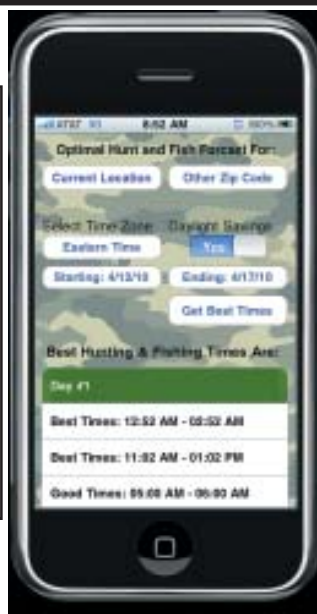


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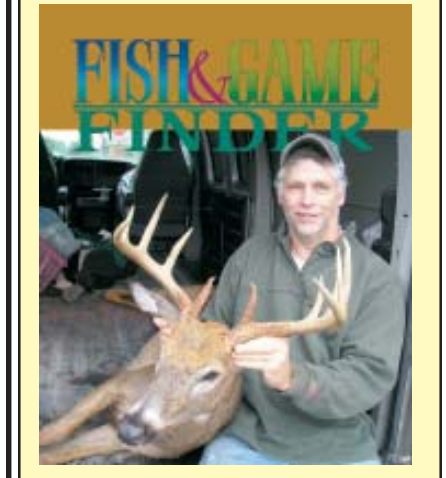
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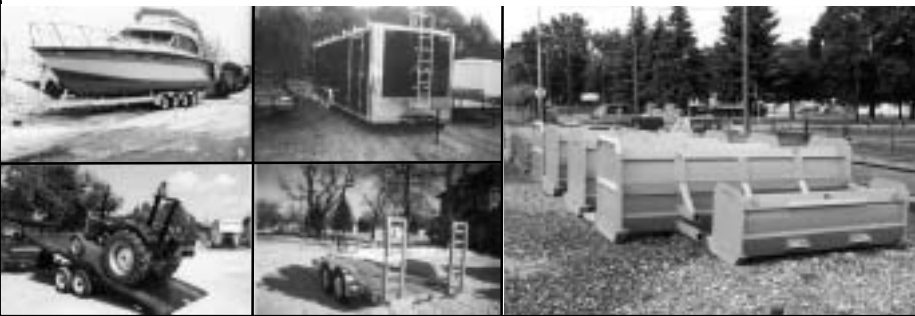
