



Salato dedication remembering Laurie Davison set for August 14

The Salato Wildlife Education Center and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission are inviting friends, family, co-workers and well-wishers of long-time Salato Center manager Laurie Davison to join them in a celebration at the Center on August 14.

The Department is remembering Laurie's 15 years of dedicated leadership in developing an outstanding wildlife and conservation education facility and one of Frankfort's most-visited attractions by designating the Center's 100-acre tract of woodlands as "Davison Woods."

Laurie died tragically last month while vacationing at a South Carolina beach with her family. She was caught in a rip tide and later pulled unresponsive from the surf.

Laurie took the helm of Salato in May of 2000 when the Center was still in its infancy. It was her unique outreach to knowledgeable volunteers



who helped construct and maintain exhibits and conduct guided tours that catapulted it into one of Frankfort's most-visited attractions.

She developed partnerships with groups such as Toyota and Reforest Kentucky to improve the grounds and facilities in and around Salato at a vastly reduced cost to the agency. She worked closely with the Kentucky Fish

& Wildlife Foundation to secure funding for many exhibits over the last 15 years – some of which are still in the works for future completion.

Included in her many outdoor passions were the countless hours she spent designing and helping clear and maintain a network of hiking trails through the woodlands that will now bear her name.

Laurie led many Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshop classes sharing her knowledge with others. She was an accomplished native plant and wildlife expert, enjoyed gardening, being on the water, fishing and paddling, and among all those pursuits managed to be a caring mother to six-year old twins.

Laurie influenced thousands upon thousands of Kentuckians in various ways to have a greater respect and responsibility for fisheries and wildlife resources in our state. She gave of herself to help make the world around others a better place.

Her passion for it was lifelong – and contagious. Laurie and her accomplishments on behalf of Kentucky sportsmen and women won't soon be forgotten. KDFWR was fortunate to have her as a member of our family.

The dedication is slated for Friday, August 14th at 2:30 at the Center. It is open to the public.



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WE GET MAIL

Letters to the Commissioner's Office

The following letter came from Chet Hays, Vice President of the United Trappers of Kentucky. He wrote to **Laura Palmer**. "Just a note of sincere thanks for all your effort and participation at the May 23 Educational Trapping Event at the Salato Center, with the Trail Life Scout Group, and the United Trappers of Kentucky.

Planning an event for so large a group always presents challenges. We appreciate how you worked with us on last-minute changes in scheduling, available help, and locations for various activities.

Your introductory power point presentation was well-researched and entertaining to everyone in attendance. Also, much appreciated was your arranging the live groundhog show by the folks at the Salato Center. Scouts, leaders, and parents enjoyed this very much.

We received many comments from the adults about the Salato Center and KDFWR's outreach efforts to diverse groups, regarding conservation and wise use of resources in the "real world" of today. One lady from southern Indiana remarked that KDFWR is "light years ahead" of her state, and said this one-day program with the Department and the trappers was by far the most educational and enjoyable event the Trail Life Scouts have experienced to date.

You were certainly a key player in the success of this event and we thank you for giving up your entire Saturday, start to finish, and working so unselfishly to help in any way

possible.

Please relay our thanks to **Geoff Roberts and the folks at the Salato Center** as well."

This letter from Jon Greendeer, President of the Ho-Chunk Nation in Black River Falls, WI, was forwarded to Commissioner Johnson from Gov. Steve Beshear.

Dear Governor Beshear,

The Ho-Chunk Nation appreciates the hard work and dedication of the Kentucky staff and especially those from the Kentucky Department of Fish

and Wildlife Resources. Our people are extremely excited to see the elk return to our homelands. We hope to mirror the success that Kentucky has had with your elk population.

The Ho-Chunk people are of oral tradition. When elk disappeared from our landscape, we feel that part of our heritage and part of our culture was lost as well. It brings great emotion being able to witness the successful return of elk to our community. We want Kentuckians to understand that our people are extremely grateful for this collaborative effort.

In the true spirit of collaboration, our wildlife specialist teams shared living quarters, professional knowledge, and institutional experiences. During those two weeks, in the barracks this spring, they displayed their devotion to their trade with almost incessant conversation about elk. That devotion is deserving of recognition as these people sacrifice much time away from their homes and families to pursue this collaborative and support our government-to-government relationships.

