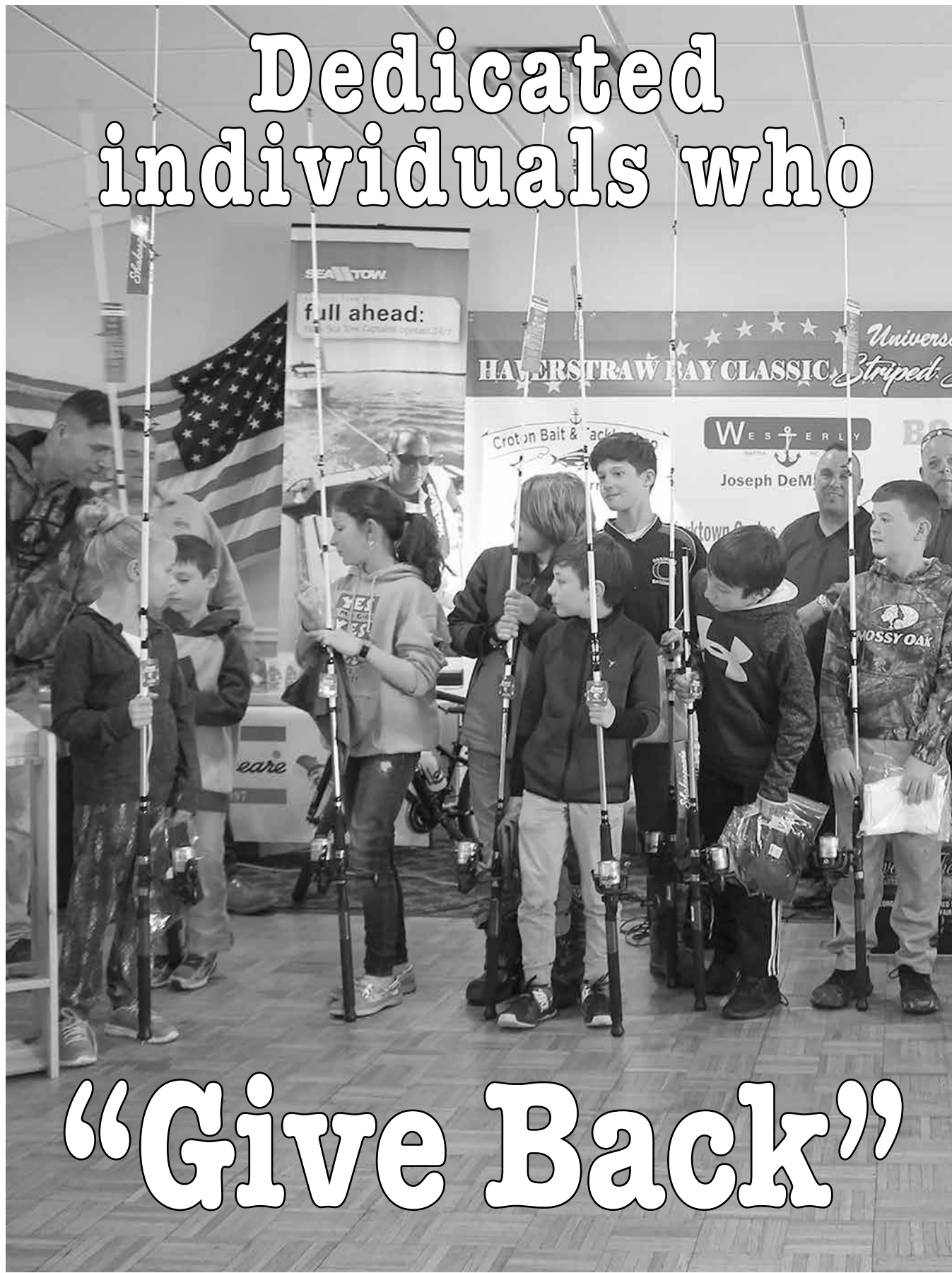
