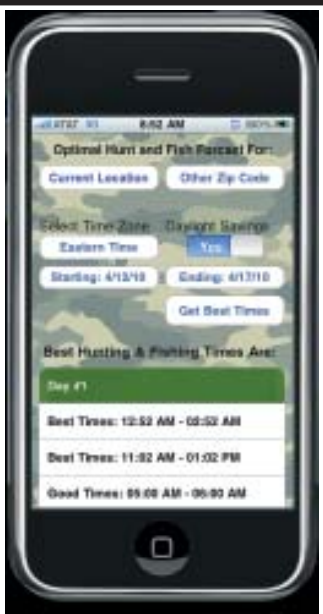


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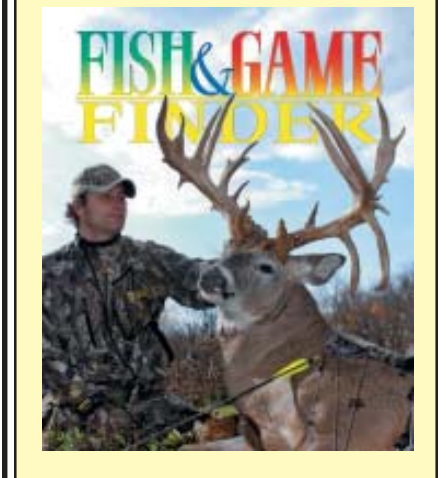
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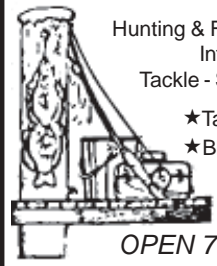
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Jeff shot this 8 point by Morristown on state land at about 7:30a.m. This buck has a 21" inside spread. Photo from Lyman's on the Lake.

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Mt. Pleasant To Cadillac

By: Larry Sawicki

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Roscommon County & Houghton Lake

By: Larry Sawicki

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Paul at the **Lake Shore Motel** reports the Steelhead fishing was **still good at the end** of November, when Mother Nature would cooperate. In fact when I called up for a report he was out fishing. They were catching some nice fish right off their beach the pier and in the river. You can always stop by or call Paul at the Lake Shore Motel for the up to date (Honest) fishing report. They are located on lake Michigan and lots of times you can catch fish off the beach, right out your back door. Be sure you stay at the Lake Shore Motel when you are in the Manistee Area.

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Dennis, who hangs out at JR's, holds a 40 inch salmon that weighed in at 22 pounds, 6 ounces.



Jordan Valley

By: Pat Stewart

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Ryane Olsen from Ellsworth, Mi. caught this 28 1/2" 7 lb. 12 oz. Pike in Jan. 2011 while fishing 6 Mile Lake. Photo by Tom's bait & Tackle.



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 Kathy is "Perch, walleye and pike have been biting really good". 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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The 1st Place Winner was the DANDY 13 Point Non-Typical Buck. It had a 17/2 " Inside spread and 3 Antlers. Photo by A-1 Woods & Waters.



Hillman & Fletcher's Floodwaters

By: Pat Stewart

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**Tawas, Oscoda &
Mio Area Report**
By: Larry Sawicki

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cedar and then a few small logs should perk the fire right up he thought. Soon the crackle of the cedar and expanding warmth was helping lift the early morning fog. Cal munched on a piece of toast with a thick layer of peanut butter as he placed another couple of logs into the woodstove and damped it down. By the time he returned later in the day the cabin would be toasty warm. With any luck at all, dinner would consist of Drakes coated fried eye fillets, fried potatoes and cole slaw.

All of Cal's ice fishing gear had been cleaned and sorted, the reels spooled with new line and the battery fully charged in the Lowrance M68c fishfinder. It was already loaded into the black plastic sled along with Strikemaster ice auger just outside the backdoor. Cal grabbed the bubbling minnow bucket from the utility sink and stepped outside, placing it in the sled. It was cold, 22 degrees he noted from the glance at the large thermometer hung on the wooded post. It was only a short walk to lake. The ice should be ok he concluded, well below freezing with little wind for 3 days now. Cal's pace quickened as headed for the ice. First ice was almost a religious pilgrimage, never to be missed.