Everybody here at the Ho-Chunk Nation takes a special interest in the intergovernmental relationships that help preserve our own sovereignty. I want to take the time to make the commitment on behalf of the Nation to show our enthusiastic support, and declare our gratitude for the continued collaborative effort to restore our indigenous habitats.

Sincerely,
Jon Greendeer



FIRST BORN KENTUCKY-WISCONSIN ELK

This email to KDFWR Deer and Elk Program Coordinator Gabe Jenkins came from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Big Game Ecologist Kevin Wallenfang. "Thought you might like to see a picture of our "first born" Kentucky/Wisconsin elk. We now have 3 on the ground and are expecting 1 more, hopefully today. We have all the elk processed with the exception of 5 cows who we've been waiting on to have calves (one of those is not pregnant but is mixed with them). Everything has gone just about perfectly."

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“Mail,” continued

The following email came to Commissioner Johnson from the KAGC Board of Directors: “Congratulations on the Department of Fish and Wildlife’s fine showing in the 2015 Kentucky Association of Government Communicators (KAGC) Awards of Excellence Competition.

Two employees of your department, **Brian Clark** and **Brian Blank**, received an Award of Excellence in the “Social Media” category in a statewide competition that was open to government communicators at the local, state and federal levels. The awards ceremony was held May 15 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Frankfort.

KAGC is the state’s premier professional development group for government communicators. In addition to educational monthly meetings, we give members opportunities to share best practices, promote high standards in public service and offer networking opportunities.

We thank you for your department’s involvement with KAGC and offer our congratulations on the recognition Brian Clark and Brian Blank received in this year’s awards competition.”

We recently received a letter from Mr. Ben Elder with Overbrook Farm in Lexington. He wrote, “Recently, **Jeff Crosby**, District Biologist, and **Danny Duvall**, Fisheries Technician, of the Technical Guidance Program, came to Overbrook Farm to assist us in our effort to maintain a good fish population in the farm lakes.

I want to compliment your agency on this valuable program that is offered to private farms like ours. The professionalism of Jeff and Danny are a credit to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.”

We received an email from Mark Peal with the following compliment for **B.J. Morris**, FW Tech with the Western Fisheries District. “I wanted to send a letter of appreciation and recognition for a KDFWR employee, B.J. Morris.

On June 30th my family and I went to the Sled Creek boat ramp on Kentucky Lake. I am originally from Marshall County but now live in East Tennessee. We were back for vacation and were headed to the lake for an afternoon pontoon ride. B.J. was at the ramp cleaning up and doing general maintenance work on the docks.

While getting the boat ready to put into the water I noticed a firework stuck to my truck tire. I pulled it loose and realized

the firework had a large nail in it which had punctured my tire. B.J. offered to help me with the situation and went above and beyond in his assistance. He got the jack from his truck and went to work changing the tire. This helped me to get the job done quickly and we were on the water within a few minutes.

I greatly appreciated his assistance and professionalism. He is a great ambassador for the State and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.”

Gary Greene appointed to 8th District Fish and Wildlife Commission seat

Gov. Steve Beshear has appointed Gary David Greene as a member of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Greene, 61, of Greenup, will serve the remainder of the unexpired term representing the Eighth Fish and Wildlife District, which ends Aug. 13, 2018.

Greene retired from AK Steel in 2008 after 35 years. He is a graduate of Shawnee State University with a degree in Applied Science and Instrumentation Process Control Engineering.

He is the former owner of Dream Hunters Plantation Quail Farm and Shooting Preserves, a former real estate broker and certified real estate appraiser. He is a member of Smith Masonic Lodge 775 in Flatwoods, KY, a 25-year member of the Greenup County Planning Commission, and a former member of the Little Sandy Volunteer Fire Department where he also served as a board member for 20 years.

Looking forward to making a contribution on the Fish and Wildlife Commission, Greene says he hopes we can do something to inspire youth to leave their computers and go spent time in the outdoors. “I have six grandchildren,” he says. “We need to focus on our youth.”

Greene is a member of the National



Wild Turkey Federation, a past director of the Northeast Fish and Game Club, Quail Forever, the Kentucky Houndsmen Association, and Grouse Busters.

