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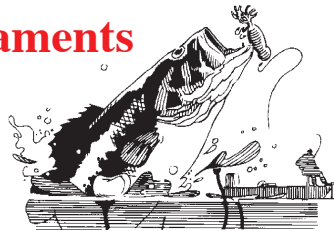
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Nine year old Josh Rohr bagged an impressive double drop tine 10 point buck. He hunted with his dad near French Creek.

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# Improving Wildlife Habitat

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the state Division of Forestry, the National Wild Turkey Federation and other organizations, is seeking private landowners interested in improving wildlife habitat on their land.

“More than 80% of land in West Virginia is privately owned and many wildlife species occur primarily on private land. Therefore, public-private partnerships are critical for the long-term persistence of these populations,” said Paul Johansen, chief of the DNR Wildlife Resources Section. “Private landowners benefit from the

technical and financial assistance they receive to improve their land, which ultimately benefits many of the state’s priority wildlife species. It’s a ‘win-win’ for everyone.”

The partnership seeks to address shrinking populations of priority wildlife species by implementing conservation practices that improve natural resources on private land. Target species include cerulean warbler, golden-winged warbler and multiple insect pollinators that have been identified as priority species in West Virginia’s State Wildlife Action Plan (available online at [www.wvdnr.gov/Wildlife/Action\\_Plan.shtm](http://www.wvdnr.gov/Wildlife/Action_Plan.shtm)). These species use a variety of habitats, including meadows, shrubby thickets and groves of young saplings, and mature forests, which are also preferred by species such as ruffed grouse, whip-poor-will, white-tailed deer and wild turkey.

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Jamie McGee brought in a nice Wirt County bobcat.

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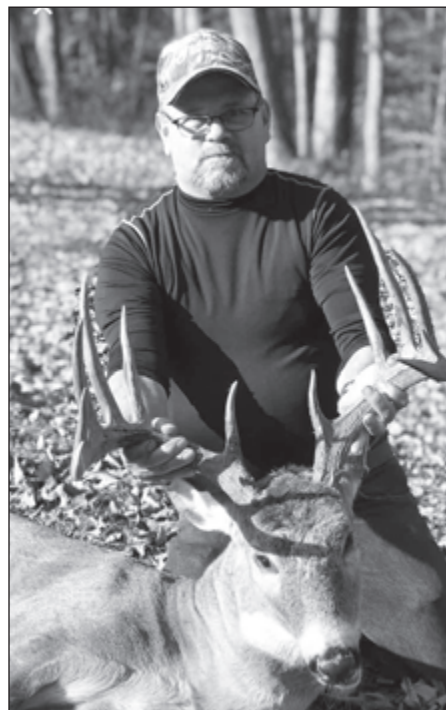
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Professional biologists, foresters and conservation planners are available to develop individualized conservation plans based on each landowner's objectives and the identified needs of the land. Every conservation plan is unique but it may include removing problematic plants, establishing desirable plants, thinning trees from overstocked forests, adjusting the type and timing of current management practices and creating natural structures such as brush piles where wildlife can nest, forage and take shelter.

**Mature Forest**

Cerulean warblers prefer mature deciduous forests with an abundance of large tall trees and small openings in the canopy that are filled with vigorous new plant growth. Most forests in West Virginia have large tall trees, but they

often form a uniform and closed canopy. Thinning some undesirable



Doug Richards used his bow in Ritchie County for a large buck.

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shrubby thickets and young forests near large patches of mature deciduous forest at higher elevations. The right combination of these characteristics is quite rare in West Virginia. Fortunately, some pieces of the preferred habitat often are already in place (i.e., mature  
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NR/NRCS partner avian biologist, at (304) 618-6124 or [matthew.aberle@usda.gov](mailto:matthew.aberle@usda.gov), or Kyle Aldinger, natural resource specialist, at (304) 284-7595 or [kyle.aldinger@usda.gov](mailto:kyle.aldinger@usda.gov).  
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forest and/or old fields). So, it's a matter of using management practices such as rotational mowing/brush-hogging, overstory removal, planting native trees and shrubs, or controlling invasive plants to complete the puzzle.

