



State Forestry, Fish and Wildlife to dedicate Big Rivers WMA and State Forest Phase 2

The Kentucky Division of Forestry and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will officially dedicate Phase Two of the Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area and State Forest near Sturgis on Wednesday, October 23.

Both agencies will join state legislators, local government officials, funding partners, sportsmen and women, and others at the place on the 4,241-acre property known as “The Lookout” at 11 a.m. (EST) The ceremony’s location offers a breathtaking view overlooking rich river bottomlands, woodlands and several miles of the Ohio River.

The agencies acquired this outstanding property at the confluence of the Ohio and Tradewater rivers earlier this month with the help of public and private partners. It will open soon to hunters, anglers, hikers, boaters, wildlife watchers and more, and will be permanently protected for conservation use.

The acquisition from the Nature Conservancy completes the second of a two-phase project. The Division of Forestry and Department of Fish and Wildlife dedicated Phase One – 2,571 acres in neighboring Union County – in May of 2012. The addition of the Crittenden County property brings Big Rivers WMA and State Forest total acreage to 6,812 acres.



Wildlife biologists Scott Harp and Curt Divine will help oversee operations at Big Rivers WMA and State Forest.

The \$12.6 million purchase was made without tapping into the license and permit fees paid by hunters and anglers, noted Deputy Commissioner Benjy Kinman of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

“This is an example of state and private organizations working together to leverage funds for a significant and historic land acquisition,” he said.

Big Rivers WMA and State Forest

will also be managed for the protection of watershed and water quality, the security and recovery of endangered, threatened and rare species, and the preservation of existing cultural and geological treasures.

The Nature Conservancy, The Conservation Fund, The Forestland Group, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund, U.S.

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WE GET MAIL

Letters to the Commissioner's Office

The following note came from Buck Reimer in Independence, KY. He wrote, "I am writing regards to **Brian Clark** of your department. At this year's State Fair, Brian was manning an airgun shooting booth. I had recently purchased an air-gun and stopped to ask Brian if he knew of any air-rifle clubs in Kentucky.

Today, I received an email from him giving me more information on a club in Indiana. This was not the first email that I have received and with each one that arrived in my inbox, I was amazed that he was still trying to locate that information. All this effort was for one person walking by his booth and it was really an afterthought on my part as I had not been able to locate any club in the tri-state.

I was amazed at his effort. I cannot begin to express my thanks and admiration for the effort given to me, a person just walking through and a three-minute conversation. It was by far above any of my expectations.

Please thank Mr. Clark and any other person that went this far above what I would consider an A+ effort and if he ever gets up in Northern Kentucky ask him to give me a call and I will buy him lunch in a heartbeat."

My name is Josiah Kaiser, and I am a new hunter. This spring turkey season was my first time hunting and I loved it. First of all, let me say thank you to everyone at KDFWR for the amazing work you all do. I have lived in the Commonwealth all my life and have seen the amazing growth in wildlife all around me in that time.

I have long been an avid outdoors person. I love rock-climbing at Red River Gorge, and backpacking and camping at the many parks and wild places throughout the Bluegrass and the country as a whole. I have grown up "playing outside" and have yet to find an outdoor sport that

I didn't like.

However, since I did not grow up in a hunting family, I was 30 years old before anyone ever invited me to go hunting. I never had animosity or ill-feelings toward hunters, it just was not something that I was ever exposed to. Now though, I love it for several reasons. One, it is just plain fun. I jokingly say that it is like hiking with a purpose. Also, it is a great way to provide some the healthiest, best-tasting, and sustainable meat for my family.

I must say though, that learning to hunt has been difficult at best. If it weren't for my step-uncle who first took me hunting, and my father-in-law in Michigan who recently took me goose hunting, there would literally be zero people helping me out. I am a personable guy, and generally a pretty good and effective networker in all other areas of my life. In general, I have found that if one goes into a new situa-

tion with an open mind, a strong desire to learn, and a willingness to work hard, that there are usually some good people willing to help a novice out. But that does not always seem to be the case with learning to hunt, and believe me, I have tried.

I have noticed that there seems to be a lot of youth-hunting opportunities and events designed to get kids out into the woods, but I have not seen anything to help people like me.

