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Hunting, fishing, outdoor show brings hundreds from all over

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Mylan Park will host the 22nd annual Hunting, Fishing & Outdoor Sports Show March 2-3.

More than 100 vendors will fill the Ruby Community Center at Mylan Park in Morgantown.

The event is sponsored by WVRC Media, which has been the organizer for the past three years.

Rachelle Beatty, event coordinator, said they feature individuals, organizations and businesses, mainly from the tri-state area, among other regions, as well as Kentucky, Texas, California, South Africa and more.

There will be a reptile rescue exhibit from the Zoology Zone Science Center. They will have a reptile room for attendees to safely observe and interact with bearded dragons, alligators, pythons and other reptiles.

Beatty said in past shows, they have hosted a number of famous personalities.

This year's show will host former NASCAR driver Josh White. He will be promoting the second season of his TV show, "Josh White's Outdoor Adventures."

Kenny Davis, from the outdoor show "Whitetail Frenzy," will also be there to meet people, as well as host a seminar.

There will be a meet-and-greet with WVU football quarterback Garrett Greene. Fans are encouraged to bring their own footballs and memorabilia to be signed by Greene, but he will also have some footballs of his own for Mountaineer supporters.

In addition to the celebrity faces, Beatty said there will be a number of door prizes and giveaways, including a dirt bike, a guided bear hunt and a fishing kayak.

Kelly Ayersman, event co-coordinator, said with all of the prep work for an outdoor-themed show, it is worth it to see vendors and people from all over the region pull together — "like a family" — and bring their passions to Morgantown for a two-day event.

"It's a lot of work [but] it's rewarding. We get to meet a variety of people, and that's been the best part of it, because there are people that we don't meet on a day-to-day basis," Ayersman said. "They love the people and they can't wait to



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Attendees look over some rifles and other displays at a previous Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Sports Show. More than 100 vendors will fill the Ruby Community Center at Mylan Park March 2-3 for this year's show.

come and be a part of a much bigger event."

For educational purposes and demonstrations, the show will have some how-to's on fishing. There will also be representatives from West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and the Division of Agriculture.

Hours for the show will be from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. March 2 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 3. The first 100 people to enter will receive a door prize.

Daily admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for veterans with proof of service, \$5 for ages 6-12 and free for kids under 6. For more information on the event, go to wvoutdoorsportsshow.com.

IN ADDITION TO THE CELEBRITY FACES, THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF DOOR PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS, INCLUDING A DIRT BIKE, A GUIDED BEAR HUNT AND A FISHING KAYAK.



Premier sponsors guided fishing trip on Lake Erie

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The always popular West Virginia Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Sports Show returns March 2-3 to Mylan Park, but you can enter now to win a fishing charter from Kokimo Joe Sport Fishing Charters.

Sponsored by Premier Chevrolet GMC and Premier Nissan of Morgantown, the giveaway will feature a day on Lake Erie for four people. The trip will be a guided tour of Geneva, Ohio, and the winner and their three guests will fish for walleye.

An entry form for the contest began running in The Dominion Post on Feb. 18 and must be turned in to Premier Automotive at the University Town Centre by Thursday. Only original forms are eligible. No copies will be accepted.

The drawing will be held March 3 at the WV Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Sports Show.

Registration for four other prize giveaways will be at the show.

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- 4:15pm-5pm... WHITETAIL FRENZY TV**
with *Kenny Davis and Chris Lawrence*
- 5:15pm-6pm... WILD GAME COOKING** with *Hunt Chef*

