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SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Preliminary harvest figures for the 2013 spring gobbler season indicate West Virginia hunters checked in 10,974 bearded turkeys, according to Curtis I. Taylor, chief of the Division of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Section. This year's harvest represents a 32 percent increase over the 2012 harvest and is 13 percent above the previous five-year average.

"Our biologists expected a higher harvest because of the carry-over of birds from last year's lower harvest," said Taylor. "In addition, the weather was perfect for hunting, especially during opening week when the majority of hunters were in the woods."

The 2013 harvest was higher in all districts and 52 counties compared to 2012. While the harvest in District 2 virtually equaled the five-year average, the other districts saw significant increases

above that average. Harvest in District 3 increased almost 21 percent over its five-year average and both Districts 1 and 4 saw increases of 15 percent as well. The top 10 counties were Preston with a kill of 403, Mason (360), Harrison (355), Kanawha (327), Ritchie (325), Jackson (312), Greenbrier (309), Wood (308), McDowell (305) and Marshall (301).

The 2013 harvest was the highest since 2006 and stopped a declining continue to the next page



Caleb Liggott went to Florida for a sea trout. *Photo courtesy of Anderson Outdoors in Buckhannon.*

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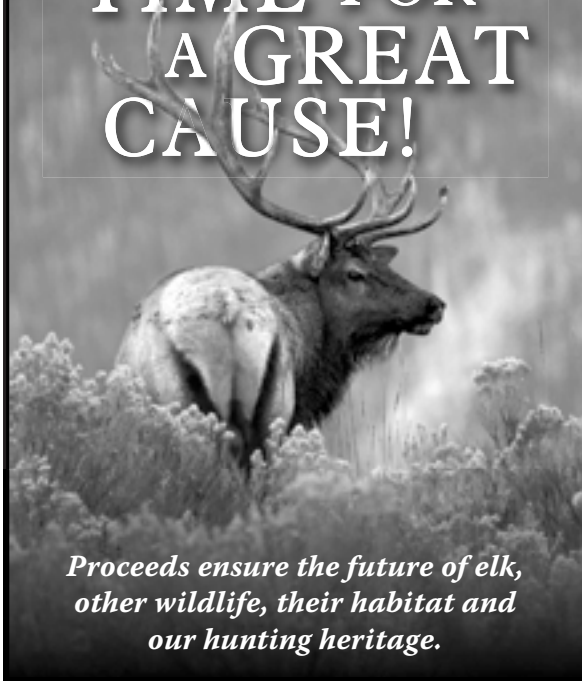
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spring harvest trend that began in 2007. Similar to most hunted species, reproduction is correlated to harvests. Average fall mast crops which keep hens in good physical condition through the winter, followed by average springs with moderate rainfall, ensure good poult survival, which increases the population for future harvests.

“Because a significant portion of the harvest is composed of two-year-old birds, one factor that added to this year’s harvest was the successful poult production in 2011,” Taylor said. “We are hopeful that this spring will continue to provide moderate-to-average rainfall and we will have above-average reproduction, rebuilding the turkey population to levels we experienced a decade ago.”



Masden Ball, with Allen Lee, hooked a 22 pound Ohio River blue catfish.

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Holly River Park Recovering

HACKER VALLEY, W.Va. - Holly River State Park has accomplished what many would have deemed impossible tasks following extensive damage from last fall's winter storm. The campground is fully open, the cabins are available and were booked for Memorial Day weekend, and electricity and some of the phones are restored within a seven month time span under mostly winter conditions. Phone service has been restored to the park office.

Damage is still obvious from the late October storm that closed the Webster county destination. Trails are not open due to massive tree loss and debris conditions, and clearing is not anticipated to be completed for many months, perhaps years, according to Brad Reed, district administrator.

The swimming pool may open later in the summer. The park staff has cleared about two miles of trails leaving approximately 40 more miles of work in addition to opening the roadways, cabin and campground areas.

