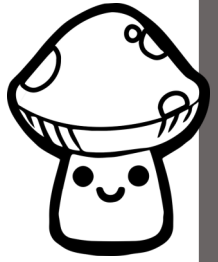


FRIENDS OF WOLF CREEK NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY NEWSLETTER

January—March 2025

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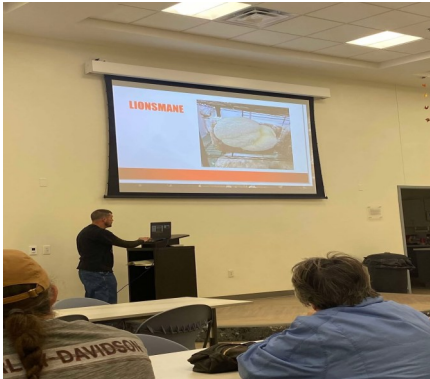


Mushroom Grow Bag workshop

The Mushroom Grow Bag Workshop was held on March 6 at the Russell County Public Library .

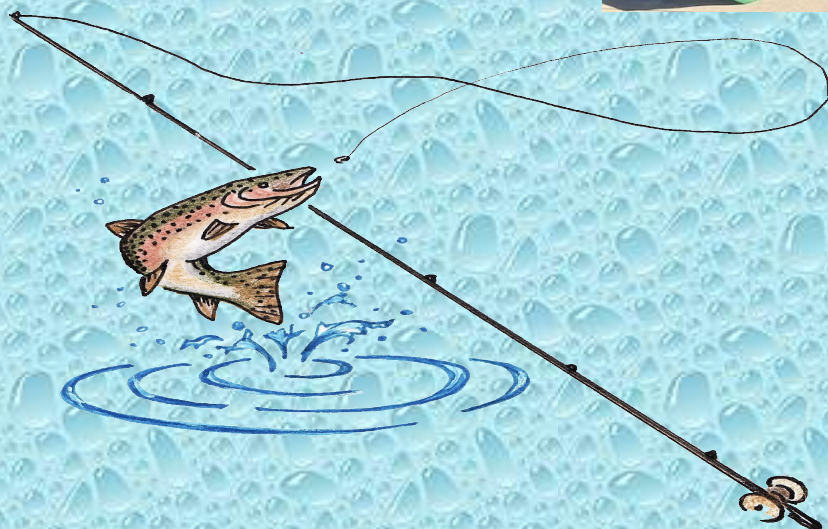
15 people attended the work shop led by Friend of Fungi mushroom enthusiast.

Each person was able to take home a grow bag inoculated with blue oyster mushrooms that produced its fruit approximately seven days later and will be ready to harvest and eat.



Fly Fishing 101 Workshop

Fly Fishing 101 was held on March 22 with 13 attendees. Bill Carman a professional angler led the workshop. He taught the basics of fly fishing by explaining the important parts of fly fishing and showing them the equipment needed. He also taught the best ways to read a stream. Everyone was able to work on knot-tying and casting. Lunch, provided by the Friends of Wolf Creek NFH was enjoyed by all. Later they went to Hatchery Creek to put into practice what they had learned.





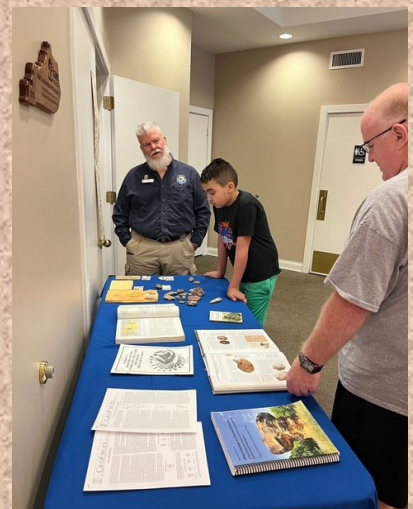
Fossil ID Workshop

The Fossil ID Workshop was held on March 29 at Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery.

Dr. David Meyer (University of Cincinnati, Department of Geology, Emeritus) led the class and for those that brought in an item he identified.

Scott Morris (Hatchery Volunteer) opened the workshop with a basic knowledge of fossils.

Children enjoyed fossil dig kits, stencils, coloring, and story time by Russell County Library.



Special Thanks & Appreciation :

We appreciate these volunteers who have been with us for many months.

They are hard working, kind, and a joy to be around!

You will be missed as you go unto new adventures!

Don & Vicki Asher



Our New President & Vice President

We are so proud and grateful to have these two join the Friends of Wolf Creek NFH as our new President and Vice President.

Below: President Steve Bennett & Vice President Charmaine Stewart:

Steve Bennett is a local businessman and native Russell countian who has been married to his high school sweetheart for more than 40 years. They have two adult children and three grandchildren. Steve loves to fish and enjoys the outdoors.

Charmaine Stewart, since retiring as a CNA, has enjoyed volunteering with the Friends group for the last six years. Living in nearby Adair County she has visited Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery for several years with her children and grandchildren. She looks forward to sharing the enjoyment of the outdoors with people through the wonderful events that the Friends group and Hatchery provide.

Please join us in welcoming them to the Friends of Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery!

