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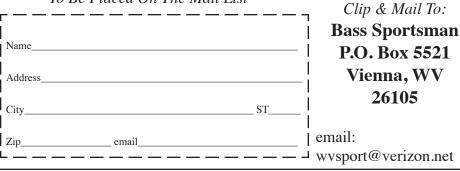
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Cover Photo

A huge Logan County bow buck was brought in by Ben McCoy. His impressive 16 pointer green scored 174 2/8. Another black & white photo shows his deer placed on the string of his Matthews Switchbak X7. What an outstanding rack!

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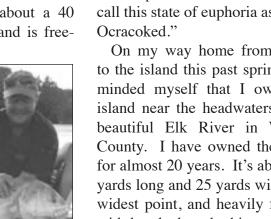
My Island Paradise

At least once a year I spend time on Ocracoke Island. It's located on the Outer Banks of North Carolina (OBX). One gets to the island via one of the state run ferries that make several daily roundtrips from Hatteras Village to Ocracoke. Each ferry carries about 30 vehicles and their occupants. It's about a 40 minute trip each way and is freeBy Jim Wilson

of-charge.

Ocracoke Island is 11 miles long and about three miles at its widest section. Every time I spend a couple nights, I feel totally isolated. It's a great feeling and the world spins a little slower. Locals call this state of euphoria as "being

On my way home from a visit to the island this past spring, I reminded myself that I owned an island near the headwaters of the beautiful Elk River in Webster County. I have owned the island for almost 20 years. It's about 150 yards long and 25 yards wide at its widest point, and heavily forested island is part-in-parcel of property I



with hemlock and white oak. The Charles Fisher used a bow for this

9 point buck. Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark. Winter 2009 ~ Page 4



Margie Sims, from Parkersburg, hooked a large drum in Devola.

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to the island and set it up. I knew right then and there this was one of the best decisions I had ever made, but cursed myself for taking this long to take advantage of this little slice of paradise. Hence, Paradise Island, I named it. Ring. Ring. Say

Jim, whatta ya doin' tomorrow? I'm goin' ta Paradise....Paradise Island to be more accurate.

I couldn't wait to spend the night. The next day I rummaged through the garage and found a cot with springs, a couple sleeping bags, an old Coleman lantern, an unopened



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Lindsay Riggs took a big Ohio buck. Photo courtesy of Crooked Creek Archery in Williamstown.



The cover photo buck, taken by Ben Mcoy, was very wide-racked. The tines are shown placed on top of the bow string. Photo courtesy of Boone's Bow Shop in Parkersburg.



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took all these camping essentials to the island. And a cooler laden with ice, pop, milk and cold cuts. In addition took two comfortable sitting chairs and my fishing gear. Last, but not least, my 12 year old Pekingese, Zee. Zee is my constant companion and it would be unthinkable of me to enjoy Paradise without her. We were able to cross to the south side of the island without getting wet as the river was low and this branch was currently a dry rock bed.

The first thing I did after dispersing the gear to its proper place, was to gather firewood. I placed the sticks, branches and driftwood inside the stone fire circle I had arranged the day before. Placed a big hunk of Duraflame log starter and doused the pile with characoal starter and lit. An instant fire. The heck with Daniel Boone style.

It was about 4pm when I finally sat down near the fire and stared at the whitewater riffles and listened to the river's melodic churning. Two hours later I was still staring



A 9 point was tagged by Boston Eveans.. *Photo courtesy of Jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth*.

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at the water...transfixed. I had been "Elked" which was even better than being "Ocracoked", because I owned this island.

I gathered some bigger pieces of driftwood and added to the white-hot coalbed. Zee was zonked out from all the roaming she had been doing. I sat back down with David continue to the next page

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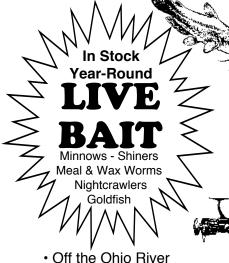
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Baldacci's new thriller, First Family, and read for about an hour.

Around 7pm I felt obligated to make a few casts in celebration of my first night in Paradise.

I tied on a Joe's Fly brown hackle spinner fly and attached a BB sized split-shot. In less than five minitues I had landed four 12-13 inch brown trout. I gently released them back into the fast water and stopped fishing. I didn't want these trout so near the island to get sore mouths, since I didn't have my stove or fillet knife with me. I wanted them fresh for dinner when I was better prepared.

