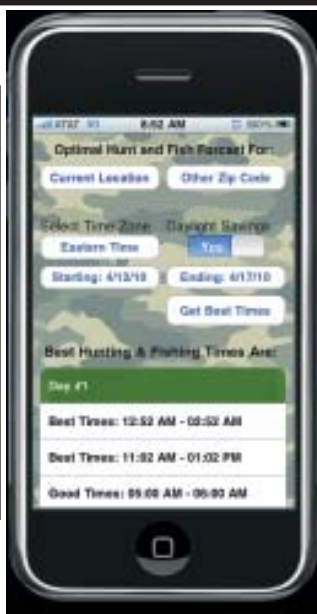


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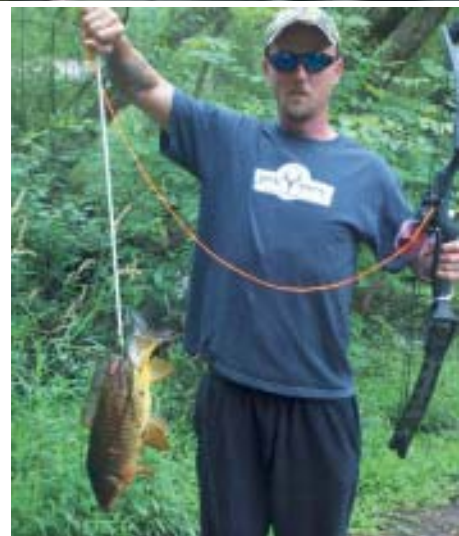
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My grandson Zakk Howell, 21 called me and said he wanted to come and see me on his day off from work to go fishing. He told me he went with his friend bow fishing the week before and even though he primarily rowed the boat he really enjoyed it and wanted to save his money and get a bow fishing set up someday.

After he arrived I suggested we go out to Tri-State Archery in our home town of Kendallville, Indiana and see what they had and suggested. They as usual were very helpful and showed us an AMS bow fishing set up that sure seemed to fit the bill. While Zakk drooled over it I decided it was time that he took it home. Isn't that what grandpas are for?

We tried to go out and try it but it stormed most of the day and with the high wind and heavy rain he really did not get a chance to try it out. He did shoot at some lily pads from shore to see how it shot.

About 9:00 that evening I told him it looked like the last storm was over and the other side of the lake looked calm enough that if he wanted to we could try it. I'm not sure if I got the words out and he was in the boat. We do not have spot lights on the boat so we knew we would have only a short time out.

We pulled up across the lake and since I was the trolling motor operator I started to get us started when I saw Zakk stare in the water and draw his new bow back. He shot and a 29" dogfish jumped and Zakk started reeling in the line. He got it next to the boat and he had made a perfect shot.

Again this was his first shot at a fish, his first time using his new bow set up and his first fish. I understand people are excited when they win the lottery but I'll bet not much more than what Zakk was getting this fish.

I think a bow fishing addict has been born.

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Cathy and Richard Balsitis teamed up for their second double in three years. Cathy's was a 24 pounder with 10 inch beard, and Richard's went 20 lbs with a 10 inch beard. Photo from The Rustic Sport Shop.

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Summer is with us, Vic invites anyone in the area to stop by and find out where the hotspots are near Morley. June and July are expected to be very hot so expect the fish to be deep and hope for the rivers to slow down from the heavy run off.

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Brian Martindale was the adult winner in Frank's Sporting Goods turkey contest. This 27 pound bird had a 10 inch beard and got Brian a free fan mount from Lasting Memories Taxidermy.



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Dolly Marcotte from Blanchard got her turkey on May 13, 2011. The bird had a 9.5 inch beard and 1 1/8 inch spurs. Photo from The Six Lakes Hardware.

very productive, stop and ask for directions.

The Green Jug Resort 517.924.3968. Located on Robinson Lake this hideaway resort is back in business and going strong under the management of Frank Watkins. The inventory in this cozy convenience store has been updated and all the beverages are cold and ready for you. Robinson Lake still is holding some great trophies and the fishing is good for all that is legal. Stop by and see what you have missed.