He also is a former breeder of Llewellyn Setters and proudly mentions that he still keeps five of them today.

Greene lives in Greenup with his wife, Patty.

Will Bowling recognized with Leopold Award nomination

Will Bowling, KDFWR elk biologist, has been nominated as one of three finalists for the Leopold Conservation Award.®

The Leopold Conservation Award is a prestigious award that recognizes “extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation” by private landowners. This competitive award is presented in 10 states and is administered by the non-profit Sand County Foundation. In Kentucky, it is presented in association with the Kentucky Agricultural Council and the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts.

Many within the KDFWR community will recognize the significance of this award by its namesake, Aldo Leopold. Renowned as the father of wildlife management and an early leader in the conservation movement, Leopold has inspired several generations of wildlife professionals.

Ironically, Will's nomination for this award isn't for his skill as a wildlife biologist or his top-notch service to the sports-



men and citizens of his native southeast Kentucky – both of which he is known for within the Wildlife Division. Rather, Will is being recognized as a farmer who practices what Aldo Leopold called the “land ethic,” a phrase he coined for living on and working with the land in an environmentally sustainable way.

Will farms jointly with his father Ronnie, mother Gloria, and wife Maggie at their “Old Homeplace” farm in Clay County. They raise naturally-grown veg-

etables and grass-fed angus beef, pastured lamb, pork, and chickens, and honey.

Their production techniques focus on improving soil health through practices like cover cropping, rotational multi-species grazing, and composting, with little to no inputs of pesticides or animal medications. Their sustainable farming efforts have been recognized by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, who has conducted training field days at the Bowlings' farm.

KDFWR is proud to have a true land steward like Will among its ranks. Please join us in congratulating him and the other two finalists – Charles Williams of Munfordville and Harry and Karen Pelle of Bradfordsville – on their conservation efforts.

The winner of the Leopold Conservation Award will be announced at the KACD annual convention in Bowling Green, Kentucky, on July 21. For more information, visit <http://www.kyagcouncil.net/leopold-conservation-award.html>.

New Hires

Information and Education Division welcomed **Rodney Frost** as the new Camp Superintendent at Camp Earl Wallace. Rodney started July 1.

Rodney accepted the position of superintendent following the planned retirement of the previous superintendent. Rodney's experience as a wastewater treatment plant operator, work at marinas and boats docks, and skills with carpentry, plumbing, and facilities maintenance make him a perfect fit at camp.

In his spare time, Rodney enjoys fishing, camping, and spending time with his kids. A Monticello native, Rodney will live

at Camp Wallace with his wife and two sons. We were thrilled to have Rodney join the Wallace team just in time for the busy summer camping season!

Fifteen-year veteran employee **Dave Dreves** has been promoted to Program Manager (Assistant Director) in Fisheries Division.

Dave earned his B.S. in biology at Northern Kentucky University and a M.S. in biology at Murray State University.

Prior to his joining KDFWR in May of 2000, Dave worked at Murray State University as an Aquatic Biologist and Research Assistant, and another year as a

Fisheries Biologist at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Dave has served KDFWR as a Fisheries Biologist and a Research Branch Coordinator where he orchestrated several angler surveys and conducted many projects for various fish species across the full range of cold to warm water fish.

Dave's research experience and leadership qualities will work favorably with his new responsibilities including supervising three research branches, our Transportation Branch and two hatcheries.

Please join us in welcoming Dave on his new appointment.

Tops in Social Media

KDFWR's Facebook was recently honored by the Kentucky Association of Government Communicators (KAGC) with a 2015 Award of Excellence in social media, the organization's first place award for social sites or campaigns among federal, state and local government agencies in the Commonwealth.

Brian Clark and **Brian Blank** from Public Affairs manage KDFWR's Facebook, which has grown since its inception in 2009 to a following of nearly 95,000 fans to date.

KAGC is the state's premier professional development group for government communicators. In addition to educational monthly meetings, it gives members opportunities to share best practices, promote high standards in public service and offer networking opportunities.

"This award recognizes the countless hours that staff throughout the Department have invested in providing audio/visual resources and information to the public through our Facebook posts, answers to posts, and responses to personal messages, and it wouldn't be possible without their expertise and time," said Clark.