Landowners interested in managing young forest habitat may also notice more American woodcock, eastern cottontail and whip-poor-will. For more information about young forests or for help getting started, contact Tiffany Beachy, WVDNR/NRCS partner avian biologist, at (304) 427-3007 or tiffany.beachy@usda.gov.

**Pollinators**

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Tyler Armstrong, from Phillipi,  
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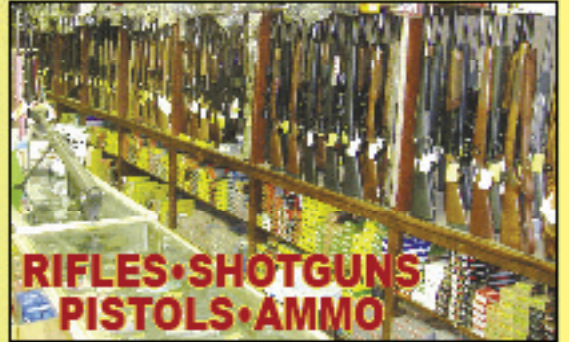
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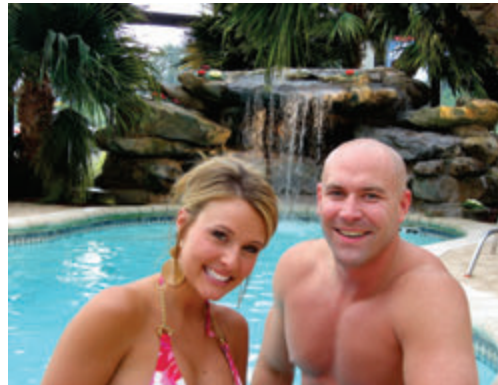
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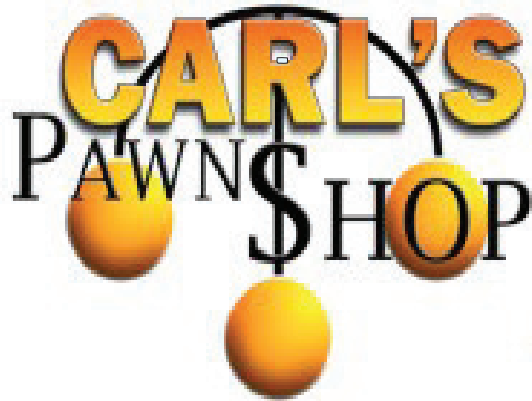
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Gary Slusher tagged a quality buck. Photo courtesy of Tyler Outdoor Supply in Middlebourne.



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With water temperatures hovering around 40 degrees Fahrenheit, most anglers use bait, but I never cease to be amazed at the inappropriate tackle some anglers employ on early-season outings. Rods are more suitable for winching bass out of the weeds. A 10-pound-test line, oversized hooks and a jumbo bell sinker frequently seem to be the rule rather than the exception on opening day.

### DOWNSIZE FOR TROUT

Spring trout may not be as wary as they will be a few weeks down the road, but they are not about to commit suicide, either. The heavy monofilament quickly stiffens in cold water, often rising to the surface.

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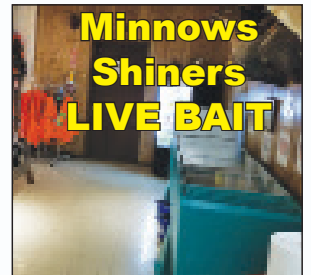
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face where you don't want it. Neophyte anglers tie on an oversized sinker, which anchors the bait near the bottom where the trout are located. It also causes the bait to stop and flop about in the current in one place, something no natural bait can do in the spate flow of spring.