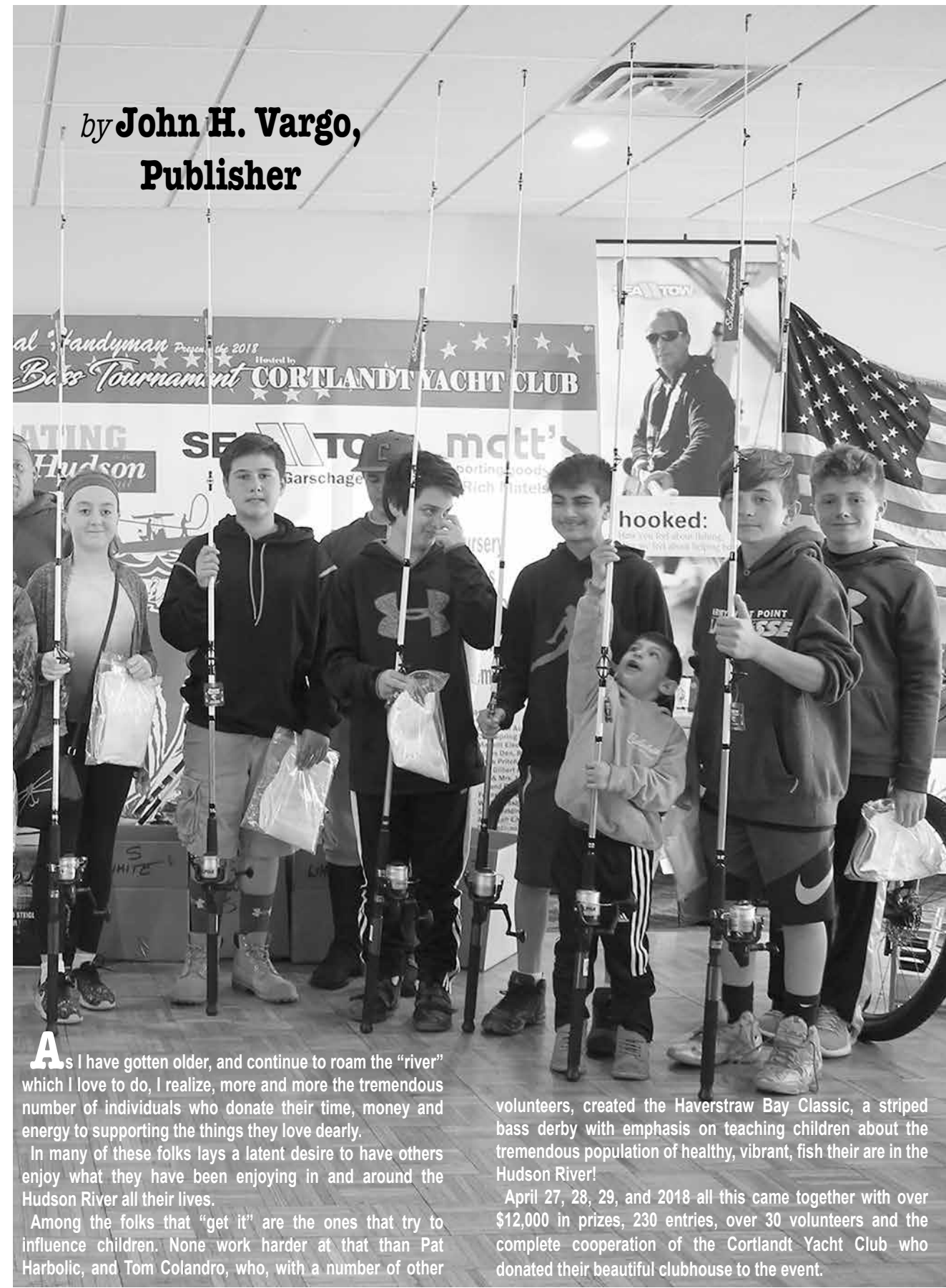