"Many people don't expect to ever hear back from the Department when they send us a message through our page or post a comment, but they are pleasantly surprised when we respond," said Clark. "We have daily opportunities to engage with numerous sportsmen or other stakeholders, some of who are disgruntled about or simply don't understand the basis for some aspect of a Department program or regulation, and we often can help turn a negative communication into a positive one."

This helps the average constituent to feel that their opinion or experience matters, and that the Department cares about their participation and investments in conservation.

Another key to KDFWR's Facebook



Brian Clark (pictured, left) received the award from Rob Weber, President of KAGC, at its annual conference and awards ceremony.

Amy Wallot photo

successes with interaction and reach is the high level of enthusiasm and involvement by our fans and partnering organizations. A re-

cent post announcing Free Fishing Weekend in Kentucky reached over 760,000 people and was shared over 16,000 times.

Campbell named NASBLA Southern Region Boating Educator of the Year



Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Boating Educator **Zac Campbell** has been named National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) Boating Educator of the Year for its Southern Region.

The selection means that Campbell is one of three still in the running to be NASBLA's national Boating Educator of the Year.

Joining Campbell as NASBLA regional educators of the year for 2015 are Dave White of New York in the Northern Region, and Charlie Schaefer of Idaho/Washington in the Western Region.

The national boating educator of the year will be announced at the award banquet held during NASBLA's annual conference. This year's conference is September 13-16 in Wichita, Kansas, with the awards dinner on the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee releases Asian carp control strategy framework



The Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee has announced the release of the 2015 Asian Carp Control Strategy Framework. The Framework outlines the steps federal, state, and provincial partners will take in the fight against Asian carp.

The ACRCC's 2015 Asian Carp Control Strategy Framework outlines new risks to the Great Lakes from black carp and grass carp. It also highlights nearly \$60 million in projects, \$16 million of which will be funded through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, to safeguard the Great Lakes from invasive Asian carp.

Since the group's inception in 2009, more than \$318 million has been spent in research, control and monitoring efforts.

"We're moving the fight against Asian carp from our back yard down the alley," said Cameron Davis, co-chair of the ACRCC and Senior Advisor to the Administrator at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. "To protect the lakes, this Framework shores up our defenses near the Great Lakes and focuses our efforts further downstream toward the Mississippi River."

"The Framework underscores that by working together we can and will move the needle on Asian control and management," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Midwest Deputy Regional Director Charlie Wooley. "At the request of our state partners we will continue to provide our technical assistance in Great Lakes monitoring efforts."

Key initiatives in the 2015 Framework include advancing a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study on new controls at Brandon Road Lock and Dam, refining detection and control technologies, and continuing efforts to suppress fish populations through netting. A full list of 2015 action items, project descriptions and intended outcomes is provided in Appendix 2 of the Framework.

"Operating the electric barrier system, undertaking Asian carp monitoring and beginning the Brandon Road phase of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study are key components in the Corps' efforts to keep Asian carp from establishing in the Great Lakes. The Army Corps of Engineers will be working diligently

with our partners in the ACRCC to move these projects forward in the coming year," said Col. Christopher Drew, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District.

"U.S. Geological Survey scientists are in the lab and field testing and refining Asian carp control tools and technologies developed over the last few years," said Leon Carl, USGS Midwest Regional

Director. "We are committed to providing these resources to our partners to inform Asian carp management decisions."

Concurrent to the 2015 Framework, the ACRCC is releasing the annual Monitoring and Response Plan for Asian carp in the Upper Illinois River and Chicago Area Waterway System. Actions for the 2015 field season are similar to prior years. The focus continues to be on monitoring and removal of bighead and silver carp downstream of the Electric Barrier System in the Chicago Area Waterway System and the upper Illinois Waterway, as well as ongoing evaluations of the effectiveness of barriers and gears used to keep Asian carp from establishing in the CAWS and Lake Michigan.

Additionally, agency crews will conduct heightened evaluations surrounding Brandon Road Lock and Dam as a potential future control point, consistent with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study findings. Summary of 2014 findings are posted alongside the 2015 Monitoring and Response Plan.

USFWS helps state partners take stand against Asian carp

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has awarded more than \$240,000 to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to aid in the prevention, control and removal of Asian carp.

The USFWS Midwest Region announced \$800,000 in funding to assist state partners in the Upper Mississippi River and Ohio River basins in their Asian carp prevention and control efforts.

The funding comes from a \$2.3 million increase in the Service's 2015 base budget to support integrated Asian carp management efforts outside of the Great Lakes basin.

Asian carp species, including bighead, silver, black and grass, are unwelcome invaders to Midwest and Kentucky waterways. As directed by Congress, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is helping to coordinate response actions in the Upper Mississippi River and Ohio River basins to protect local economies that depend on outdoor recreation tied to healthy lakes, rivers and streams.

Funding was distributed evenly between the two basins, with priority projects focused on understanding the distribution and movement of Asian carp, the impact of the invasive fish on native fish, and removal of Asian carp from the water. Following is a breakdown of funding in each basin by state:

OHIO RIVER BASIN

Kentucky Total: \$240,149

- Research on distribution and movement
- Control and removal
- Limiting dispersal at lock and dams
- Monitoring and response in the Ohio River
- Coordination and outreach

West Virginia Total: \$95,000

- Research on distribution and movement
- Control and removal
- Limiting dispersal at lock and dams
- Monitoring and response in the Ohio River
- Coordination and outreach

Indiana Total: \$62,351

- Research on distribution and movement
- Impacts on native fish

Pennsylvania Total: \$2,500

- Monitoring and response in the Ohio River

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN

Minnesota Total: \$140,000

- Surveillance monitoring to determine presence and invasion fronts in the Upper Mississippi River
- Evaluation of Asian carp and native fish passage at Mississippi River locks and dams

Illinois Total: \$175,000

- Surveillance monitoring to determine presence and invasion fronts in the Upper Mississippi River
- Control and removal

Missouri Total: \$85,000

- Evaluation of Asian carp and native fish passage at Mississippi River locks and dams

Asian Carp Harvest Program yields early promising results



Asian Carp Harvest Program sign posted at a boat ramp on Barkley Lake. Signs alert boaters to potential gill net presence year-round as well as providing a violation reporting hotline.

The Asian Carp Harvest Program on Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley is in full swing. This new program grants participating commercial fishermen special access to otherwise restricted waters, directed at harvesting Asian carp via gill nets.

The goal of the program is to minimize the impacts that Asian carp have on these important ecosystems.

The Asian Carp Harvest Program allows KDFWR to work with commercial fishermen and fish processors to remove

significant numbers of Asian carp from the lakes.

Businesses use Asian carp to create a variety of products including food, bone meal, and fertilizers. Through this program, KDFWR personnel conduct ride-alongs with commercial fishermen and visit area markets to collect data on bycatch as well as age and population dynamics of the Asian carp population.

To minimize conflict with recreational anglers, commercial fishermen participating in the program are supplied with boat decals and must report specific fishing locations prior to each fishing trip.

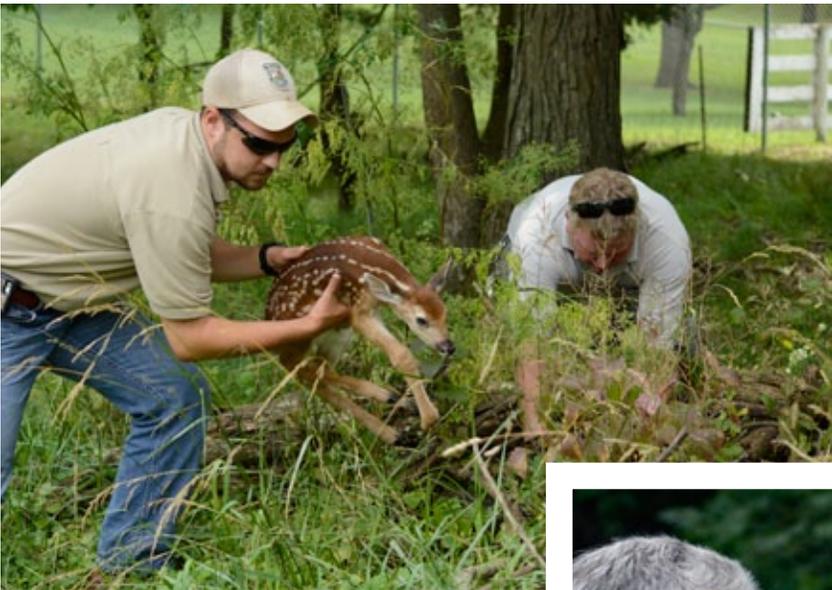
Interest in the Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley Asian carp fisheries increased in June with as many as 6 commercial fishermen fishing during one week.

