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Founded in 2007 by Shane Wilson, "Fishing's Future" is branching out into Vernon County through local fisherman John Copple. Copple became a part of the program in 2012 when he opened a chapter in Kansas. Seasoned anglers encourage children and their families to fish together and to learn together as a way to promote strength and "traditional family values."

After moving back to Nevada, Copple started a "Fishing's Future" chapter for the Nevada and Vernon County area. "The goal is to get kids who normally don't fish

interested in being outdoors and learning the sport. Sometimes it's a challenge to get them away from their electronics, but the transformation that takes place once they catch their first fish makes it worthwhile."

"Fishing's Future" was created to keep families together by building strong family ties. "Giving the gift of fishing to a family through education," the founder writes, "will and does strengthen family bonds, create a positive community spirit and teaches environmental stewardship."

During the "Fishing's Future" events, children and adults will learn about stewardship of resources as well as knot tying and fish identification basics. After lunch, Copple says, "we'll turn 'em

loose and let them fish." He noted that it is not a contest and that adults, parents and grandparents are encouraged to accompany their children. While senior citizens and children don't require a fishing license, any other adult who is casting a line or reeling in will need to be licensed.

At right: Local fisherman John Copple is excited for the first Vernon County "Fishing's Future" event to be held on Saturday at Radio Springs Park. The family fishing camp is designed to connect children with nature while fostering improved family ties through fishing.

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