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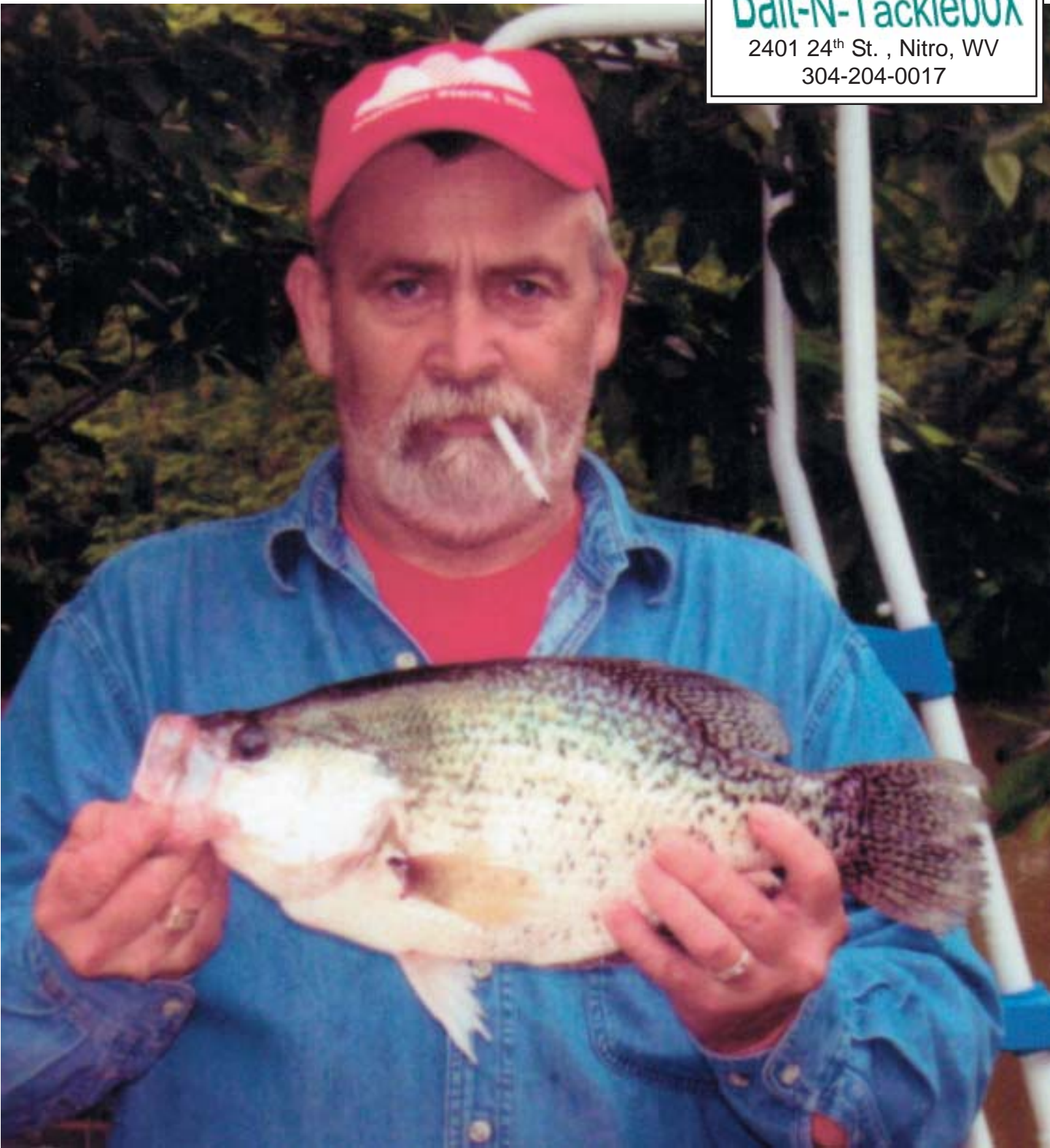
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**Danny Harper shows off this  
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## Huntington Area Report