It was getting dark as I sat back down. The smell and cracke of the fire was delicious to my nose and ears. I had just plain forgot how soothing this type of lifestyle could be. I brought the cooler over and proceeded to make sandwiches for my dinner meal and opened a can of dog food for Zee.

Next it was time to try out my new tent. Coleman calls it the Weather Master 6(sleeps) Screened Tent. It is 17 by 9 feet with a center height of 76 inches. Plenty of room to roam. I was enchanted with it. About 33% of its length is screened in with a fine mesh that thwarts even no-seeums. I lit the Coleman lantern and unfurled my North Face goosedown filled sleeping bag. I lifted Zee up to the bottom of the cot and proceeded to curl up into my sleeper. I ended up in the fetal position and compared the warm fuzzy feeling to what it might feel like returning to the womb.

Read a few pages of my book, turned off the lantern and succumbed to the lulling sound of the rushing river. I awoke the next morning as rested as I'd been in years--ready to do it all over again, which I did.



Since that first night I have added much to Paradise. Got my 2-burner stove purring with even flames-



-just needed new Coleman fuel. Brought down skillets and pans continue to the next page



Chad Cyphers and a friend downed two very nice bucks in southern WV. *Photo courtesy of Sun Valley Country Store in Speedway.*



along with eating utinsels. Set up my Nags Head rope hammock and my new bought charcoal grill.

The main thing I did to add to the comfort zone was to trailer down a couple cords of woodshed kept logs, left over from since we converted to gas logs at home. The only "not completely necessary" expense I incurred was to buy a used 4-wheeler for transport. From our home in Monterville I can legally access Paradise via 10 miles of gravel roads. I leave all my gear set up on the island. The island has never flooded because the south branch equalizes the pressure and rising conditions of floodwater. The island is also high-banked.

The main reason I leave everything set- up is it's not worth worrying about theft. Nor is it worth setting-up from scratch everytime I visit Paradise. Besides, I have good vibes about trusting fellow

West Virginians who enjoy the Elk River area and everything it entails. Happy camping.



Roy Mace, age 92, borrowed a friends gun to take this 7 point. It jumped back and the scope hit him in the nose. *Photo courtesy of Cross-roads Genreal Store near Newark*.





Dan Radcliff got an 8 point in Barbour County.



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Kevin McGraw shot a nice 8 point in Monroe County. *Photo courtesy of JBC Archery in Shady Spring*.



Zak Ayers bagged a 10 point buck. *Photo courtesy of Reese's Country Store in Deerwalk.*



Scott Monroe arrowed a nice buck. *Photo courtesy of Boone's Bow Shop in Parkersburg.*



Anthony Myehal, from Murraysville, shot a spike buck..



Jeremy Bunner took this 8 point Pleasants County buck.

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state team was no easy feat with a tough bite on the Mon, and an even tougher bite on the normally hot East Lynn Lake!

On the Mon, any competent angular can catch bass, but when we fished the State Championship in Late June, the bass were post spawn, and scattered. Normally, you can pick bass off of the lay

By Mark A. Garner downs, and emerging grass pods, but early on in the tournament, it was evident that the fish were not relating to any particular cover, so you had to fish deeper, and slower than normal for this time of year. In the end, Cleveland Yost proved

that he deserved a spot on the state

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team with a total weight of 10.20 pounds of healthy Mon river bass to take top honors. The other nine spots were filled with Vincent, Owens, Lewis, Harrison, Moore, Sapp, Broadwater Bowman and Misplay. To recap the event, we had a field of 60 boats that caught 452 bass that weighed 482.09 pounds. As I said earlier, the Mon was fishing pretty tough that particular weekend, and was not giving up easy bites. Typically, the Mon will give up over 8 pounds per day when it is on, but with the post spawn, and conditions, the normally heavy bags were not produced! To quote one of the competitors, he said, "The Mon continue to the next page



Dwayne Matheny shot a 10 point buck. *Photo courtesy of Boone's Bow Shop in Parkersburg*.

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Mike Sprouse brought in a 10 point buck. *Photo courtesy of Boone's Bow Shop in Parkersburg*.

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river is my river, my favorite piece of water in the state, but this weekend, it was if I was fishing it for the first time". The quote came from a regular on the Mon River who normally can call out his shots on any given day! But as in any event, the conditions were the same for all of the fishermen, and also like any tournament, someone always bring in good fish!

