

# Jake's Big Goose Roundup 2014

**Wanderings  
from the  
Woods  
& Water**

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with one of the biologists who coordinates the banding in this area. I called and told him Jake was ready to band geese. He said he would let us know when they would be banding. I told Jake in May that we would get to help band geese in late June or early July. This led to about every three days Jake asking me how many more days until time to band.

As the time grew closer, the more Jake got fired up. The night before we got to band he was a mess. Jake is a big talker on a normal day. The evening before banding he talked about it so much I was afraid he might lose his voice!

We got up early and headed to Lexington to band geese. The banding sites were Jacobson Park and Overbrook Farms.

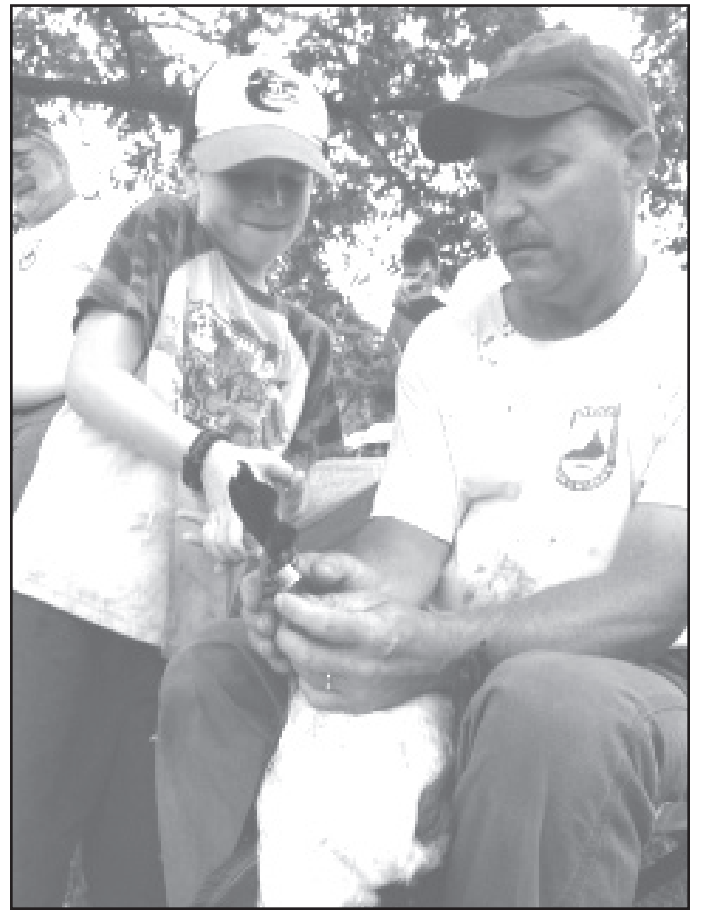
We started the goose roundup at Jacobson. The KDFWR put a remote control boat and a couple of Kayaks in the water to push geese to the bank. Then the employees of KDFWR and volunteers started pushing geese into a circle and surrounded them with highway fence, and the fun begins.

We had 270 geese rounded up and Jake was like a kid in a candy store (Goose Store)!! He started by helping carry geese to folks banding. Then he decided he wanted to get inside the fence with all the geese to catch and hand off to people outside the fence. I said earlier Jake seen this done on Dirty Jobs. It didn't Jake long to be covered in goose poop and get bit, pinched, or I guess goosed by a goose. He loved every second of catching geese.

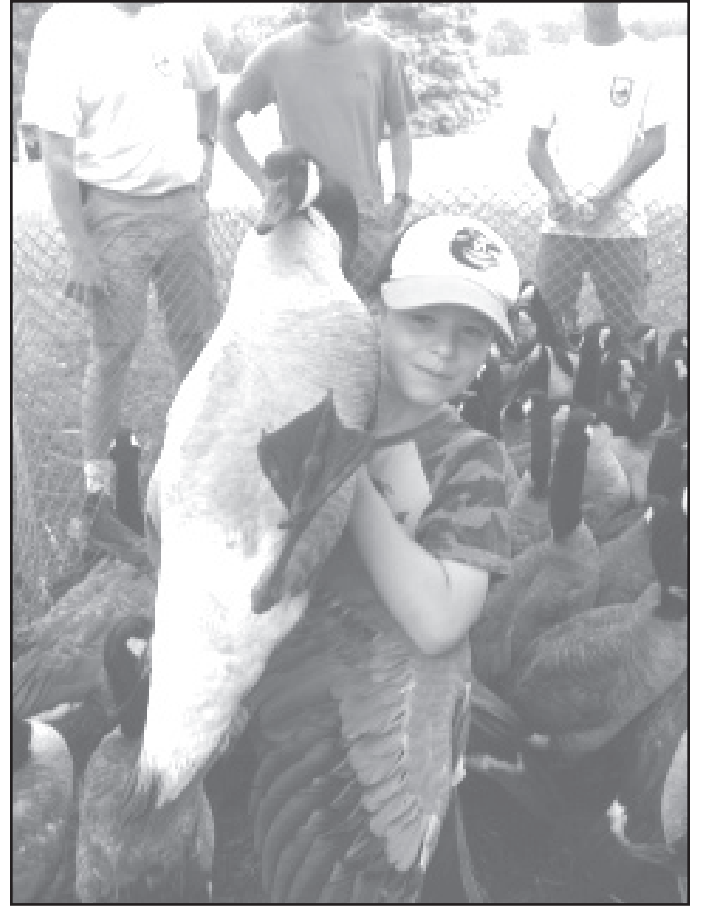
After banding 270 geese we moved to the next site at Overbrook farms. Jake jumped in the middle of 200 or so geese and starting catching again. He caught several geese when he decided he wanted out and go watch the geese get banded. The next thing I know he asked one of the guys banding if he could band one. They let him put several bands on the legs of geese. Then he sat down by another biologist who showed him how to ID boys from girl geese. Apparently from what the biologist was telling me, Jake is now good at identifying geese boys from girls!