**Outback Archery, Bait, Tackle, and Guns** at 4344 5th Street Road offers a convenient location just off of I-64 in Huntington. Anglers and bowhunters will certainly find that they offer more than that, with a store full of everything the outdoorsman needs and valuable services that are hard to find.

Hunters preparing for the season will find what they need here, with new and used firearms and a full line of ammo in addition to their fantastic archery selection. They offer tuning, set-up, and arrow building as well as offering a full line of accessories and bows from all the top names including Parker, Bear, G5, Hoyt, PSE, and many more. Outback's indoor archery range is under construction and will be open soon. This will be **the biggest and best indoor range in all of West Virginia and Kentucky.**

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Anglers will love the selection at Adkins. This



**What a Beautifully displayed Rainbow Trout. Photo courtesy of Wild and Wonderful Taxidermy.**

store has every kind of worm a fish might take an interest in, as well as minnows, gold fish, shiners, suckers, Israeli's, and chicken liver. They also have artificial lures that work well in the area and all the terminal tackle you'll need for a great day on the water. Stop by and see the owner, Wendell Adkins, for an up-to-date fishing report and tips of what to do to bring in a nice daily haul of fish.

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Brian Artrip took this buck down with his bow. Photo courtesy of Adkins Archery.

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Anglers looking for hot fishing action should consider Beech Fork Lake this time of year. The surface water temperatures are falling with cooler weather. Bass will be holding in 6 to 10 feet of water near logs or rock shelter. Panfish



## Charleston Area Report

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Bowhunters will love the selection at Spring Hill Rod and Gun. They are dealers of Hoyt and Elite bows, and can handle all your setup needs on a new bow. Their knowledgeable staff can take care of your custom arrow needs, too.

Fall fishermen will want to check out the selection of live bait and tackle at Spring Hill. Whether it's bass, crappie, catfish, trout, or muskies you're after, this store has what you need to gear up.

**Don't forget about Spring Hill Rod and Gun's taxidermy studio**, located in the back of the store. If you want your trophy buck, fish, bird, or exotic game animal displayed in a natural looking presentation, come by the store at 4901 MacCorkle Avenue in South Charleston or give them a call at (304) 768-2090.

fishing is good right now with bluegill being easily caught. Try jigging around submerged trees for both black and white crappie. Channel catfish can be caught throughout the lake on chicken livers and cut-bait, Beech Fork is heavily stratified so don't put your bait on the bottom in more than 10 feet of water. Recently some large flathead catfish have been found in the tailwater and in the lake.



## Ripley Area Report

**The Great Outdoors** in Ripley has everything a hunter or fisherman needs. Whatever season you're enjoying or getting ready for can be enhanced with the items on this store's shelves.

Fall fishing season is in full swing, and you can find the lure you need there. They also have a great selection of rods, reels, bait, and tackle. Panfishermen, bass anglers, trout streamers, and muskie hunters alike will appreciate their selection.

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The folks at The Great Outdoors remind hunters not to wait until just before the season starts to get their scouting done. Putting in some miles on the shoeleather express now to find Mr. Whitetail's pre-season home can pay off big when he returns to it in the winter months.

On the Ohio River, fishing for catfish has been good. Channel catfish anglers should use night crawlers, chicken liver, or prepared catfish type baits. Live fish should be used for flatheads. Good fishing sites for catfish include deep areas along islands and tributary mouths.

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days a week.

Leaf peepers looking to take a day fishing may want to consider Summersville Lake. The lake is at summer pool and clear. Fishing is good. Bass are being caught in and around cover. Bluegill and crappie are also hitting live bait. A few walleye are being caught at the mouth of McKee's Creek. Try early mornings and evenings for the best action. Brook trout were stocked in the tailwaters on September 15. For those looking to travel to West Virginia to enjoy the fishing, non-resident licenses are cheap (just \$3 for a one-day license).