The second event that place the final two angular on the state team was held on East Lynn Lake on November 7th. This event was initially to be held in the spring, however, high water forced the postpone-

Craig Weaver bagged an 11 point buck. *Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark.*

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ment of the event, and we opted to fish it in the fall when typically, the bass are aggressively feeding in anticipation of the upcoming winter. When we got to the lake, the lake was beginning to turn over, which made all of the participants have to rethink their strategy. In the end, the father/son combination of Cory and Billy Gue took top honors in the event. They proved that when the bite is tough, the tough get the bites!

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Martk Sidwell took this buck with a gun. *Photo courtesy of J&R Sporting Goods in Shinnston*.



As I stated, the organization had a great year with respect to the satisfaction that the angular derived from fishing the events. The board placed focus on delivering a quality product, and to prove their point, and set of scales were purchased that show the weight being measured on both a scale monitor, and a led display board positioned so everyone can see the weight! How often did you wonder who had what, or what the weight was? Now with these scales, there are no questions! In another effort to streamline the process, we organized our launch technique, and were able to get all the boat inspected, and launched quickly so that everyone was ready for blast off. No more delays due to late launches! Also, we are in the process of working with a web



Amanda Shaver shot an 8 point buck. *Photo courtesy of J & R Sporting Goods in Shinnston*.

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Taylor Green got her 1st deer with a bow. *Photo courtesy of Bow-Listic Archery in Chelyan*.

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Bo Wolfe used a bow in Wyoming County for this large racked deer. *Photo courtesy of Cardinal Pawnbrokers in Beckley*.

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and Wood (1,853).

This year's buck kill is somewhat lower than last year, primarily as a result of a decline in the buck harvest in DNR Districts 1 and 2, which encompass the northern and northeastern counties of the state. The harvest was similar to last year in the remaining four DNR districts. Overall, the 2009 harvest increased in 16 counties and declined in 35 counties (see accompanying chart).

Wildlife biologists will analyze data from the combined 2009 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 15 and 16, 2010 (see current 2009-10 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary page 5 or visit the DNR Web site at www. wvdnr.gov for scheduled times and places).

White-tailed deer are a product of the environment. Too many deer on a given tract of land will result in loss of body weight, reduction in antler development, decrease in reproduction and sometimes death due to starvation during winter months. Over time, these declines in herd condition will actually reduce the deer herd's resiliency to poor mast conditions and harsh winter weather.

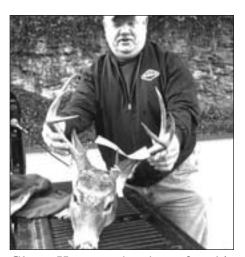
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Jerry Myers shot a 9 point buck in Upshur County. *Photo courtesy of J&M OUtdoors in Buckhannon.*



runs through Dec. 19. The Youth and Class Q/QQ antlerless deer season will be open on Saturday and Monday, Dec. 26 and 28 in any county with a firearms deer season. This will be followed by a three-day reopening of antlerless deer season (Dec. 29-31) in 45 counties or portions of counties and on selected wildlife management areas



Glenn Hess used a bow for this buck. *Photo courtesy of Willie's Sport Shop in Glenville*.





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A bow 8 point was taken by Paul Butterfield, from Vienna.



Kristin Schmidt used a crossbow in Ohio for this 10 point (1st buck). Photo courtesy of Wright's Riverside Marine in St. Marys.

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Rodney Starcher shot a nice 9 point buck. Photo courtesy of Starcher's Sport Shop in Lubeck.

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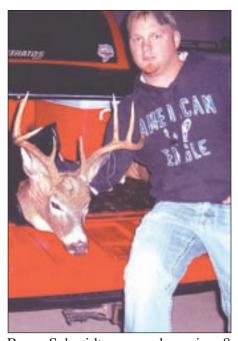
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Scott Reed used a bow to take this quailty buck. Photo courtesy of JBC Archery in Shady Spring.



Ryan Schmidt arrowed a nice 8 point buck. Photo courtesy of Wrights Riverside Marine in St. Marys.



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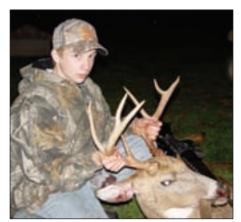
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Josh Murray downed a 10 point buck. Photo courtesy of Starcher's Sport Shop in Lubeck.



Pratt Dawkins took an 8 point Mason County buck



Kenny White hit a buck. Photo courtesy of Bow-Listic Archery in Chelyan.