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station for your motor home or camper. Heidi notes that there are five lakes nearby and nearly 50 lakes within 20 miles of the store. All nearby campgrounds are now open.

Gillett's Bait and Hardware 269.672.5371 Located on Gun Lake this well established store all everything in the line of hardware and small items necessary for that fix it up project as well as live bait and plenty of tackle. Gun Lake has been giving up some real nice fish this season especially perch and crappies and some real nice pike. Stop by for the latest information and the freshest bait available.

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Phil at The **Tackle Haven** reports the end of June was still producing some nice catches of King Salmon, Lake Trout and Steelhead. It's

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By: Dave Schroeder Bill Loomis

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taking a bit more work and more searching and trolling but lots of nice fish are still being caught. The best depths seem to change daily with fish being taken in the 60 to 80 feet range while fishing the bottom 30 feet or deeper in 200 to 275 foot of water. Directions out of the piers doesn't seem to matter. Spoons and flasher fly combinations are still productive. Cut baits are working well behind flashers as well. In the deeper depths ranging 200 plus FOW, 3-color or 5 color leadcore setups are taking Steelhead and Spoons or Flies on riggers or dipsy's are catching Kings.

Glow Spoon colors have been good in early morning or on overcast days and spoon sizes ranging from regular to Magnum Green or Aqua flies behind a Tin Can Dodger or Spiny has been very good also. Fishing Herring Strips behind flashers are catching lots of Kings. Lake Trout are being caught on Spin N Glows behind Dodgers.

Pier fishing has been inconsistent with some Steelhead being caught using frozen Shrimp or Orange Casting Spoons. A few Walleyes are still being taken in the St. Joe River on nightcrawlers. The Yellow Perch fishing should be starting to heat up soon.

Don't forget the Tackle Haven is open 7 days a week from 7 a.m. Till 6 p.m. For your fishing convenience. If you have any questions, you can call the store at (269) 925-0341 or you can call their cell phones at Phil (269) 208-6482 or Nate (269) 208-6178.

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The pan fishing for Crappie was GREAT at the end of June. The Walleye fishing was starting to pick up at the end of June.

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is finally starting to heat up. They are busy stocking all the new tackle for 2011 and they want to remind everyone to check their supplies early. All of the area lakes have been giving some great catches of bluegill in the early season. They report great fishing as anglers experiment with all types of baits in the local lakes. They also want to congratulate the hunters for a successful hunting season. Stop by and check with them before your nextouting. The panfishing at the end of June was EXCELLENT. The water was finally starting to warm up and the panfish were HUNGRY. Be sure you check out the CUSTOM PICNIC TABLES now available at Hall's Bait & Tackle. **Don't let the road construction slow you down, it's no problem making it to Hall's for their Quality bait.**

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By: Larry Sawicki

As of the 4th week of June, Greg from **Schafer's Bait & Sporting Goods** in Weidman, MI. (989-644-3501) reports fishing great in local lakes. Stevenson Lake very good bluegill fishing. Isabella Lake walleye and pike good. Six Lakes blue gill and pike. Martini Chain, blue gill and pike, Hay Marsh also blue gill and pike. Best bait worms and wax worms. For a current report call Greg.



This customer of Tom's Bait & Tackle won the Free Fishing Weekend Contest with this 31 1/2 inch pike.



Gary, of Northville, MI caught these two nice largemouth on crank baits in about 5 feet of water. Photo from Lyman's on the Lake.



Manistee, Baldwin, Bear Lake & Brethren

Paul at **The Lake Shore Motel** reports the end of June was producing some nice catches. The Kings were still being caught in the Harbor at the Rivers Mouth, and off the local piers. The Pier fishermen and smaller boats fishing the harbors have also been catching lots of Brown Trout. They were also picking up a few nice Steelhead in the river. Hopefully by the time you read this, the water should be warming up a little and the Perch will be hitting.