When we left, Jake told me this was one of the best days of his life and he is ready to band next year. Some of the smallest experiences can have the greatest impacts on people. Banding geese turned out to be an awesome father/son day. I imagine a tradition has begun.

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation! Help us spread the word. We hope you are as excited as we are!!



Jake banding his first goose.



Jake catching geese from the pen.

A few months back Jake watched an episode of Dirty Jobs where they were banding Canada geese. Well, Jake being Jake told me all about the episode with great excitement and detail. He said he wanted to band geese.

The end of June to the first part of July, Canada geese become flightless due to feather molt. It makes them easy to round up and band. A metal band is placed around the leg of a goose. The band has an ID number and a phone number on it. The geese are sexed and determined if they were hatched this year. The birds sex, age, and location of banding site is recorded for a USGS federal data base. This information is very valuable to biologists in managing waterfowl populations.

In the waterfowl hunting

world, a band is called jewelry. Shooting a duck or goose wearing jewelry is great prize for a hunter. Every waterfowl hunter I know, including myself, look at the legs first thing to see if the duck or goose harvested is wearing bling!

When a hunter harvests a banded bird, they call the number on the band and report the ID number. The location and date of harvest is also recorded. (If you find a dead bird with a band any time of the year, be sure to report it.) The collector of the band will get a certificate that shows age, sex, and where bird was banded.

Ok, back to Jake and banding geese. In college I routinely helped the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife band geese at Blue Grass Army Depot. I am friends

**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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**Birding BITS** BY Cindy Brook

**Cardinal Babies**  
I saw my first female cardinal baby of the season. While baby females look similar to adults, it is easy to tell who the parent is and who the baby is. One difference is babies have a black beak. Also, they are so new and fresh and bright-eyed. I love watching birds!

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The Estill County Fair Board presents the 2014

## WALKING & PLEASURE HORSE SHOWS

# Friday & Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

at the Estill County Fair Grounds - South Irvine Road, Irvine

**Friday Night, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

### ESTILL COUNTY FAIR WALKING HORSE SHOW

**"AAA" Kentucky Walking Horse Sanctioned**  
**7:00 P.M. Horse Show begins**  
**Admission: \$5 (Children 6 and Under Free)**

1. Lead Line (Rider 8 Years Old & Under)
  2. Walking Weanlings
  3. Two Year Old Walking Stallion & Gelding
  4. Park Performance Pleasure
  5. Country Pleasure Racking
  6. Open Walking Stallion/Gelding Specialty (No Canter)
  7. Trail Pleasure Walking
  8. Three Year Old Amateur
  9. Juvenile 11 Under - No Stallions
  10. Two Year Old Walking Filly
  11. Novice Amateur Walking (No Canter)
  12. Lite Shod Plantation Pleasure
  13. Style Racking
  14. 15.2 and Under Walking (No Canter)
  15. Country Pleasure Walking
  16. Four Year Old Amateur Walking (No Canter)
- INTERMISSION - Stick Horse Race (Must Provide Own Stick Horse)**
17. Open Walking Yearling
  18. Estill County Pleasure
  19. Ladies Auxiliary Walking (No Canter)
  20. Walking Mare (No Canter)
  21. Walking Pony (No Canter)
  22. Trail Pleasure Racking
  23. Juvenile 17 and Under Walking
  24. Ladies Amateur Specialty Walking (No Canter)
  25. Open Spotted Pleasure
  26. Three Year Old Open Walking
  27. Open Amateur Racking
  28. Plantation Pleasure Walking
  29. Show Pleasure Walking
  30. Open Amateur Specialty Walking (No Canter)
  31. Walking Horse Stake (Must Canter)
- Payouts: Class 1 (Lead Line) and Stick Horse - No Entry Fee - will receive a ribbon and silver dollar**  
**Classes 2-30 - \$20 Entry Fee - (Trophy & \$50, \$40, \$25, \$10, Ribbon)**  
**Class 31 - \$60 Entry Fee - (Trophy & \$200, \$150, \$100, \$50, Ribbon)**  
**(No Refunds on Entry Fees)**

**Saturday Night, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

### SUMMER PLEASURE & FUN HORSE SHOW

**Flatshow Pleasure Horses of Any Breed**  
**7:00 P.M. Horse Show begins**  
**Admission: \$5 (Children 6 and Under Free)**

1. Lead Line - No entry fee - Ribbon
  2. Youth Country Pleasure (16 and under)
  3. Pleasure Mares
  4. Flatshod Style Racking
  5. Pleasure Mule
  6. Egg and Spoon Race
  7. Open Ladies Pleasure
  8. Model
  9. Trail Pleasure
  10. Trail Pleasure Racking
  11. Open Men's Pleasure
  12. Costume
  13. Speed Racking
- Stick Horse (Intermission)**
14. Generation Gap (15 or more years age difference between riders)
  15. Water Glass
  16. Pleasure Geldings
  17. Youth Racking (16 and under)
  18. Couples
  19. Spotted Pleasure
  20. Estill County Pleasure (Horse and rider must reside in Estill County)
  21. Pleasure Stallions
  22. English Pleasure (Must have English tack)
  23. 3-Gait
  24. Mule Race
  25. Open Pleasure Championship
- Entry Fees: \$10.00 per class -- \$20.00 for Championship**  
**No Entry Fee for Lead Line/Stick Horse**  
**Payback: Ribbons, 40% - 30% - 20% of Entry Fees Per Class**  
**NO ENTRY FEE MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED**