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Cover Story:
Craig and Justin caught these 2 "Fish Ohio " 28" Walleyes and 3 others over 24" on 3-18-11. They were fishing the West end of Berlin Lake, where the Mahoning River spills into the lake.. Photo by A & C Fish 'n' Game.

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Lunar Hunt & Fish Apple iPhone Application

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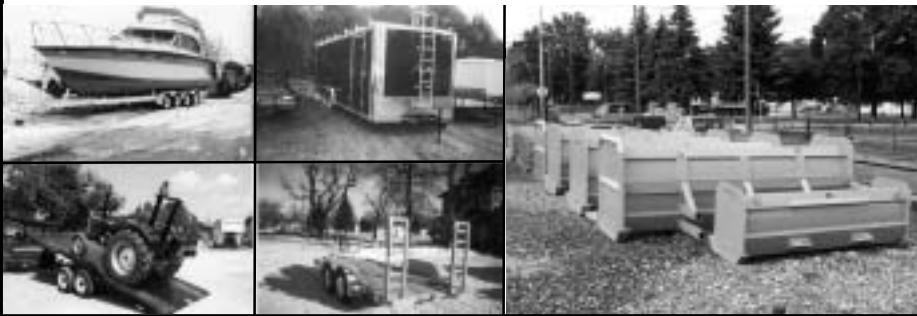
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Tori Boger, age 7, helped her Dad catch these 36" & 30" Pike on tip ups at Wawasee Lake. Photo by The Travel Tender.



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by Mechell Croslyn

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This Young Hunter proudly displays His great Turkey taken during a recent Spring Hunt. Photo by Tomlinson's Shooting Supplies.

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This Young Hunter is All Smiles after taking this Dandy Turkey on a great Spring Hunt. Photo by Tomlinson's Shooting Supplies.



This 45 " Trophy Muskie was caught on 5-02-10 at Webster Lakes. Photo by Ye Olde Tackle Box.



Cammy Kryder caught this TROPHY Crappie on 4-03-10 in Webster Lakes. Photo by Ye Olde Tackle Box.



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North Webster Area Report by Mechell Croslyn

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Flash- When I was delivering the magazines in Mid-March the boaters were already out catching lots of Delicious Crappies and Feisty Muskies.

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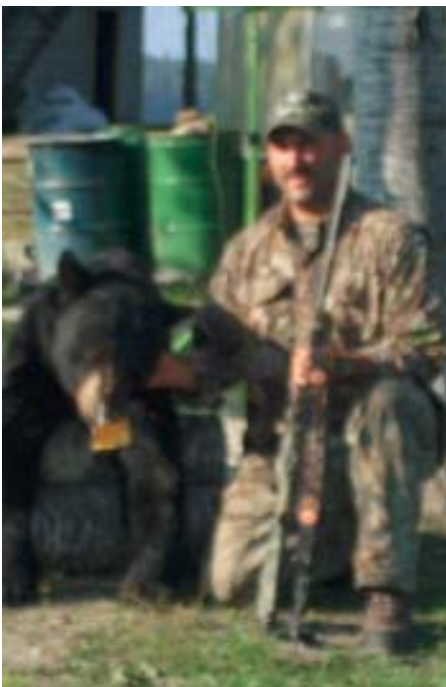
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Matthew Dupuis, from Soo, ON, proudly displays the nice pike he caught while staying at Birch Lake Resort.

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lbs. And the biggest Pike was 53". If you are looking for a clean modern cabin, a place to fish for walleyes and pike or hunt for bear, moose or grouse then you are looking for Camp Denis.

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Off-season Tips to Boost Hunting Success in 2011

By Babe Winkelman

For every season – turn, turn, turn. Aren't those the lyrics to that song? Every time I hear that tune it makes me think of the seasons us sportsmen and women find so magical.

Hunting, fishing, trapping, spearing, turkey, deer, elk, you name it.

When the various hunting seasons across North America wind down, I must admit I feel a bit of melancholy. Luckily, there's always another season to take its place. Still, I'm already pining for the sight of another rutting whitetail with a swollen neck and curled lip. I dream about hearing the bugles of rival bulls in a mountain valley. I can't wait to feel the air shake when my faithful Springer Spaniel "Scamper" flushes his next ruffed grouse or magnificent pheasant.

There are remedies to cure the off-season sickness and make it pass more quickly, and with more ease. And that's to use the non-hunting time to prepare for the upcoming months, when the air once again turns crisp.

Job #1 is to unpack, clean and organize all the gear you used during the 2010 seasons. If you're like me, various calls, clothes, decoys, packs and hunting accessories have a tendency to go here-and-there. It can really become a bit of a mess. So what I like to do is set aside an afternoon where I grab all the bins and boxes and empty them out on a wide-open floor. I compartmentalize all the stuff in organized piles: clothes here, ammo there... you get the picture.

With my hunting clothes, they ALL get laundered in H.S. Scent-A-Way detergent. Even if they're not my big game hunting clothes. And I'll tell you why: It's important to be scent conscious no matter what you're hunting. Can turkeys smell you? Nope (which is a good thing, because then they'd REALLY be tough to kill). No, turkeys can't smell you, but where there are turkeys, there are almost always deer. Many's the time when some distant whitetail smelled me, blew, and scared the nearby turkeys away too. These critters are smart, and they'll observe the actions of

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Glen Mikowski bought his minnows at JR's and then brought back this toothy 40 1/4 inch northern pike. The trophy weighed just short of 16 pounds.

allow you to visualize where key ambush points are for the upcoming season.

I like to carry a handheld GPS unit on these scouting adventures so I can log waypoints for trails, trail intersections, bedding areas, potential stand locations and more. In addition, spring scouting offers the opportunity to find shed antlers to determine which bucks made it through the hunting season and the harsh winter. Look at the most successful deer hunters in the country and you'll find that they all have one thing in common: the scout hard during the off season, and particularly during late winter/early spring.

The final preparatory tip I'll leave you with is practice. Shooting practice. Whether it's busting clay pigeons with a shotgun, honing your long-range rifle skills or punching hundreds of arrows into your Block target, shooting practice is absolutely critical to ensure success during the upcoming year. Best of all, it's so much fun to enjoy practice with family and friends. It keeps the predatory fire burning hot during the off season and gives you the confidence to make a perfect, lethal shot when one presents itself next... which sadly won't be for several months.

Oh well, there are always fish to catch!
Good Hunting!
Babe Winkelman

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other animals to help them detect danger. Even circling ducks will head for the hills if they see deer below waving their flags.

Next, with every piece of equipment, I test and clean it if necessary. A goose call for example, rattling around inside a gear bag, will get all kinds of debris in it. And a stray piece of straw caught between the reed and stop will make your honker sound like a squeaker when you pull it out on a 2011 hunt. It's a good feeling when you store all your hunting accessories knowing that they are READY for the next season.

Another pre-season preparation that really pays dividends is scouting. I'm talking about springtime scouting, particularly for whitetail deer. Spring scouting gives deer hunters a very visible snapshot of the deer movement that has taken place throughout the long winter months. Trails are easy to see. Bedding areas and feeding grounds are instantly identifiable. Scouting around your hunting grounds will



Larry Cole connected on this nice buck during the December season 2010. Photo from Six Lakes Hardware.



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Tim caught this 8 lb. 7 oz. 31" Steelhead by the Tippy Dam Boat Ramp and won the Spring Derby last year at R & J Resort.



Adam was a Derby Winner at R & J Resort with this 8 lb. 9 oz. 30" Steelhead that he caught on 10-28-10.



Matt & Tim caught this Dogfish out by Flint Rd. on the North shore. It weighed 5 pounds. Photo from Lyman's on the Lake.

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Jordan Valley
 By: Pat Stewart

Tom's Bait & Tackle reports the ice-fishing at the end of March was still outstanding in the Jordan Valley Area. Lots of Delicious Blue Gill, Crappie and Perch were being caught at Ellsworth Lake, St. Claire Lake and Intermediate Lake (the whole chain of lakes was producing great catches). Can you believe they still had over 20" of ice on March 28th. This dang Winter just won't go away. The Suckers were stacking up at the mouth of the River and should be running (hopefully) by the time you read this. The Spring Steelhead will also be in the River. The fishing is GREAT and Tom's Bait and Tackle has everything that you need to have a successful day on the water. Be sure you stop by and see Tom for all your fishing supplies and the up to date fishing report.

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Mt. Pleasant To Cadillac
 By: Larry Sawicki

As of the 4th week of March, Greg from **Schafer's Bait & Sporting Goods** in Weidman, MI. (989-644-3501) reports ice fishing about done. Fishermen are urged not to chance the local lakes. As the ice clears the lake bluegill fishing is great along with crappie. Greg reported a great number of turkeys observed in the area. For a current report call Greg.

Roscommon County & Houghton Lake
 By: Larry Sawicki

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Curtis & The Manistique Area

By: Gary Talarico



Julneh Lindemann smiles for the camera at JR's with a 20 inch walleye.