Don't forget, The Lake Shore Motel is conveniently located with a full view of Lake Michigan. They also have a fishing pier that is in walking distance. They have Clean rooms, fish cleaning with freezing, a housekeeping unit and a gift shop. They also have a clean cabin to sleep four with all the conveniences of home for rent. **They even offer a Special Price for our fishermen. You can call (231) 723-2667 for reservations.**



Jordan Valley

By: Pat Stewart

Tom reports the fishing at the start of July was OUTSTANDING. Limits of Walleye and Smallmouth Bass were the normal on Lake Charlivoix and the Chain of lakes. Most of the Walleyes were being taken off the bottom in 13 to 18 foot of water. Keel Sinkers and bottom bouncers are the favorite on a slow troll. The HOT Crawler Harnesses were chartreuse, Holographic Bait Fish Blades. In anything Gold or Silver. Good catches of Panfish and Walleyes were being caught in the Channel lakes. Lake Michigan's Walleye bite was off due to the crazy weather. Remember **Tom's Bait & Tackle Shop** is open year round for your fishing pleasure. They



Roscommon County & Houghton Lake

By: Larry Sawicki

As of the 4th week of June, **Lyman's Bait and Tackle** (989-422-3231) presently reports good walleye and crappie fishing. Walleye hitting best trolling crawler harnesses next to weed beds. Leeches also working well. A few 6-8 pound lunker walleye caught recently. For current reports call the shop.

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Munising Area Report
 By: Gary Talarico

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Bank Fishing 101

By Babe Winkelman

Andy Griffith was a great TV series. Remember the opening credits? That classic whistling song played as Andy and Opie strolled along that country lane, carrying their rods and reels down to the fishing hole. Then Opie rushed to the bank and skipped a stone.

That show opening was a work of art. It really captured the joy of a father and son sharing one of the most meaningful things a parent and child can experience together: fishing from a bank. In this world of \$50,000 bass boats and sophisticated electronics, bank fishing remains a simple pleasure that's accessible to anyone. Even though I have a darn nice boat with wonderful accessories, I still take time every year to fish from shore with my daughter. It reminds us about what the fundamental thrill of fishing really is - and that's sharing the moment, when that bobber goes down, with family and friends.

I wanted to honor bank fishing in this month's column, and encourage everyone to get out and enjoy a day on a lakeshore or river bank this summer. As long as you're going to do it, you might as well catch a big pile of fish too! So here are some tips for making your day as productive as it can be.



Nelson boated this 27.5 inch walleye out of South Manistique Lake using bait from the Fish and Hunt Shop.

Oakland, Livingston & Washtenaw Counties
 By: Gary Talarico

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A lot of shore anglers gravitate to spots where a wide range of fish species can be caught. Makes sense to me! If this is your game, I highly recommend packing in at least two rod/reel combos per angler. Rig one with fairly

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Curtis & The Manistique Area

By: Gary Talarico

The three lakes surrounding Curtis are the Big Manistique Lake, North Manistique Lake and South Manistique Lake. Curtis is located on South Manistique Lake about a half a mile south of Big Manistique Lake, just north of US 2. Big Manistique Lake is the largest of the three. The lakes are teaming with a wide variety of fish. Bluegill, perch, walleye, bass, pike and musky are there for the tempting. Traditionally, South Manistique Lake is the hotspot with lots of musky, largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye, pike and perch. However, Big Manistique Lake has a great reputation as well and gives up big pike, walleye and perch. The latest fishing report from JR's is "Walleye bite is getting better daily now that mayfly hatch is over. Perch caught are large when you find them. Some big pike have been boated trolling large baits or large suckers under a bobber" This friendly lakeside town is less than an hour northwest of the Mackinac Bridge; it is a really great place to visit with your pals or family.