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The One That Got Away

I suppose every angler has a story about a fish that got away that sticks with him for years. I know that I do. Gary Klein

My one-that-got-away story happened in 1986 on the biggest stage in bass fishing, the Bassmaster Classic. That year's Classic was held on the Tennessee River, and it was a tough one. If you caught 5 or 6 pounds of bass a day, you were in the hunt, and I was feeling pretty good going into the final day.

The lead changed hands every day of that Classic. Roland Martin led



Shane Smitley landed a late season hybrid bass. *Photo courtesy of Backwater Bait in Newport, Ohio.*

after the first day, but couldn't hang on. Jerry Rhyne took the lead on the second day, but since the weights were so low, there were still lots of anglers who had a chance to win. I was one of them.

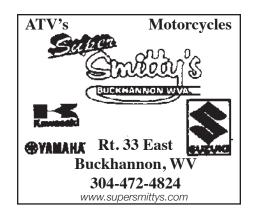
Sitting in the Top 10 going into that final day, I had saved my very best water for last. It required a 70-mile run to the upper end where there was a dam on the river. At Noon that day, they were going to start generating water, and I knew the current was going to turn my fish on. The key area was a 50-yard long stretch of matted grass.

Obviously, when you make a run of that length and the generating schedule starts so late in the tournament day, it's your last stand. I knew I wouldn't have enough time to fish anywhere else. I was going to win... or lose... right there.

When I made the run, I had one little 12-inch bass in the livewell. Things needed to get better in a hurry if I was going to have a chance to win my first Classic.

As I pulled up to the grass, every-

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thing looked right. I turned to my press observer and told him that I was going to win the tournament right there.

I started flipping and pitching a 7 1/4-inch Ditto Whip Worm on continue to the next page



Sammy Wiley brought in a great buck. *Photo courtesy of Sun Valley Country Store in Speedway.*





25-pound Berkley Trilene XT with a 1/2-ounce sinker. Almost right away I got a bite and put a 3 1/2-pound largemouth in the boat. It was a really good fish for that Classic, and I needed it.

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Right away I got another quality bite and managed to pull the fish up through the matted vegetation. When I got her on top, the hook popped out of her mouth!

I couldn't believe it. I had done everything right, but the hook came out. The fish weighed 4 pounds — maybe a little more — and was just laying there on top of the matted grass. If she had been a few feet closer, I might have been able to reach her.

She laid there for what seemed like an eternity before finally squirming and slipping back through the grass and into the water. I couldn't believe it.

I kept flipping and pitching to the grass but it was over, and I knew it. I never got another bite.

I took my three bass to the weighin and managed to move up into

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fourth place overall. Charlie Reed won that tournament, and I finished just a pound and a half back.

If I could have put that last bass in the boat, I would have won that Classic by more than 2 pounds.

I guess it just wasn't meant to be.



Phillip Cobb used a bow for this 12 point. *Photo courtesy of Outdoor Specialties In Winfield*.

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J. Reed took a nice 8 pointbuck. *Photo courtesy of Waterfront Sporting Goods in Alderson*.



Keith Davis, from Reedy, landed a 45" musky that weighed 25 1/4 lbs.





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Shaky Worm Basics

Bassmaster Elite Series angler Jeff Reynolds is a meat-and-taters kind of guy. He's an Oklahoma cowboy who listens to George Strait, deer hunts when he's not fishing and loves flipping a jig. Not someone you expect to see fishing finesse worms on spinning rods.

"I do now," says the lanky, likable Platter, Okla., pro. "And I enjoy it."



Seth Barnhardt snared this coyote in Pleasants County for a farmer.

The reason, of course, is he's discovered how deadly shaky worm fishing can be on some deep clear lakes and when conditions are tough.

"It's not always a big fish slugfest on the Bassmaster Tour," Reynolds says. "There are days when the shaky worm may be the very best method for catching fish that will win the tournament."

His shaky head rig consists of a 4 1/2-inch Zoom Finesse Worm fashioned weedless on a 1/16- to 1/4ounce jighead, 8-pound Vicious Fluorocarbon line and a 7-foot me-



Zoom finesse shaky rigged worm.

dium action Carrot Stix rod.

The technique gets its name from the way the lure is fished. Once the bait is on bottom, the angler jiggles the rod tip gently to cause the worm tail to vibrate without causing the bait to hop or skip over the bottom. The tantalizing tail action makes the lure look natural and triggers strikes from inactive fish.

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Remington Chevront got his 1st buck. Photo courtesy of Jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth.

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Reynolds says his ego prevented him from utilizing the technique until his first year as a Bassmaster pro at a tournament on Table Rock Lake. He had a poor practice while others were catching fish on light tackle.