The electric service and communications service had to be totally rebuilt. The park office had operated from a remote park structure that had electricity since November. The terrain is mountainous and primarily a mature oak-hickory deciduous forest, compounding the difficulty in recovery.

Holly River Restaurant is open daily from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Marsha Jordan, office manager at Holly River, says cabins are booking for the summer and there is availability. "It's hard to believe that we're open. People didn't give up on us and continued to make reservations. It's good to be back."

To learn more about Holly River State Park, visit www.hollyriver.com

West Virginia took a couple of hard weather hits in 2012. Storm damages effected nearly everyone in the state. Good luck in 2013.



Owen Dorsey hooked a 39" catfish. Photo courtesy of jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth.



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The Thursday afternoon activities and entertainment include: Scott Cain will be on the island playing Appalachian music on the hammered dulcimer.

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“This is a time for us to reflect on our heritage and, as residents of West Virginia, to be reminded of our state motto, ‘Mountaineers Are

Always Free,’” said Pam Salisbury, Blennerhassett Island activities coordinator.

The Island Belle Sternwheeler departs hourly for Blennerhassett Island from Point Park in Parkersburg, beginning at 11 a.m. with the last boat leaving from the island at 4:30 p.m. The boat ride is fee-based and tickets are available at the Blennerhassett Museum of Regional History at 137 Juliana Street

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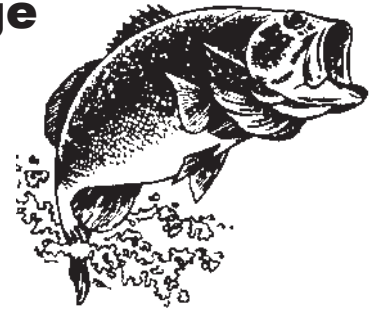
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For more information about West Virginia Day on June 20, activities on June 21-23, and other events and evening activities, 304-420-4800 or visit www.blennerhasset-tislandstatepark.com, "Events."

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Sportmart Bass Winners

Kevin Spears and Billy Redmond won the 17th Annual Sport Mart Master Series Bass Tournament held on the Kanawha River.

With the temperature hovering in the mid 30's at 7:00am, 92 boats blasted off from the Frontier boat ramp in search of largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass. High blue skies and mild temperatures found early fishing brisk but slowed down in the afternoon.

Many of the teams caught their limits which led to a total catch of 471 pounds of fish. We are proud to report that 100% of the weigh in was released live back into the Kanawha River. Spears and Redmond collected the \$3400 first

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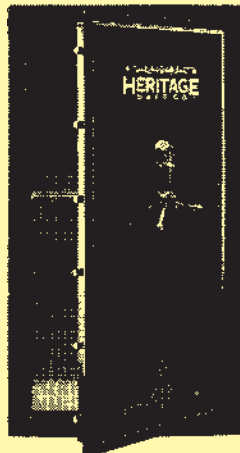
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“Immediately after the spawn, the big females go into a kind of funk for two or three weeks — sometimes as long as a month. They don't recover as fast as many anglers think, and fishing can get tough. But, after they pass through that stage they'll eat until the dog days of summer,” he says.

“When they start feeding, I look for baits that move quickly. I want to take advantage of their appetites. Two of my favorite lures at this time of the year are buzzbaits

and deep-diving crankbaits. They'll both catch huge stringers of bass in June and early July, if you fish them in the right places.

Duckett reminds us that bass are going off crawfish and the shallow water feed. They're starting to eat baitfish. That requires a change of tactics if you expect to be successful. Success won't come from merely switching lures, however. There's more to it than that.

“I start near the spawning flats with my trolling motor on high and work my way out towards the deeper ledges and channels. Bass

don't turn around and just swim out into deep water. It doesn't happen overnight. They move slowly
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Lamont Smith landed a 4 pound, 2 oz. smallmouth. Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.



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metabolism stabilizes, they gain strength and their appetites increase.”

As they’re making their move Duckett will search for them with a buzzbait. His preference is for a custom model built locally near his home in Demopolis, Ala.

