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**Family fun  
at Bennett**

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# Escape the indoors

KC, Mo. family hopes to start traditions with their kids at Bennett Spring

**CHRIS RODEN • FOR TROUT TALK**

With school just around the corner, the Sullard family of Kansas City, Mo, came to Bennett Spring State Park for a few days of relaxation and some important skills training.

It was Kim Sullard's first trip to Bennett. It made a good first impression on her as it has on so many.

"I think it's beautiful. I love it," she said.

The family rented a cabin for their stay instead of pitching a tent like they might have in days past.

"Tent camping with the littles may be a little hard," she said.

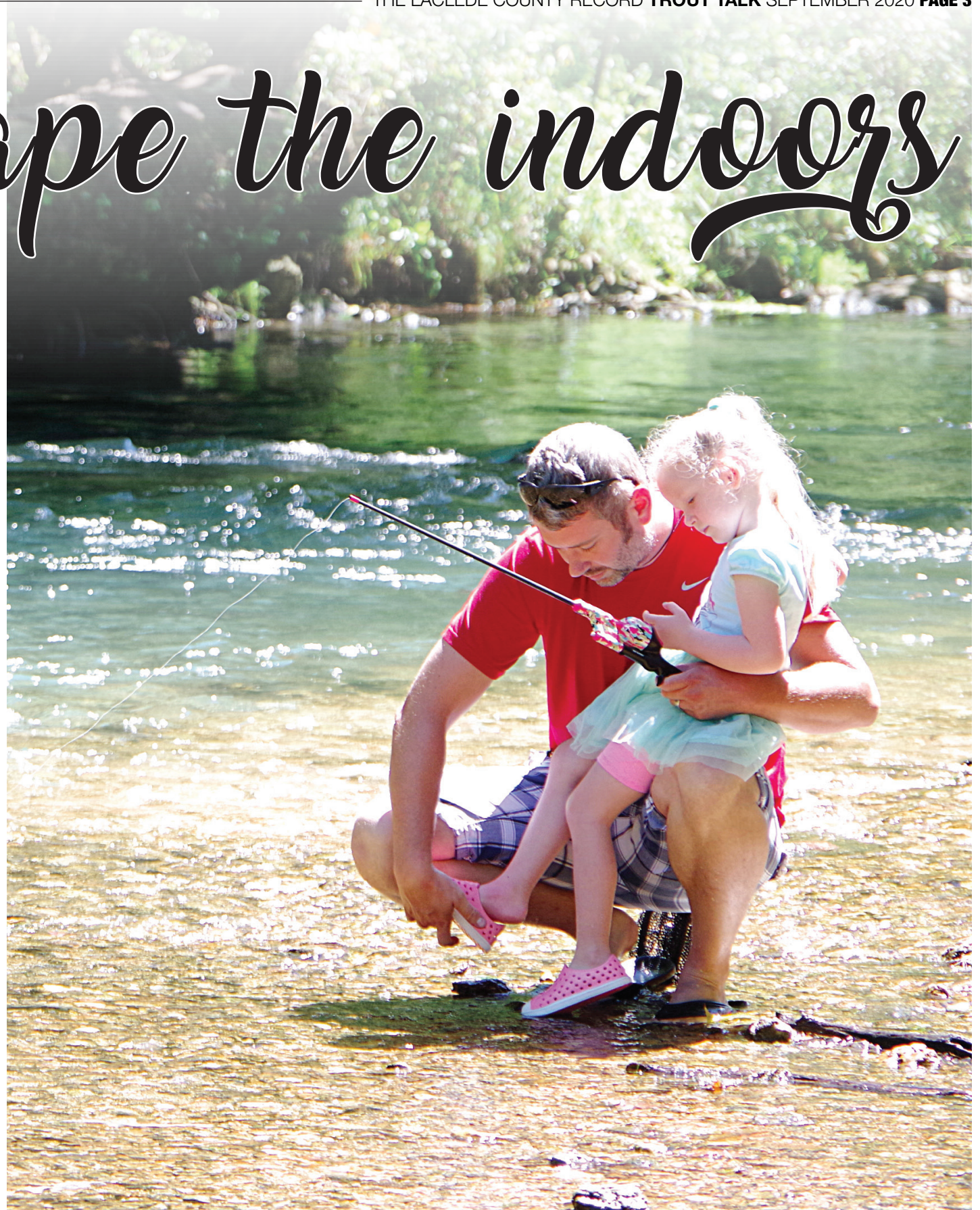
Her littles included her 8-month-old son, Jeremy, who had spent a nearly sleepless night in anticipation of dangling his toes in the cool water, which he did.

He was Kim's reason for zero hours of fishing at Bennett so far.

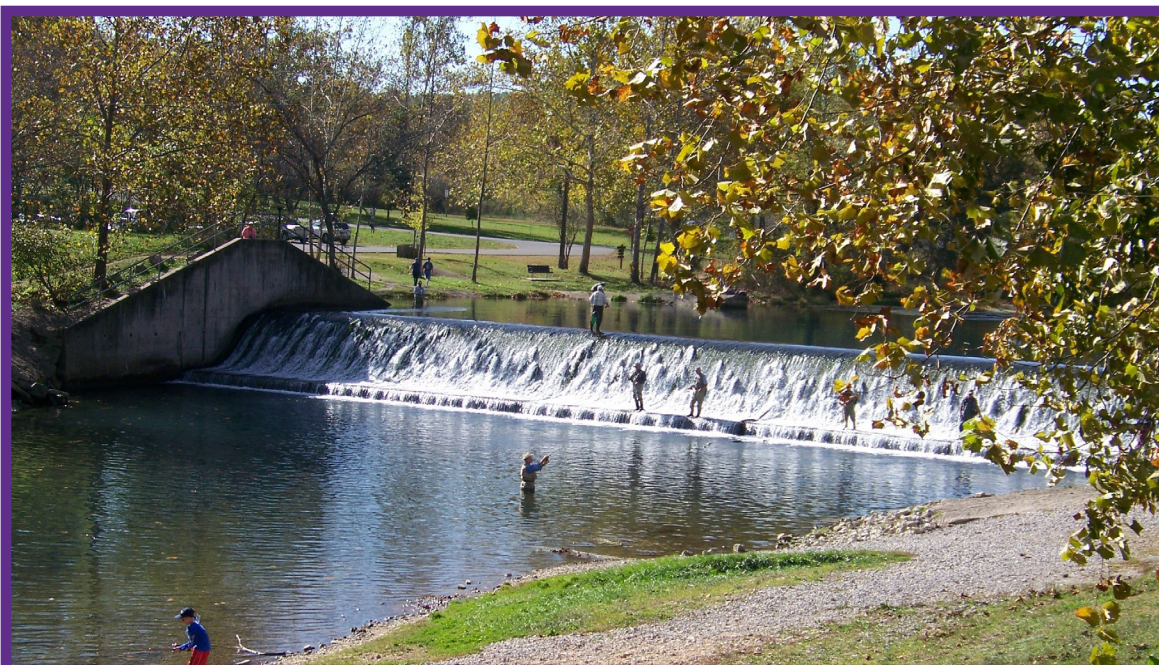
"I fish at home sometimes, but I haven't down here. I mean, he has my hands full," she said.

The handful responded with a happy baby noise.

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Jordan Sullard of Kansas City helps his daughter put her shoe back on while fishing in the stream at Bennett Spring State Park. Trout Talk photo/Chris Roden



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**Kim Sullard and her son, Jeremy, pose** for a picture while on vacation.

“That was his side of the story,” she said.

Her bigger little was Kallee.

Kallee is four fingers old and not looking forward to going back to school although she admitted missing her friends.

She was anxious to give an up-to-the-minute fishing report.

“I caught two little ones,” Kallee said gleefully, but reported they did not put up much of a fight.

She had not yet learned the valuable fishing skill known to anglers worldwide of exaggerating both the number and the size of the fish she catches.

Consequently, her dad, Jordan, had to be honest as well.

“They were pretty small,” he said.

He held Kallee’s camouflaged pink Kid Casters pole while she spoke and was grateful for the opportunity to pass on something of importance to her, a hobby that his father had taught him in his youth.

“A lot of kids are missing out on some of the old traditions, the ways that we used to do things. Luckily, there’s still some places like this where you can come out, teach them and raise them right,” Jordan said.

He first visited Bennett Spring State Park with his friends when he was in his twenties and was happy to make a return as a family man in his thirties.

“I used to fish here a lot when I was younger, and then we had a family, so it’s been a little while, but we’re back,” he said.

Jordan works in electrical management. He said time spent fishing in Bennett was an excellent stress reliever.

Like so many that come to the park, he was enjoying the pastime that his father enjoyed with him and the expect-

tation of teaching them something more than fishing.

Jordan’s dad took him fishing a lot as a kid, including a trip to trout fish in Colorado.

Bennett Spring State Park is a good kid-friendly place for Jordan to pass that tradition down to Kallee.

“She’s getting there, but she’s got a little bit to learn yet. Not too bad for a four-year-old,” he said.

Kim Sullard has hopes that their expedition to Bennett would help ingrain a love for the outdoors in her children.

“I hope they enjoy the outdoors more than they do the indoors,” she said.

For her, Bennett Spring State Park is an alternative to getting mired down in the negativity found on the TV and phone screens people commonly deem important.

“I try to shut it off again for myself, fewer screens. I feel like the media makes everything bad, but there’s nothing bad right here, so we’re good. You can get wrapped up in all that stuff or just shut it off and enjoy fishing,” Kim said.

The Sullard family chose fishing.



Coming to Bennett Spring State Park takes a bit more planning and packing for them than it did before the littles came along.



“It takes a little more effort with the kids, but it’s worth it,” Jordan said.

They provide a new incentive for Jordan and Kim to visit the outdoors and the peaceful confines the park, where the fishing is easy and cool waters and shade and sunshine abound.

“They need to see this and get out here, get dirty and have some fun,” he said as Kallee splashed with her pink shoes a bit at water’s edge in Bennett Spring State Park.

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# Get in the zone

Take a look at the state park's rules and regulations

## FISHING REGULATIONS

The spring branch is stocked daily during the regular fishing season, which is March 1 through Oct. 31. Daily permits are required to fish on the spring branch and zones are set aside for different kinds of lures.

For more information, call (417) 532-4307.

**ZONE 1:** From the hatchery dam upstream to the end of the area. Only flies are permitted.

**ZONE 2:** From the hatchery dam to the whistle bridge. Only flies and artificial lures are permitted.

**ZONE 3:** From the whistle bridge to the Niangua River.

Only soft plastic bait (unscented), natural and scented bait are permitted. All flies and artificial lures are prohibited, even if natural bait or scent has been added.

Zone areas are marked in the park and maps are also available in the Park Store.

## Trout Fishing Hours

August: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

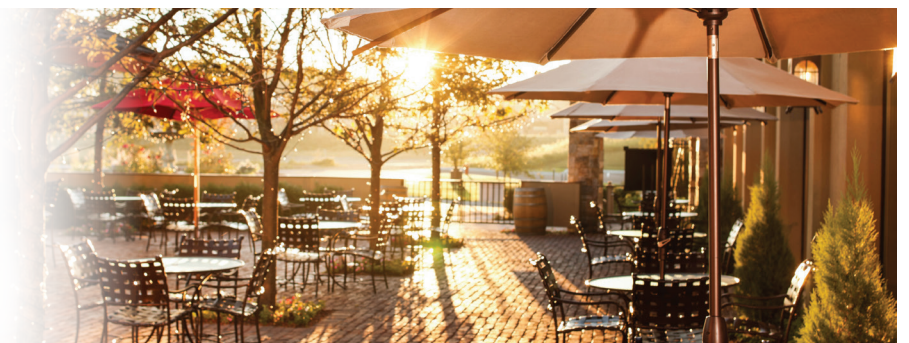
September: 7:30 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.

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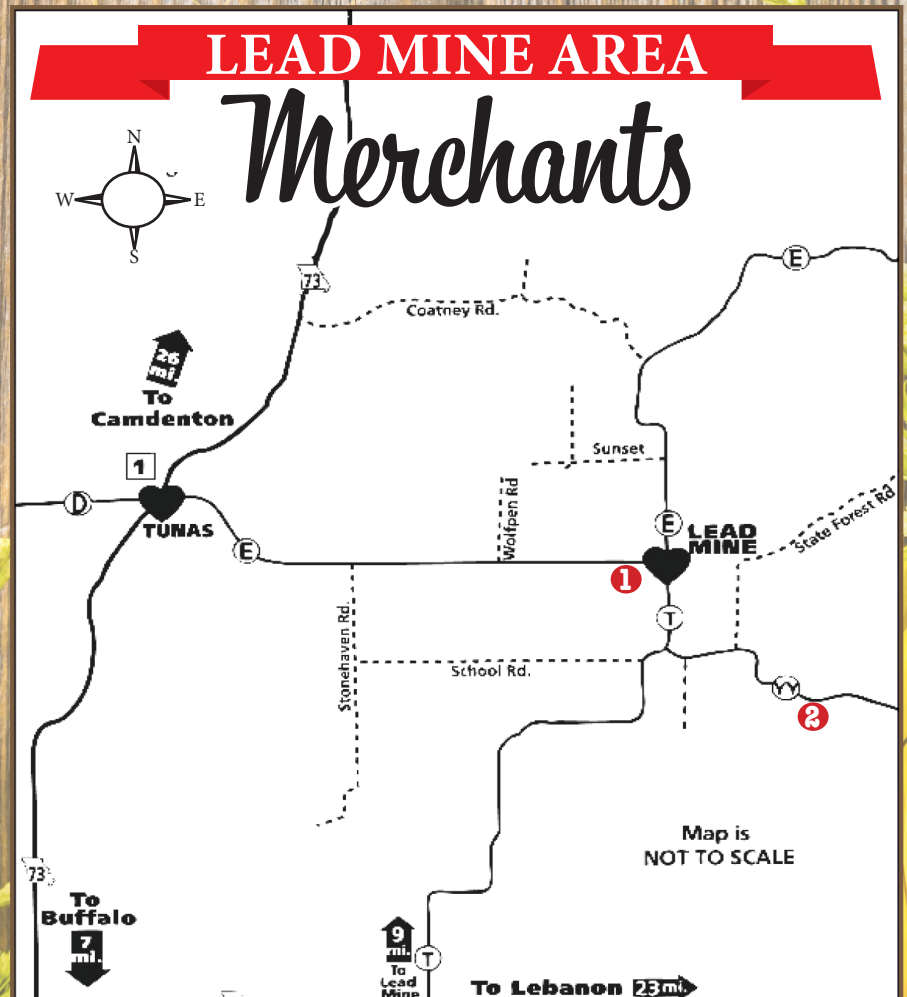
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# Anglers show off their lunkers

They have fish stories and the pictures to prove them!



Photos courtesy of the Bennett Spring State Park Store  
**Top, William, 8, and Landon, 11, show** off their catches. Above left, Benton Smith of Olathe, Kan., caught this 3.25 pound trout in Zone 3 using Powerbait. Above right, John Nguyen of Kansas caught this 3.75 pound trout using a maggot in Zone 3. Top right, Greg Keith caught and released this 5 pound trout in Zone 2. Right, Steve Jones caught this 6.5 pound trout in Zone 2 using a foam jig. Far right, Kaitlyn, 7, displays her trout.

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