The first steps on to first ice always make the heart race a bit. A race to get the holes drilled and skimmed free of slush. A race to get the tip-ups rigged with a fat lively shiner with flags set. The well thought out location to start drilling was only about 200 yards now. The pace quickened a bit more. 50 yards from the spot something didn't quite feel right. The hairs stood up on Cal's neck. An instant later he heard the sound of the first crack, a sound every ice fisherman dreads. By the second CRACK! Cal was frantic. On the ice alone and in the dark and going under. "Oh GOD! HELP! HELP!" surprised Cal when it came out of his mouth. He was not a spiritual man. He tried to yell again but nothing came out. Cal opened his eyes to be blinded by millions of rising bubbles. He tried to scream again but icy cold water rushed into his mouth, his lungs burning. Cal frantically thrashed to get to the surface but it was a losing battle. Cal suddenly felt warm, a peaceful surrendering feeling betrayed by his wide open panic stricken eyes. He felt himself almost floating downward towards the lake bottom. Cal felt sleepy and the life in his eyes faded to gray.

CLANG! CLANG! CLANG! The large Big Ben wind-up alarm clock sounded with a firehouse clang that would wake the dead. Cal woke with terror in his eyes, the sweat on his brow as cold as ice water.

Thank God this was just a really bad dream for Cal but a real eye opener for Cal and ALL OF US. You have to always use safety when walking out on the ice ESPECIALLY 1st and last Ice. Always fish with a partner and check out the ice during the daylight so you will increase your odds for a safe and fun day on the ice.

**Oakland, Livingston
& Washtenaw Counties**
By: Gary Talarico

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**Up
North**

Gary Talarico
CLANG! CLANG!
CLANG! The large Big Ben wind-up alarm clock sounded with a firehouse clang that would wake the dead, if

not a guy with a bit of a beer hangover. An unsteady hand reached over to the bedside table and fumbled with the clock trying to get it to "just stop". That action of futility ended with the clock being knocked to the floor, where it mercifully fell silent. The room was chilly and dark, like it was most winter mornings. The sun was not yet up, sunrise still an hour away. Time for the unshaven man to roll out of bed and feed the woodstove, and himself. He could smell the coffee. "You gotta just love programmable coffee pots" he thought as he wobbled to the kitchen. A couple cups of coffee, a few scratches in strategic locations and a trip to the john was the usual routine. Then it was off to the lake in pursuit of walleye. First ice always held a special allure. The thrill of a bit of danger mixed with the best fishing of the hard water season was nearly impossible to resist. Cal made his way into the adjacent living area of the small log cabin. The Ashley woodstove stood silently in the far corner, still warm but in dire need of fuel. Some small pieces of dry



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Flash- I finally had a chance to go Bobcat Hunting with Two Beavers and Cedar Creek Guide Service and man it was a lot of FUN!. You talk about a couple of PROFESSIONAL GUIDES that know their business inside and out. I think they knew half the tome what the Bobcat was going to do even before the Bobcat did. I must confess to getting Old, Out of Shape and a little slow due to a couple of knee surgeries and a broken ankle but they work at your speed. That's a good thing about the dogs having a Bobcat treed. I guess they even have sleds for their snowmobiles and anything else they need to get you out to the Bobcats. On our hunt we used 4 wheel drive trucks to bust through the snow and walked to the treed 'Cat. **It was quite a THRILL to finally bag my 1st Bobcat.** Now I can't wait to get it back from my taxidermist. It will look GREAT hanging on the wall.

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Lake Erie/Downriver
 By: Donna Marie

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Tim Magrum shot this 13 point Buck in Monroe County. Photo by Fisherman's Cave.



Roger Magrum is shown with his 8 point Buck that green scored 147. Photo by Fisherman's Cave.

Remember that this is the start of many of our winter fishing shows. A full boat & fishing show schedule is listed in this book. **The Ultimate Fishing Show** in Novi (Jan. 12 to 15) is just the beginning. We hope to see you at a show in your area.

Fishermans Cave Bait & Tackle, 7120 Summit St in Erie is open daily at 6 am. Stop in and check out our ice fishing supplies and other tackle items. Pick up holiday gift items for people on your shopping list. Kevin and Jackie from Fishermans Cave wish everyone Happy Holidays!