A more appropriate rig is an ultra-light rod, a 4-pound-test monofilament line, a No. 6 or 8 bait hook, and one or two split shots fastened 10 or 12 inches above the hook. Adjusting the weight is necessary to keep the bait moving in the current by adding or subtracting split shots as needed. In the spring, trout lie about a foot or so above the bottom, so baits should drift along just above the stream floor or slightly below the rate of the stream flow. If the split shot is ticking the rocks along the bottom, and occasionally hangs up, your bait is just about where you want it. However, if you snag on the bottom rather frequently, you are probably using too much weight, and it's time to lighten up. If the bait stops, set the hook immediately. At least half the time you will be snagged on a rock,



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but the other half you will likely be hooked into a hungry trout.

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it causes less drag than does heavy monofilament. Four-pound-test monofilament is practically drag-free, and makes it much easier to detect the soft strikes typical of trout in frigid water.

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Under some conditions, bait is the best way to put a good catch of spring trout in the creel, but lures have their advantages, too. An angler, skilled in fishing artificials is able to put his lures in front of more trout than the bait fisherman can, and thus will often catch more trout than the bait angler.

In order to become accomplished in catching spring trout with spinning tackle and artificial lures, it is important to know which lures are best under spring water conditions and where and how to fish them for best results. (Before fishing for a trout stream or pond this spring, check the open water fishing regulations very carefully. Some waters may allow artificial lures only, while others may have a single pointed hook, artificial lure regulation.)

If I had to pick one lure for spring trout, it would be an in-line spinner. A flashing spinner imitates a small

minnow, the major forage of big spring trout. A properly designed spinner triggers strikes by its flash and sound. The wide, slow-revolving, Colorado-type blade is preferred to the thin, fast-turning willowleaf-type blade because the wider blade emits more flash and sound for the trout to home in on, an important consideration in discolored or roily water. Carry spinners in 1/32- to 1/8-ounce sizes and in several blade colors for spring trout.

Under most conditions, a silver spinner will match the silvery hued minnows trout prey on, i.e., dace, silver shiners, alewives and smelt. In discolored and/or turbu-  
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lent water, gold, chartreuse and copper spinners are also effective. Spinners dressed with a hackle or hair trailer seem to produce more strikes than a bare hook spinner. WHERE TO FIND TROUT

Favorable waters to work a spinner in spring are behind midstream obstructions and around current breaks. The most productive hotspots for early spring trout are under deep undercut banks, and especially under exposed roots and/or overhanging vegetation. You may lose a lure or two in such cover but it's one of the best lairs in a stream to hang a bragging-sized trout.

Fish spinners quarters up or across the stream depending on the current. Let the spinner sink and keep the blade spinning while the current carries the spinner downstream. Often a strike occurs just as the spinner straightens out and starts rising toward the surface. In

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In shallow water, keep your rod tip high to keep from snagging on the bottom.

Spoons, which wobble and flutter, are another hot choice for early-season trout. They often work better than spinners in swift water where they can be worked faster and more erratically than spinners. They're also a good pick for fishing the tail of a pool above a fast water

run, tailwaters below a dam, and are ideal for trout in lakes or ponds.

Excellent options for opening day trout are 1/16- and 1/8-ounce crankbaits. These are fished like spinners. Work crankbaits erratically for trout, changing the speed of the retrieve until you find a presentation that works.

#### SPRING TROUT FLIES

It's not easy to entice a trout to

strike a fly early in the season, but to a few dedicated fly-fishing enthusiasts, wetting a line on a favorite stream on opening day is an annual ritual.

The occasional trout can be caught on a fly under most stream conditions, but trout seldom strike flies consistently until the stream thermometer registers in the mid 40s. If you arrive at your favorite river and find the water temperature around 40 degrees or lower, head upstream to the river's headwaters. You may discover that the water temperature in the small headwater streams registers 45 to 50 degrees, and you may be able to creel an enjoyable catch of trout.