JR's Sport Shop (906-586-6040) is one, neat old time bait and tackle store. It reminds of the places where I would go as a youngster to buy some worms and a couple of hooks. Kathy and J.R. have everything you will need to have a

fishing trip to remember. Fresh live bait, tackle from hooks to rod and reels and everything in between, along with decades of experienced advice on where to go and what baits to try are yours for the asking. Mill around the minnow well and you will probably even hear a fish story or two! Take a look at the albums of successful anglers. It will make you want to get out on the lake right away and then get your picture taken for the Fish & Game Finder Magazine!

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Tony's Whitefish Inn in Curtis sits on the

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light tackle for panfish, bullheads and the occasional bass. Spooling up with 6-pound test monofilament is a good bet. And make sure your tackle box is well-stocked with small jigs and hooks, bobbers, split-shot sinkers, in-line spinners and beetle-spin type baits. You can't go wrong with having live bait on hand too, like night crawlers, leeches, waxworms and minnows.

For your second rod, go with a heavier action combo spooled with 12-pound mono. Bring along some spinnerbaits, topwater plugs and crankbaits (both shallow-diving and mid-depth models) in a variety of colors. That way, if you see a big bass or pike blow up on the surface



Michael stopped by with his Dad at the Fish and Hunt Shop to show off his 26.5 inch walleye he caught out of Big Manistique Lake.

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while panfishing, you can grab that other stick and pitch a bait to the bigger gamefish. I hope you catch him!

Be comfortable on the bank. A folding chair or even an upturned 5-gallon pail is a welcome perch as you enjoy the day. Have a cooler with some cold drinks and snacks along, especially if you're bank fishing with the kids. Bringing a Frisbee or a football is a good idea with kids too. It'll help them pass the time if the bite slows down, and prevent them from uttering those dreadful words: "can we go now?"

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Dustin Swiderski of She's A Trophy charters, shows off 1 of his walleye caught in early June in Michigan waters out the mouth of the River Raisin. Photo courtesy of Fishermans Cave.



Hillman & Fletcher's Floodwaters

By: Pat Stewart

Well the hot weather is finally here and the fish are HUNGRY. The beginning of July was producing lots of Delicious Crappies, Blue-Gills and Pike. The Bass were really on a feeding binge.

Vicki at Wild Bill's Bait & Tackle reports the Summer fishing was off to a fast start. Wild Bill's Bait & Tackle carries the areas largest assortment of fishing supplies and live bait. Including BIG live bait for catching those Monster Pike. Don't forget Wild Bill's is open year round, Be sure you stop by and check them out. They are also THE PLACE to stop for the UPTO DATE FISHING REPORT. Be sure you check out Wild Bill's Bait & Tackle the next time you are in the Hillman Area.

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Dan Ricard with couple nice perch caught on June 18 in approx 12 ft of Ohio water of Lake Erie. Photo courtesy of Fishermans Cave Bait & Tackle.

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Tawas, Oscoda & Mio Area Report

By: Larry Sawicki

As of the 4th week in June, Russ from **Trophy Waters Fly Shop** (989-826-3411) reports the browns and rainbows are hitting well on Hex flies.

Trophy Waters is a major supplier of fly fishing equipment and are up to date on fly hatches. Captain Chuck Schibner, a Michigan renowned fly fisherman and guide, has joined Trophy Waters and is available with advice and guide service.

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Oscoda offshore fishing has been very good. Mix bag of Lakers, steelhead and walleye fishing 70-90 feet of water using small Silver Streaks, Dodgers with flies. Walleye fishing of Tawas Bay has been fair/good. trolling with crawler harnesses working best. Still some decent perch and bluegill action on Van Etten. A few gills are still on their beds. Wax worms and small jigs has been working very well. For a current fishing report contact Capt. Gene Kirvan at **Calypso Charters** 989-739-2313.

