

### Commissioner Johnson appoints Billye Haslett as Administrative Services Division Director

entucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Gregory K. Johnson has announced the appointment of Billye M. Haslett to head the Department's Division of Administrative Services as its new director. She assumes her new duties July 1.

Billye has a long working relationship with the Department, having served as the State Administrative Officer for USDA-NRCS (NRCS) and as the Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) Land Manager. She has coordinated cooperative agreements and program management between the two agencies for many years.

"I've had a great partnership with KDFWR over the years," she said. "I'm very excited to have the opportunity to once again work with the fine folks at KDFWR. I believe in the KDFWR mission(s) and the sportsmen and women that they support across the state."

Most recently she held the position of State Administrative Officer with NRCS. Billye retired in April 2010 from NRCS. Billye started her federal career with NRCS, having served as a Soil Conservationist (SC) and District Conservationist



(DC) in both Kentucky and Virginia locations.

Billye was serving as the District Conservationist in Staunton, Virginia in December 1986 when she transferred to the Department of Defense at Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) in Richmond. Billye assumed the position of Management Agronomist (Land Manager) for BGAD

and began her coordination with KDFWR through managed deer hunts and other technical and biological assistance.

Some current and former biologists at KDFWR gained early wildlife experience at BGAD with a partnership Billye helped set up with Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) under the direction of Dr. Charles Elliott. EKU students became the wildlife researchers at BGAD, providing valuable data to support the natural resources programs.

She spent 16 years in various capacities at BGAD. She served as Director of Services and Support, and Director of Public Works and Land Manager. While at BGAD Billye was responsible for a variety of programs that included a \$90 million annual budget, property worth \$42 million, oversight of personnel in Finance & Accounting, Information Management, Facility and Equipment Management, Fire

and Emergency Services (Fire Department) and always the Natural Resources Management Programs (forestry, wildlife, and agriculture).

"My career has always revolved around natural resources," she said. "We developed a first class land management program at BGAD."

Billye supervised 55 employees and obtained extensive experience with environmental and safety programs, personnel management, property management, contracting, and facility engineering.

In August 2002, Billye decided to return to NRCS and was selected as the State Administrative Officer (SAO). As the SAO, she supervised the personnel dedicated to Budget and Finance, Human Resources (personnel), and Contracting. Billye coordinated the Cooperative Agreement between KDFWR and NRCS, and certified payment to KDFWR for work accomplished under the agreement.

Billye has a B.S. in Recreation and Park Administration 1978; B.S. in Technical Agriculture 1980; and a Master in Public Administration (MPA) 1994, all from Eastern Kentucky University.

Billye is married to Carl R. Haslett. They reside at Clays Ferry in Fayette County and have one daughter, Lisa Haslett Schneider, who lives in Orange, CA, with her husband Tom.



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### **WE GET MAIL**Letters to the Commissioner's Office

The following note was sent to Laura Burford, "My daughter Hanna G. and I attended the fishing weekend at Camp Earl Wallace May 8. I wanted to thank you for the weekend event. It was wonderful. Not only did my daughter feel very special at being asked to attend but the event provided us an opportunity to have quality one on one time to talk and bond.

As a single mother of two, I cannot begin to tell you how much that meant to me. The staff were FANTASTIC!!

They were friendly and welcoming.

They made us feel at home, but let the event be a family bonding event as well.

Hanna has told all of our family about the entire trip. I know that a lot of planning went into the weekend for a small group.

We really appreciate the work. Thank you again." Gwen and Hanna G.

This note came to Laura Burford from Tzurrel W. "Dear Ms. Burford, Thank you for everything you do. I really enjoyed my fishing trip at Camp Earl Wallace. Thank you for letting me have the opportunity to go."

This note came via email from Mr. Donald McKenzie with the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI) to Commissioner Johnson:

"Training workshop last week at Shaker Village was a rousing success. John Morgan, Ben Robinson and all the other fine folks (including KDFWR's Danna Baxley, KDFWR/NRCS's Philip Sharp and Murray State's Madeleine Pratt) that helped develop and lead the workshop have earned our kudos.

I could not be more satisfied with the whole training event; the whole thing went as smoothly as we could have hoped, especially considering it was our (NBCI and NBTC) first time to do such an inten-



sive training workshop, and that participation from more than a dozen other states exceeded our expectations and strained the logistical capacity.

I heard overwhelmingly positive attitudes, discussion and commentary from all the participating states about the whole thing. The setting, logistics, content, etc. all were top notch. The time, thought and en-

ergy your staff put into making it succeed are very much appreciated by me and all of us at the NBCI.