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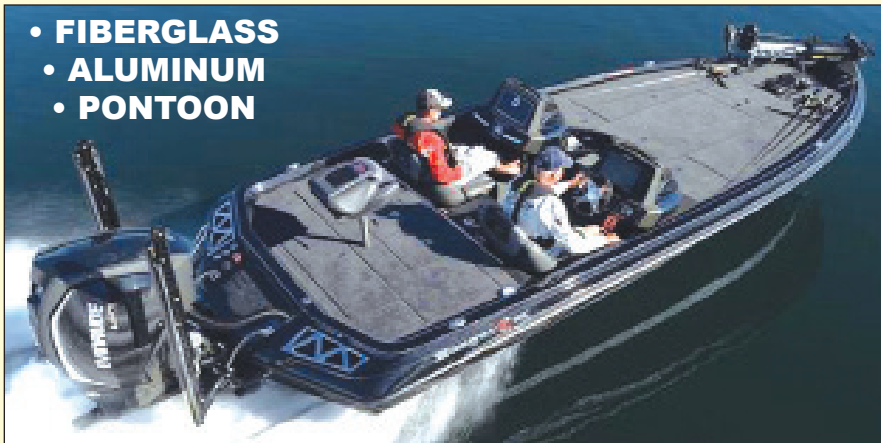
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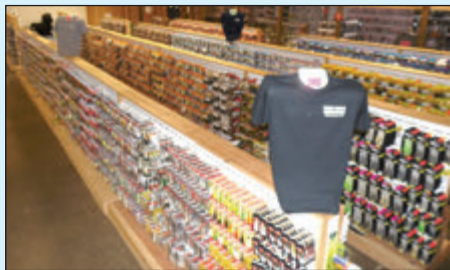
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There may be a few mayflies coming off the water around opening day, but there won't be any major hatches. However, the swollen streams of spring will carry copious populations of nymphs, insect larvae and minnows. Once the water temperature rises to 45 degrees and above, trout will be on the lookout for this wealth of nutritious forage. The flyfisher should offer fur and feather imitations of these on a fine leader tippet. You won't need a vest full of flies to catch trout at this time of the year. Five or six favorite nymphs, wet flies and streamer patterns should do it.

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keep a tight line between the fingers of your rod hand all the way to the fly throughout the drift in order to detect strikes. Otherwise, a trout may inhale your fly, detect it as a fake, and reject it without you ever being aware of the take. When using a nymph or wet fly, a take may occur anywhere in the drift. The majority of the strikes on a streamer occur at the end of the drift when the fly rises.



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## Winter Bass Fishing

Elite Series pro Matt Arey has made a career out of catching bass in transition zones. This focus works particularly well during the coldest months of the year, as these zones are narrowed as vegetation dies off.

Bass fishermen have fished them for years on different types of lakes around the country. They attract and hold largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass at all times of the year. Tournaments at every level have been won on them, including the Bassmaster Classic. Best of all, they're especially productive during the cold winter months when bass may gang up on them in fairly shallow water.

In case you're wondering what these seemingly magical places are, they are transition zones — places where two different types

of structure or cover meet. The most easily recognized transition zones are visible along shorelines where rocks may change to gravel, or gravel to vegetation, and which continue underwater. Depth changes are transition zones, as are lone boat docks (that's why the first dock entering a cove is often the



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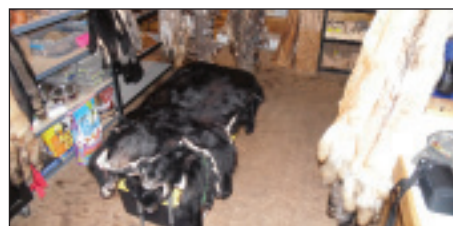