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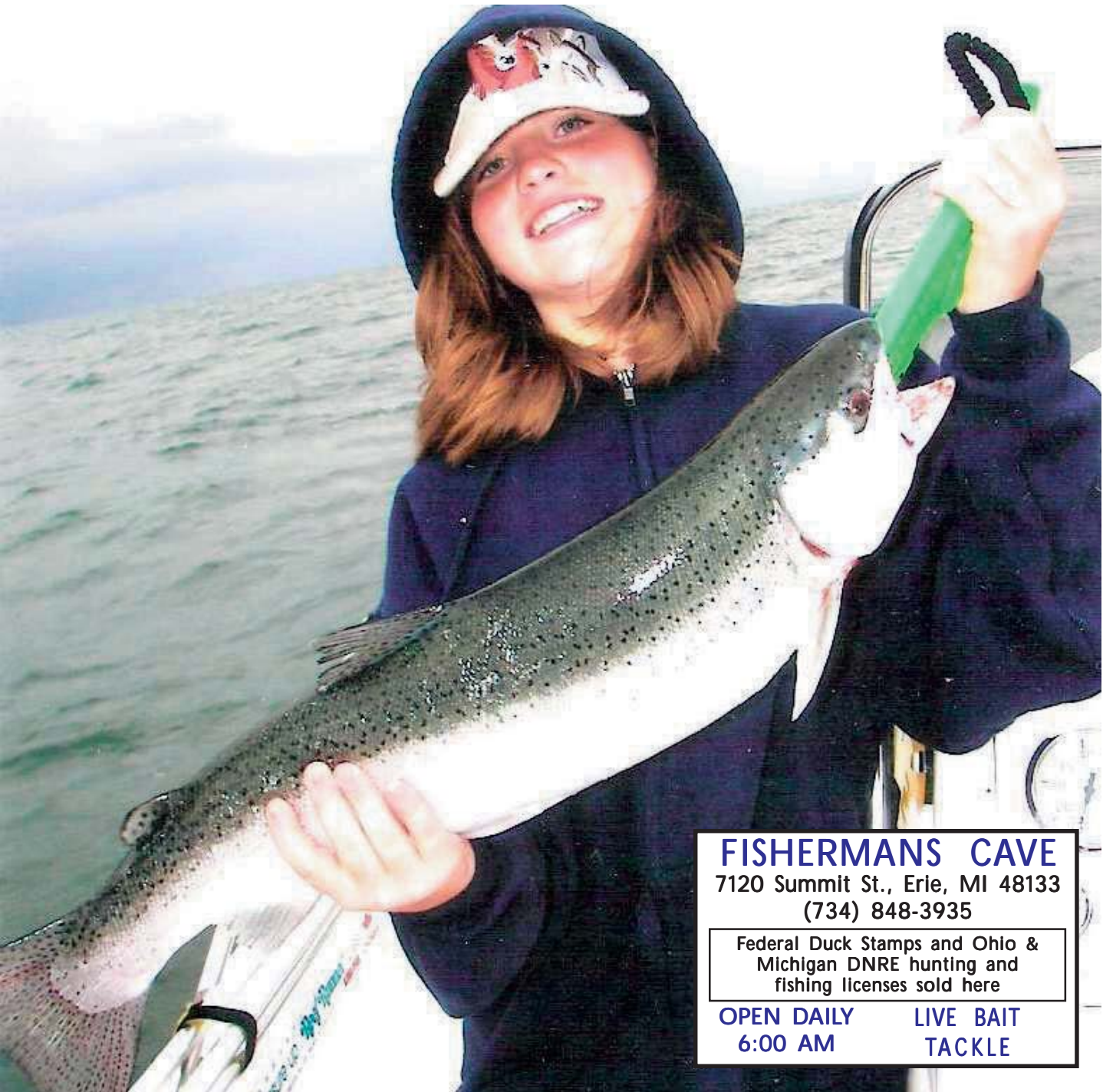
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**Alice Magrum, from Temperance, caught a 9 lb steelhead while fishing with her Uncle Roger on the Badass out on Lake Erie. Photo courtesy of Fishermans Cave Bait & Tackle.**



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Jenna Bolash (age 8) landed this 4 lb.-8 oz. largemouth bass while fishing in the Coldwater area. It measured 13 1/2 inches long. Nice goin' Jenna! Photo is courtesy of Andy's Tackle Box.

the Detroit River, in the waters around Celeron Island or Sugar Island.

**Fishermans Cave Bait & Tackle**, 7120 Summit St., in Erie have heard perch catch reports in front of Lost Peninsula, N. Maumee Bay area; SW of Turtle Island; Toledo Harborlight; Sputnik; McDonald buoy and gravel pit in Ohio waters. Michigan water catches near Brest Bay, E-buoy, dumping grounds, River Raisin, S buoy in front of Toledo Beach and front of pier in Luna Pier.

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Five-year-old Autumn Doom caught this 4.5 lb. walleye while perch fishing by E-Buoy on 8-22-2011. She was on a trip with her Dad, using minnows & a perch rig with her favorite pole! The photo was provided by Erie Party Shoppe.