“I have them put the blade from a 3/8-ounce bait on a 1/2-ounce body and I do that with all my sizes. In other words, I always downsize my blade at least one full size. The smaller blade creates less air resistance on the cast. And, I want to make long casts, always keeping my lure as far away from the boat as possible. That’ll help avoid short strikes.

“If you think about it, almost all your short strikes come close to the boat, on the second half of the cast. That’s because the fish get hesitant and skittish when they’re near a big bass boat. They want to eat but they’re afraid; their strike is tentative. Keep your buzzbait away from the boat. You’ll catch more bass that way.”

Once the bass have moved out to deep water Duckett breaks out his crankbaits. He concentrates on river channels, creek channels, drops and ledges — “key feeding areas” as he calls them — for this pattern.

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Ashley Farley hooked a nice bass.
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occasionally, but that's all they're doing, wandering. They want to be on the drops."

But, keep in mind why the bass are there ... at least according to Duckett. It's not because they like channels and drops. It's because the food's there — the baitfish. That's always going to be true no matter where you're fishing. The key to the pattern is to find those areas where there's a drop and baitfish. That area's called a crankbait hole.

All that said, however, Duckett has a word of warning for his fellow anglers. "This is not a fall baitfish situation. Don't try to match the hatch. That's important in the fall, but not now. It means nothing in early summer. A big, heavy Fat Free Shad — that's what I throw most of the time — doesn't look like a threadfin shad but they eat it because they're feeding and it's moving fast.

"And, don't expect every spot to have bass on it. Don't get discour-



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aged if you have to fish three, four or even five places before you find a bunch of them. That might be a lot of work, but it'll be worth it in the end because once you do find them it's 'bite on!' You can whack a bunch of three- and four-pounders in just a few minutes."

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Catching Crappie

Many crappie anglers are great at catching crappie during the spring spawn run with their technique of using a pole, bobber, ainnow. However, when the slabs move into different types of cover, their stringers are usually empty. Most crappie chasers have only one method of catching their favorite eating fish. Recently, I had the chance to talk with some top crappie anglers who were more than willing to share some of their favorite techniques.

Jig "N Bobber

Fred Washburn of Carterville taught me a number of years ago that fishing a jig below a bobber for early season crappie is always leathal. On warm days during February or March, Fred would head to Lake

of Egypt and fish this combination over the submerged weedbeds. He prefers an overcast day which seems to bring the crappie into the submerged weeds like a magnet. He will position his boat up wind and let the boat slowly drift down the shoreline. Occassionaly he will turn the trolling motor on the position the nose of the boat for a better series of casts.

He will tie a jig on anywhere from a foot to four feet below the bobber. The depth that he will fish the jig depends upon the location of the crappie. Fred will cast towards the shoreline and slowly reel the bobber towards him. He will either twitch the bobber or if their is any wave action, he will use this to his advantage to impart action to the

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Dallas, Lacy & Brady Pigott landed a stringer. Photo courtesy of Jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth.



Brian Thomas caught a Kanawa River citation crappie.

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for those touchy late summer or early fall fish.

Flipping For Crappie

Several years ago Shelbyville Crappie Guide, Walt Watts, told me about a new method of flipping his jig for slabs. "You have to come up here and see how easy this method is," said Watts. "I can put that ol' jig anywhere I want and the crappie can't resist. Any angler can flip a jig under limbs and drop the lure into the heart of the meanest brush pile and pull out crappie."

Equipment is critical to this technique. I use a B&M Buck's Crappie Classic rod which is extremely

light and very sensitive. You can cast all day without the rod wearing out your wrist. Line is very important to the system. I prefer 6 pound test TriMax because the line won't coil up in cold weather. You don't need a fancy spinning or spincasting reel. I find that Zebco Crappie Classic or Zebco Classic 444 Triggerspin to be ideal for flippin'.