I also personally appreciate your willingness to join us and offer some remarks at the beginning. I perceive that the nation's community of state agency quail coordinators long has been overshadowed by other agency priorities. It is good for that group to know that state agency leaders will make the effort to reach out and support their work. Thank you.

My congratulations to your staff for their outstanding work, to your agency for your national-caliber bobwhite leadership, and to the state of Kentucky for fine hospitality!"

We received a letter from Marc Puckett and Jay Howell, Small Game Project Leaders with the Virginia Depart-

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#### Musky angler all smiles after memorable catch

Hello, I am a Kentucky resident, and I just wanted to say thank you for all the hard work that goes into our musky fisheries!

Musky fishing is one of my many outdoor hobbies, and this past weekend I lucked into that amazing fish pictured here – my largest to date, measuring 49½ inches.

I was able to successfully release this monster for the next lucky angler.

It is great to know that musky anglers don't have to travel to northern boundary waters to catch 50-inch class fish.

Great job everyone. Keep it up!! Sincerely, Jonathan Thompson

### KDFWR acquires Bath County Big Farm property

The Department of Fish and Wildlife completed acquisition of a 467 acre tract of land in Bath County last month.

Unofficially referred to as 'Big Farm,' this property consists of several acres of crop fields with forested hillsides and will be part of the Clay Wildlife Management Area.

This property should offer a good opportunity for both fishing and hunting. The most notable aspect of this property is the Licking River access. Over a mile of Licking River Bank will be accessible within this property.

Roughly 40 miles downstream of Cave Run tailwater and 20 miles upstream of Clay WMA, this portion of the Licking River has very little public access. The Department is currently investigating potential for ramp development on the property.

The new property was purchased entirely with funding from the Kentucky Wetland and Stream Mitigation Program. It will preserve and restore small tributaries, Indian Creek and the Licking River Bank within the property.

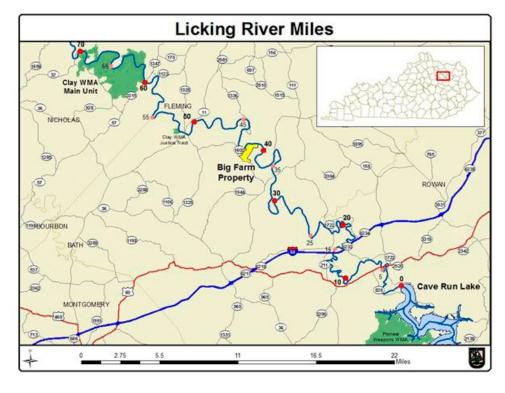
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ment of Game and Inland Fisheries. They wrote, "We write to comment your staff for their organization and leadership of the recent Coordinated Implementation Program (CIP) training. They have shown tremendous leadership over the years. **John Morgan, Ben Robinson** and all the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff involved deserve a hearty thank you. Please extend our compliments to them.

We found the training well organized and worthwhile. **Commissioner Johnson**, we also appreciate your time commitment late in the evening to go out of your way to address our group. That was above and beyond the call. Thank you for that, as well as all you are doing to support quail recovery in Kentucky and nationally."

Restoration activities, consisting of heavy construction to stabilize banks and improve aquatic habitat, will be occurring over the next several years.

The property is not yet marked and is not yet open for public access.

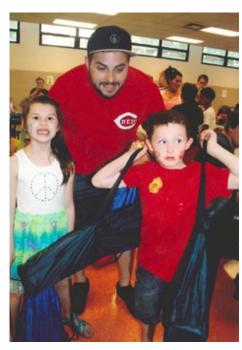


The following letter came addressed to Donna Hayes with our Public Affairs Division. "On behalf of the Lincoln Elementary PTC, thank you for supporting the Spring Festival on May 1 with your gift of camping chairs, and backpacks filled with goodies.

With your generous giving, the event raised funds for future field trips, events and incentives for the children attending Lincoln Elementary School.

Imagine the look on their adorable face when their number was called in the raffle. What a difference you made to someone's day!

The PTC could not do what it does without the generous support of a caring community. Thank you again for your thoughtful gift to Lincoln Elementary School and the Spring Festival."



#### **New Hires**

The Northeast Fisheries District recently hired **Justin Spaulding** as the new assistant fisheries biologist. Justin completed his Master's at Tennessee Tech and studied the thermal ecology of several fish species near the Cumberland Fossil Plant on Lake Barkley. Justin has worked for the National Park Service, Tennessee State Parks, and as a research technician with the Tennessee Cooperative Fishery Unit.