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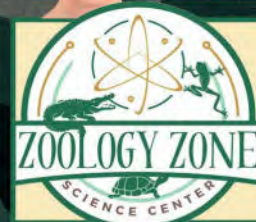
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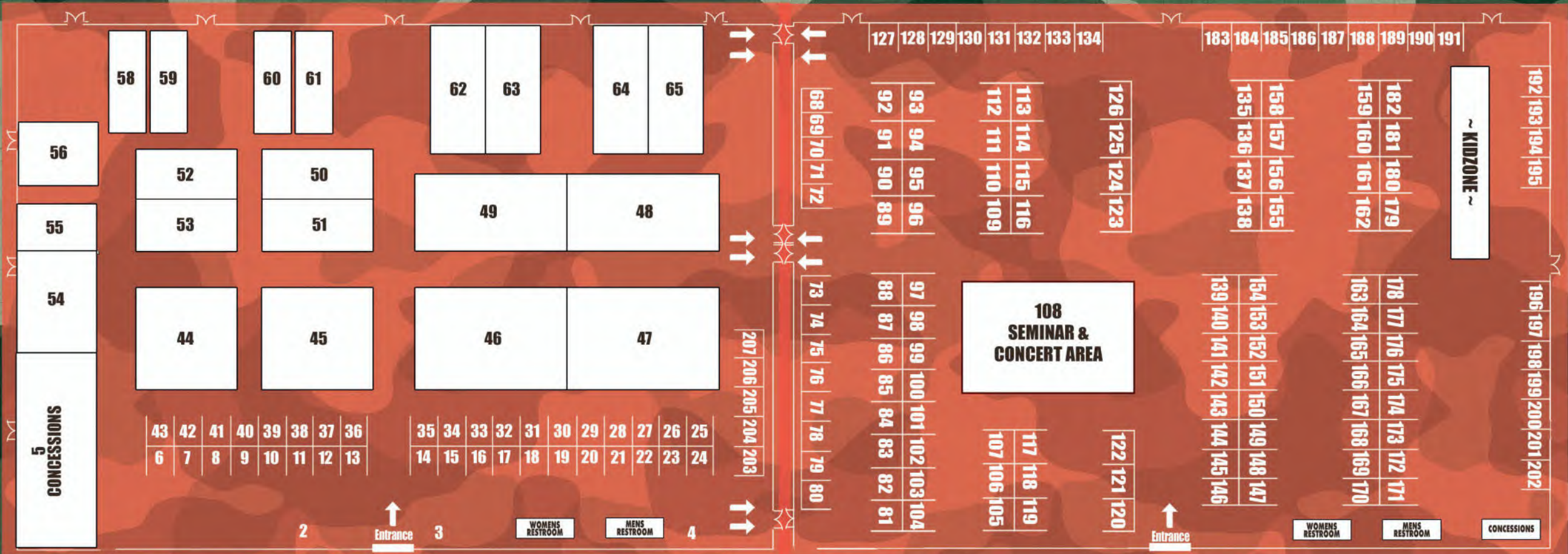
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Learn about reptiles, amphibians from Zoology Zone

BY ERIN CLEAVENGER

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The Zoology Zone Science Center, a nonprofit based in Hurricane, brings a hands-on, educational approach to wildlife and environmental conservation with its reptile and amphibian counterparts.

The center will be at the West Virginia Hunting, Fishing & Outdoor Sports Show March 2-3 at Ruby Community Center at Mylan Park.

Since Zoology Zone is West Virginia's only reptile and amphibian rescue, all of the animals brought to live shows as educational ambassadors have been rescued and rehabilitated, said Andy McKee, CEO.

McKee said they not only get to teach about the science behind these animals in a really fun and interactive way, but they also get to talk about their rescue story.

"What that allows people to do is kind of shift their mentality and thinking from 'these are scary animals' to 'even though I don't like these animals, they don't deserve to be mistreated' and things like that," he said. "It really does shift ways of thinking, which is super cool."

McKee describes Zoology Zone shows as edu-tainment — "it's educational, there's value and it's also fun," he said. "You gotta make learning fun."

According to McKee, one of their shows can be both an experience and an expedition around the world.

People coming to the show will see and get a chance to pet and interact with a



A young girl (left) looks at a tortoise at the Zoology Zone Science Center. Children (right) check out and snap photos of a reptile at the center.