I researched this dilemma, and found that states like Wisconsin have also noticed this problem and have started addressing it through their "Hunting for Sustainability" programs and such. My question is, is there a program like this in Kentucky, and if not, why and is there anything I can do to help get it started?

I truly believe that we are blessed to

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NEW CONSERVATION OFFICERS

Franklin District Judge Robert Olds administered the oath of office to new conservation officers William Bowles, Gordon Meek and Jeremy Meade as veteran officers look on. The officers will now work with their field training officers 16 weeks. Bowles will be assigned to Butler County, Meek to Warren County and Meade to Lewis County.

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live in the single most beautiful and habitable place in all of creation, and I also know that there are many other people just like me who like the idea of hunting for food and are truly sustainable minded, but have encountered the same roadblocks that I have. Surely, there is something we can do to help bridge this gap.

I am a marketing technology consultant by trade (fancy way of saying that I am really good with databases and making them talk to each other), and am also good at working with my hands (I grew up doing construction and plumbing with my father), so I am more than willing to help out in any capacity as well.

Thank you again for the amazing work you already do, and I look forward to your reply.

The following email came from Crystal Hurst in Corbin. “I am writing this to express my gratitude for the friendly help that I received when I contacted the office for guidance to reprint my son’s education exemption permit today. I tried to do it online, but could not get it to print.

When I called for assistance I spoke to a man named Phil (**Phillip Williams**, also known as “Mississippi”). He was very customer friendly, knowledgeable and solved my problem very quickly.

In today’s work culture you don’t often encounter this type of treatment and service. I was pleasantly surprised. Instead of encountering a long stressful wait on the phone today, I got quick, stress free resolve to my problem from Phil.”

The following email came to **John Baggerman, Laurie Davison** and **Jeff Bardroff** with the Salato Wildlife Education Center from Linda Brown, Personnel Cabinet’s Office of Employee Relations.

Ms. Brown wrote, “I can’t thank you enough for the hospitality you extended to the Kentucky Public Service Recognition Week Poster winners and their families. Everyone (including me) thoroughly en-

joyed the visit. You are a wonderful group and certainly went above and beyond the call of duty.

Thank you again and we hope to see you next year!”

This letter of thanks came to the Department from Greg, Wanda and Abigail Laws. “Recently my wife, daughter and I had the pleasure of being involved in the Squirrel (hunting) Mentoring program that was offered through the Curtis Gates Lloyd Wildlife Management Area. We were made aware of the program through the Boone County 4-H Sharpshooters. The Sharpshooters is a well-run top notch organization which has given my daughter classroom and field instructions in gun safety, how to shoot a gun properly, how to shoot a bow and arrow and not to take these instructions for granted. Without the use of the Curtis Gates Lloyd Wildlife facility, the Boone County 4-H Sharpshooters might not be able to find such an excellent facility to teach our children.



BIG DEER

Sixteen-year-old Katya of Crittenden County took this trophy on the opening day of archery season with a 20-yard shot. An avid hunter, it was Katya’s sixth deer ever and second buck. Initial scoring placed the buck in the 187 3/8 range.

A little about our day with the Squirrel Mentoring program, which started the Friday night before at the Lloyd facility. We were assigned a mentor, given directions on where to meet our mentor and an event itinerary for the next day. We met up with our mentor the next morning at 7 near Butler. His name was **Mr. Barth Johnson**, or we could call him “Captain”.

Mr. Johnson is a retired Fish and Wildlife officer (supervised 16 counties) who gives his time to programs like the Squirrels Mentoring Program. His knowledge was insurmountable. Our daughter stayed with Mr. Johnson throughout the morning. We (mom and dad) followed from a distance. Our daughter truly enjoyed being with Mr. Johnson. He did more than just walk around with her and look for squirrels in trees, he instructed her on gun safety, what to look for, and what to listen to when hunting squirrels. He also showed her different feathers, nuts, trees, etc., and told her what name was associated with these items.

After the hunt we took our squirrel (yes she did shoot one) back to the Lloyd facility to learn how to clean the squirrel properly and for a cookout with the rest of the young hunters and mentors.