To date, 16 ride-alongs have taken place with three commercial fishermen, harvesting more than 15,000 lbs. of Asian Carp from Kentucky and Barkley lakes in the month of May alone. By-catch has been minimal in most respects, only capturing 19 sport fish and only three Largemouth Bass have been documented during ride-alongs.

The success of this program will showcase the importance of commercial fishing in the harvest and management of these invasive fish species and alleviate tensions between commercial and recreational fishermen.



TAGGING NEWBORN FAWNS AT SALATO



Animal care technicians John Widener, Brad Burge and Justin Hamilton spent time last month locating and placing ear tags in newborn fawns at the Salato Wildlife Education Center.

Mindy Rose photos



Fisheries Division introducing line and plastic bait recycling

Fisheries Division is working on a Recycling Program to reduce the amount of monofilament fishing line and soft plastic baits at fishing access sites and in the waterways of the Commonwealth.

Most fishing line is non-biodegradable and persists in the environment for upwards of 600 years. Fish, birds and turtles can become entangled or even ingest discarded line. Outboard and trolling motors, jet skis, and lawn mowers, among other things, can also be damaged by discarded fishing line.

The Recycling Program has three main goals; 1) educate the public on the negative impacts of discarded fishing line and soft plastic baits, 2) provide an avenue for safely disposing of the items to keep them out of the environment, and 3) facilitate recycling of monofilament and soft plastic baits.

To heighten awareness and garner support for the upcoming recycling program, KDFWR joined with the Kentucky High School Athletics Association to reach out to high school anglers.

Every high school in Kentucky with a KHSAA sanctioned bass fishing team was asked to participate in an event to see who could collect, and recycle, the most monofilament and soft plastic baits.

The initiative culminated at the KHSAA State Bass Fishing Tournament May 15-16 at Kentucky Dam Marina. Participation was limited but expected, being the first year of the event and with limited time to gather materials.

We had a great two days educating and promoting recycling mono and soft plastics and had great response from the anglers and general public.

We collected 1.07 pounds of monofilament, 4.18 pounds of empty line spools and 26.9 pounds of soft plastic bait was collected. Henderson County High School

produced all of the mono and empty line spools and 5.56 pounds of soft plastics.

Calloway County High School produced 16.1 pounds of soft plastics baits. Both schools received a Berkley tackle box filled with Berkley/Trilene items, a bag of Zoom bait, ReBaits sponsor items, and various Kentucky Fish and Wildlife items for each team member. Henderson had 17 members and Calloway 25 members. Each school also received an Abu Garcia bait cast and spinning combo to award to team members at their discretion.

Event partners included KHSAA, Berkley, Abu Garcia, ReBaits, US Army Corps of Engineers, and KDFWR. We hope to make the event bigger and better next year!



Top: Henderson County recycled 1.07 lbs monofilament line, 4.18 lbs of empty line spools and 5.56lbs of soft plastic baits. Bottom: Calloway County HS produced 16.1 lbs of soft plastic baits.



Benelli USA donated 6 new Franchi shotguns for use by the department's conservation camps. Shown here are campers from Camp Currie proudly displaying the new 20 gauge guns and clay targets. The beautiful camouflage finish is a big hit with the campers. Shotgun instructor Bryant Carleton loves the guns for their trouble free operation and reduced felt recoil.



“Bob”-“White”!

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Headquarters staff recently visited west Livingston County to witness in person current successes and future management of the Department's highly successful National Bobwhite Focal Area.

Commissioner **Gregory Johnson**, Deputy Commissioner **Karen Waldrop**, and Wildlife Division Director **Steve Beam** joined area KDFWR staff, local landowners, and partners from The Nature Conservancy and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in getting a first-hand look at the complexities of managing a successful private lands focal area.

Following a brief roundtable discussion, the group spent time touring the area with landowners of focal area properties. Project manager **Philip Sharp** was praised by the group for his efforts to restore quail to an area rich in quail hunting history. Bobwhite were heard whistling in the background throughout the day.