Zoology Zone Science Center photos

wide variety of reptiles and amphibians, ranging from little snakes that are cousins to what we have in our own backyard to more exotic animals like lizards, giant snakes, tortoises and maybe even an alligator.

While teaching about the animals, presenters will also highlight the wildlife and environmental safety and conservation surrounding them.

"Our mission is to inspire both wildlife

and environmental conservation through hands-on immersive education," McKee said.

There are two rules when attending a Zoology Zone show, according to McKee: "Have fun and accidentally learn something."

"The things that kids accidentally learn — and that's learning without knowing that they're learning — is what they remember for the rest of their life,"

said McKee, who is also a former middle school science teacher.

"It's not just show and tell — this is something really cool that serves a purpose," he said.

To learn more about the work being done at the Zoology Zone Science Center, upcoming events or to donate to the cause, visit the website Zoologyzone.org. You can also find them on various social media platforms — @zoologyzonewv.

'Whitetail Frenzy' promotes beauty of Appalachia

Offers authentic hunting experiences

BY KAITLYN EICHELBERGER

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"Whitetail Frenzy" follows hosts Kenny Davis and Aharon Davis across North America as they share their hunting exploits and foster an interest in outdoor sportsmanship. At the annual West Virginia Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Sports Show March 2-3 at the Ruby Community Center in Morgantown, viewers can meet Kenny back in his home state.

The show began as a childhood dream

and has run for over a decade. Kenny knew starting a hunting show would require determination and standing out from the crowd, and becoming the first show to consistently harvest mature whitetails from the Appalachian region is just one way "Whitetail Frenzy" has made a name for itself.

"I knew I had to invest in myself. I knew that I have to have a business plan that was different than other people trying to do this," said Kenny. "I want people from other states to see that we have an awesome state and we have great people, and that I was able to take a childhood dream regardless of how challenging it was and make it a reality."

Hunting, originally a vital means for

sustenance during the brothers' childhood, has evolved into a way to share and appreciate the beauty of wild and wonderful West Virginia.

"I found that being in nature and sitting in a tree stand, you get up there before daylight sometimes, the sun rises and you see God's creation come alive," said Kenny. "The squirrels start coming down trees, leaves crunching, deer coming in, birds chirping. To me, that's my favorite part of hunting. I feel closer to God when I'm hunting."

Season 10's episodes, which aired on the Pursuit Channel from July through December, are now available on demand on CarbonTV. Kenny's favorite moments

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Kenny Davis
"Whitetail Frenzy" co-host

SEE WHITETAIL, F-11

Monty Smith — Pickle Guy — to attend 22nd annual outdoor show with variety of flavors

BY TIFFANY MORGAN
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The Morgantown region is geared up for a jarring experience with Peter Pepper's PA Pickles as one of the vendors coming to Mylan Park.

Monty Smith, owner and founder of Peter Pepper's PA Pickles, will sell pickles in a range of flavors at the annual Hunting, Fishing & Outdoor Sports Show March 2-3 at the Ruby Community Center.

Smith, also known as the "Pickle Guy," has been in the business for 22 years. Originally from Pennsylvania and formerly in the restaurant business, he decided to branch out from the typical food-and-drink business model to pursue a spice business.

After some experimentation, Smith found himself with a five-gallon bucket and one vegetable: a cucumber. The foundation of Peter Pepper's PA Pickles was laid.

"I created [my business] from one bucket of pickles," Smith said.

He currently offers an assortment of over 34 flavors of pickles, two flavors of mushrooms and a selection of peppers, all of which are made fresh seven days a week and require refrigeration; nothing is canned.

Smith has been traveling near and far,

Peter Pepper's PA Pickles offers an assortment of over 34 flavors of pickles, two flavors of mushrooms and a selection of peppers, all of which are made fresh seven days a week and require refrigeration; nothing is canned. Monty Smith will bring his pickles to the WV Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Sports Show March 2-3 at Mylan Park.

Peter Pepper's PA Pickles photo



mostly in the northeast region, with his pickles and has made an impression.