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 teeming 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 bass, walleye, pike and perch. However, Big Manistique Lake has a great reputation as well and gives up big pike, walleye, smallmouth bass and perch. Kathy from JR's reports "Last ice is dangerous ice! Please be careful, no fish is worth your life!". 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 sinkers 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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Munising Area Report
By: Gary Talarico

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By: Pat Stewart

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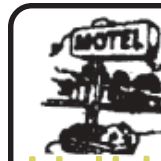
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**Tawas, Oscoda &
Mio Area Report**
By: Larry Sawicki

Walleye fishing on Tawas Bay has been fair/good. Jigging minnows along the weed beds in front of Jerry's Marina has been the latest hot spot. Steelhead fishing on the lower AuSable River from Foote site to Oscoda has been heating up. Many nice chrome steelies have been caught drifting spawn/wax worm below Foote Dam. Hot shotting with Willy Worms working well in the lower portion targeting the deeper holes. For a current fishing report or charter information call Capt. Gene at **Calypso Charters** 989-739-2313.

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by
**Gary
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My friend,
Mark Martin—
walleye
tournament
pro and

fishing educator—stopped by my log home in Michigan's Upper Peninsula one morning a few weeks ago. He was on his way to his Lake Superior cabin located on the state's Keweenaw Peninsula.

Knowing he had already traveled nearly one-thousand road miles the days prior, I offered him a fresh cup of coffee, thinking it would be the just the thing he needed. But I was wrong. "I'm not quite old enough to start drinking coffee," he said with a grin. Like me, he has over five decades of life under his belt. Unlike me, coffee's not his forte. Although it was noon, I poured myself another cup.

As we took a seat in my living room, I asked Martin what he'll be up to this coming fishing season. He explained the four Anglers Insight Marketing (AIM) tournaments he'll be fishing this coming season. "We start out fishing the Winnebago System near Winneconne, Wisconsin. The second event will be the Bay Mills Invitational at Brimley, Michigan, and the third contest will be on the Mississippi River at Dubuque, Iowa. We wrap it up with the Championship, fishing Lake Oahe—part of the Missouri River system—out of Akaska, South Dakota".

Occasionally, I get to experience fishing nirvana as an invited guest in Martin's boat, pre-fishing with him before a

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tournament. And I've learned more than mental note taking can absorb. Last year, for example, I attended AIM's Brimley event, and had more fun and was taught more than this lover of walleye fishing deserved.

Anyone can sign up as a co-angler to fish AIM tournaments for a reasonable fee. Co-anglers are paired with a pro and spend their days with feelings of walleye fishing heaven. (Go to www.aimfishing.com for more information.)

Martin is genuine, friendly and down-to-earth. I can honestly say I have witnessed him greet every person who approaches him with a smile, whether they are old friends or a young fan enjoying their first meeting.

I have the honor of meeting pros like Martin because of my own meanderings through the fishing world. Most meetings take place at trade shows, which I attend throughout the winter in many Midwest locales.

One of the best things about going to outdoor shows is you get to personally meet the legends of the sport during their seminars, which are phenomenal—and most are free to attend. While at a seminar you can listen to pros pour out advice on how to catch more fish or out-smart a wily whittail. And they're willing to take questions before or after their seminars, or, at one of their sponsor's booth. It's usually followed up with a handshake.

Most know Martin as an accomplished angler. But did you know that he's an accomplished trophy whittail hunter and educator, as well? He gave two seminars at Outdoorama, for example, with tips on how to bag big bucks.

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Kevin Miller shows off a nice afternoon's catch. Photo from Grand River Bait and Tackle.



Bill & Andrew Filiplik caught this 35" 10 3/4 lb. Northern Pike at Fletcher's Floodwaters. Photo by Wild Bill's Bait & Tackle.



Ryan Baker with his first pike, this 32 inch 8 pounder. Photo from Six Lakes Hardware.



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 By: Dave Schroeder

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Grand River Bait and Tackle 517.267.1573 The Fly Shop located next to the main store has now been closed and all inventory moved to the larger location. Many new additions including new staff have been added.



Muskegon River, Montcalm & N. Kent Counties
 By: Dave Schroeder

Franks Sporting Goods in Morley www.frankssportinggoods.com Vic and Teresa Havens have done a tremendous job in keeping the reputation of Franks Sporting goods intact. Their hard work coupled with the help of their children make shopping at Franks a pleasure. You will find a complete inventory of guns, ammo, trapping supplies as well as live bait, archery and just about anything else you may need in the outdoor sporting goods dept. Vic reports hunting for all species has been great and local fishing has been good. Vic also noted their website has been upgraded and has a very classy look. Functions such as the ability to purchase over the net have been added.

Ice has left the lakes and streams, walleye and steelhead are doing well. Call 231.856.7778 for more info.