The 6,000-acre Livingston County Quail Focal Area is one of six Kentucky focal areas currently being managed specifically for bobwhite quail. It represents one of



the nation's first National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative's Focal Areas. Each national focal area follows specific monitoring guidelines for habitat and birds, and they are paired with a reference area. Kentucky's reference area is in Crittenden County.

Twenty-five member states are collaborating to tackle one of conservation's greatest challenges. The National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative's Coordinating Implementation Program ([\[backbobwhites.org/strategy/nbci-2-0\]\(http://backbobwhites.org/strategy/nbci-2-0\)\) is a tiered strategy designed to restore grassland and shrubland habitats across the bird's range.](http://bring-</p>
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By working together, each state's contribution can be leveraged nationally to demonstrate the connection between quality habitat and quail. Kentucky remains at the forefront of the bobwhite restoration movement, for more information visit <http://fw.ky.gov/Documents/quailbenchmarkreport2015.pdf>.



Annual Catch-a-Rainbow attracts 3,000 anglers

The 29th Annual Catch-a-Rainbow Kids Fishing Derby held at Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery was a huge success!

The thrill of landing a feisty Rainbow trout attracted 3,000 people, including 1,300 eager youth anglers from Kentucky and several surrounding states.

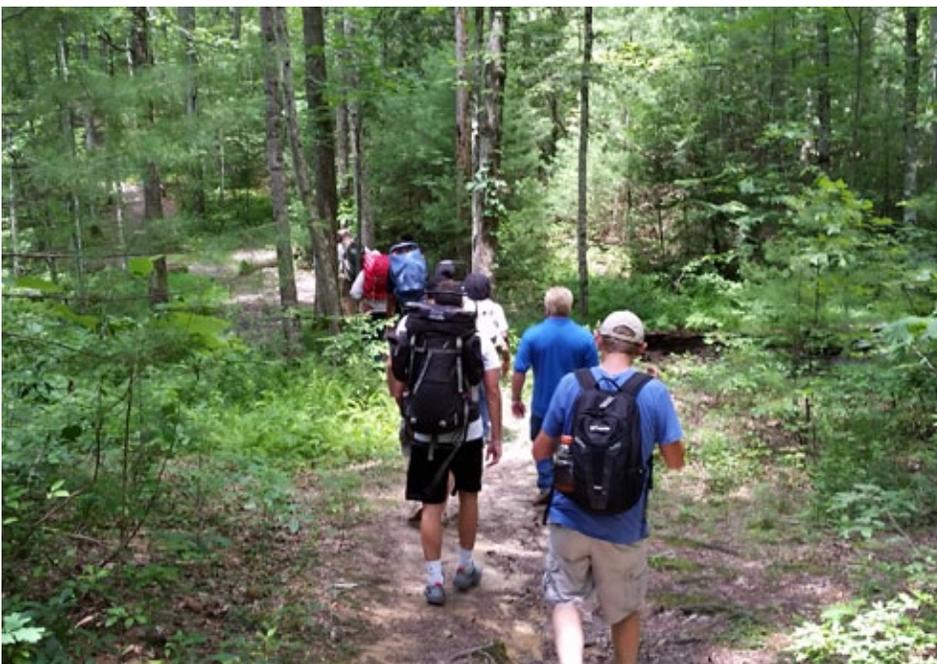
This free event is structured to maximize the opportunity of a lifetime for many young anglers. Event sponsorship and support comes from regional retail and civic organizations providing child participants complimentary outdoor gifts, t-shirts, plus food and drink.

Special thanks to James Gray and Moria Painter of Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery, and the entire Hatchery staff plus all volunteers! They dedicated a tremendous amount of time and effort towards making this special day possible for well over 1,000 children.

KDFWR staff **Kevin Rexroat** and **Jessie Boles** of the Stream and Wetland Mitigation Group, and Conservation Officer **Wayne Wilson** of Russell County also assisted.

More information about this and next year's event can be found at www.catcha-rainbow.org or www.fws.gov/wolfcreek.





Pack a Trout

Members of the **Northeastern Fishery District, Minor E. Clark Fish Hatchery, the Fish Transportation Section**, and volunteers with the Job Corps stocked Brown Trout into a tributary of the Red River.