The advantage of this system is that you can cast a variety of jigs. For example is you want the jig to fall slowly through the strike zone at 6-8 feet, then use count-down method and the light jig will continue to the next page

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slowly fall into the crappie's strike zone and stay there for a few precious seconds. This is very important when the water is cold and the crappie are very sluggish.

Basically the flippin' technique is very simple. 1) If I am using a spinning reel I open the bail or with spincast I push the release button, which releases the line. 2) I measure out enough line so that the jig and line is even with my wrist. 3) I close the bail or engage the gears on the spincast reel. 4) I raise the rod tip and take in line with my left hand. I do this by grasping the line between the reel and the bottom rod guide and swing the line away from the rod. 5) I keep the bail closed and swing the jig near my body. As the jig travels toward the brush, I release the line in my left hand. 6) I regulate the exact location where the jig falls with my rod

hand. I can put the jig on a quarter by raising or lowering the rod.

The jig slowly swims back to the boat. If no crappie has jumped on the jig, then I instantly have the jig back in the water. The jig will always swim back to the boat with a taut line. The slightest strike by a crappie will be felt. I insure maximum sensitivity by keeping my in-

dex finger on my at the base of the rod and the remainder of the hand on the rod handle. The left hand is still holding the line which will instantly telegraph a light strike. Since you are fishing closer to the crappie, you will be able to see line "ticks" better. Crappie will hit a jig very lightly during cold weather

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Andy Wills, from Beckley, hooked a 22 1/2" smallmouth bass.

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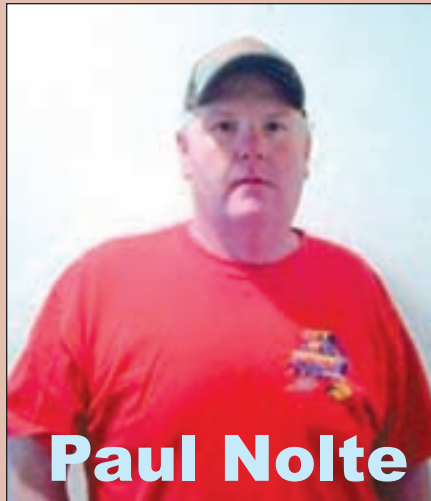


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conditions and if you feel the strike it is too late. However, the instant you see the line "tick" you should flip your rod upward and the crappie will be there.

Fishing Coontail and Other Nasty Weeds

Many lakes are blessed or cursed with water weeds. One of the culprits is coontail. I talked with crappie angler one day on an area lake and he was smiling from ear to ear with a stringer of crappie that made most anglers envious. He told me that he looks for patches of coontail rather than large beds of it. This angler likes to locate small areas that has sprigs 2 to 3 feet in diameter. Using a small float and a small minnow or light weight jig, he would fish around these patchy beds very quietly.

On other lakes I have watched anglers use 10- to 12-foot crappie rods to their advantage. Even fly rods or eight or more feet will suffice. Dabble the jig and bobber all around each patch of coontail

you can find. Don't get in a hurry but slowly work these areas out. A clear light line is essential to this technique which uses only one hook. Sure you are going to hang up, especially if you are using a minnow.

Fishing At State Parks

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Catfishing
 Tagged channel catfish will be stocked into lakes at five state parks in mid-May: Cacapon (Morgan Co.), Cedar Creek (Gilmer Co.), Chief Logan (Logan Co.), Pipe-

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Anglers who report a tagged fish will receive the "tagged reward," park information, a certificate and a letter of congratulations via US mail after the information is received and recorded by DNR fisheries biologists. Each certificate has a choice of three prizes: a train ride at Cass Scenic Railroad, a boat ride on the sternwheeler "Island Belle" to Blennerhassett Island or a Recreational Activity Pass at Pipestem resort.

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Sometimes a youngster or an adult needs a small acknowledgement or recognition to reinforce a positive experience. “Catching your first fish is a big deal,” said Kristi Steed at North Bend State Park. “You would have thought my son was Curtis Fleming or Bill Dance with his first, a bluegill.” The young Steed received an “I caught my first fish at North Bend” certificate from park naturalist Ken Zebo and proudly displayed it at his home. State parks with naturalists award paper certificates to visitors who catch their first fish in park waters. Presentations can be at campfire programs or with the individual or family.