Aside from the outdoor show he attends at Mylan Park, Smith appears at a total of 150 shows throughout the year, including eight farmers markets, 15 wholesale accounts and more. Smith also attends The Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg, Pa. — a nine-day event — which is the largest outdoor show in the world.

Smith takes his pickled goods to New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia and the city of Chicago.

Just in a week-span, Smith said he sells an average of 5,000 buckets of pickles. At last year's Morgantown show, Smith had two booths that sold out on both days, according to Rachelle Beatty, event coordinator of the WV Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Sports Show.

"He's definitely become a staple the people look forward to at this and other events around the country," Beatty said.

After the Morgantown show, Smith will move onto his next pickle adventure as spring approaches.

The show in Morgantown will have more than 100 vendors, including Smith, and cost is \$12 daily admission, \$6 for veterans with proof of service, \$5 for ages 6-12 and free for kids under 6. For more information on the event, go to wvoutdoorsportsshow.com.

OUTDOOR SPORTS SHOW



The 2023 Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Sports Show fills Ruby Community Center at Mylan Park. From top: Jim "Timber Jim" Riggle talks with people at the Smokey's Deer Lure booth; attendees wander through various vendors at the show; 360 Hunting Blinds displays products for people to check out. This year's show is set for March 2-3 at the Ruby Community Center.

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Backbone Mountain Guide Service to attend outdoor show

BY TIFFANY MORGAN

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Backbone Mountain Guide Service is located in Crystal, Maine. The organization specializes in hound hunts for bears in the northern Maine woods, with guided hunts over bait as well.

Erik Geroski, owner of Backbone Mountain Guide Service, said he has run hounds in West Virginia for 30 years and was looking to expand where he could hunt with his dogs — thus discovering Backbone Mountain Guide Service in 2010.

The owner at the time hired Geroski as a houndsman for his business and clients. When the owner got sick, he was looking to sell the business and Geroski took the opportunity. He has been the owner for five years now.

Currently, it is not legal to host guided hound hunts in the state of West Virginia because the bear population cannot support it — which is why Geroski bought Backbone Mountain Guide Service.

The guide service has a following of nearly 4,000 on Facebook. They host 40 hunts a year of bait and

hound hunting combined.

For the bait hunts, Geroski said they start putting active bait on their sites a month before the season, in preparation for the hunts, and visit them daily until the hunters arrive.

“The adventure is getting the hunters into the bear. It’s usually a difficult task,” Geroski said.

The cost of the guided hunts range from \$2,100 to \$2,900, and hunters arrive on Sunday for six nights at camp and five day hunts. All bear hunts are fully guided, and there are three to four registered guides in camp, including Geroski, during any week.

For the hunts, Geroski said it is the hunter’s choice of weapon — gun or bow — and they may also bring their own dogs, if they so choose.

Backbone owns 40,000 acres in the northern Maine woods and has 80 bait sites throughout the property. Hunters on the campsites are welcome to partake in native trout fishing and can also participate in turkey, rabbit and grouse hunting when it is in-season in the region.



Backbone Mountain Guide Service photo

Erik Geroski will bring his Backbone Mountain Guide Service to Mylan Park next weekend.

SEE GUIDE, F-11

‘Josh White’s Outdoor Adventures’ prepares for bigger things

Highlights the true West Virginia hunting experience

BY KAITLYN EICHELBERGER

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In late 2022, NASCAR racer and Marine Corps veteran Josh White posted the first episode of “Josh White’s Outdoor Adventures” to his YouTube channel. Just over a year later, White prepares to meet fans at his first trade show appearance, while signing a deal for the show’s third season with a major cable TV network.

After learning to hunt with his grandfather at age 4, White took an interest in drag racing as a teenager and later competed in NASCAR. The determination vital to racing combined with the tenacity required during his years in the Marine Corps supplied White with the resolve to transform his childhood passion into a hunting show.