"I had to borrow a couple of spinning rods from a buddy at the tournament and it didn't go well," he recalls. "I went back to Oklahoma and told (fellow Elite Series pro) Jeff Kriet to teach me."

They went to Lake Murray, Okla., and rigged up finesse worms on shaky heads, and Reynolds has been a believer ever since.

"It was like taking a kid fishing for the first time," Reynolds jokes. "I caught on quickly, and it's now a key part of my arsenal."

In fact, when the Elite Series returned to Table Rock, Reynolds



Frank Wilson used a bow for this big black bear. *Photo courtesy of Bowlistic Archery in Chelyan*.

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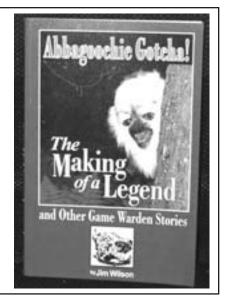
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finished fifth — on a shaky worm fished with 8-pound line and a spinning outfit.

Today, he turns to the rig just about anywhere the bite is tough.

"It's a limit-finder kind of technique, but it catches big ones, too," he says. "I've caught 7-pounders

on it."

Here's a look at his tips for shaky worm fishing.

Seasonal patterns: Prespawn is about the only time he won't use it because the fish are usually aggressive and other baits can be worked

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This angry buck wants to get rough with this raccoon at the feed station. *Photo courtesy of Crossroads Pawnbrokers in Beckley.*



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more quickly.

"But when you get into postspawn and the fish are finicky or aren't in a chasing mood, it's an excellent choice," he insists.

When bass get on points and ledges during the summer, the shaky worm is a good follow-up bait.

"If I go through an area and catch them on a Carolina rig, jig or crankbait, I will make one more pass with the shaky worm and catch fish that didn't bite the bigger baits."

He admits it may not be the best choice in the fall when bass move into creeks to feed up prior to winter.

"But if those fish get on dock posts that can't be reached with other lures, try skipping the shaky head back there," Reynolds says.

Once the water cools heading into winter, fishing shaky heads on deep docks gets even better.

"The water never gets too cold for a shaky head," he adds.

Fish "hard" cover: The shaky worm is best known for fishing rock ledges, gravel points and docks, but it works around wood, too. Reynolds will pitch the shaky worm around sparse brush, off the ends of fallen trees and against standing timber.

"Bass will suspend around all of those, and the slow fall will get you those bites that other lures won't," he describes. "That's another reason for fishing a spinning rod the bait falls vertically. If you use a baitcast outfit, it tends to fall back toward you."

Color choices: Go natural, Reynolds says, choosing worm colors that blend in with the environment. Green pumpkin for stained water and watermelon candy for clearer water are his favorites.

"On dark days, even in clear water, dye the worm tail chartreuse," he suggests.

Jighead selection: Reynolds is very choosy about the jig he uses. Because few manufacturers make one with a light wire hook, he uses a homemade version with a 3/0 Gamakatsu wire version.

Light wire hooks penetrate the worm more easily, he says, requiring less force to set the hook, which is imperative when fishing light line.

"I also don't like jigheads that have a screw coming out of the head, designed to hold the worm in place," he offers.



Bryan George, from Spencer, used a recurve bow to get this 9 point.



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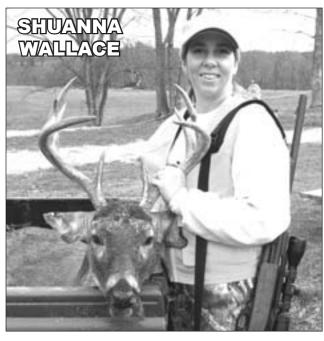
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Timmy Cline bagged a 10 point buck. *Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton*.



Randy Hunt checked in a 10 point from Roane County.

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Frossie Doyle used a crowwbow in PA for this buck. *Photo courtesy of Broken Wheel Campground in Weston*.

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Nathan Lamp shot a nice 13 point. Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark.



Richard Shaffer used a bow for this 12 point buck. Photo courtesy of Willie's Sport Shop in Glenville.



4 year old Kadie Daugherty, from Buckhannon, caught her 1st bass.

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Archery In The Schools

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resource's Wildlife Resources Section (DNR) will host an Archery in the Schools (AIS) Program training Jan 19-20, 2010, at the Gander Mountain Store in South Charleston, according to Jerry Westfall, DNR's AIS Program Coordinator.