The Squirrel Mentoring Program is such a successful/wonderful program for the youth that are involved. It is run by true professionals who dedicate their time and knowledge and know the value of what this program and similar programs mean to our young people. Our family cannot say enough in this letter to tell you how well the program was run. Volunteers from the Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA and the Boone County 4-H Sharpshooters make it possible for our young people to learn about hunting, doing it in a safe way and to appreciate the ground they are hunting on.”

NOTE: Lloyd WMA manager **Josh Lillpop** and Fish and Wildlife Technician **Jamie Elison**, as well as **Fifth District conservation officers** also were instrumental in making the Squirrel Hunt Mentoring Program a big success.

Retirements and new hires

After 12 years with our agency, **Joyce 'Joy' Fitzgerald** announced her retirement effective August 31, 2013.

Originally from Frazesburg Ohio, Joy attended Ohio State University where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences. Joy began her professional career as a biology teacher before going on to work as a reclamation scientist, senior environmental scientist, and environmental consultant.

She joined the KDFWR team in 2001 working as a Wildlife biologist II at Peabody WMA where she worked extensively with the bobwhite quail restoration project and wetlands restoration.

Joy's passion for education led her to accept the position of Conservation Educator in 2004. Since then she has given hundreds of conservation education programs to Kentucky school children in the 3rd district, and recruited over 1,000 children for Camp Earl Wallace Conservation Camp.

In addition to her very busy career, Joy found time to volunteer as a certified wild land firefighter, EMS Citizen first responder, homeland security first responder and Jefferson County K9 responder. We wish Joy all the best as she returns to live on her family farm in Ohio.

Art Lander Jr. retired in September. Art wrote the *Lexington Herald-Leader's* outdoor page for some 20 years before coming to work at the department's Information Center nearly four years ago. He later shifted to the magazine and oth-



er writing duties, including the production of the spring and fall hunting guides.

Art, an avid bowhunter, plans to spend more time pursuing big bucks on his Henry County farm.

Jon Tubbs joined the Department August 16 as a Fish and Wildlife Technician II for the Western Fisheries District working out of

the Murray office. Jon is a Calloway County native, and grew up fishing Kentucky Lake and hunting in Western Kentucky.

Jon's previous jobs have allowed him to gain his diverse skills in maintenance, electrical, plumbing and carpentry, operation of heavy equipment and OSHA.

Jon and his family reside in Calloway County, and he looks forward to his career with the Department.

Megan Bagby comes to us from Louisville. Megan has spent the last 10 years in the customer service industry. She graduated from the University of Louisville in 2008 with a degree in Justice Administration.

Her hobbies include soccer, outdoor activities and attending any U of L athletic event. She has two nieces and a nephew in Covington, and is very excited to work at the Department.

We welcome **Derek Earl Rogers** to the Fisheries family. Derek started October 1 as a Fish and Wildlife Tech 1 and is the newest member of the Forks of Elkhorn Fish Transportation Crew.

He was born in Tulsa, OK where he

graduated from Union High School. He is also a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, AR with a degree in Kinesiology and a minor in Biology. He enjoys the outdoors, hunting, and fishing. He resides in Franklin County with his wife Jessica and daughter Evelyn.

The Fisheries Division also welcomes **Kevin Rexroat** as the new Fish and Wildlife Management Foreman for the Department's stream and wetland mitigation program.

Kevin earned his B. S. degree from the University of Kentucky in the field of Natural Resource and Conservation Management.

Kevin previously served as the Habitat Team crew leader for the Department's Wildlife Diversity Program where his duties included program oversight, wildlife habitat restoration, construction oversight, and post-construction monitoring.

During his time as crew leader for the Habitat Team, Kevin had a significant role in the restoration of hundreds of acres of wildlife habitat across the state. Kevin's experience and educational background will be a valuable asset to the Department.

Kevin currently resides in Georgetown and is an avid fisherman, outdoor enthusiast, and an accomplished musician. His first day on the job was September 16. Please welcome Kevin to his new role with KDFWR.

John Mitchell has been hired as a Fish and Wildlife Tech 1 GFTL at the Peter W. Pfeiffer Hatchery. His primary responsibility will be the maintenance of various equipment. John has worked as an interim since 2011.

John is a Frankfort resident with his wife, Christie, and children Anna and Chayse. He served in the Iraq War as a communications operator with the 141st Signal Battalion of the 1st Armored Division.