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By: Dave Schroeder

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Counties By: Dave Schroeder

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Patrick Flierman got his four point in the Michigan Youth hunt Sept. 25th. Patrick is a very happy 11 year old hunter. Photo from Hilltop Sports in Greenville.



Clay Henk took this nice 11 pointer near Howard City. Photo from Rustic Sports.

The Rustic Sport Shop in Howard City 231.937.4372 has long been a stopping point for hunters and fishermen traveling north. The convenience store has all you need for refreshments and the added deli is well stocked with goodies. An added feature this season is a new line of jerky and brats. Beef sticks have been added as a new taste teaser. Guns, ammo, archery equipment, clothing, batteries, plenty of fishing tackle and good advise are all available at the Rustic. Stop by and get whatever you may have forgotten. Propeller repair is just another of the fine services offered to the public at the Rustic. Many lakes and streams are in the area and fishing has been very productive, stop and ask for directions. Crossbows have been added to the inventory and are being well received. Ice fishing will be good in the Howard City vicinity.

The Green Jug Resort 231.924.3968. 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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Richard Koza pulled this 27 inch 5 lb. pike out of Robinson Lake. Photo from The Green Jug.



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Richard Wesche with his 22 inch 5 lb. bass. Photo from The Green Jug.



Jake Kizer with his bow killed 10 pointer. Photo from Frank's in Morley.



Will MacTavish with his first bow and arrow trophy. Photo from Rustic Sports.



Shawn Caverley with his 8 point bow kill. Photo from Rustic Sports.



Hunter Patch with his 8 point. Photo from Six Lakes Hardware.



Linc LaFountain's huge 9 point has a 22.5 in. inside spread with 14 inch tines. Look for him in end of year Big Buck contests. Photo from Frank's in Morley.



Marshall Dillon with his keeper 8 point. Photo from Rustic Sports.

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Detroit Ultimate Fishing Show

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Suburban Collection Showplace
Novi / Detroit, Michigan

Cabin Fever Gun, Knife & Cabine Show

Jan. 13 - 15

Justin's Fishing, Hunting & Marine
Huntington, West Virginia

Northeast Ohio Sportman Show

Jan. 20 - 21

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Dalton, Ohio

Cincinnati Hunting & Fishing Show

Jan. 25 - 29

Cincinnati Convention Center
Downtown Cincinnati, Ohio

Columbus Sports, Vacation & Boat Show

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Columbus, Ohio

Tri-State Outdoors Sportsman Expo

Feb. 10 - 12

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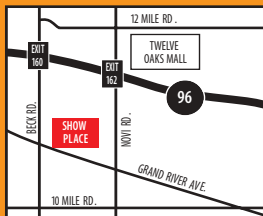
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J T Kreager bagged this monster on 10-05-11. It scored 177 points.
Photo courtesy of Norton's Sporting Goods.



Delaware Area Report

by John Ashbaugh

Norton Sporting Goods is located just off of rt 23 between Delaware and Waldo. They are stocked full of new inventory for this year's hunting seasons. With the archery season upon us, you'll want to check out the selection of new and used bows at Norton's. They can set up your bow for you and take care of all your archery needs. They have a great selection of fishing and hunting supplies and an experienced staff to help you out.



Alum Creek Area Report

by John Ashbaugh

Stop by **Cheshire Market** for a wide selection of bait and tackle, as well as the latest fishing report. Don't forget to sample the excellent food at Cheshire Market. They have great hot breakfasts, soup, sandwiches, delicious wings, and outstanding pizza. They have many essentials for fishermen and campers.

Right now Alum Creek Lake is 11 feet below normal winter pool levels, so fish will be concentrated. Best to work near the channel. The lake got 12 inch thick ice last year, so the fishing looks to be good and safe after a good freeze.



Jeff Cox bagged this monster buck. Photo courtesy of Norton's Sporting Goods.

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Jason Rowland took down this 15 point behemoth near Waverly, Ohio.
Photo courtesy of Cheshire Market.



Ray Eddy knows that there's a lot to admire on top of this buck's head. Photo courtesy of Danville Outdoors.