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Tim Magrum brought in a 12 1/2 lb steelhead while out fishing with his brother, Roger Magrum on Lake Erie. Photo courtesy of Fishermans Cave Bait & Tackle.

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Steve (from Little Dipper Bait & Tackle) caught this 16-pound salmon while fishing on the Betsie River on 9-6-2011. The photo is courtesy of Little Dipper Bait & Tackle.

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Scott Domschott was happy to bring in an 11 lb steelhead while fishing on Lake Erie. Photo courtesy of Fishermans Cave Bait & Tackle.



Jordan caught these salmon at Tippy Dam. Photo courtesy of Lyman's on the Lake.

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good advice available 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. Hunting 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.



**Southwest & South Central Michigan**  
By: Dave Schroeder Bill Loomis

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The end of September was also producing GREAT Yellow Perch fishing using minnows in 35-40 foot of water. The Steelhead fishing was good off the piers using Shrimp ( frozen ) or Orange Spoons. The Salmon, Coho and Lake Trout fishing has been SLOW in 100 foot of water, using Spoons and Dodger Fly Combos and J-Plugs. The HOT range was about 40 foot off the bottom.

**Don't forget, Tackle Haven is now carrying Cross-Bows and Hunting Supplies. Be sure you stop by and see what's happening at Tackle Haven.**

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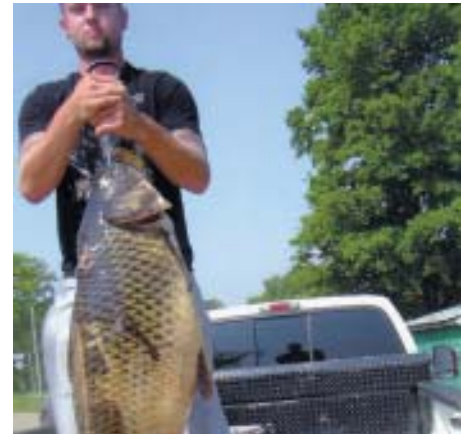


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**Hall's Bait and Tackle** (269-641-2304) have many fishermen reporting that the FALL fishing is off to a fast start, They are busy stocking all the new ice fishing tackle for 2011 and they want to remind everyone to check their supplies early. All of the area lakes have been giving some great catches of bluegill in the early FALL season . They report great fishing as anglers experiment with all types of baits in the local lakes. Stop by and check with them before your next outing. Don't forget Hall's Bait and Tackle not only carry LIVE BAIT year round but they also have the AREAS LARGEST SELECTION OF ICE FISHING SUPPLIES AND ELECTRONICS. The road work was finally done , so now you can easily get to HALL'S BAIT and TACKLE from the East.

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Tydon Ferris shows off his keeper salmon. Photo from Gillett's Bait and Hardware.

fishing Season, not during ice fishing season. Be sure you stop by R.W.R. Bait & Tackle for all your fishing supplies and the up to date fishing report. Gary reports the Fall panfish bite was going strong in ALL the local lakes at the beginning of October.

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Cole Pape with a nice salmon. Photo from Gillett's Bait and Hardware.



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Jenna W caught this steelhead fishing St Joe in July which weighed 12#. Photo by Tackle Haven



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## Mt. Pleasant To Cadillac

By: Larry Sawicki

As of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of September, Greg from **Schafer's Bait & Sporting Goods** in Weidman, MI. (989-644-3501) reports fishing fair to good in local lakes but the focus now is getting ready for the hunting season. Lots of deer in the area. For fishermen we still have Stevenson Lake very good bluegill fishing. Isabella Lake walleye hitting well 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.



