



# U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

## Neosho National Fish Hatchery Newsletter

**AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2012**

### VISITOR CENTER EVENTS & MEETINGS



Visitor Center completed December 2010



Original hatchery building constructed in the 1880s and razed in the 1960s.

The Crowder Soft Stitchers Quilting Club held their annual luncheon at the Fish Hatchery August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Some of the ladies attending had worked on the Neosho National Fish Hatchery Centennial Quilt, pictured above, and presented to the hatchery 24 years ago. The quilt is proudly on display in our Visitor Center and features the original hatchery and headquarters opened in 1888. This Victorian building was razed in the 1960s. To pay tribute to the hatchery's origins, the Victorian style architecture along with the witch's hat and onion dome roof styles, were lovingly incorporated into our new high tech and totally "green" Visitor Center erected a year and half ago and pictured upper left. Many of the quilters shared fond childhood memories of the hatchery.





## CONGRESSIONAL AGRICULTURAL TOUR

Seventh District Congressman Billy Long and approximately fifty guests toured the Neosho National Fish Hatchery on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The stop was part of the annual agricultural tour. Missouri State Representatives Bill Reiboldt and Bob Kollmeier along with members of our Friends Group provided a picnic lunch for guests and hatchery staff. A tour of the hatchery was provided by Manager, David Hendrix.



Rep. Bill Reiboldt, Mgr. David Hendrix,  
Congressman Billy Long  
*(Photo by Education Specialist Bruce Hallman)*





# AREA FFA GROUP TOURS

## MONETT



Two hundred and fifty-five FFA students from area schools were given tours of the Visitor Center, rainbow trout hatchery, and sturgeon hatchery by Assistant Manager Roderick May and Educational Specialist Bruce Hallman.

The students participated in a Veterinary Seminar at Crowder College in Neosho and included the fish hatchery in their visit on 9/25.

## MCDONALD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

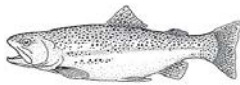


Students learned of the varied “green” features of our facility and how they too can contribute to a “greener” environment by using sustainable products and recycling. They learned about conservation of wildlife and the protection of our endangered species by seeing what we do here at the hatchery with our propagation programs for pallid sturgeon, fatmucket mussels and Ozark blind cave fish. As always, the favorite portion of the tour was tossing fish food to very receptive and hungry fish.

## DIAMOND



## PIERCE CITY





# TOURS AND SPECIAL EVENTS



### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Seventeen students and staff from the Arnsberg, Germany, Student Foreign Exchange Program toured as part of their three-week stay in Neosho.



Residents of Medicalodges of Neosho spent a September afternoon picnicking, feeding fish and touring the Visitor Center. Mrs. Bobbie Tuggle (lower right) lived near the hatchery for many years and enjoyed the ducks and wildlife drawn to the fish ponds throughout the seasons.



Assistant Manager Roderick May and Educational Specialist Bruce Hallman provided a booth at the FFA Food for America Educational Program at Seneca, Missouri. Approximately 600 students viewed the exhibits. (Photo by Bruce Hallman)



The Crowder College Upward Bound students listen attentively as Assistant Manager Roderick May shares what the hatchery is all about.





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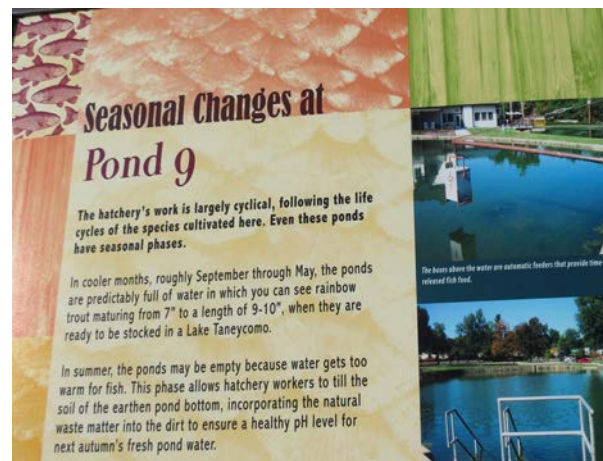
## TROUT RUN

Approximately 60 cyclists bowed their heads for a prayer of safety before beginning the Inaugural Trout Run Bicycle Century Tour and Charity which was held September 22nd. The 100 mile loop began and ended at the Neosho National Fish Hatchery with the turnaround point at Roaring River State Park in Cassville, MO. Both facilities raise rainbow trout. There was a 25 mile and a 50 mile run as well. Sponsored by ACCESS Family Care, proceeds of the race benefitted children who cannot afford medical or dental care. (Photo by Kay Hively, Neosho Daily News)

## OTHER TOURS AND VISITING GROUPS

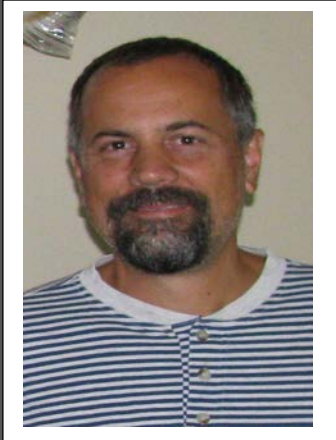
- Joplin Children's Center
- Carthage YMCA
- Crowder New Teacher Tour
- Joplin Moms Group
- Joplin YMCA
- Crowder Upward Bound
- Joplin Convention Center
- Willow Crest of Miami, OK
- Neosho Class of 1952

New informational and educational signage has been installed throughout the hatchery grounds for self-guided tours. These bright and colorful signs erected in concrete at the ponds and on the sides of buildings detail what we do here at the hatchery and how we do it. They were placed to enhance visits particularly during hours when the Visitor Center is closed.





## STAFF NEWS



### NEW FACE AT THE HATCHERY

Bruce Hallman is the new educational outreach specialist at the hatchery. His job is to work with and educate the public, particularly school children, about the hatchery. Bruce was raised in Denver, Colorado and attended Colorado State University at Fort Collins with a degree in microbiology and a master's in science education. He taught at the high school level for 18 years and worked five summers as a seasonal employee at Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Park.

(Photo by Kay Hively, Neosho Daily News).



Administrative Assistant Heather Thorne completed the required fiscal year-end reporting and paperwork for the hatchery. Her professionalism and proficiency will help to insure another successful "fishful" fiscal year ahead.

### MEETINGS AND TRAINING

Manager David Hendrix and Assistant Manager Roderick May attended a U.S. Department of Interior meeting in Washington DC in August to discuss the Summer Faculty Fellowship Program.

Manager David Hendrix and Assistant Manager Roderick May attended National Training for Management in Detroit, MI 8/12-16<sup>th</sup>.

Administrative Assistant Heather Thorne completed FBMS in Bloomington, MN





# FISH CULTURE



(Photo by Bruce Hallman)

### AUGUST

Fourteen thousand 2 1/2 inch rainbows were sent to Montauk Fish Hatchery in August

Seventy thousand trout eggs were received from Erwin, TN

Twelve thousand 10 inch rainbows went out to Lake Taneycomo

### SEPTEMBER

100,000 rainbow trout eggs were received from Erwin, TN

21,000 rainbows went out to Taneycomo



Biologist Jeff Messens nets fish bound for Lake Taneycomo near Branson, MO.

Modifications (photos upper left) are currently being made to enhance one of the sturgeon buildings by adding solar heating panels. Warmer water is necessary for optimum pallid sturgeon growth. The solar equipment will allow for more efficient and effective usage of our raceway systems and thereby increase health and numbers of our sturgeon production.

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