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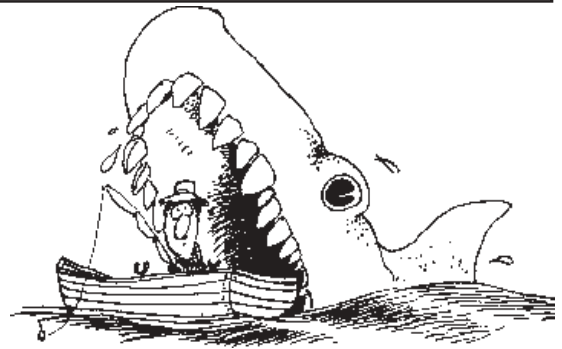
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Lake Erie/Downriver

By: Donna Marie

Frank & Alyce at **Matthew's Bait & Tackle (734) 241-4757** in Monroe reported that walleye were hitting at the mouth of the Raisin River in 26 feet of water, about 3 miles out. Folks were getting some good-sized perch at Luna Pier in about 8 feet of water. You might also try fishing at Sputnik for perch. Remember to take advantage of Matthews fish-cleaning service when you bring in your catch.



Tom Zeman of Burbank, Illinois from the Cabelas pro staff of Hammond, Ind. helped catch this nice limit of walleye while fishing with Capt. Lee Durham of Topgun Charters out of Luna Pier, MI. They were in 12 feet of water, trolling jet divers & silver streak spoons. Two of the fish were 5 pounds with one 6 1/2 on June 9, 2011. The photo is courtesy of Luna Pier Harbour Club.

Eric at **Jeff's Bait & Tackle (734) 289-4901** is featuring a walleye contest which will run through summer until fall. Registration is free at the store and the heaviest fish wins a \$25.00 gift certificate *every day!* (Not a bad deal) What a great reason to stop in - - - register, buy your bait & snacks, & pick up a free copy of the Fishfinder!

The DNR reports that Lake Erie is producing some nice catches of walleye in 21 feet of water in front of the Fermi Power Plant, on gold, copper or purple crawler harnesses. Yellow perch, white



Fred Zibbel of Luna Pier caught a 14" perch in approx 10 ft of water off shore of Luna Pier.

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Steve Kendall used an emerald shiner to coax this walleye out of the Detroit River on June 14, 2011. The photo was provided by The Bait & Tackle Box.

perch & catfish were being caught by folks shore fishing off the Lake Erie Metro Park.

On the Huron River, anglers reported getting smallmouth bass, catfish and of course LOTS-O'-CARP! The Detroit River has been producing some white bass. If you try fishing around the islands, down near the mouth of the Detroit River, you may get some yellow perch or some smallmouth bass.

Don't forget - you can rent a row boat or a motor boat at **Smith's Boat Livery (734) 671-9252** on Grosse Ile. Owner Jose is open 7 days a week and can direct you to the current hot spots in the area. If Jose is busy, just ask his new partner, **Chico** - he knows where all the fish are!!

Fisherman's Cave Bait & Tackle, 7120 Summit St. in Erie, MI reports anglers success in walleye catch and perch. The walleye catch in Ohio waters out near West Sister Island area and the turnaround buoy (Sputnik).

Perch catch has been reported in 12 - 18 ft of



Eric Galinski and Justin Westley, from Ohio, had their walleye catch in early June in Michigan waters out the mouth of the River Raisin. Photo courtesy of Fishermans Cave.



This Little Dipper customer was fishing in Alaska in August of 2010 when this beautiful salmon hit. The photo is courtesy of Little Dipper Bait & Tackle.



Customer Steve used a Kastmaster lure to catch this pike on the Huron River in the fall of 2010. The photo is courtesy of Little Dipper Bait & Tackle.

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Gene's Marine, Bait & Tackle

St. Rt. 366, P.O. Box 277 Russell's Point, OH
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(937) 843-2551

OR

LaPizzeria Restaurant

7439 SR 366 (@ Moundwood) (937) 843-3333



Prizes will be paid out based on weight of a single Catfish with length of fish as tiebreaker. All catfish must be caught in Indian Lake no earlier than 12 noon on August 5, 2010 on rod & reel and must be at Check-in no later than 12 noon August 8, 2010. Only live fish will be accepted. All Ohio fishing laws apply. All winners are subject to polygraph test. Any person who has been disqualified or banned from any fishing or hunting tournament is not eligible to participate in this tournament.

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