

Going into spring with boat show plunder



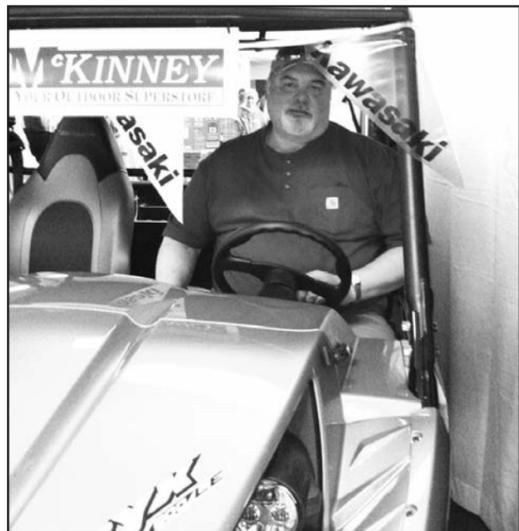
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STORIES FROM
THE OUTDOORS

With the winter hunting season winding down and out, we are looking forward to the new adventures this year has to offer with new opportunities of additional tools, equipment and techniques that the 2014 KNOE Boat and Outdoor exhibits.

I was very excited to purchase a new Taurus PT22 pistol. It will fit nicely into my pant pocket to go hunt or fishing and use on snakes. I could also squirrel hunt with it if I thought I could crank up my Wild West/ Annie Oakley "lead to shoot skills".

Then the Bayou Holder, I bought for small game skinning would come in very handy. We met the owner and he claims that I can single handedly use this to not only skin squirrels but also, rabbit, catfish, turkey and ducks. This could be great asset to our camp skinning station.

I had the opportunity to speak with the Corp of Engineers, about new developments and housing plans for a bluebird nesting box, bat houses and predator guards for everything I construct. (I will make those available on



my web site).

They have also been actively working with the Wounded Warrior Program allowing hunts on their island located in the Columbia Locks and Dam Area.

What an honor to meet Nick LaDart, Leader of the 2012-13 Nationally Ranked ULM Fishing Team, at the Centric Federal Credit Union Booth.

These people are awesome and have represented North Louisiana with class. I am really looking forward to following them this year and wish them the very best.

All the boats were set up and ready to show and go. We really have our eye on the Lowe Camouflage Fishing Boat but that is going to be several years from now before we get another boat, but my friend, EK, from EK Marine was there with his ever-friendly smile and ready to help us if we were in the market to buy.

Traveling through all the exhibits, we had to get my favorite fudge and Ole Homestead Gourmet Jelly that I look for every year. We saw the Louisiana Purchase Garden and Zoo's Alligator and birds and if you were brave enough you could hold them and have your picture taken.

The Ouachita Parish Library Ladies were there to display an array of books available to you to help educate you about technique and procedures and processing of outdoor life opportunities and adventures.

I may have to look up that hoop net book to see if that is



PHOTOS BY RENE HATTEN. OUCHITA CITIZEN OUTDOORS COLUMNIST RENE HATTEN SHOWS OFF HER PLUNDER FROM THIS YEAR'S BOAT SHOW IN WEST MONROE.

something I think I can Opelousas Catfish on the tackle to catch me an ole Ouachita River.

McKinney Honda showed up and off with their exhibit and my husband was excited about this year's models. We are probably going to make a decision on that Teryx in the very, very near future but for now it was so hard for me to walk off with both of us wanting to "take it home today." Maybe next year we will, I cannot wait to see next year's models.

So for now we will just keep flipping through those already dog-eared sales brochures until the 2015 KNOE Boat and Outdoor show, and then maybe, just maybe.

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- Hesitates
- Cranberry habitat
- Cola
- Tropical vine
- Hole punching tool
- "...s Heroes"
- Type of window
- "Young" prefix
- "... warning system for tsunamis
- "Twists around an eye
- "Polar ...
- To boot
- Long, long time
- Communications regulator
- "Like frostbitten fingers
- Snake, usually
- Porcine fat
- Hawk's aerie, e.g.
- Japanese animation
- Popular three-layer cookie
- Delivery bird?
- Singles
- Out in the open
- Twelfth month of Jewish civil year
- Poverty
- Joseph Stalin, e.g.
- Julia Louis-Dreyfus' show
- Dog tags, e.g.
- Solomon-like
- H+, e.g.
- "Tornado visual
- Swell
- Japanese-American
- Victorian time, e.g.
- Mountaineer's tool
- Mountain ridge
- "Swan Lake" steps
- Fossil fuel rock deposit
- Chipper
- Cafe alternative
- Christian virtue, pl.

DOWN

- Eastern ...
- Ethereal
- Flock member
- Genuflected
- Old West hangout
- Misery cause
- Be obliged
- "Stops wind from nipping fingers
- "Wear a heavy one in winter storm
- Princess Fiona, at night
- Mineral residue
- Take your pick
- Lifting injury
- People, places and things
- Goes with "aah"
- Let off the hook
- "Spring threat
- Turn pumpkin into Jack-o-Lantern
- Native American people in parts of Canada
- Boundary line
- "Winter bank matter
- Biblical mount
- Make corrections
- The defense ...
- Small town or hamlet
- Test choice
- Designing Calvin
- Local in a college bar
- Black ... event
- Type of sausage
- Slumbered
- Jack Black's Libre
- "Lightning can cause this
- "Breaking Bad" victim
- Profit
- Facilitate
- Cut the crop
- "Outburst
- Donald and Ivana, e.g.
- Siesta
- Repeated at rallies

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