Fisheries staff adds habitat at Nolin River Lake



Fisheries staff dropped large trees into Nolin River Lake to serve as both fisheries habitat and as fish attractor sites for anglers. They also felled several trees to create shoreline habitat. *Jeremy Shiflet photos*

As part of the Fisheries Division's efforts to continually improve habitat for fish populations, staff from the Northwest Fishery District recently spent a significant portion of their summer increasing fish habitat at Nolin River Lake.

During 2011, record rainfall events kept Nolin River Lake water levels 40 feet or more above summer pool for almost a month. This resulted in the killing of many cedar trees along the banks of Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) property. Using the Fisheries Division's "Habitat Barge," fisheries staff proceeded to sink approximately

117 trees over the course of 15 days.

Trees ranged in size from four to 18 inches in diameter and from 12 to 40 feet tall. Some of the larger trees required the attachment of up to 20 concrete blocks in order to sink in ideal locations.

The majority of trees were placed in depths of 10-35 feet of water to provide cover and habitat throughout the year as water levels fluctuate. Trees were distributed along main lake points, mud flats, bluff walls, and creek channel turns. They sank most of the trees from Wax Marina down lake to the mouth of Rock Creek

and near Dog Creek. They recorded GPS coordinates at all sites and will be added to the Department's existing Fish Attractor map for Nolin River Lake.

Staff from the NWFD acknowledge the assistance of law enforcement, wildlife, fisheries transportation, and Army Corp of Engineers staff for all their hard work and assistance with this project.

For more information about fish habitat improvement and fish attractors at Nolin River Lake, please contact the fisheries staff at the Northwestern Fishery District Office (270-273-3117).

"Big Rivers," continued

Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program, Indiana Bat Conservation Fund and the Stream Mitigation Fund (FILO) were instrumental in acquiring the property for permanent protection.

"The Big Rivers project required extraordinary efforts between private, public and non-profit businesses, agencies and non-profit organizations," said Terry Cook, Director of The Nature Conservancy in Kentucky. "Current and future generations will forever benefit from the combined

vision that has allowed for this significant conservation win."

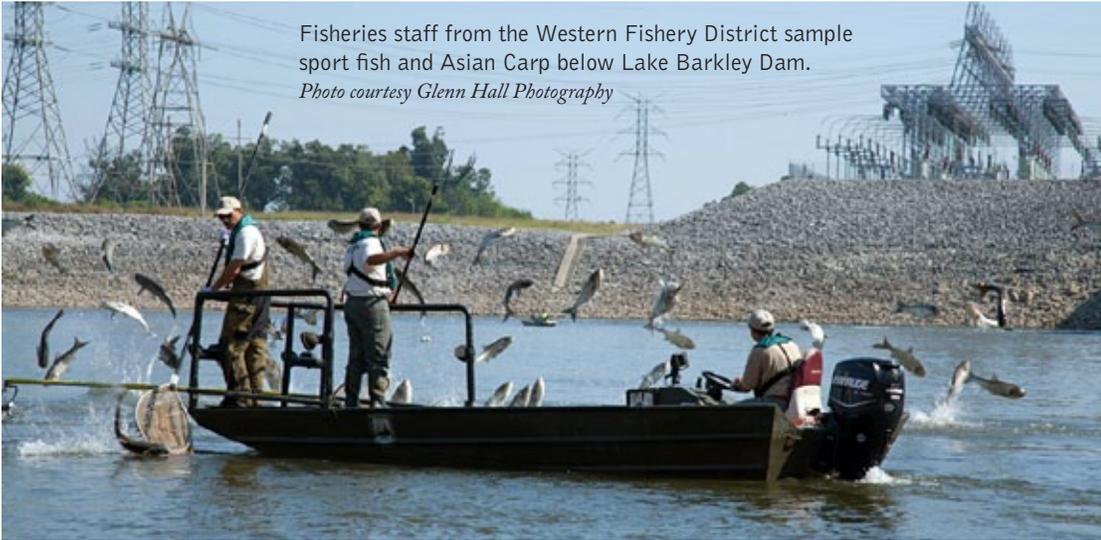
He said that Big Rivers will forever be a destination for those who cherish and enjoy Kentucky's landscapes.

"The Division of Forestry is excited to add this property to its network of state forests," said State Forestry Director Leah MacSwords. "Partnering with the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources not only allowed the state to obtain the property but it will continue to benefit the Commonwealth by pooling our resources in the management of the Big Rivers property."

The Division of Forestry, Department of Fish and Wildlife and their partners hope you will join them as they officially open this incredible area to outdoor enthusiasts.

From U.S. 60 in Sturgis, take KY 365 west for about 3.2 miles. Turn right onto Bells Mine Road and continue for another three miles. Look for the signs and agency personnel.

"We're proud to open a property of this size to the public," Kinman said. "It shows that when public, private and non-profit agencies work together, everybody wins."



Fisheries staff from the Western Fishery District sample sport fish and Asian Carp below Lake Barkley Dam.

Photo courtesy Glenn Hall Photography

Fisheries staff continue to battle Asian carp below Lake Barkley Dam

Fisheries staff from the Western Fishery District recently completed their annual fall sampling of sport fish populations on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

This also includes sampling of fish on the lower Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers, specifically below both Kentucky Lake

and Lake Barkley dams. Although sport fish assessments were the primary reason for this sampling, they also collected data from a variety of species, including Asian Carp.

On a positive note, abundance of white bass and striped bass looked good throughout population sampling. Most

Carp located in the tailwaters below both Kentucky and Barkley Lakes and their impacts to native sport fish populations. During this short sampling trip, the crew collected roughly 150 silver carp, weighing over 1,500 lbs, and removed them from below Lake Barkley dam.

fish appeared healthy and were rather abundant along wing dikes, within tributary creeks along these major rivers, and in the immediate tailwater areas below dams.

They collected all three species of catfish (blue, channel, and flathead) in good numbers and size classes. They saw several impressive largemouth bass and crappie inside of tributary rivers adjacent to the main channels.

During one sampling trip, staff from Glenn Hall Photography shadowed fisheries staff, and they experienced firsthand the sheer numbers of Asian

Hunter Education has a new recruitment program!

Hunter's Legacy is a program charged with recruiting new hunters of all ages through positive, safe, and responsible mentored hunting experiences. The program will work to accomplish the following goals:

- To supply mentored hunts for new hunters.
- To promote family-friendly hunting.
- To provide trained mentors to utilize for hunting events.
- To assist civic groups with advice and expertise on starting mentored hunting events.
- To monitor and record mentor hunts across Kentucky in an effort to match new hunters with mentor hunts.



The program is coordinating dove fields for National Archery in the Schools Program students who completed their orange card requirements at both the 2012 National Tournament as well as the 2013 State Tournament. Hunter's Legacy is also working with the Explore Bowhunting program to provide mentored crossbow hunts for Murray State and Eastern Ken-

tucky University.

Agency personnel are requested to obtain a Group/Event Report Form from Jamie Cook when participating in or organizing a mentored hunt. This form will be available on our Department Intranet. If you have any questions about the program, contact Jamie at 502-564-3400 x 4404 or jamies.cook@ky.gov.

Wildlife Division joins forces to complete mine land vegetation research



Left to right: Jacob Stewart, Randall Alcorn, Jim Barnard, Danna Baxley, Zak Danks, John Yeiser, Ben Robinson and Blake Owens.

Research Program joined forces with Farm Bill biologists and biologists from the Big Game Program, Small Game Program, and Wildlife Diversity Program to complete data collection efforts for a mine land reclamation research project that began in 2009.

This project was designed to assess the efficacy of using native warm season grasses and forbs and other non-invasive wildlife-friendly plants as tools in mine land reclamation.

To meet requirements of the Surface Mine Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA), companies must achieve 80 percent ground cover within five years of reclamation. 2013 represents the fifth growing season for research plots planted on three different surface mines in Kentucky, so it was important to collect ground cover data on these plots to determine if native mixes were effective for reclamation.

Each research plot was divided into

three sections: 1) A plot containing the typical mine land seed mix (control), 2) a plot containing wildlife-friendly mixes of native and non-invasive species, and 3) a hybrid mix containing a mix of half “typi-

cal” and half “wildlife-friendly native” seed. This project has important management implications because native grasses and forbs are beneficial to wildlife and provide better habitat (food and cover) than typical mixes of non-native plants used in mine land reclamation efforts. Although we have not yet analyzed data from this research, it appears that most, if not all, plots achieved ground cover sufficient for bond release (> 80 percent).

