, 30 and 31 in 51 counties or portions of counties (see 2013 - 2014 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary or visit the DNR website at www.wvdnr.gov for county and area listings).



Kevin Dohert used his Class Y license to get a nice 10 point. Photo courtesy of Holbert's Store in Big Bend.



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Teams competed in a four day tournament after three days of practice. Most of the teams were veteran Ohio River tournament anglers. The combined weight over the four days determines the winners.

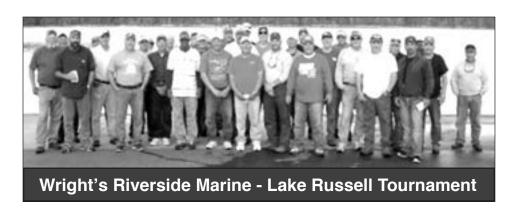
Once again, the host team from Wright's Riverside Marine, in St. Marys, won for the sixth time. Their combined weight was 36.61 pounds. They use a five fish limit per day. Dan Holdren and Cecil Schneider are also owners of the boat dealership.

Other top teams were: Woodby - O'Harold with 35.82, Chisolm - Isner with 35.59 and Murphy - Frazier with 33.85. Not a lot of weight separated the top teams.

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Dan Holdren and Cecil Schneider were the winners of the Lake Russell tournament attended by anglers from WV.



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Don Work shot a "turkey foot" rack buck. Look closely. *Photo courtesy J&R Sporting Goods In Shinnston*.



Jasmine Given was the "shooter" on this huge bear. *Photo courtesy of Anderson Outdoors in Buckhannon*.

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Winter Fishing

With a new year, trout fishing kicks off the first Monday of the New Year. This is typically when the stock truck starts rolling. Many lakes, streams, and rivers will get one stocking in January. Lots of times, these stockings contain a fair amount of brood trout. Brood trout are the larger trout of three or more pounds.

One major consideration while fishing in January is ice! Many waterways will have ice along the sides and most high elevation lakes will be frozen as well. Ice can be a dangerous obstacle for sportsmen and should be treated with respect.



Jeff Holbrook harvested a nice buck. *Photo courtesy of Trappers Den* in Cowen.

By Cory Boothe

Four inches of ice is a good rule for safe fishing. Ice levels on lakes such as Summit and Spruce Knob can attain levels of over twenty inches thick. Ice can be cut with a hatchet or auger. Serious ice-fishermen will have a fishing tent to stay out of the elements. Some even bring portable heaters and a piece of carpet to keep their feet off the ice.

Unfortunately, snow can make stockings impossible at times. Roads such as Cranberry Road and the Highland Scenic Highway can be impassible during winter time.



Wendy Meadows brought in a quality buck. *Photo courtesy of Cardinal Pawnbrokers in Beckley.*

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Winter trout fishing is a sure cure for cabin fever. Get out and tackle some trout. Their is no need to wait until spring to start fishing.



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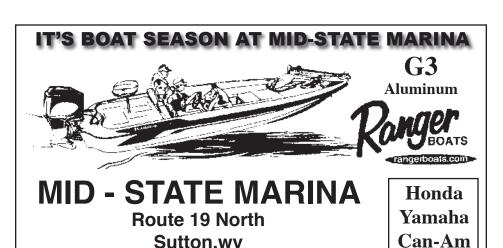
sources.

"I'm sure hunters and anglers will find this impressive mapping tool an indispensable aid in planning their trips," Jezioro said. "While similar to the interactive trout stream map which we have had for the past five years, this also includes information on warmwater fishing and hunting."

Outdoor recreationists can find instructions for using the interactive map on the landing page, choose whether they want to explore inforcontinue to the next page



Bobby Friend went to Mountain Meadow Preserve for this huge wild boar. *Photo courtesy of Friendly's Bass N Buck in Summersville*.



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mation related to hunting or fishing, and then click the appropriate box. Once on the appropriate map of West Virginia, they will find a variety of tools.

On the hunting map, hunters can find the location of license agents, check stations, public shooting ranges, wildlife management areas, Class Q hunter access roads, and hiking trails throughout the state. A search option allows the user to focus on a specific county, wildlife management area or state forest.

If a person wants to check on fishing information while on the hunting page, a click reveals fishing and boating access sites, trout stocked streams, public fishing lakes and float trips. A tool allows users to measure the length of a stream section they wish to float. An option allows users to search for a specific body of water or county.



Jason Nichols got a nice 12 point buck. Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark.