## Manistee, Baldwin, Bear Lake & Brethren

Paul at the Lake Shore Motel reports the River was FULL of KING SALMON at the end of September. Lots of Kings were also in Little Lake and off the Shelf. Some nice catches of Steelhead and Lake Trout are also being caught off the Shelf. The Steelhead are staging to head up the river, by the time you read this in mid to late October they will be heading up River. The water temperature was dropping and the fishing was HOT at the end of September. Don't forget the 21st Annual Manistee Cup Tournament on No-



## Jordan Valley

By: Pat Stewart

Walleye have moved to Main Arm and Raspberry Bay in 15'-25' of water. Lures of choice are Bottom Bouncers and crawler harnesses. Great catches are coming from night shallow trolling using body baits and hot tots.

Good numbers of salmon are being caught but could be done by the time this report is published. Medusa is the favored spot of choice. On the lake, use flasher and squid in 50'-90' of water. Long-line trolling is excellent. Call ahead for update reports.



## Roscommon County & Houghton Lake

By: Larry Sawicki

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Logan Elkins caught this salmon fishing near Grand Haven. Photo from Gillett's Bait and Hardware.

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Craig caught this 2.4 pound bass fishing during a tournament using a Yum ribbon tail. Photo courtesy of Lyman's on the Lake.

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Theo and Drew caught 3 Walleyes, one Perch and a Bluegill while fishing Houghton Lake. Photo courtesy of Lyman's on the Lake.

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## Munising Area Report

By: Gary Talarico

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Michael and Hunter pose with their 27 inch walleye that weighed 3 pounds 2 ounces. The friends brought it to JR's to get their mugs in the Fish Finder.



Kip Herich hoists a pair of largemouth bass that weighed 2.5 and 2.9 pounds. Kip told Kathy at JR's they were caught out of South Manistique Lake.

## 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 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 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 "cool water is finally here and has turned the walleye and perch on. Jigging or trolling crawler harnesses or crankbaits is the way to go". 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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## Up North Gary Talarico

As I sit here glancing out the window of my office it seems the trees are changing from luscious green to beautiful shades of red, orange and yellow before my eyes. Fall is here to stay I must say. It is one of my favorite times of the year. Most all the outdoors lover's activities are in full swing or soon will be.

The fishing in October is spectacular. Salmon, trout, walleye, perch, pike and even cisco are great table fare waiting to be filleted. Bass are super hungry fattening up for the approaching winter. Nothing is quite as exciting as watching, heck, feeling the acrobatics of feisty 'ol largemouth. Smallmouth are the true stars to me, they seem to try and fly as they shoot out of the water like a Trident missile. We can't forget the water wolf, er, muskellunge. An old fisherman's said to me once when I was young guy that if you can just get one muskie to take your bait you've had a great day. I am pretty sure that rule doesn't apply to Lake Erie though. If the brutes I've seen at the fishing shows, along with some exciting recounts of the action are any indication, that's the place to head for fall muskies. In the last couple of years there also has been some huge muskie caught up here in Big and South Manistique Lakes in fall. A big muskie mount for my log cabin wall is on my bucket list.

With the leaves falling steadily this time of year heralds the start of small game and finally, bird season. Grouse and woodcock are delicacies that can't really be described adequately. You must just eat it to experience the delight. As more leaves fall, the hunting success will only get better. Ducks and geese are also flying now. With the right recipe these game birds can be wonderful on the plate. Have you sampled any squirrel lately? Mother nature gave us a pretty tasty animal in that nut, apple and corn lovin' woods dweller. Deer season has begun with bow hunters getting first crack at some venison, and that huge 12 pointer on my trail cam! Rifle season will be soon here. An army of blazing orange will be hitting the woods, and local watering holes. Be careful out there lads! Then there is

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black powder season for those opposed to a shiver or two along with some cold snow down the back of the neck. It really is a happy time of year!