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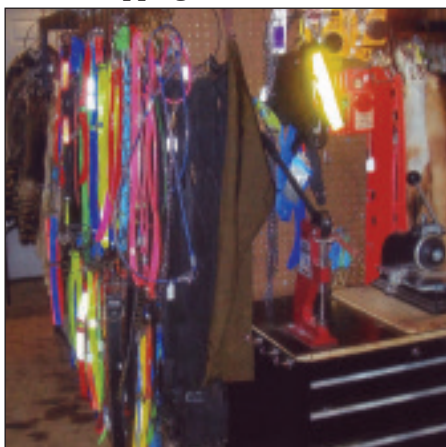
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of vegetation meet, as they frequently do on Lake Okeechobee, can be considered transition zones, as can any place fast-moving water hits an object and creates an eddy of still water. On Lake Gunter'sville, the mussel shellbeds are excellent transition zones in that they offer a hard bottom surrounded by hydrilla and milfoil; they're so dependable, fishermen search specifically for them, even though dozens of other fishing options are available on the famous lake.

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When fishing transition zones in the winter, Matt Arey only has a couple of rods on his deck and primarily chooses between two baits: a jig and a crankbait.

"Late-winter fishing can really be tough," admits Bassmaster Elite Series pro Matt Arey, "but there are places bass do seem to prefer, and transition zones are some of the best and most reliable areas I've found through the years. What I personally prefer are changes in the composition of the bottom, which may or may not be a continuation of what I can see along the shoreline. My favorites are where clay changes to sand and where

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steep, 45-degree chunk-rock banks transition into flatter slopes and smaller rocks.

“I think transition zones offer bass not only a different type of cover and ambush point, but they also attract different types of forage,” continues the North Carolina pro. “Some of these zones, especially where vegetation meets rocks, may also provide a temperature change. I know rocks and gravel attract a lot of crawfish during the cold weather because the bass I catch usually spit them out in my livewell.”

Transition zones are not uncommon, by any means. In fact, all bass lakes have them, but some, says Arey, have a lot of them. Table Rock, Beaver, Bull Shoals,



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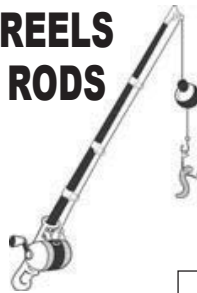
“I study different lake maps before I arrive at a lake, so I’ll know exactly where I want to fish,” he says. “If I can find what I call ‘swing banks,’ where a channel comes in close to the shoreline, I’ll definitely mark it on my map. This is a case where you’re looking at a depth change being the primary

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This hunter used a bow for a giant racked buck.

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transition zone, but frequently it will also be where the bottom composition changes, and even where cover changes. Anytime you can combine more than one type of change in the same area, the better that place will be.”

Arey believes most lakes have two types of bass: those that live in the main body of the lake, and a different population that lives in tributaries. Both use transition zones during the winter months, which often leads him to begin his fishing in a tributary. The reason is that smaller tributaries are easier and faster to fish — he terms this “finding high-percentage areas” — and if he does determine a pattern exists, he’ll then try to expand it into the main lake. Through years of fishing transition areas, Arey has recognized that in the creeks, the fish also tend to be closer to the mouth than further back where the water is usually more shallow.



Walt Williams, from Cross Lanes, caught a 6 pound, 6 oz. bass at Elk Fork Lake.

## New State Record Fish Caught

**SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va.** — The state length records for grass carp and blue catfish were broken earlier in January by two West Virginia anglers, the Division of Natural Resources announced on Thursday.

Zachary Adkins of Cabins caught a 53.1-inch, 59-pound grass carp at Warden Lake in Hardy County on Jan. 3. Adkins used a large swimbait to catch the fish, which

broke the previous length record of 50.75 inches. William Tucker still holds the weight record with a 71.69-pound grass carp caught at Warden Lake in 2005.

Justin Conner of Culloden caught a 49.84-inch, 58.38-pound blue catfish on the Ohio River in Mason County on Jan. 11. Conner used cut shad to catch the fish, which broke the previous length record of 47.75 inches. Mark Blauvelt continues to hold the weight record with a 59.74-pound blue catfish caught on the Ohio River in 2016.