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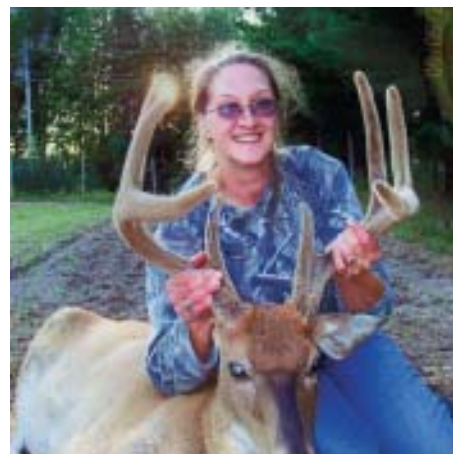
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Southwest & South Central Michigan

By: Dave Schroeder

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Lake Erie/Downriver
 By: Donna Marie

Ya gotta love Michigan! Just as everyone was welcoming spring, Mother Nature decided to have the last laugh by throwing an extra week's worth of winter upon us! This will no doubt put a damper on spring fishing, as well as water levels in the area rivers. In Lake Erie, folks are catching a few crappie, perch & blue gills; however, the action should be much better by the time you

read this. The DNR reports that the Huron River is producing steelhead up near Huroc Park, and a few suckers are starting to hit. Water levels downstream are too high to fish.

Along the Detroit River, boat launches are just opening up. Boaters are hoping to catch a few walleye in the warm water outlets. Catch rates have been slow in the Trenton Channel, but the action is expected to pick up as the weather warms up.

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Its not to late to stock up on hair jigs and blade baits, the Cave is supplied with several brands. We also sell both Ohio and Michigan fishing licenses. There are a lot of artificial bait and lures at the store including fishing poles and all the accessories. If you have not stopped in to check out our inventory, guaranteed you will be able to find something. Stop by and check us out.

Report from local fishermen that fishing has begun in the Maumee River in Ohio and starting to pick up in Lake Erie out by Toledo Harborlight and Radar Buoy. Due to heavy ice storms this



Jack Newman of Inkster used a Zoom Lizzard to land this 6 lb. - 10 oz. bass while fishing in Energy Lake, Kentucky. The photo is courtesy of Jeff's Bait & Tackle.



Ben Centers of Westland used a Zoom Brush Hog to catch & release this 18-inch largemouth while fishing at his favorite "hot spot". The photo is courtesy of Andy's Tackle Box.

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 April 16th 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (USCG Auxiliary - Flotilla 16-15) Hank Wasilausky (419)698-4122

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May14th (Saturday) 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Detroit Beach Boat Club, 3028 Harborview St. Monroe, MI (USCG Auxiliary - Flotilla 16-13) Mike Beers - 419-297-8934

May 14th (Saturday) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Arrowhead Lodge Lake Seneca - Montpelier, OH (O.D.N.R.-Div. of Watercraft) (419) 836-6003

May 16th & 17th plus, May 18th 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ottawa Hills Elementary School, 3602 Indian Rd. Toledo
 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Community Room)
 Contact: Office of Village Life (419) 537-9852
 OR Mike Schabeck at (419) 460-4829 - Leave Message.

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winter, those out on the boats need to keep a watchful eye out for debris in the waters. Curious what type of action is going on before you go out fishing, call Kevin and Jackie at Fishermans Cave to receive an updated report.

We'd like to welcome **The Bait & Tackle Box** (734) 301-3281 in Trenton to the magazine. They are located on W. Jefferson, right near Grosse Ile Parkway. Owner Dave is open at 5 am, 7 days a week and is offering lots of “perks” (such as free coffee) to make you feel welcome to stop by. He will be running various weekend specials and there is also a 10% military discount for our troops. You can also pick up your FREE copy of the Fish & Game Finder Magazine there.

Matthews Bait (a.k.a.) Cortese Convenience (734) 241-4757 in Monroe will now be carrying beer & wine, as well as pop, snacks & licenses. Frank & Alyce also offer fish cleaning at reasonable rates for your convenience. Call them for current hot spots, or better yet, stop in & say Hi.

When we dropped in at **Jeff's Bait & Tackle** (734) 289-4901, owner Eric was busy painting, cleaning, repairing and generally sprucing up the place in preparation for a busy spring fishing season. He's fully stocked with all kinds of blade baits for spring jigging as well as a great selection of spoons, crawler harnesses & bottom bouncers. Better stock up now.

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Bob Bird of Romulus with a nice crappie, taken in Kentucky Lake in April - in 2010. The photo is courtesy of Brest Bay Marina.

live bait and charters. His “Oliver's Pizza” is made fresh to order and really hits the spot, after a hard days fishing! Don't forget to leave Joe a photo of your catch to pass along to us for a future issue of the Fish & Game Finder.

By the time your read this, **Smith's Boat Livery** (734) 671-9252 on Grosse Ile should be open for another busy season. Owner Jose will rent you a row boat or a motor boat, so you can enjoy a day of great fishing on beautiful Grosse Ile. Better call ahead for reservations & rates.



Bert Wilson caught these two crappie in the spring of 2010 in Pinkney. The photo is courtesy of Andy's Tackle Box.



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