Originally from northeastern New York, Justin grew up on a dairy farm and has also lived near the Gulf of Mexico in south Florida. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing, hunting, and trapping almost anything in season. Justin is thrilled to bring his diverse experience to the District and to begin his career in the Fisheries Division.

Loren Taylor started May 1 as our new Avian Biologist with the nongame program and is hitting the ground running in her new position. Loren will be in charge of our Peregrine Falcon and Golden-winged Warbler Monitoring, among other raptor and songbird projects.

Loren graduated from EKU with a degree in Wildlife Management in 2012 and volunteered with the Salato Wildlife Education Center for two years. After that, Loren traveled around for seasonal wildlife positions and worked as KDF-WR's Peregrine Falcon technician in 2014.

The Western Fisheries District welcomes **Benjamin Morris** as their new Fish and Wildlife Technician II. Benjamin has a Bachelor's degree in Biology with an emphasis in fisheries. He worked as a seasonal Fish and Wildlife Technician in 2012 and 2013 for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Department and worked seasonally with KDFWR in 2014 and 2015.

Benjamin is well qualified for the job and will be heavily involved with sportfish management and habitat projects on Barkley and Kentucky lakes.



Derrick Lindsey staffs the Department's display and talks to adults and students about bears in Kentucky (below).

### Wildlife staff participates in "Back the BEARS" at Cumberland Gap National Park

Southeast Region Wildlife Division staff participated in the two-day "Back The B.E.A.R.S." (Be Educated And Responsible Stewards) event at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park on April 24-25.

This educational event included speakers, hands-on activities, and exhibitors from agencies and organizations within the tri-state area of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

There were 886 students and teachers attending the event on Friday, with an additional 686 members of the general public attending on Saturday.

Exhibits included bear skins and skulls, bear capture techniques, bear hazing techniques, and telemetry demonstrations, along with stories, songs, artwork and many other activities geared toward teaching people how to co-exist with bears.



# Kentucky hosts bobwhite habitat training for biologists from 14 states

entucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Gregory K. Johnson gave a big Kentucky welcome to 27 biologists from 14 states at Shaker Village Wednesday evening, May 13.

The group, whose members came from as far as New Jersey and Texas, gathered for training related to the coordinated establishment of official Bobwhite Focal Areas under the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI) banner, an effort by 25 state wildlife agencies to restore huntable bobwhite populations range wide.

KDFWR took a lead role in helping states develop the protocol to be used by all 25 NBCI states, and the department agreed to host the habitat assessment training at Shaker Village, one of the state's several bobwhite restoration areas.

Participants spent Wednesday evening with presentations regarding the "why" and "how" of the NBCI focal area plan, as well as what participants should expect regarding the next day's habitat assessment training in the field.

Primary message of the evening: "Pay particular attention to 'protective cover' and 'bare ground,' particularly in the context of bobwhite chicks, which are not much bigger than bumblebees when they leave the nest with their parents to feed."

On Wednesday, participants divided into five groups to rotate among each of five different types of habitat situations to sharpen their habitat assessment skills and be ready to train others in their home



Above: Commissioner Greg Johnson welcomed biologists to Shaker Village. Below: KDFWR's John Morgan provides an example of a different habitat setting to participants in habitat assessment training.





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### Low country boil helps Curry staff ready for campers

The staff at Camp Currie pitched in to purchase live crayfish for a low country boil.

The staff had just concluded two weeks of training and preparing camp for the arrival of kids. Nothing helps build a team like good food eaten in a fun atmosphere.

The entire staff pitched in, and Educator **Bryant Carleton** took a counselor's car to Arkansas and picked up fresh live crayfish.

Bryant and Camp Currie's favorite Marshall County Deputy Jason Ivy cooked it up with onions, corn and tators.

It was really really gooooood!!!
Good way to end Counselor in Training (CIT).

#### "Training," continued

states. Not surprisingly, bobwhites were heard calling. In addition, NBCI staff conducted a two-day staff meeting at the village prior to the group's arrival and provided a video crew to record the training at every stop in order to develop online training for others across the bobwhite range.

A Texas representative said at the close of the training workshop on Thursday, "On my way here I wasn't very optimistic about what I would learn... but it was outstanding."