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources wildlife section offers an online method of fishing rewards, a First Fish Certificate that can be completed online and printed. “This allows a parent to acknowledge a child or an adult with a printed document commemorating the event.” The online document webpage is at www.wvdnr.gov, Fishing, First Fish Certificate.

The wildlife section also offers a “First Deer” certificate option.

The woods and waters in West Virginia make for ideal fishing conditions throughout the year whether at a West Virginia state park and forest area or the multiple Wildlife Management Areas or public waters throughout the Mountain State. To learn more about West Virginia State Parks, visit www.wvstateparks.com. The Division of Natural Resources includes state parks, wildlife resources, natural resources police, Office of Land and Streams and Wonderful West Virginia magazine. The WVDNR website is www.wvdnr.gov.



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“Some people will illegally set out food so they can get a closer look at this often secretive animal,” Carpenter said. “However, these actions often lead to the destruction of the bear. Bear movements are tied to food sources. Bears that roam in and around residential areas in search of food are less likely to stay if they do not find anything to eat.”

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tive way of addressing the problem, especially if it just moves the problem from one place to another.

Bear populations have increased in both number and distribution in the past 20 years. Bears are now found in areas where they have been absent for decades and have been reported in all 55 counties. Multiple reports of sows with cubs have been received from the northern and western portions of the state. "There is simply nowhere to move bears that have become a problem," Carpenter said.

Human/bear interactions increase during the spring and summer for several reasons. Natural food sources are at their lowest point when bears leave their dens in the



John Hunt hooked a big catfish at this paylake. *Photo courtesy of Catfish Paradise in Marietta.*

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spring. Bears often spend several weeks feeding on green vegetation while continuing to lose weight. High-energy foods such as serviceberries, blackberries, raspberries, and blueberries do not become available until later in the summer.

In addition, the bear breeding season, which peaks from late June



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through July, puts many bears on the move. During the breeding season, males will cover large areas while searching for females. This is also the time of year when adult female bears will chase off their yearlings so that they may

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breed again. Human-related food sources are higher in calories and easier to obtain than natural foods. All bears, especially yearlings that are on their own for the first time, will take advantage of easy food sources. Bears will continue on their way if they do not find easy food.

Bears quickly become habituated to handouts in the form of trash, bird seed, pet food and feed placed out for other animals, and lose their fear of humans. They then resort to raiding garbage, outdoor freezers, storage sheds, vehicles and other structures associated with people. Unfortunately, when these activities are repeated, DNR personnel are forced to humanely destroy the offending animal for safety reasons.

“The unintentional feeding of black bears is something that can be prevented,” Carpenter said.



Lorna Canterbury landed a large flathead catfish.

“Garbage should be secured in a bear-proof facility and placed out for collection on the morning of pick-up, not the night before. Food scraps that produce large amounts of odor should be sealed in a plastic bag before being placed in the trash. Food scraps should not be placed in a compost pile during the summer months. Residents should remove all outside pet food at night, and bird feeders should be taken down, cleaned, and stored until late fall to further discourage bears from feeding around human habitation. If you do not remove food attractants until after a bear has become a nuisance, you may have caused the death of that animal.”

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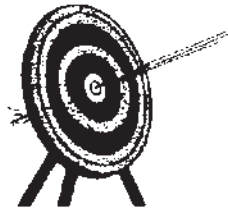


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Nick Hudson landed a 5 pound bass at Salt Fork Lake in the Memorial Day tournament. He and his dad won with 15-12 pounds. There will be another tournament on July 4th. \$90 entry + \$10 big bass.

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These rapid weather changes often bring violent storms with them and are something to take seriously. A lot of people have lost everything they owned in these storms despite being as prepared as they could be.

In other words, these storms are nothing to mess around with.