Anglers who believe they may have caught a state record fish should check the current records listed in the fishing regulations, available at license agents and online at [www.wvdnr.gov](http://www.wvdnr.gov). A record catch should be reported to the local district fisheries biologist.

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“When looking at all mast species combined, mast production in 2019 was 12% above mast production in 2018 and 6% above the long-term average,” said Colin Carpenter, DNR black bear project leader. “In addition, the mast index for all oak species in 2019 was up 20% over 2018, but still 8% below the long-term average. Red oak/black oak (+341%), scarlet oak (+228%) and black cherry (+51%) production increased significantly over levels recorded in 2018. White oak (-63%), chestnut oak (-54%) and hickory (-16%) production decreased significantly



Roger Bender brought in a gun buck. Photo courtesy of Middle Mountain Sporting Goods in Elkins.

over 2018 levels.

“Historically, abundant mast yields a decreased bow/crossbow harvest and an increased December firearms harvest. The 2019 Mast Survey and Hunting Outlook predicted an increased bow/crossbow

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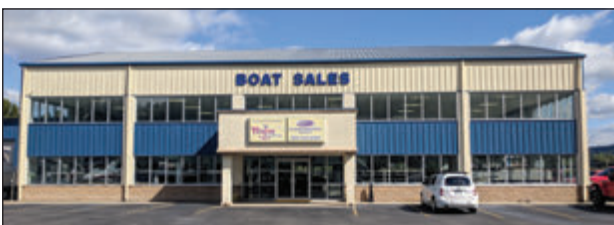
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harvest compared to 2018 and a decreased December firearms harvest over the levels observed in 2018 because total mast production was considered average.

“The prediction held true for both the bow/crossbow and December seasons and the overall harvest was much higher than 2018,” Carpenter said. “However, the excellent bow/crossbow harvest and decreased December firearms harvest demonstrated the scattered nature of mast production in 2019. Overall, the 2019 harvest increased during the September/October and bow/crossbow seasons and decreased during the buck-gun and December seasons.”

Hunters killed 966 bears during the first segment of the 2019 bow/crossbow season (Sept. 28 to Nov. 24). Hunters harvested 511 bears with vertical bows, 455 with crossbows. The top five counties were Fayette (106), Nicholas (58), McDowell (55), Webster (48) and Greenbrier (47).

Firearms hunters harvested 2,133 bears during 2019. Hunters took 881 bears in September and October (50 bears during the concurrent antlerless deer/bear season), 498 during the concurrent buck-gun bear season and 754 during the

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traditional December season. No bears were harvested during the Mountaineer Heritage Season in

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Ryan Wigal, from Parkersburg, went to Colorado for a mule buck.



Nate Taylor shot a Tyler County 10 point buck.

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## Fishing

There are around 27,000 living

species of fish around the world. That is more than all types of reptiles, mammals, birds and amphibians combined.

Australian Fishing Zone is the third largest fishing zone in the world, with about nine million square kilometers.

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Bill Hobba, from Morgantown, hooked a 30" channel Catfish.



Denny Jones harvested a big 10 point Pleasants County buck.

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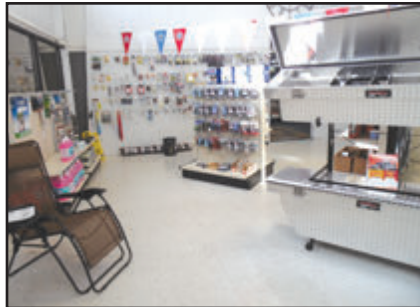
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Riley McCloy tagged an 8 point in Ritchie County.

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RJ Carr got a muzzloader 8 point in Randolph County.



Jennifer Cogar has a real fine 9 point with a drop tine. *Photo courtesy of the Bow Shop in Hepzibah.*



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