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SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. and HARRISBURG, Pa. - State officials from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) have confirmed that environmental DNA (eDNA) from the invasive Asian silver carp has been found in two water samples collected from the Ohio River.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) tested 200 water samples collected from the upper Ohio River between Wheeling, W.V., and Pittsburgh on Oct. 21-22. The tests found eDNA in one Pennsylvania sample taken from the Ohio River in Aliquippa, Beaver County, about six miles upstream of the confluence with the Beaver River. A second positive eDNA result was found in a West Virginia sample near Chester in Hancock County. None of the samples tested positive for bighead carp.

Researchers use eDNA analysis as a tool for the early detection of Asian carp, which include silver and bighead carp. The findings indicate the presence of genetic material left behind by the species, such as scales, excrement or mucous. But eDNA does not provide physical proof of the presence of live or continue to the next page



Mike Murray shot a nice buck. Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark.

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"Unfortunately, the test results provide some evidence that this invasive species could be in the upper Ohio River in Pennsylvania," said PFBC Executive Director John Arway. "This is an early warning sign, since we don't know for certain the origin of the genetic material. We don't know if the eDNA came from live or dead fish or if it was transported from other sources, like bilge water or storm sewers, or even waterfowl visiting the basin."

"The states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia have been cooperatively working over the last two years to address Asian carp upstream migrations in the Ohio River," added Curtis Taylor, Chief of the West Virginia Wildlife Resources Section. "These efforts have focused on fishing down these species at the population's leading edge by using contracted commercial fishermen. The main reach of this effort has centered in the Meldahl and Greenup navigation pools

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that span the river between Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia." This cooperative effort will continue in 2014.

Asian carp are a significant threat to aquatic ecosystems because of their voracious appetite and ability to quickly reproduce. Once in a waterway, they devour much of the microscopic algae and animals continue to the next page





Roger Perry, from Buckhannon, shot a nice 10 point buck..



Tyler Cain, from Arnoldsburg, took a good 7 point buck.

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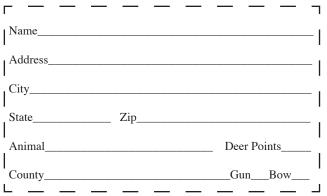
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that other species rely on for food, effectively decimating other species. This, in turn, can harm local economies which rely on the revenue generated from sport fishing and boating.

Because of the destructive nature of the Asian carp species, officials urge anglers and boaters to help slow the spread. Anglers and boaters should thoroughly clean gear and boats before entering new waters and learn how to identify Asian carp. A video teaching people how to identify bighead and silver carp is available from the USFWS on YouTube at http://youtu.



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Anglers and boaters are urged to contact the PFBC or WVDNR if they suspect the presence of Asian carp. Both agencies maintain a website for easy communication: PFBC - http://fishandboat.com/ais. htm and WVDNR - www.wvdnr. gov/fishing/asian_carp.shtm.

Additional information is available on the national Asian carp website at: http://asiancarp.us

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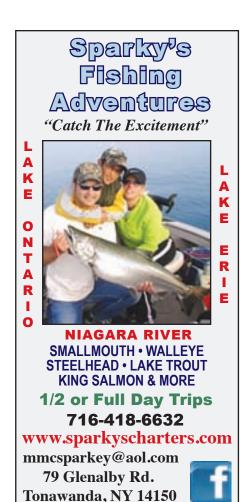


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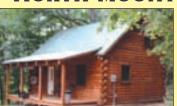
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Cahil Adkins got a big 10 point in gun season. *Photo courtesy of Old & New Sports in Ravenswood.*



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Not surprisingly, bass fishing has its own set of myths: Bass don't eat topwaters when it's sunny, big fish only eat big lures and so on. Winter fishing seems to take myths to a whole new level. Maybe the long hours in freezing cold numbs the mind as much as it does the hands, but one could write an article about how many myths there are regarding this chilly time of year – and



Brier Higgins, with dad Matt, are happy with his 1st buck. *Photo courtesy of Middle Mountain Sporting Goods in Elkins.*.

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Pro's Comment:

"This is the biggest myth that I've ever heard," OFF! pro Terry Bolton says. "I catch a lot of fish shallow even when the water temperatures are in the low 40s and upper 30s in 2 feet of water. The shallows just have to be close to deep water." How to debunk the myth:

Bolton seeks out 45-degree banks with deep water nearby. The other stipulation is that the banks have to have large chunk rock.