However, the changes in the pressure systems have an impact on the bass and provide short windows of opportunity to have some fun fishing.

They really can trigger a good bite.

For example, earlier this week I could feel a weather change brewing and monitored the weather channel as well as the weather app I have on my phone. I knew I had a few hours before it would hit, so

I slipped down to my pond to do a little casting.

It was amazing. I swear that every bass in the pond was up on the bank, chasing bluegills and feeding like crazy. They sensed the pressure change and were reacting to it.

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Ken Barnette caught a 21" bass in a farm pond.

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Give yourself time to be safely on the bank, never make a long run and fish close to the ramp. If there's any hint of lightning, get off immediately.

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bass during these pre-storm low pressure systems.

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Fishing can be really good after a storm hits, too. Typically, these summer storms will blow through

quickly, and the lake will calm down afterwards. That slick water makes for some excellent topwater fishing around those bluegill beds.

The bass know where those bluegills are spawning and they will set up ambush areas around those bluegill beds and pick off any fish that wanders by.

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Hankins' skipjack establishes a West Virginia record for length and weight, exceeding the 19.1-inch skipjack that Howard Neal Craig caught last year on the Ohio River. The record also exceeded a 2.61-pound fish caught by Steve Skeens from the Kanawha River in 2002.

Anglers who believe that they have caught a state record fish should check the record listing in the 2013 Fishing Regulations brochure. The brochure also outlines the procedure to follow for reporting their catch. This information also is available online at www.wvdnr.gov.



Zachary Hankins landed a new skipjack record.



Janet Eakins hooked a 28" flathead catfish. She received a citation for this fish.

Leave Young Wildlife Alone

FRENCH CREEK, W.Va. – The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources advises people to leave all young wildlife alone. "The spring season is the time of year when the woods and fields of West Virginia are full of new life," said Gene Thorn, wildlife biologist at the West Virginia State Wildlife Center in French Creek. "People have a great opportunity to view and enjoy young wildlife during this season, but it is especially important for the public to understand the need to avoid touching or disturbing these wild animals."

Attempts to rescue or rehabilitate young wildlife are often counter-productive, according to Thorn. Picking up or getting too close to wildlife greatly increases the chance of harm to the animal and/or the persons involved in this unwise practice. By touching young animals, humans leave a scent that may attract a predator. Wildlife viewing is an enjoyable and perfectly acceptable activity; however, Wildlife Resources Section personnel recommend that this pastime be conducted from a safe distance and with the aid of binoculars.

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Todd Zickafoose used a crossbow for this gobbler.

DNR offices statewide receive numerous calls each year concerning young wildlife, especially fawn deer that have been picked up by well-meaning residents. In almost every case these young animals have not been abandoned. The offspring are often hidden as the adult searches for food, and this separation can last for a few hours or all day.

Humans are poor substitute parents for wild animals, because young wildlife require special diets and learn survival skills from their parents. Removing young wildlife from its natural environment almost certainly leads to the death of the animal.



Mark Malone, from Vienna, reeled in a nice musky.

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If a predator happens to approach close to a fawn, the young deer will normally hold very still until

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Eric Young hooked a rainbow trout. *Photo courtesy of Jarret's Bait in Elizabeth.*

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the threat passes. If discovered by a predator, the fawn will wait until the very last moment before fleeing to safety. The doe will come back to check on her fawn at feeding time.

As a final caution, remember that state laws and regulations prohibit the possession of wildlife without a permit. Under any circumstances, when you pick up a young animal in the wild, you have taken it into your possession. The fines for illegal possession of a fawn deer, black bear cub, baby raccoon, squirrel or any other species taken or possessed during the closed season range from \$20 up to a maximum of \$1,000 and/or up to 100 days in jail.

“We want everyone to enjoy wildlife in West Virginia,” said Thorn. “For your own health and safety and to protect the state’s wildlife, remember these wild animals should be left alone and allowed to stay wild.”

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Dale Surber caught an 8 pound rainbow trout. Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton..



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