NBCI Director Don McKenzie also gave an enthusiastic review. "I could not have been more satisfied with the entire training event; it went as smoothly as we could have hoped, especially considering



it was our (NBCI's and the National Bobwhite Technical Committee's) first time to do such an intensive training workshop, and that participation from more than a dozen other states exceeded our expectations and strained the logistical capacity. KDFWR's Philip Sharp gathers participants around the tailgate to compare their individual habitat analyses at a third stop in the training circuit.

"I heard overwhelmingly positive attitudes, discussion and commentary from all the participating states," he said. "The setting, lo-

gistics and content were all topnotch. The time, thought and energy KDFWR staff – John Morgan, Ben Robinson, Danna Baxley, Philip Sharp and Madeleine Pratt – put into making it succeed were very much appreciated."





### Hatcheries and Transportation stocking thousands in FINS lakes

As the spring fishing frenzy begins, KDFWR's Hatcheries and Transportation sections are working hard to produce and stock thousands of pounds of catfish and sunfish in FINs (Fishing In Neighborhoods) lakes throughout the state.

The Pfieffer hatchery intensively cultures both catfish and hybrid bluegill to sustain the high pressure urban lakes of the FINs program.

Rearing more and larger fish for the program has presented numerous new challenges for the hatchery and the transportation staff that deliver these fish to lakes and ponds statewide.

Unlike catfish, previously stocked at 15 months of age, those for the FINS lakes are grown for up to 26 months. This allows them time to reach a suitable stocking size.

For faster growth and more disease resistance, the Pfeiffer Hatchery started raising some channel and blue catfish hybrids that will only be stocked in the FINs lakes.

Additionally, for an occasional boost, the FINs program also receives retired brook stock in the 10-15 lb range.

The Pfieffer Hatchery produces nearly

100,000 lbs of catfish per year for the FINs lakes. The catfish are raised at a density of 8,000 pounds per acre and fed up to 150 lbs of feed per acre.

Because of the increase in production the Department recently purchased a crane to assist with the harvest.

To add to the fun for fisherman of all ages the Pfeiffer Hatchery also recently began raising hybrid bluegill. These are a fast growing, aggressive cross between green sunfish and bluegill that are grown to between 6-7 inches in 16 to 24 months.

Hybrid bluegill provide great fishing for adults and children alike. Many of the FINs lakes now have abundant sunfish populations, so in coming years the hatchery will begin producing fewer, but larger hybrid sunfish.

None of this would be possible without the Transportation Section which maintains a busy schedule year-round to stock fish throughout the state.









The annual Salato Sampler offered "samplin" to many tastes. More than 400 guests sampled good food, good music, Kentucky spirits, wines and ales, and even posed for selfies with the resident wildlife.

### SALATO SAMPLIN'







#### MISS KENTUCKY

Fiddler and vocalist Ramsey Carpenter performed with her band at the Salato Sampler as she has for many years, except this year she joined us also as the reigning "Miss Kentucky."



### Raising cane in the Northeast

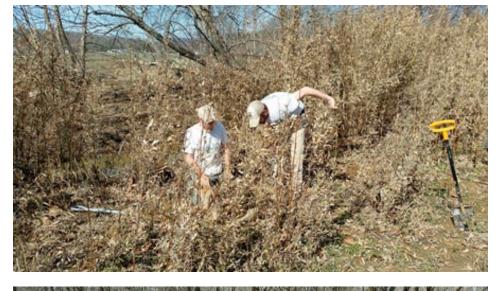
River cane was a common and important species associated with Kentucky's riparian and lowland habitat. Early explorers described vast monotypic stands referred to as canebrakes.

These stands once covered hundreds of acres across the Kentucky landscape. It is now estimated that 90% or more of cane is gone due to farming, lack of fire, over grazing and land clearing.

Cane was an important plant for many species of wildlife. Canebrakes would span for great distances, providing cover, nesting, travel corridors and food value for deer, turkey, bears, bison and many species of small game. River cane was extremely important to Native Americans who used this for everything from weapons and fishing equipment to baskets, medicine and food.

Northeast region staff is trying to reestablish cane on Clay WMA. Staff dug clumps from Minor Clark Hatchery in Morehead and from a private farm in Bath County. The clumps were transplanted in an acre of bottomland fields that had been treated previously to control vegetation.

Clumps seem to be doing well despite all the rain this past spring. Cane has running rhizomes which aid in spreading the plant as it irregularly produces seed. The goal will be for the clumps to take root and spread throughout the Licking River corridor of Clay WMA.