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by John Ashbaugh

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Columbus Report

by John Ashbaugh

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Danville Area Report

by John Ashbaugh

Danville Outdoors is a great place to go to get ready to go into the woods! They have added lots of new inventory in the past few weeks. Their terrific selection of guns is reason enough to see them. They buy, sell, and trade. For hunters getting out in the field for archery season, Danville Outdoors is a dealer for several terrific brands (Horton, PSE, Martin, Diamond, and Barnett and Parker for crossbows) and does custom bow work in addition to having just the right bow in stock.

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Fall anglers have plenty to like at Danville Outdoors, as well. They have a full line of fishing tackle and bait for fishing to catch any species. Stop by and see them at 615 South Market Street in Danville. Their helpful staff can help you find whatever you need.

and Saturdays from 10 to 4.

Rick's Sporting Goods has a large selection of Hoyt, PSE, and Parker bows in stock. They also carry a large selection of muzzleloaders and supplies. **Be sure to check out the indoor archery range that is now open at Rick's.**



Bryar Householder put his arrow on the mark to take this buck to the ground. Photo courtesy of Danville Outdoors.

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Robert Sponsler took this 8 point Buck with his Bow on 11-11-11. photo by Monty's Mosquito Lake Carry-Out.



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Don't forget, the LATE- Fall Panfish, Walleye and Catfishing at Mosquito Lake can't be beat. Hopefully Mosquito lakes FANTASTIC ice fishing will be starting soon. This is without a doubt one of Ohio's Best ice fishing lakes.



Wade Najem shot this MONSTER 13 point Buck with a LONGBOW on 11-09-11. Photo by Monty's Mosquito Lake Carry-Out.



William McCabe Shot this TROPHY 11 point 221 lb. (field dressed) Buck with his bow on 11-13-11. Photo by Monty's Mosquito Lake Carry-Out.



Jimmy Rowland took this Nice 10 point Buck on 11-12-11. Photo by Monty's Mosquito Lake Carry-Out.



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Mike Beker is in 5th place (at the end of Nov.) with this 28" 12 1/2 lb. Steelhead in the Annual Steelhead Contest at Harbor Bait & Tackle.

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FLASH: Don't forget to check out the year round dockage at Cold Creek. Yep, you heard me right - year round! Cold Creek never freezes so it makes it perfect for late fall fishing and duck hunting, or early spring fishing. Be sure you check them out today.

Cold Creek Trout Camp has completed their renovation on their office. As usual they did it right. Once you have had a chance to fish, ramp or dock your boat, or camp at Cold Creek Trout Camp, you will know what I mean.

The rainbow and brown trout were really hitting good at the end of November. **THIS FALL HAS BEEN ONE OF THE BEST RAINBOW TROUT FISHING TIMES EVER AT COLD CREEK TROUT CAMP AND THIS GREAT FISHING WILL CONTINUE RIGHT THRU THIS WINTER!** The Steelhead fishing was still going strong at the end of November. As we all know WINTER can be the BEST time to fish Cold Creek. If you haven't had a chance to fish Cold Creek Trout Camp you don't know what you have been missing. Be sure you check out their web-site to see what has been biting lately. **Don't forget THE 2011 Annual Fishing Passes are STILL On Sale!**

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Wow !!! The fishing at the end of November was FANTASTIC.

The Steelhead were being caught at the end of November off the Piers at Fairport Harbor, the biggest in Mid-October was 15 lbs. Some DANDY Steelhead were also being caught in the local rivers, most of these Steelhead were running 8 to 12 lbs. In Mid-November the run is on. So Grab your gear and head out for FUN day of catching between 15 and 40 Steelhead.



Neil Daugherty is currently tied for 1st (at the end of Nov.) place in the Annual Steelhead Contest at Harbor Bait & Tackle with this 31 7/8" 11 lb. 10 oz. Steelhead.

Don't forget the Annual Steelhead contest at Harbor bait & Tackle. There is a \$15.00 entry fee and a 100% Payback. This FUN CONTEST runs thru March 31st. You will want to also check them out at : harborbaittackle.blogspot.com for their always changing Sales, Water conditions, Inventory, Current Leaders in Steelhead Contest and much, much more.



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