"Gander Mountain has always been committed to getting our youth involved in the outdoors," said Greg Walls, Store Manager for Gander Mountain. "We've seen the success and growth of the DNR's AIS Program with the num-



Devin Beaver, from Wheeling, used a bow for this covote.



ber of kids coming into our archery department, and we are happy to be assisting schools in the Kanawha Valley, and elsewhere, by hosting this training."

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"However, in order for schools to have the AIS Program, they must first have a certified instructor – preferably a PE instructor or coach who will introduce as many kids as possible to the joys of target

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Monty Roupe, from MacFarlan, got a Ritchie County 10 point buck.

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archery," said Westfall. "The DNR has about four trainings a year; and, because class size is limited to 25, training slots are highly sought after. To ensure a training slot, we encourage PE teachers and coaches to apply as soon as possible, before the Jan. 8 deadline." As an added incentive, teachers taking this training may be eligible to receive Continuing Education Hours (CEH's).

Please note this training will cost \$25 for all school employees and \$50 for non-school employees. This fee will be paid to WVDNR - Archery in the Schools Program (via check, money order, or exact currency only) during the first morning of the training.

To register for the AIS training at the Gander Mountain Store in South Charleston, please call Billie Shearer at 304-558-2771; e-

mail billieshearer@wvdnr.gov. For general information on the AIS Program, you can visit the DNR's AIS Web site at www. wvdnr.gov/archery or call DNR's AIS Program Coordinator Jerry Westfall at 304-558-2771; email jerrywestfall@wvdnr.gov.



Herb Kelley used a bow for this great 10 point in Wood County. Winer 2009 ~ Page 34

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Trophy Photo Leads To Arrest

The newspaper publication of a photograph of a trophy buck has resulted in West Virginia conservation officers charging a Brooke County man with the illegal killing of the buck on the first day of the deer firearms season Monday, Nov. 23.

Raymond Allen Owens of Bethany, W.Va., claimed that he had killed the buck on the first morning of the deer season on his own property. The deer was the first deer checked at a Brooke County



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checking station and was checked as a landowner kill. The buck was then transported to the Wheeling area Cabela's store where Owens checked on the details of the Big Buck Contest held at the store. A photographer from the Wheeling Intelligencer newspaper was at the store and photographed the buck. The picture appeared on Tuesday,



Kenneth Hughes used a bow for this fall gobbler. *Photo courtesy Of Boone's Bow Shop in Parkersburg*.

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Nov. 24, on the front page of that publication.

Division of Natural Resources Sgt. Dave Shriner saw the photo in the paper and told Conservation Officer Steve Himmelrick about the large buck being killed in the Bethany area. Himmelrick knew continue to the next page



Anthony Myehal shot an impressive 10 point buck. *Photo courtesy of Old & New Sports in Ravenswood.*

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the hunter who had killed the deer and coincidently had received a spotlighting complaint the previous Sunday night in the Bethany area.

After a short investigation, it was determined that Owens had not killed the deer on his own property but had been hunting without a license on another persons' property. He was charged in magistrate court, and the deer was confiscated from a local taxidermist. The deer was "green scored" and measured in 150s class.



Jeff McRae got his fisrt deer, a 6 point. Photo courtesy of J&M Outdoors in Buckhannon.

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Fish consumption advisories are updated each year to help West Virginia anglers and their families make educated choices about eating the fish they catch.

The 2010 advisory is the result of reviewing recent fish tissue data and re-analysis of historical data. Improved data analysis methodcontinue to the next page

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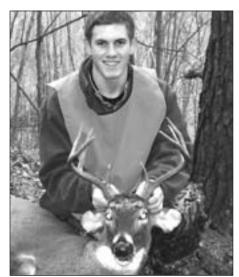


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The 2010 advisories can be reviewed at www.wvdhhr.org/fish, obtained from DHHR or found in the 2010 DNR fishing regulations.

Low levels of chemicals like PCBs, mercury, selenium and dioxin have been found in some fish from certain waters. An advisory is advice and should not be viewed as law or regulation. It is intended to help anglers and their families decide where to fish, what types of fish to eat, how to limit the amount and frequency of fish eaten and how to prepare and cook fish to reduce contaminants.



Larry Sarver, from Hurricane, used a gun for this nice 8 point buck.

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Women of childbearing age, children and people who regularly eat fish are particularly susceptible to contaminants that build up over time. Individuals falling into one of these categories should be especially careful to follow the guidelines.

This advisory covers only sport

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