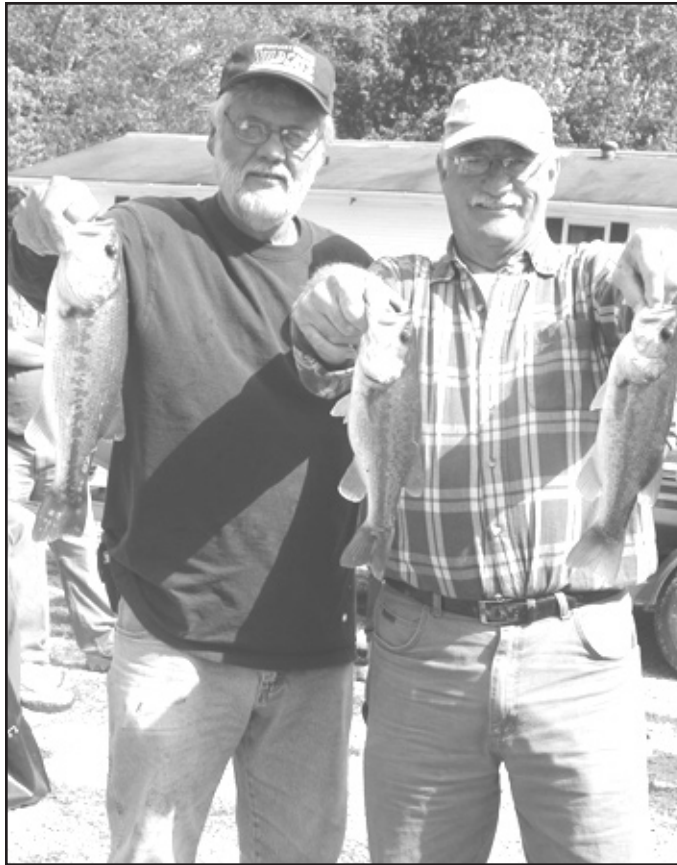


# Sons of American Legion Bass Tournament



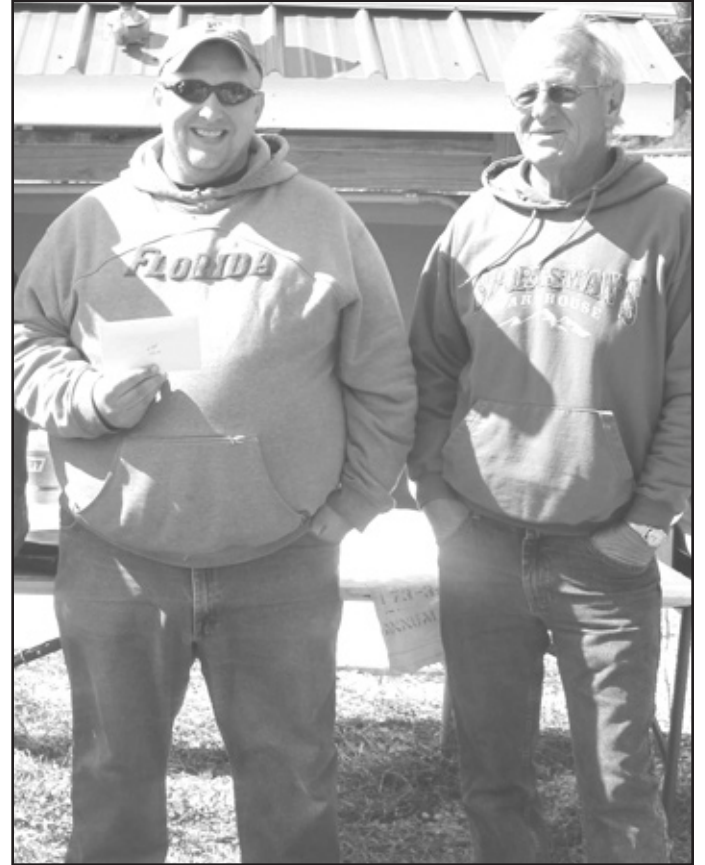
### Biggest Fish

Phillip Treadway, left, and Randy Harrison caught a 2-pound bass, which was the biggest by only .01 of a pound.



### First Place

Bobby Gentry, left, and Gary Gentry caught three bass weighing 4 pounds total to win first place in the tournament.



### Second Place

The team of Larry Floyd, left, and Everett Murphy took second place with bass weighing 2.55 pounds.



### Third Place

Kenny Combs and Jobie Combs, right, finished in third place with 2.48 pounds of bass.



### Fourth Place

The fourth place team was made up of Todd Durham, left, and Paul Slusher. They caught 2.25 pounds of fish.



### Fifth Place

Jon Worley and Shane Hurst finished in fifth place with 2.14 pounds of bass.



Large hail fell on Estill County around 5 p.m. on Monday. The ground was sprinkled with the large chunks of hail, but a large amount of it flowed down the downspout causing the white area.

## Colorful 5K Run Coming To Irvine

A new 5K is coming to Irvine on Saturday, October 11, 2014, and it promises to be one of the most colorful events of the year.

The Color of Hope Hospice 5K is a fun run/walk organized by a group of community members in conjunction with Hospice Care Plus and Citizens Guaranty Banks. Proceeds from the event will go to Hospice Care Plus.

The first Color of Hope 5K is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 11 in Irvine. Registration is available online at hospicecp.org, or in person at Citizens Guaranty Bank locations in Richmond, Irvine, and Berea. Shelley Ward, director of development at Hospice, says the 5K is a celebration. "It isn't a timed race, so the focus is all on fun," said Ward. "It's also great because people of all ages and abilities can participate. You can walk, run, skip, roll—what-

ever works for you. It's kind of a happy party atmosphere with balloons, music, and, of course, all the colors of the rainbow coming at you!"

At stations throughout the course of the 5K, volunteers will blast participants with brightly colored powders. By the end, most are wearing a rainbow of colors. For this reason, light-colored clothing is recommended. Ward says the powders are non-toxic and non-permanent.

Those who registered before Sept. 19 were guaranteed to receive a free Color of Hope tee-shirt and could take advantage of the early bird rate of \$20. After Sept. 19, tee-shirts can't be guaranteed and the price goes up to \$25. Children under 5 may participate for free.

For more information about the event, contact Shelley Ward at 859-986-1500, 800-806-5492 or visit hospicecp.org.

## New Claim Forms

VETERANS POST  
by Freddy Groves

New claim forms are coming, says the Department of Veterans Affairs. It plans to produce a one-size-fits-all disability form for veterans, their families and survivors. The VA says the new form will eliminate guesswork and make it easier for applicants to "clearly state what benefits they are seeking."

At this point, an initial benefits or compensation claim could be written on a sheet of notebook paper and still be a legal claim opening. But doing it that way means information often is missing if actual forms aren't added soon.

What I don't get is why this haphazard method of applying for benefits was ever allowed to start. Place the call to the VA, say, "I need the right form to apply for (fill in the blank)," and the form is sent. Right?

With the new forms, applicants will be told up front what additional information is needed. Theoretically, including the correct information or evidence the first time will allow the VA to move more quickly to process the claim.

The VA also plans to streamline the "Intent to File a Claim" process, giving veterans a whole year to produce the information needed to complete the claim. (If you intend to file a claim but don't yet have all your information or evidence, file now. Your start date will begin when the VA first receives it, not months from now when you have all your information to send in.)

You don't actually need to fill out a form at this point. You can write on a sheet of paper that you intend to file a claim, briefly state what the claim is for, and give your identifying information. You'll be sent the correct form.

Look for the new forms in March 2015. If you want to know more about VA forms, go online to [www.va.gov/va-forms](http://www.va.gov/va-forms) or [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov).

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