Reclaiming mine-lands using native grasses and forbs has

huge potential for increasing both wildlife and pollinator habitat in Kentucky. Many thanks to the biologists across several programs who helped to collect data for this project!





BOW weekend another hit for 101 participants

Shooting guns and bows, catching stripers and walleye, cleaning squirrels, turkey and deer – and all this on just the first day?

For 101 women from Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Arkansas, Illinois and Indiana, the 2013 Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Workshop was just warming up for a complete weekend of outdoor skills instruction.

If you ever wanted to spice things up a bit in your work day, try offering 101 scarily interested, curious and in some cases “less than bashful” novices to ask anything they want about fishing, hunting and wildlife. It’s guaranteed to brighten your day, increase your perspective, catch you totally off-guard and remind you why you do what you do for a living.

For more than 15 years, the KDFWR has offered a BOW weekend workshop

geared specifically to women to stimulate and further their interests in outdoor pursuits. With a corps of some 25 unpaid volunteers, sessions are offered in archery, firearms, fishing, boating, hunting and a wide range of other activities with a hands-on approach.

The I & E, Wildlife, Fisheries, Law

Enforcement and Administrative Services divisions, along with the Commissioner’s office all contributed personnel and assistance to provide this opportunity last month in Jabez at the 4-H Leadership Center on Lake Cumberland.

“I personally want to extend my great appreciation to **Ryan Oster** and **John**

Williams in fisheries, **Sandy** and **Naomi Wilson**, **Chad Soard** and **David Yancy** in wildlife, **Brent McCarty**, **Tiffany Ogunsanya**, **Laurie Davison**, **Brad Burge**, **Pat O’Connell** in I & E, **Chad Miles** in the commissioner’s office and **Travis Neal** and **Matthew Parmley** in law enforcement,” said Beth Spivey-Minch, volunteer BOW coordinator.

“I had numerous participants express their thanks for getting the chance to experience so many things they have never gotten to try, and for the people who were patient and helped them above



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and beyond what they expected,” Minch said.

“Over 30 percent were first-timers and this workshop their first contact with KDFWR, and well over half of the 101 there said they were, or would become license buyers now that they understood better what the agency does and the benefits it provides,” she said.

“I thought these classes were primarily going to be all lecture, and we’d just be sitting mostly and listening to someone talk, but when they came out, did a

demonstration, then handed all 20 of us a recently taken squirrel and a skinning knife and said ‘your turn, you got this’ – it was great,” said one participant.

“Then, they did the same thing with doves, and a deer, and a wild turkey.”

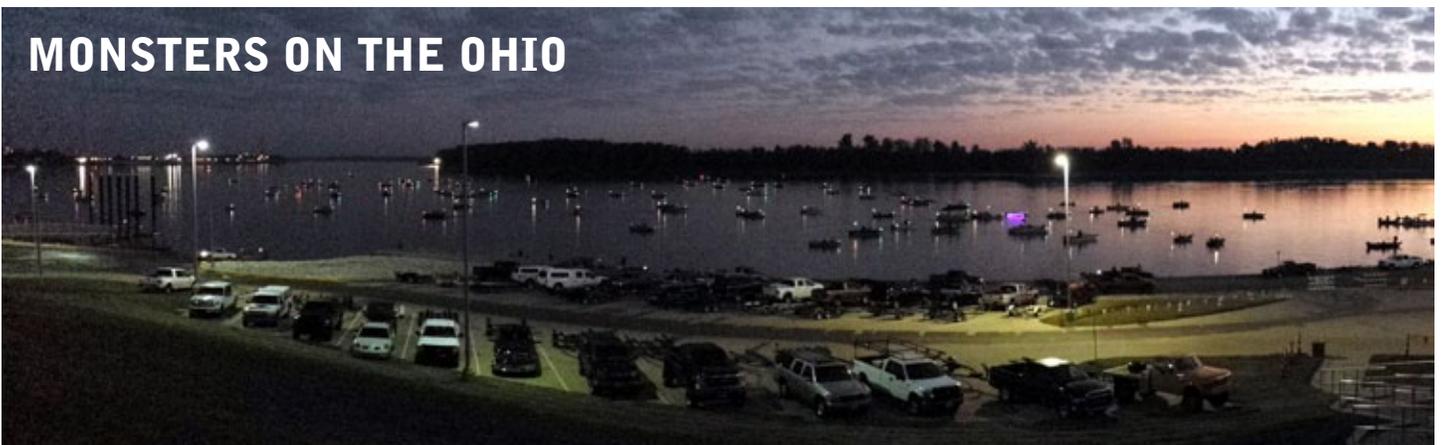
“I realized when they said ‘hands-on’ – that’s exactly what they meant,” she said. “It was the best chance I’ve ever had to learn how to do this stuff, and I needed to know how so when I do take game, I know what do to with it now,” she said. “I had some parts leftover I think, but we got it done.”

“There’s not much point in taking

something if you don’t know how to clean and process it. I am just so glad somebody took the time to show me and let me do it. It makes me a lot more comfortable with the idea of hunting and using what you get,” she concluded.

The Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Foundation supports this program as well, with financial assistance for scholarships. Since it began, the Kentucky BOW Program has reached in excess of 4,000 women, introducing and recruiting them into the hunting, fishing, shooting and boating sports that support the agency and its mission.

MONSTERS ON THE OHIO



More than 120 anglers seeking trophy catfish gathered in the pre-dawn hours on the Ohio River at Owensboro Saturday, Oct. 12, to participate in the “Monsters on the Ohio” catfish fishing tournament. Kentucky Afield Television Executive Producer Scott “Bama” Moore snapped this panoramic while onsite shooting for an upcoming show. The winning team weighed in 145.6 pounds of catfish. Three others caught fish greater than 50 pounds with the biggest weighing in at 57.2.

KDFWR hunter recruitment programs scoring successes

KDFWR continues to offer a variety of recruitment programs to youth and adults. The Purkhiser family in Louisville stands as a prime example of what these programs aim to do!

With little to no interest in archery as kids, Drew, 18, and Cassie, 14, take a much greater interest in archery today. The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) became a staple in their lives some seven years ago.

When their mom, Jill Purkhiser, became certified to coach, they set out to create a team for local home school students in their area and is recognized today as "Homes on Target." Over the past six years, Drew and Cassie have become accomplished competitive NASP archers, even making it to the podium at Regional and State tournaments! Jill, mom and coach, has been there every step of the way.

Having limited interest as kids and few opportunities to experience much hunting, it was their participation in two other KDFWR programs during the summer of 2012 that lit that spark and led them to the woods with bows in hand. Drew, Cassie and Jill – and many other Homes on Target members – completed Hunter Education and the Explore Bowhunting program just in time for the 2012 Archery season.

Jill enjoyed archery since childhood, but never thought much about going afield herself until she gained more knowledge and skills through these two programs. "I was interested in learning to hunt to provide for our family, but never had the confidence to go until after learning the safety and skills these programs offer," she said.

Drew was successful in taking his first



Cassie described herself as "shaky shaky shaky" after taking her first deer.

Jill is on track to take her first deer this year as she continues to gain experience and skill tagging along with Drew and Cassie on hunts, and sharpening those archery skills with lots of practice. "There's simply nothing negative about archery. I was there when Drew took his first bow deer and watched Cassie stand on the awards stand for NASP. The pride of seeing your kids do well at anything is great."

deer with a bow that fall at age 17 with his mom alongside for the hunt. "I like hunting with company and sharing experiences like this," he said. Later in the season, Jill was with him again when he took his first buck by bow – a nice 8-point!

Since participating in NASP, Hunter Education and Explore Bowhunting, Cassie took her first turkey this past spring and her first deer with a bow this season.

Their advice to others is to simply step up and take the plunge. "Take Hunter Education and any other courses offered to help build confidence, and don't be afraid to ask questions and make connections through local clubs or archery shops."

They say at least four others from the Homes on Target team have scored hunting successes since attending these KDFWR programs.



BALLARD FIELD DAY

First District Sergeant Tony Dunker instructs a student archery shooter during the Ballard Memorial High School Field Day on October 4, 2013. Sgt. Garry D. Clark assisted.