As the transport folks made their long trip back to Frankfort, others loaded a backpack full of trout and made the steep descent into the bottom of the gorge near the Chimney Top trail head.

They stocked fingerling Brown Trout to provide a put/grow/take fishery for visitors to the Daniel Boone National Forest.

The Northeastern Fishery District is very thankful for all of the help they receive from various groups and could not get the job done without them.

Kentucky Afield Radio now contributing to Radio Eye

Kentucky Afield Radio is now a contributor to Radio Eye.

Radio Eye is a radio reading service for those who are unable to access the printed word. It broadcasts the reading of current newspapers, magazines, health materials, grocery ads, and much more, offering greater independent living to people who are blind, visually impaired or physically handicapped.

Listeners can access 24/7 broadcasts on special pre-tuned Radio Eye radios, on the iBlink Radio app, on the NFB-Newsline telephone service, and at www.radioeye.org.

Radio Eye accepted our broadcast because, while it's not verbatim from a publication, it's timely useful public service information about Kentucky and for Kentuckians.

It will start airing on Saturdays at 10:30 on Radio Eye's Morehead and Eastern Kentucky streams and 12:30 in Louisville and Lexington.

That's pretty sweet.

“Decompressing” on Barren River Lake

May is always one of the busiest months of the year for the Salato staff and this year was no exception.

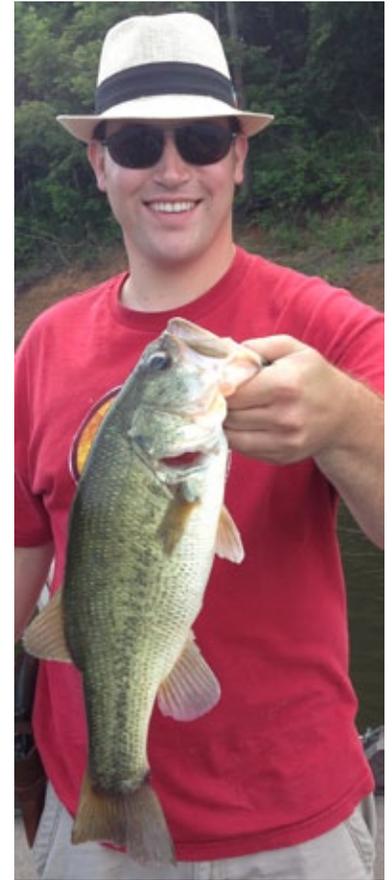
School field trips produce hordes of school children eager to learn about Kentucky wildlife, and they fill the center throughout the week. Countless families, seniors, and scout groups, and more visit during the weekends.

Hoping to decompress at the finale of the “busy season,” Conservation Educator **Geoff Roberts** (left) took his supervisor **Brent McCarty** for a day of bass fishing on Barren River Lake.

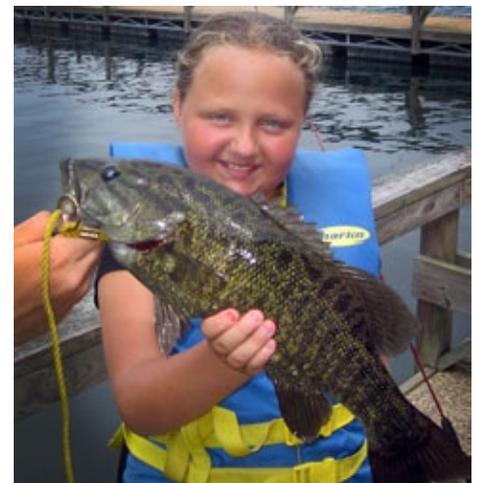
Geoff’s history on the lake proved itself as the duo caught nearly 30 bass, one of which was Brent’s largest bass to date.

Geoff joked, “This had better show up on my evaluation!” The day of fishing served as a great distraction from the demands of the job.

After all, as Geoff likes to say, “It’s tough to beat a day on the lake.”



“CHRISTMAS IN JULY” AT CAMP WALLACE IS FUN FOR CAMPER AND STAFF.



CUMBERLAND LAKE SMALLIE

Hannah, a young camper from Lee County, spent a week at Camp Earl Wallace last month. After reeling in this nice smallmouth, she claimed simply that she “catches bigger fish than that all the time.”