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### > HERE'S HOW THE CONTEST WORKS:

The photo with the most likes on the BeyondThe Backyard Facebook page wins! All pictures must be received by December 9, 2019 to be entered into this contest. Contest begins December 11, 2019 and ends December 16, 2019. Winners will be announced on the Beyond The Backyard Facebook page on December 18, 2017. Contest is for BTB members only. You can register on our website for free. One entry per BTB member. Must be a recent picture from 2019.

*To enter the contest, e-mail the picture and member's name to [tbartlett@beyondthebackyard.org](mailto:tbartlett@beyondthebackyard.org).*



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# Logan County Teen Discovers Elk Shed on Tomblin WMA



Logan County hunter and BTB Member, Chase Herndon, is no stranger to the outdoors. The 16 year old from Holden, West Virginia is a former world archery champion and has several trophy deer hanging on his wall, but he recently made a discovery which may be one of his biggest trophies—even though he won't get to keep it.

Chase recently discovered a shed elk antler in the Tomblin Wildlife Management Area in Logan County. Herndon is quite familiar with the territory, it literally sits in his backyard. Shed hunting is a popular activity in the southern coalfields, an area well known for some of the largest whitetail deer in West Virginia. It's also the location of the recently reintroduced elk population. But Herndon said he wasn't there looking for sheds specifically.

"I was in there with my girlfriend looking for deer about 6:30 in the evening. They'll usually be out in the grass at that time of the day," he said.

Even though it was July, Chase had to admit when he first spotted it from a distance, he got a little buck fever. "All I could see was three tines sticking up and I thought it was a big buck!" he laughed. "I got really excited, but when I got closer I found out what it was and in my 16 years that's probably the most valuable one I've ever found and it's the only one I've heard of anybody around here finding."

Chase knew the rules and when he made the discovery, he simply observed it, noted the location, and moved on. State law

forbids anyone from taking elk antlers for themselves. Instead of collecting the shed, Chase reported it to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

"My dad and I have talked about that what if you find one and how hard it would be to leave it, but you have to do what's right and leave it lay," he said.

Wednesday, he led DNR Elk Project Leader Randy Kelly and Governor Jim Justice deep into the Tomblin WMA to show them the shed. Kelly collected it and Governor Justice had high praise for the teen.

"I'm really proud that Chase did the right thing and got in touch with my office when he came across this antler," Gov. Justice said. "He's a true outdoorsman like me and it's great to see a young hunter respecting this piece of nature so it could be retrieved the right way."

Back in 2016, at age 14, Chase won the Archery in Schools World Championship and later that same year killed an 11 point buck in Logan County which scored 178 6/8ths typical, one of the biggest ever taken in West Virginia.

He won't get to hang the West Virginia elk shed on his wall though, that remains state property. Instead, the agency gave him a DNR ballcap and the gratitude of West Virginia sportsmen.

"Having the Governor there is something I'll never forget because not many people can say they've shared these hills with the Governor. That's pretty awesome."

Source: WV Metro News



## Do It Yourself Foam Paint

What you'll need:

- Shaving cream
- Craft glue
- Food coloring
- Ziplock Bags

Mix equal parts shaving cream and glue into a ziplock bag, add your desired food coloring and then, with the bag sealed, squish the bag together until all your ingredients are nicely mixed together. Create a layout for your design on a semi-rigid material, such large white cardboard. When you're ready for the foam simply cut off a corner at the bottom of the bag and use it. Once the art has been completed, set it aside so the foam can dry and solidify overnight.



# Become a Fan To Stay Up-To-Date .....

Beyond The Backyard is asking all of its members to become a fan of our organization at [www.facebook.com/beyondthebackyard](http://www.facebook.com/beyondthebackyard). This is a great way for us to share stories and photographs of our outdoor adventures. This also allows us to keep all of our members up-to-date on events around the Mountain State. We also post all of our hunting and fishing adventures on Twitter and Instagram. Find us at [twitter.com/beyond\\_backyard](http://twitter.com/beyond_backyard) and [instagram.com/beyondthebackyard](http://instagram.com/beyondthebackyard)

## 3 Things You Should Never Do When Scouting for Fall Hunting Season

Pre-season scouting for fall hunting is a sure-fire way to ensure your best odds of success once hunting season finally does roll around.

While summer and spring scouting can give you valuable clues on deer movement and help you locate a new hunting spot for the fall, there are some common mistakes you'll want to avoid.

By avoiding these mistakes, you'll get the most out of your scouting trips and will be ready to roll by the time opening day finally arrives.

### DISREGARD OLD OR SINGLE PIECES OF SIGN

Some hunters might see an old, weathered rub and take that deer sign as an indicator that a deer was here, but that it has long since moved on. You might think the same of old, extremely weathered shed antlers. Or maybe it seems like that rub or scrape was just made randomly. That does happen.

Sometimes there is no rhyme or reason to where deer sign shows up. But just because the sign you're seeing seems random or isn't fresh, that doesn't mean the spot is played out.

A good deer hunter realizes that any sign is good sign. Sometimes a spot won't hold deer until the hunting pressure becomes heavy. Then, suddenly it's a sanctuary for a few weeks until gun season is over. In fact, it's those isolated areas that big bucks sometimes purposely seek out.

### WAITING TOO LATE TO SCOUT

While it is possible to shoot a mature buck in a new area on short notice and a quick scouting trip, your odds are extremely low. You simply cannot afford to wait until a week before the season to start your scouting for the year.



You want to pattern the deer, but the problem many hunters have is that the deer pattern THEM. Bucks usually let their guard down a lot more during the summer months, but as fall is approaching, the deer know humans will be hunting them.

You must get into the woods this time of year and get your stand locations finalized. Get your treestands set up and then stay away from the area until it is time for that first early season hunt.

Look for the most remote hunting area possible. If you have to hike two to three miles in, your odds are probably going to be better. If you are fortunate enough to have access to private land, don't put your hunting gear away once the season is done and wait until next year. Do your season scouting in late winter.

### SCOUTING TOO MUCH

Along the same lines of late scouting, another mistake is simply scouting for deer too much. Trail cameras are totally addictive in the summer months. It's like Christmas in July every time you check your camera to see what's growing. But wait a little while.

Deer scouting like this can really test your patience. But it will be worth it when you finally swap those cards and see all the big bucks that are now super comfortable using the deer trails and feeding areas because there are no humans around.

One big thing to do is to leave some areas completely untouched. It can really pay off to find a bedding area and then never enter it. Especially if you're on private land. When things start to heat up during firearms season, the big bucks will likely seek out that place as sanctuary.

If all goes according to plan, that monster buck won't realize you're hunting in the area until the arrow is speeding towards him. By then, it's too late.

# Word Find

Can you find them all?

Using the list below, find the words that are hidden in the jumble.



- PUMPKIN
- YELLOW
- SCARECROW
- AUTUMN
- LEAVES
- ACORNS
- CORN
- HARVEST
- APPLES
- HAYRIDE
- RED
- THANKSGIVING
- FOOTBALL
- ORANGE

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G	Y	E	L	L	O	W	I	D	S	A	R

*Clues may run forwards, backwards, diagonally, up or down. Some may overlap or even be backwards!*

## Member Spotlight

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**John Charles Scott II**

**Name:** John Charles Scott II

**Age:** 8

**Lives in:** Charleston, WV

**Parents:** John and Brittany Scott

**Activities:** Baseball

**Favorite Food:** Cheeseburgers

**Favorite TV Show:** Beyblade



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