Top: Wes Mattox and Zach Slinker dig clumps from a private farm in Bath County. Middle: Zach Beyer and Zach Slinker transplant a clump on Clay WMA.

Bottom: Cane clumps as of 5/28/15.





Quality size rock bass (left) can be caught around root wades and large cobble with current, while quality size bluegill (right) are more commonly found in the pooled sections of South Fork Licking River.

### South Fork Licking River fishery provides excellent opportunity for anglers

Sport fish surveys conducted during May 2015 on the South Fork Licking River revealed good opportunities for a wide variety of sport fish.

Smallmouth bass were collected up to 18 inches with the population being rated as "excellent." Rock bass were present up to 9.5 inches and rated as "good." Both smallmouth bass and rock bass catch rates were highest observed since 2006.

The best concentrations of small-mouth bass and rock bass can be found in areas of the stream that are not impounded by low head dams. In the impounded sections, the fishery is mainly comprised of largemouth bass, which have improved in recent years, white and black crappie up to 12 inches, and bluegill up to eight inches.

Flathead catfish and channel catfish can be found in low numbers throughout the entire river.

Like the South Fork Licking River, many of our streams provide an excellent opportunity to catch fish. The potential for trophy size fish are available in many streams throughout the state.



Fisheries biologists Jay Herrala (left) and Tom Timmerman (right) show off some of the species sampled in the South Fork Licking River.

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### Region and programs collaborate on deer exclusion case study on Clay WMA

ortheast Region staff are forging the way for the wildlife division when it comes to forest stand improvement projects for wildlife.

Declines of early successional forest species like grouse and whip-poor-wills have become concerning to biologists in the southeastern United States. To address these concerns, NE Region staff implemented several projects to create habitat ideal for these species.

These projects open up the canopy, let more light penetrate the forest floor and are expected to result in favorable forest understory changes. KDFWR is just starting to embark on these types of forest management projects, and **Jacob Stewart** of Clay WMA had one pressing question:

Does high deer density impact understory forest response after these habitat projects are implemented?

To answer this question, Jacob sought out the assistance of the Research Program, Big Game Program

and Small Game Program to design and implement a case study to assess the impact of deer herbivory on forest regeneration after these habitat improvement projects have been completed.

The big question is: Are there more or less native herbaceous species in areas where we exclude deer? If there are major



From left to right: Zach Beyer, Jimmy Woods, Jacob Stewart and Brian Waggoner (all are Clay WMA staff)

differences, do we need to take measures to decrease herd densities on Clay WMA?

Deer exclusion fencing is being installed this summer and long-term monitoring will assess differences in native and invasive species, oak regeneration, and forest understory structure for areas with and without deer on Clay WMA.





#### Conservation officers assist with Special Olympics fishing tourney

n May 9th several Fifth District conservation officers assisted the Fifth District Federation and the Special Olympics in their 38th Special Fishing

Olympics.

The tournament was held at the Bobwhite Club in Campbell County on several well-stocked lakes that provided the participants with plenty of exciting fishing.

The participating anglers caught 530 fish, and that meant volunteers spent a lot of time cleaning the fish.





### Trail Life USA trapping workshop

The United Trappers of Kentucky hosted a fur trapping workshop to teach the ins and outs of trapping and fur handling to 65 youth in grades K-12 from the group Trail Life USA.

The workshop was held on May 23 at the Salato Wildlife Center. Salato staff **Geoff Roberts** and **John Baggerman** assisted with logistics and setup.

Furbearer Biologist Laura Palmer opened with an overview of how state wildlife agencies use trapping as a tool to manage wildlife and aid in species restorations, how trappers help the public solve wildlife damage issues, and utilization of

fur products.

The youth then hit the field and learned trap setting techniques on land and in the water from seasoned trappers Chet Hayes, Greg Bickel, Dave Kriege, Jeremy Taulbee, Leon and Dennis Smith, Eddie Covey, Stacy and Jeremiah White

and Stephen Pickard. A special focus included discussions on ethical trapping and safety on the trap line.

The young outdoorsmen were able to participate in hands-on fur handling and pelt preparation activities that taught them the steps in preparing fur for sale.

The group also enjoyed touring Salato, a special performance by a live groundhog directed by Salato's **Tiffany Laracuente**, and a wildlife scavenger hunt.