So, get out and get ready for the fall and early winter if you haven't already. Do a little more exercising than normal. I hope I never have to carry a fallen sportsman out of the woods. Get the gear all tuned up, clean and working well. You'll be glad if that trophy buck gets in your sights! You'll really be glad if you have done your duty and spent some time throwing lead down range honing your skills. We owe it to the beast and ourselves. Especially our belly! Make sure all your line on the reels is in good shape. Most guys but new line on the spring only. Just think about it, a summer of wear and tear can be the bad luck that



## Hillman & Fletcher's

Floodwaters

By: Pat Stewart

Did you know that Fletcher Floodwaters is the 11th largest inland lake in Michigan. This 9,000 acre lake is full of fish habitat. This has resulted in Fletcher's Floodwaters being home to one of the largest concentrations of Northern Pike, Large Mouth Bass and Panfish in all of Michigan. It is a true Mecca for fishing. If you have never tried fishing at Fletcher's, you have no idea what you have been missing. Big baits will produce a FUN day for you and your buddies trying to keep up with all the action.

Vicki at Wild Bill's Bait & Tackle reports the fishing at the end of September was GREAT! The water temperature was dropping and the fish were really putting on the feed bag for Winter. Lots of Delicious Blue-Gills, Perch, Bass and Feisty Pike were being caught. The fishing will be even better by the time you read this in Mid-October. It is hard to imagine but ice fishing season will be here before you know it. Don't forget Wild Bill's Bait and Tackle carry the LARGEST selection of ice fishing tackle, supplies and live bait then anybody else at Fletcher's Floodwaters. They are known for their BIG BAITS for catching Pike thru the ice. Wild Bill's Bait and Tackle is open 7 days a week for your fishing convenience and they are carrying limited hunting supplies this year. Be sure you check them out when you are in the Hillman Area.

A-1 Woods and Waters, located in downtown Hillman reports the Fall fishing is picking up and getting better everyday. The water temp is dropping and the fish are starting to feed up for the Winter. The end of August was producing lots of DELICIOUS Blue-Gills, Largemouth Bass and Pike. The Pike are starting to run larger with lots of legal fish being caught. If you are looking for your favorite or any of the NEW hunting supplies for this years season be sure you check out the HUGE SELECTION at A-1 Woods and Waters. Their selection of ammunition is unreal. I was looking for some .338 ammo and they carry about 10 times more than my local Gander Mountain store and at a lot better price. Be sure you check out Woods and Water for ALL your fishing and hunting supplies.

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let the big one swim away. Please leave the woods and water cleaner than you find it. Only leave footprints. I am disgusted frequently by the amount of trash I find when I head out fishing or hunting. It's not that much to ask to NOT BE A ECO-PIG! You'll get a warm fuzzy feelin' when you pick up after an eco-pig too, I promise!

One last rant please...take a kid fishing, hunting or both. They really are our future in our sports. It's a fight against the digital world but a worthy one. Our lives, and especially theirs, will be better off for it.

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This Cute Fisherman caught this Dandy Wall-eye recently at Beaver Lake. Photo by Wild Bill's Bait & Tackle.

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## Tawas, Oscoda & Mio Area Report

By: Larry Sawicki

As of the 4th week in September, Russ from **Trophy Waters Fly Shop** (989-826-3411) reports terrific brown trout fishing in the Trophy waters of the AuSable River, using nymphs and streamers. Fly fishing is standard but rod and reel fishing is permitted. Live bait is prohibited in these waters. For more information call the shop.

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.

Trophy Waters is also the major center for canoe rentals in the area. Something to look forward to for the next season.

Fishing on Tawas Bay has been fair. Cooler weather has brought the walleyes into shallow



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water. Crawler harnesses fishing 15-20ft of water along Tawas Pt. working best. Salmon fishing off Oscoda has been fair/good. Long lining with J-Plugs early morning and at sunset working best. A few kings and steelies have been caught in the lower AuSable. The cold nights and rain should bring a lot of fresh fish into the system. Perch fishing on Cooke pond has been pretty good. Fishing above the dam along the drop off using leaf worms working best. Many 9-10" fish have been caught. For current fishing report or charter info, contact Capt. Gene at **Calypso Charters** 989-739-2313.

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