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**Old Glory Lookout at Cheaha State Park Becomes Home to Retired American Flags**

**"For nothing will be impossible with God." – Luke 1:37**

**Tim talks about: Longlining for crappie**



Photo courtesy of American Legion Post 90: Legionnaire Jack Wright salutes during a 9/11 flag retirement ceremony in Atmore. <https://www.facebook.com/CheahaStatePark>



"Bethlehem Baptist Church supported Operation Christmas Child this year. They set a goal to pack 100 boxes and ended up packing 209!" <https://www.facebook.com/BBCSardis>  
 People pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Parents often use the project to teach their kids about giving. Year-round volunteers support these efforts across the country. <https://www.samaritanispurse.org/operation-christmas-child/the-journey-of-a-shoebox/>

**From the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**

**C**heaha State Park in Delta, will soon become the final resting place for the ashes of retired American flags no longer fit for service. A flag interment ceremony at the newly constructed Old Glory Lookout within the park will be held on December 7, 2021. The event will take place

near the park's Bald Rock Boardwalk at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Old Glory Lookout vault is a collaboration between Cheaha State Park and the Billy Glenn Rushing Post 90 of the American Legion in Atmore. The facility consists of a steel vault encased in native Cheaha quartzite that was cut by hand almost 100 years ago by the Civilian Conservation



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**A**s an avid fisherman in the area, and someone that works with others to plan and execute tournaments all over Alabama, I offer this information and advice.

Also, my work with Weiss Lake Improvement Association (WLIA) has allowed me to gain much insight into Weiss Lake fishing, so I have a lot of knowledge that might be helpful. Feel free to send in your questions and recommendations for future columns to [tcp2111@yahoo.com](mailto:tcp2111@yahoo.com) and visit my Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pentecostfishing>

The last few days I've been getting my longlining gear together and ready to put on the boat. Longlining is a commercial fishing angling technique

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## Continued: Longlining for crappie

that uses a long main line with baited hooks attached at intervals. It's another one of my favorite ways to catch crappie in the winter and spring. Once the water temperature dips down in the 50s it's just a matter of time before the crappie start schooling up in open water. You'll usually find the best areas being in the creek arms of Weiss lake like Yellow Creek, Bay Springs, Cowan Creek, etc. Thousands of people from all over the county visit north Alabama each year to get in on this action. It is a very productive way to catch crappie.

I use Outlaw Crappie Poles with spinning reels spooled with 6 lb. K9 high visibility fluorescent line. This is my favorite line to use because the 6 lb. is the same diameter as most other brands 4 lb. line which creates less drag. I start out with a variety of Red Rooster Custom bait colors in the Georgia Razor style made by Robert Dehaas in Dalton, Georgia this time of year and then I figure out the best colors for each day.

With two people fishing I usually run six 7ft rods out the back but sometimes I'll run four out the back and two 14 ft out each side of the front all out of my Hi-Tek rod holders made by Scott Echols in Eva Alabama. I'll cast them out 30 to 40

yards and set my trolling motor at .7 mph to start with and adjust from there if I need to. I use anywhere from 1/32 to 1/16 jig heads depending on the depth of the fish. I've found myself using 1/24 the majority of the time and adjusting my speed, depending on the depth I need to be, even adding a small split shot if I need to. Just remember there's a three rod per person limit on Weiss Lake and Neely Henry Lake.

It's a learning curve each year because we usually do this from December until the end of April and then put them up and go back to jigging or spider rigging. But like riding a bicycle, once you get the hang of it you'll do just fine. If you don't have a boat there's some great guides on Weiss Lake. Don't miss out on some great fishing between now and the end of April.

If visiting Weiss Lake, contact the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce to find lodging and area attractions. They have a team that is second to none. There's a lot of anglers that have their own or different techniques than what I use and they are all productive. I hope this helps someone that is getting started.

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Ecclesiastes 4:12*



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