

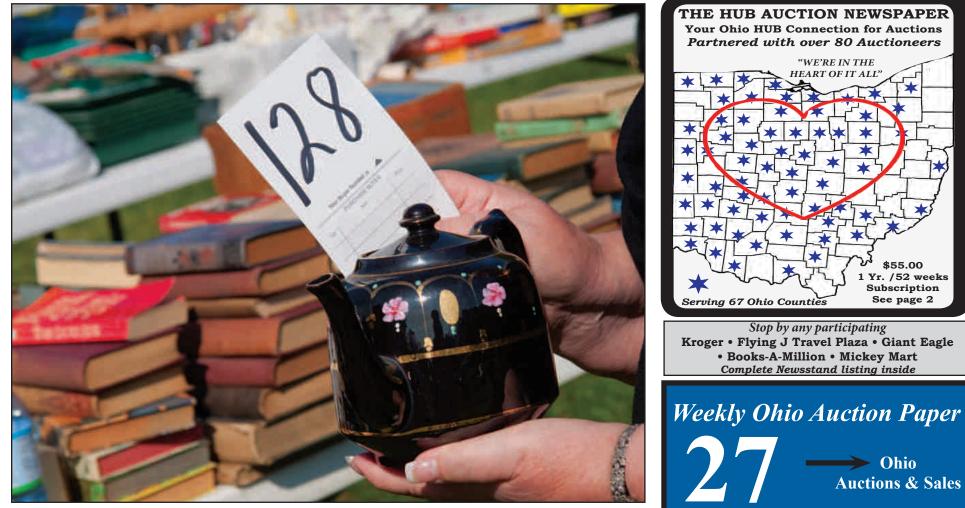


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# **Castalia Fish Hatchery Open House**

#### By Phil Wheeler, Staff Reporter

The Castalia State fish hatchery held its annual open house on Saturday, April 13th, welcoming over 1,200 visitors. The Hatchery is located on 90 acres in Castalia, Ohio, and is the newest of the six state fish hatcheries, only dating to the fall of 1997 when the property was purchased from private interests.

The hatchery consists of 70 indoor rearing troughs, one covered outdoor raceway building, and three outdoor raceways. The indoor troughs and covered raceways are supplied with water from one of the area's many blue-hole aquifers



Officer Daniel Kovalaske, the Hatchery Coordinator, holds a net full of some of the 450,000 little cups of fish food, 7-10-inch Steelhead fingerlings that will soon be released into Northwest Ohio streams.

that produce about 2,500 minute. gallons per The remaining outdoor raceways are supplied with water diverted from Cold Creek (10,000 gallons per minute capacity). Andy Jarrett is the Hatchery Manager, and an ODNR employee for the past 25 years. He said "Castalia is a cold-water fishery; our water is about 50 degrees year-round. We do all of the Steelhead trout that are stocked in Ohio into the Lake Erie tributaries." This cold-water supply allows the hatchery to raise

Steelhead and Rainbow trout. All of the state's Steelhead production occurs at the Castalia Hatchery.

Visitors were welcome to look at newly hatched young Steelhead trout, feed the larger fish with and look at the facilities that produce fish for Ohio

Anglers. The Hatchery wasn't able to display fish eggs at this time; one batch has hatched, and the next batch hasn't arrived yet.

About 450,000 Steelhead trout, each fish 7 to 10 inches long, will be released this year into streams flowing into Lake Erie. Normally, they spend a couple of years in the lake and then return to the streams they were released into. About 80,000 rainbow trout, 11 to 12 inches long, are going to be released into ponds and reservoirs, including the pond at East Harbor State Park in Ottawa County.

Ohio operates six state fish hatcheries, which raised and stocked 40.8 million fish last year. Besides the two kinds of



Six-vear-old Willow, from LaGrange, Ohio, tries her hand with a pint-sized bow.

trout in the Castalia Hatchery, the state hatcheries raise brown trout, Saugeye, walleye, yellow perch, muskellunge, hybrid striped bass, channel catfish and bluegill.

The majority of Ohio's fish populations are sustained through natural reproduction, but stocking is appropriate when natural reproduction cannot sustain a population or there is a need to provide short-term fishing opportunities in specific situations or events.

State fish hatchery funding is provided by the sale of Ohio fishing licenses and the Sport Fish Restoration Act. Enacted in 1950, the Sport Fish Restoration program provides funding for sport fish conservation through federal excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats, and a portion of the gasoline fuel tax attributable to small engines and motorboats.

## **Explaining Different Types of Auctions**

normal experiences with auctions, many people who participate in auctions will likely never experience the adrenaline rush depicted in Hollywood films and television shows.

Auctions are not all one and the same. In fact, there are many different types of auctions, each with its own unique rules. Learning to distinguish between the various types of auctions can help people understand what they're getting into as they prepare to submit their bids.

English auction: An English auction is an ascending bid auction. This is the type of auction most often depicted in films and on television. In an English auction, a reserve price is typically set and must be met before the auctioneer can sell the goods. Some auction houses may share this reserve price with bidders, while others will not.

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Many people are familiar with auctions as depicted in countless Hollywood productions over the years. Such depictions are often characterized by drama

and tension. Though that might be some people's