"The fish will always be around these areas because of how much heat those rocks hold [and subsecontinue to the next page

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Other factors such as wind and sunlight also affect the water temperature on certain banks. For instance, chilly wind from a cold front blowing across an open basin can push cold water into a shoreline, while waves lapping against a bank in more typical weather can stir up sediment that causes the water to hold heat a little longer. And when the sun is lowest in the morning and evening, some banks will be shaded while others receive direct sunlight, depending on the terrain, trees lining the shoreline and the angle of the bank. It's often best to target the sunniest banks in the morning, and to wait to fish shaded banks until later in the day, when



Haivan Rogers is proud of her 1st buck. *Photo courtesy of J&R Sporting Goods in Shinston.*

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To catch fish, Bolton ties on a Rapala Shad Rap, puts the nose of his boat almost on the bank and makes parallel casts to the bank, slowly reeling in his lure. This allows him to keep the crankbait in the shallow strike zone throughout the entire retrieve, while also determining if the fish are right against the rocks or holding just off of them.

Myth: Fish will never hit a topwater in winter

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Scotty Elliot has a wide racked buck. *Photo courtesy of Trappers Den in Cowen*.

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Pro's Comment:

"This is completely false," Walmart pro Wesley Strader says. "You don't get many bites, but when you do it's a good one. The conditions have to be right – late winter, water in the mid-40s, pre-frontal – but I've had some huge days throwing topwaters in winter."

How to debunk the myth:

Strader recommends a 1/4-ounce War Eagle buzzbait with an over-

Howard Crislip bagged a good buck. *Photo courtesy of Trappers Den in Cowen*.

sized blade. He usually creates his own by taking blades off larger buzzbaits and putting them on smaller ones. The reason behind this is he has to be able to reel the lure as slowly as possible, and the large blade and small body allow for it to creep along without sinking.

From there he heads to the backs of flats, where big females might be cruising even well in advance of the spawn. When conditions are as Strader describes, the bite can be on, though he says there is an easier way to know whether or not it's the right conditions for a buzzbait.

"Bubbles," Strader says. "When there is a bubble trail 4 to 5 feet behind my buzzbait, that's when I know it's the right pattern. I don't know why, but the longer the bubble trail, left by the buzzbait, the bigger the fish I catch."

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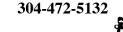
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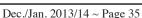
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Pro's Comment:

"I fish all the way until we're breaking ice at the ramp on Lake



Tiffany DeHart shot a buck. *Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton*.

Erie," Frosted Flakes pro Dave Lefebre says. "This is one of my favorite times to fish because you can catch 200 fish a day even with the water temperature in the 30s. The fish are keying on emerald shiners and smelt, and when you get a nice, sunny, pre-frontal day, you can almost power fish."

How to debunk the myth:

Lefebre's two lures of choice to create a reaction bite in the winter are a Rapala Rippin' Rap and a Heddon Sonar, both of which can be slow-rolled near the bottom and ripped out of cover.

The pattern revolves around flats inside bays, where lush weedbeds have since died off, leaving faint traces. Lefebre will count the lure to the bottom or to where he feels the tops of the remaining weeds are, and he'll slow-roll it back to the boat. The second his lure hits any cover, he gives a quick snap of the rod tip.

"The bite is all reaction, just like what you'd see when guys do it over weed flats at Guntersville," Lefebre says. "The difference is

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Kevin Tallman used a bow for a nice buck. *Photo courtesy of Anderson Outdoors in Buckhannon*.

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A great bow buck was taken. *Photo courtesy of Jason's Country Corner in Saulsville*.



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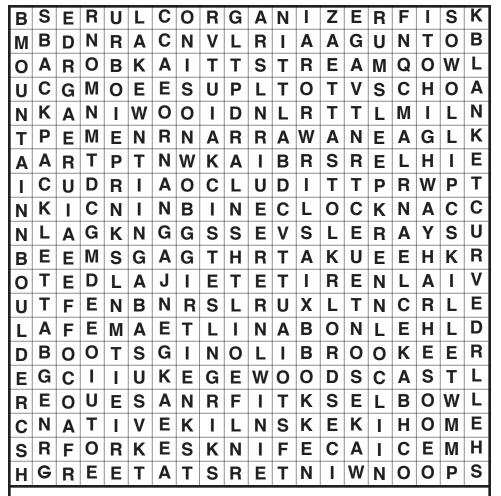
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