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### DAD'S DAY OUT AT CARR CREEK LAKE



Dad's Day Out at Carr Creek Lake, put together by Seventh District Conservation Officers and the Knott County Drug Abuse Council turned into a family day in the area. Sergeants Greg Watts and Jason Slone joined officers Shane Amburgey, Brian Smith and Eric Thomas in helping at the event. Participants proudly showed off their first fish ever, and Thomas helped remove them. Sgt Watts snapped photos and kept the kids hooks baited, while Amburgey kept the archery range going.





## High school students compete at 16th annual Envirothon

DFWR Wildlife Division recently assisted Kentucky Division of Conservation (DOC) with their 16th annual Envirothon!

Wildlife biologists came together to help make this year's Envirothon a success!

The Envirothon is a competition developed to strengthen high school students' understanding of the importance of natural resources. Teams are tested on their knowledge of Kentucky's natural resources at five field stations. Topics include Wildlife, Forestry, Soil, Water, and a current environmental issue.

This year's current issue was Urban and Community Forest. The 2015 wildlife test was written by **Terri Estes** and administered by **Tyler Reagan**, **Wes Little**, **Chris Mason** and **Brian Gray**.

The wildlife portion tests students on a variety of topics such as wildlife identification, management, diseases, habitat,



State Envirothon Winners: Paul Laurence Dunbar High School

and ecology. We also introduce them to complicated wildlife issues that stimulate critical thinking skills. Students get exposure to a variety of wildlife such as frogs, snakes, and salamanders. They also get to examine furs/skulls and listen to bird/frog calls.

Thirty nine teams competed at the Regional competition with 18 teams advancing to State. Fayette County's Paul Laurence Dunbar High School won the state competition and will represent Kentucky at the International North American

Envirothon held in Springfield, Missouri. Students come from as far as Canada, Guam, and Puerto Rico to compete!

KDFWR believes in the importance of educating our next generation of hunters, fishermen, conservationists, and wildlife enthusiasts! We wish the best of luck to Dunbar High students competing in the International Envirothon!

If you are interested in starting an Envirothon team at your high school, please call Johnna McHugh at 502-564-2320.



### FEASTING ON FRUIT

Cedar waxwings were abundant and feasting on the fruits of a serviceberry bush outside the Salato Wildlife Education Center last week. Salato Conservation Educator Geoff Roberts says the berries in their diet contribute to the red waxy tips of their flight feathers. *Mindy Rose photo* 

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### **Spring Golf Scramble results**

A great day of weather and camaraderie was enjoyed by 29 golfers who gathered May 15 for the annual KDFWR Spring Golf Scramble at The Brook Golf Club in Versailles.

The course yielded some great scores as two teams came in at 10 under par. The title was determined by a scorecard playoff with the team of **Rob Lewis, Joseph Zimmerman, Tom Van Arsdall** and **Kevin Rexroat** emerging victorious.

They were deadlocked at 10-under with the team of Loren Clark, Patrick Roberts and Anthony Godbey at the end of regulation play, but came up on the short end of the scorecard playoff.

Due to an odd number of players, sev-

eral teams only had three golfers. To compensate, golfers on these teams were allowed to rotate through and take an extra shot each time for being short a player.

Closest to the pin honors went to Anthony Godbey (2), Loren Clark and **Dan Stoelb** on the four Par-3's.

A special thanks to **Don Bunnell** for his culinary concoctions. Make sure to mark your calendars for the fall scramble on Friday September 25 at Juniper Hills Golf Course in Frankfort. You won't want to miss it!

#### **FINAL RESULTS**

1st: Rob Lewis, Joseph Zimmerman, Tom Van Arsdall, Kevin Rexroat (-10) 2nd: Loren Clark, Patrick Roberts,

Anthony Godbey (-10)

**3rd:** Dan Stoelb, Ben Robinson, Dane Balsman, Jim Barnard (-9)

**4th:** Shane Carrier, Patrick Younts,

Damon Foster (-8)

**5th:** David Bruce, Eric McGinnis, Melissa Trent, Tim Wiard (-6)

6th: Rod Middleton, David Hale, Dave

Dreves, Jay Herrala (-6)

**7th:** John Gutzeit, Don Bunnell, Keith

Wethington (-2)

8th: Chad Miles, Michael Gray, John

Williams, Tim Farmer (E)





#### CAMP CURRY'S FANNIN SAYS "BIG HEAD" WAS A FUN CATCH

Camp Curry Director Bill Fannin managed to eliminate at least one member of the invasive species Big Head Carp.

"It bit the bait," he says. "I did not snag it. It was 15 minutes getting it in on 10-pound test line. It was about 25-30 lbs.

"It was fun to catch."