



A young hunter made history by eclipsing the old state record by more than three points.

The National Wild Turkey Federation has made it official, awarding the title and record of Best Overall Eastern Typical by a Female Hunter (West Virginia) to nine-year-old Peyton Mellinger.

Peyton's Tom, which scored a combined total of 77.8750 points, eclipsed the previous record (a bird taken in 2016) by more than 3 points. Peyton's bird had some impressive characteristics, including a 10.5 inch beard and 1.5 inch spurs.

Congrats on an awesome bird, Peyton, and for taking the title of #1 in the state of West Virginia.



We're giving you the change to win \$500! When you're out in the woods this year, we want to see pictures from your hunting experience, not just prize shots. Think outside of the box. Pictures of the scenery around you, the sunrise or you taking your shot. The possibilities are endless.

HERE'S HOW THE CONTEST WORKS:

All pictures must be received by April 21, 2018 to be entered into this contest. Bobby will be judging the photos and will choose one winner based upon the quality and individuality of the photo. The contest is for BTB members only. You can register on our website for free. One entry per BTB member.

To enter the contest, post your picture on our Beyond The Backyard Facebook page and include your name and the hashtag #BTBTurkeyHunt. We also want you to share the photo to your own page or your parent's page.

DIY Spring Project: Make Your Own Bird Feeder

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Empty toilet paper roll
- Peanut Butter

- String
- Bird Seed

STEP 1: Run a long piece of string through an empty toilet paper roll and tie together at the ends

STEP 2: Smear peanut butter all over the surface of the roll

STEP 3: Roll the toilet paper roll in bird seed

STEP 4: Hang your bird feeder for the birds to enjoy



Did You Know?

Chuck Yeager, the legendary pilot, caught his first trout on Cranberry River after returning from World War II.



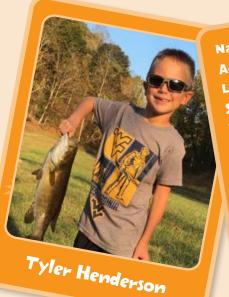
Become a Fan To Stay Up-To-Date

Beyond The Backyard is asking all of its members to become a fan of our organization at www.facebook.com/ beyondthebackyard. 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 and instagram. com/beyondthebackyard

Member Spotlight

Would you like to be the next kid featured in our member spotlight?

Sign up at: **beyondthebackyard.org**



Name: Tyler Henderson

Lives in: Teays Valley, WV

Siblings: Aubree

Parents: Chris and Sammi Activities: Playing basketball

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Hobby: Playing and building legos

Favorite TV Show:

Goosebumps



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