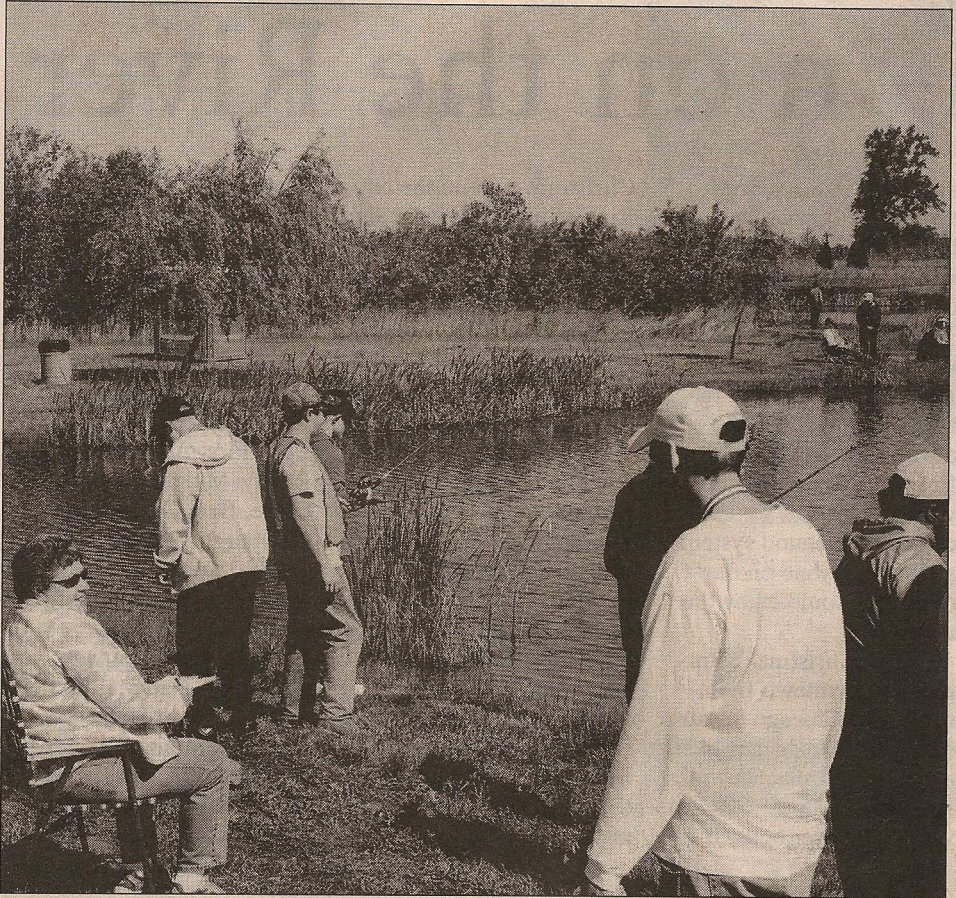


FISHING



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The Knights of Columbus held their 15th annual Special Needs Fishing Tournament in May.

Reeling in success

Saturday, May 17 began as a cool clear day when the Knights of Columbus (KoC) Council 10257, Ed and Peggy Coburn, their families and friends opened Lake Last Cast to conduct the 15th annual Special Needs Fishing Tournament.

The registration process continued for approximately one and a half hours as approximately 123 participants signed in, gathered their poles and bait and found their place to fish on the shore of Lake Last Cast near Degonia Springs.

Participants, their chaparrones and approximately 80 volunteers enjoyed their time at the lake fishing, eating and attending the award ceremony. The winner of the tournament was determined by the most number of inches of fish caught that day.

The event could not have achieved the success it did without the assistance received from a strong volunteer force and sponsor base.

Volunteers showed up from the Junior Civitans from Newburgh, Boy Scout Troop 343 from Evansville, as well as many members and friends of the KoC. The most important ingredient, Lake Last Cast and its use, was generously donated for the day by Ed and Peggy Coburn. Sponsors included The IGA in Boonville, Reis Tire Sales, Anchor Industries, Knapp's Service Center, Stellar Technologies, Tri-State Trophy's, FOP 73 and D and M Construction just to name a few.

All fisherpersons received prizes as names were drawn and

participants came forward to pick up their gifts. Volunteers left with a smile knowing they had contributed to an event that was bigger than themselves. Most vowed they would return next year with friends.

- 132 people registered
- 23 Knights donated approximately 463 hours
- 123 people fished
- 57 volunteers donated approximately 752 hours
- 347 fish caught
- 2,377 inches of fish measured
- Largest catch: 25 inch catfish

As the event grows, the KOC hopes to transition the conduct of the event to a larger community organization that might be better suited to accommodating the increasing numbers of participants.