“In the Marine Corps, we’ve always had the saying, ‘Improvise, adapt and overcome.’ I’ve taken that with me in all

aspects and areas of everything,” said White. “Once I see the potential for something, I’m going to stick with it. That’s helped me be able to move onto bigger and better things.”

“Josh White’s Outdoor Adventures” offers viewers an unfiltered glimpse into the life of an average hunter in the scenic landscapes of West Virginia, highlighting the thrill of the hunt, family values and creating memories. The first season is available for viewing on the Josh White’s Outdoor Adventures YouTube channel, with the second season on Hunt Channel and Waypoint TV. Each episode is an improvement from the last, said White, and he’s always looking for ways to better the show. Season 3 is already in the works and has been signed with a major TV channel for early 2025.

“It’s not about how many points we’re hunting, it’s more based around my family, me as an average hunter going out there and filling the freezer and having a fun time creating memories,” said White. “I’ve found that’s what people really like. It’s a different pace than these big-time TV shows.”

White’s favorite moments of Season 2 feature his 14-year-old daughter harvesting her first deer with a bow in Episode 4

and taking her first shot at a large buck in Mississippi during the season finale.

“That was probably the highlight of my season, getting to see the excitement through her,” said White.

White will be set up at Booth 99 at the annual WV Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Sports Show on March 2-3 at the Ruby Community Center at Mylan Park in Morgantown. He will meet viewers of the show and carry a selection of merchandise from “Josh White’s Outdoor Adventures,” alongside a range of products and brochures from sponsors of the show, including Bilson Arms, Buck-Maxx Outdoors, Outdoor Pro Shop, Clamp a Ramp ATV Safety Bar and Master Blaster Coffee. White will also host a small giveaway.

“Stop on by, I’ll be there,” said White. “I’m there to support others and meet new people, hopefully make new friends and make some new fans. I can tell my story and hopefully turn them on to a new show they’ll enjoy for years to come.”

For updates on “Josh White’s Outdoor Adventures” and the upcoming third season, visit Facebook.com/JoshWhitesOutdoorAdventures or JoshWhiteOutdoors.com.

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GUIDE

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Geroski said the Maine Guide test has long been regarded “one of the most difficult and challenging in the U.S.”

“I love the thrill of the hound hunts. In Maine, there’s always the possibility you’re going to get into a trophy-sized bear,” Geroski said.

Two years ago, on one of their hunts they killed a 605-pound bear in Aroostook County. The state record is a 699-pound bear killed in the same county in 2012.

Geroski will be bringing his organization to the WV Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Sports Show at Mylan Park on March 2-3. He will be offering a hunting prize. Register at the show. For more information on Geroski’s business, visit the Facebook page at Backbone Mountain Guide Service.

WHITETAIL

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of Season 10 feature hunting trips with his son, during which his son missed a shot at a mature buck and then later used a grunt call to draw in another large buck, demonstrating the highs and lows of authentic hunting.

“Whitetail Frenzy” will be stationed at booths 91 and 92 for its first-ever appearance at the WV Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Sports Show. In addition to the hosts meeting fans, signing autographs and taking pictures, “Whitetail Frenzy” merchandise and sponsor products will be available for purchase. Kenny will also host a seminar on hunting mountain whitetails and host a Q&A session with West Virginia Outdoors podcast host Chris Lawrence from 4:15-5 p.m. Saturday.

“I’m looking forward to being there and talking to other people from West Virginia,” said Kenny. “Last year was the first time we had done a Charleston show since we started, and that’s what made me realize how many people in the state of West Virginia follow us and have pride in what we do. For me, these events aren’t about selling apparel. It’s not about anything other than just meeting fellow West Virginians and talking about hunting.”

For more information, visit Facebook.com/WhitetailFrenzy and WhitetailFrenzy.TV.

WILDLIFE MOUNTS



Businesses that mount wildlife for hunters attend the 2023 Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Sports Show at Mylan Park. Above are mounts done by Cedar Ridge Outfitters. At left are deer mounts from Holy Pursuit Outfitters. This year’s show will take place March 2-3 at the Ruby Community Center.

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