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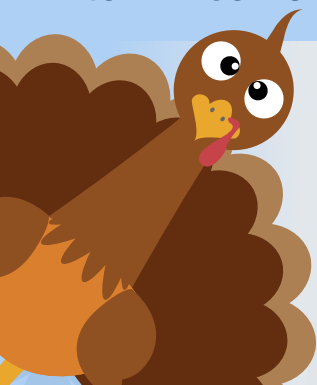
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Nevaeh Wood

Name: Nevaeh Wood
Age: 11
Lives in: Garrett's Bend, WV
Siblings: Dakota and Tanner
Parents: Luke and Amber
Activities: Hunting, Soccer
& Football
Favorite Food: BBQ Ribs
Favorite Hobby:
Hunting, Archery & Shooting Guns
Favorite TV Show:
Duck Dynasty



Turkey Calling CONTEST

*We are working on hosting a sanctioned
turkey calling contest this Spring!*

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Beyond The Backyard Member Chase Herndon Has A Record Year

Chase Herndon didn't think anything could top the world archery championship he won last June. He was wrong. In a two-week span this fall, Chase killed a black bear that might make the Pope and Young Club record book and an 11-point buck that should rank among West Virginia's all-time top archery trophies. The kills capped a wild year for the 14-year-old.

On March 26, he won the boys' middle-school championship at the state Archery in the Schools tournament. In mid-April, he killed a turkey. A few days later, he wrecked a four-wheeler and suffered a liver injury that left him hospitalized for five days. He bounced back to capture the boys' middle-school title at the Archery in the Schools World Championships on June 26. He said he's been focused on bowhunting ever since.

He never dreamed his focus would bear so much fruit so soon. Like many Logan County youngsters, Chase wanted to kill a trophy buck. He and his father, Steve, set out trail cameras to see if any big ones were roaming the woods where they like to hunt. They found what they were looking for, but the buck only showed up on photos taken at night.

Undeterred, Chase and Steve shifted their focus to lesser bucks. On Oct. 29, Chase had a 130-class whitetail directly under his tree stand when something unexpected happened. "I had been watching a smaller buck, but then this bigger buck came in," he recalled. "As I was watching the bigger buck, a bear came by."

Chase decided to take the bear instead of the buck. A 15-yard shot from his trusty Mathews Halon 6 dispatched the bruin handily. The bear turned out to be a worthwhile target; its skull, measured with the hide still on, taped out at 20 inches.

After skinning and a required 60-day drying period, it has an outside chance to meet the Pope and Young Club's 18-inch minimum for inclusion in "the book."

Two days after Chase killed the bear, he got the news he'd been waiting for since early fall. The trophy whitetail he'd seen only in nighttime photos finally started showing up during daylight hours. Chase and Steve got busy. "We hunted that deer from Halloween on," Chase said.

On Nov. 13, it showed up. "It was a slow morning," Chase recalled. "We had only seen one doe, but then about 10 o'clock the big buck came rolling through. He came in and started feeding on acorns. I kept waiting for him to give me a shot, but he kept feeding away from the stand. When he did, we'd grunt and bleat and snort to draw him back toward us. He came in and went back out several times. He watched him for close to half an hour."



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Steve, sitting in a stand on the opposite side of the tree, videotaped the entire sequence. When finally the buck approached to within a few feet of the tree, Chase got the unobstructed shot he was looking for. The arrow severed the buck's spinal column and dropped the animal in its tracks. The shot wasn't a long one, but it wasn't easy either. The steep vertical angle forced Chase to aim low, and the lack of overall distance meant he couldn't use any of the yardage pins on his bow's optical sight.

He also had to battle a horrible case of "buck fever." "I was nervous, very nervous," he said. "My legs were shaking, my arms were shaking. I didn't really try to calm myself. I just aimed the best I could and shot."

It was the same kind of nervousness he'd battled while winning his Archery in the Schools titles. He said his experience in tournament archery helped him cope, but only a little: "I was nervous [during competitions], but this was something else. Shooting the buck was way more nerve-wracking."

As soon as the buck went down, Steve swung the video camera toward Chase. The video shows the wide-eyed youngster trembling like a leaf, so overcome with joy that he could hardly decide whether to laugh or cry. Once the celebrations ended, the hard work began. After Chase field-dressed the animal, he and his father spent four long hours dragging the deer back to their vehicle.

"It wasn't any bigger than an average Logan County buck, it was just in a tough spot to get in and out of," Steve said. The buck sported an 11-point rack with a 20½-inch spread and 25½-inch main beams that measured 6 inches in circumference between the second and third antler tines. The antlers yielded a gross "green score" of about 183 on the Pope and Young Club scoring scale.

Steve expects it to officially score in the high 160s or low 170s. That would almost certainly place it among the top 10 typical-racked, bow-killed bucks ever taken in the Mountain State, and possibly among the top five.

Chase realizes that he might hunt the rest of his life and never take a bigger buck, but he plans to try. In the meantime, he plans to enjoy the rest of what has been an epic year for him — a year quite literally for the record books.



Create Your Own Outside Winter Time Fun

> BUILD A LARGE SNOW WORM

Materials: Food coloring, snow, sticks, fruit or vegetables and spray bottles

- Make several large snow balls and place them side by side in an 'S' pattern.
- Use the fruit or vegetables to make eyes and a nose. Like you would with a regular snowman.
- Mix the food coloring in with some water and fill up a spray bottle to spray your worm with whatever color you want.

> ICE MAN

Materials: Balloons

- Fill three balloons with water (one big, one medium, and one small).
- Let freeze overnight.
- Peel the balloon off and stack the balls (use salt between to help them melt and stick together).
- Dress him up, put a carrot nose, stick arms, etc.

> SNOW TREASURE HUNT

Materials: Cooler, treats, paper, markers and plastic bags

- Have an adult pack a cooler full of treats and then hide the "treasure chest."
- They can create a series of clues leading to the chest. Use either pictures from magazines or create their own with markers and paper.
- Place each clue in a plastic bag and hide it in the snow.
- Begin the hunt by handing the players their first clue.

> SNOWY SELF PORTRAIT

Materials: Birdseed, fruits and vegetables, food coloring and squirt bottles

- Fill the squirt bottles with different food-color-tinted water and cut up various fruits and vegetables.
- Start your masterpiece by lying back in the snow to make a body print. Gently rock your body to pack the print, then carefully get up (you may need a friend's help).
- Create a portrait by filling in the shape with the seeds and vegetable pieces and adding details with the colored water.

> 'MAPLE SYRUP' SNOW CANDY

Ingredients: 2 cups of brown sugar, 3 tablespoons butter and 1/2 cup water

- Bring water with other ingredients to a rolling boil. (Boil for about 10 minutes)
- Make a smooth place in clean snow - pour the snow candy on it. You can pour in any desired design or pictures. Don't touch until it has cooled.
- If using the snow on the ground bothers you, scoop up some clean snow and place it in a bowl or dish. You can also take the snow inside and make your candy there!

Have fun and keep warm!



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Be sure to fan our Facebook page, where you can receive news and enter contests too!

Beyond The Backyard Receives 2016 Best of Charleston Award

BeyondThe Backyard was selected for the 2016 Best of Charleston Award in the Non-Profit Organization category by the Charleston Award Program.

Each year, the Charleston Award Program identifies companies that they believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local communities. BeyondThe Backyard was chosen because we have enhanced the positive image of small sized non-profit organizations through our service to our members and our community.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winner in each category. The 2016 Charleston Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Charleston Awards Program and data provided by third parties.

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