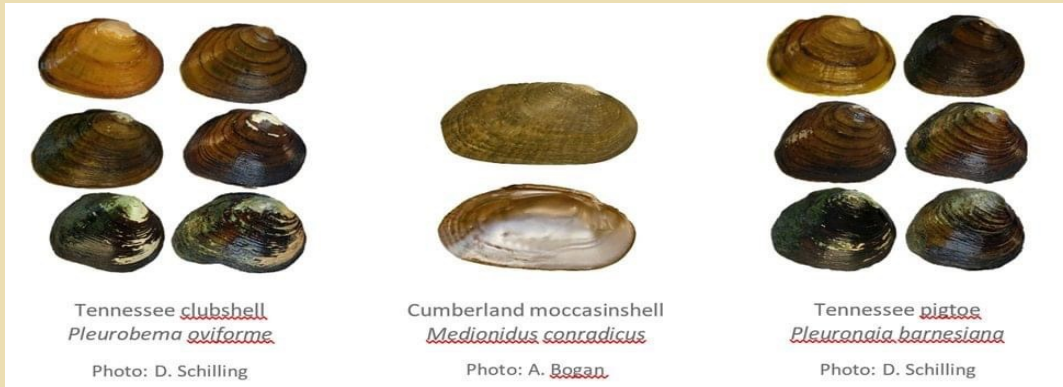


Interesting Hatchery Information

Mollusks:

January-March The staff has spent many days taking care of racks, cages, and the boathouse.

They currently have several thousand Cumberland Elktoe and Cumberlandian Combshell, Purple Cats Paw, Cumberland Bean, Fluted Kidneyshell, Round Hickorynut, Pink Mucket, Snuffbox, Tan Riffleshell, Purple Lilliput, Kentucky Creekshell, Pheasantshell, Black Sandshell and several other species in the floating culture at the boathouse.



Barrens Topminnow Recovery:

January-March: The Barrens Topminnow is a very rare fish that was listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act on November 20, 2019. The Barrens topminnow, as of today, is still one of the most endangered species in the world. The species is endangered due to loss of habitat and competition with the Western Mosquitofish. These have caused the invasion of the majority of the Barrens topminnow area.

Biological Science Technician Makenzie Foster transported 69 Pond Springs Barrens Topminnows and 90 Laurel Dace to Cookeville ES Office for release in the South Central and Eastern Tennessee. With several gravid (with eggs) females and brightly colored males of both species, there are high hopes for a successful spawning season. Both species are federally listed as endangered and require great conservation effort to assist in the recovery of the species.



Fishy Facts about the Hatchery

January: 2,000 Rainbow Trout stocked in Hatchery Creek for the disabled, elderly, and children.
Total of 8,100 fish weighing (2,116 lbs.) were stocked.
Total Visitor Center Volunteer Hours: 540
Total Number of Visitors: 678

February: 2,000 Rainbow Trout stocked in Hatchery Creek for the disabled, elderly, and children.
Total of 88,825 fish weighing (35,695 lbs.) were Stocked.

Total Visitor Center Volunteer Hours: 499
Total Number of Visitors: 1,210

March: 2,000 Rainbow Trout stocked in Hatchery Creek for the disabled, elderly, and children.
Total of 106,600 fish weighing (35,485 lbs.) were stocked.
Visitor Center Volunteer Hours: 531
Total Number of Visitors: 3,241



Eggs Received in 2025

January 7: 42,000 Soda Lake (SLD) strain Brook Trout eggs from J. Perry Egan State Fish Hatchery in Utah.

February 20: 103,000 Fish Lake (FLD) strain Rainbow Trout eggs from Erwin National Fish Hatchery, TN

March: None



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT / INFORMATION

The Friends of Wolf Creek NFH had the privilege and honor to participate and help in these special programs:

- **Assisted with various items needed for workshops including supplies, educational materials, food & drinks.**
- **Donated items as needed for the Library Fishing & Tackle Program.**
- **Donation made to help support the Russell County High School Bass Fishing Team.**
- **Field Trip Scholarship funds were awarded to those applicants who applied and were accepted.**

Upcoming events for 2025:

*(Dates and Times TBA)

May 10: 2nd Saturday Fly Fishing Clinic at 10:00 am CST. Register w/Marsha Hart 270-343-3797 or email : marsha_hart@fws.gov

May 13: Friends of Wolf Creek NFH monthly board meeting 1pm CST.

June 7: Catch A Rainbow Kids Fishing Derby

June 10: Friends of Wolf Creek NFH monthly board meeting 1pm CST.

June 14: 2nd Saturday Fly Fishing Clinic at 10:00 am CST. Register w/Marsha Hart 270-343-3797 or email : marsha_hart@fws.gov

July 8: Friends of Wolf Creek NFH monthly board meeting 1pm CST.

July 12: 2nd Saturday Fly Fishing Clinic at 10:00 am CST. Register w/Marsha Hart 270-343-3797 or email : marsha_hart@fws.gov

For more information call: Makenzie or Marsha 270-343-3797

NOTE: The 2nd Tuesday of every month Friends of Wolf Creek NFH hold their monthly board meeting at 1pm CST in the hatchery classroom or Russell County Public Library. All are welcome!

Ways you can help support The Friends of Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery:

- ◆ Visit Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery and feed the fish, shop the gift shop, and have fun!
- ◆ Add us as the recipient for Kroger rewards (you will still receive your fuel points): <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>
- ◆ Visit our website: www.friendsofwolfcreeknfh.com. You can make donations here and find out more ways you can help!
- ◆ Volunteer
- ◆ Attend our monthly board meeting-2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm CST in the hatchery classroom.
- ◆ Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fowcnfh>

*Thank you to all who volunteer, donate, and sponsor us!! We appreciate all of you!!
It is because of you that these special events and programs are able to bring joy to so many!!*