Dedicated individuals who



“Give Back”

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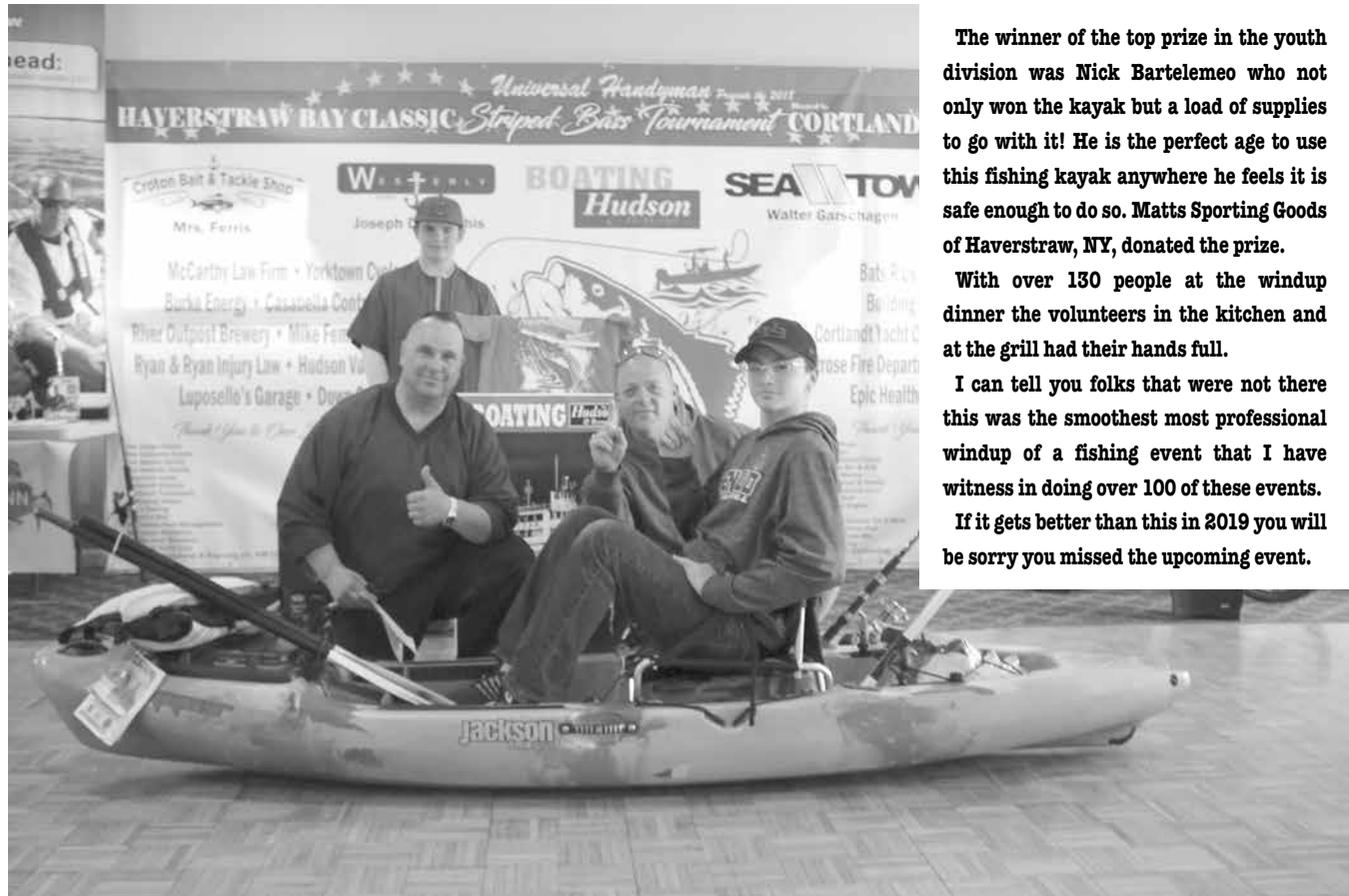
As I have gotten older, and continue to roam the “river” which I love to do, I realize, more and more the tremendous number of individuals who donate their time, money and energy to supporting the things they love dearly.

In many of these folks lays a latent desire to have others enjoy what they have been enjoying in and around the Hudson River all their lives.

Among the folks that “get it” are the ones that try to influence children. None work harder at that than Pat Harbolic, and Tom Colandro, who, with a number of other

volunteers, created the Haverstraw Bay Classic, a striped bass derby with emphasis on teaching children about the tremendous population of healthy, vibrant, fish their are in the Hudson River!

April 27, 28, 29, and 2018 all this came together with over \$12,000 in prizes, 230 entries, over 30 volunteers and the complete cooperation of the Cortlandt Yacht Club who donated their beautiful clubhouse to the event.



The winner of the top prize in the youth division was Nick Bartheleomeo who not only won the kayak but a load of supplies to go with it! He is the perfect age to use this fishing kayak anywhere he feels it is safe enough to do so. Matts Sporting Goods of Haverstraw, NY, donated the prize.

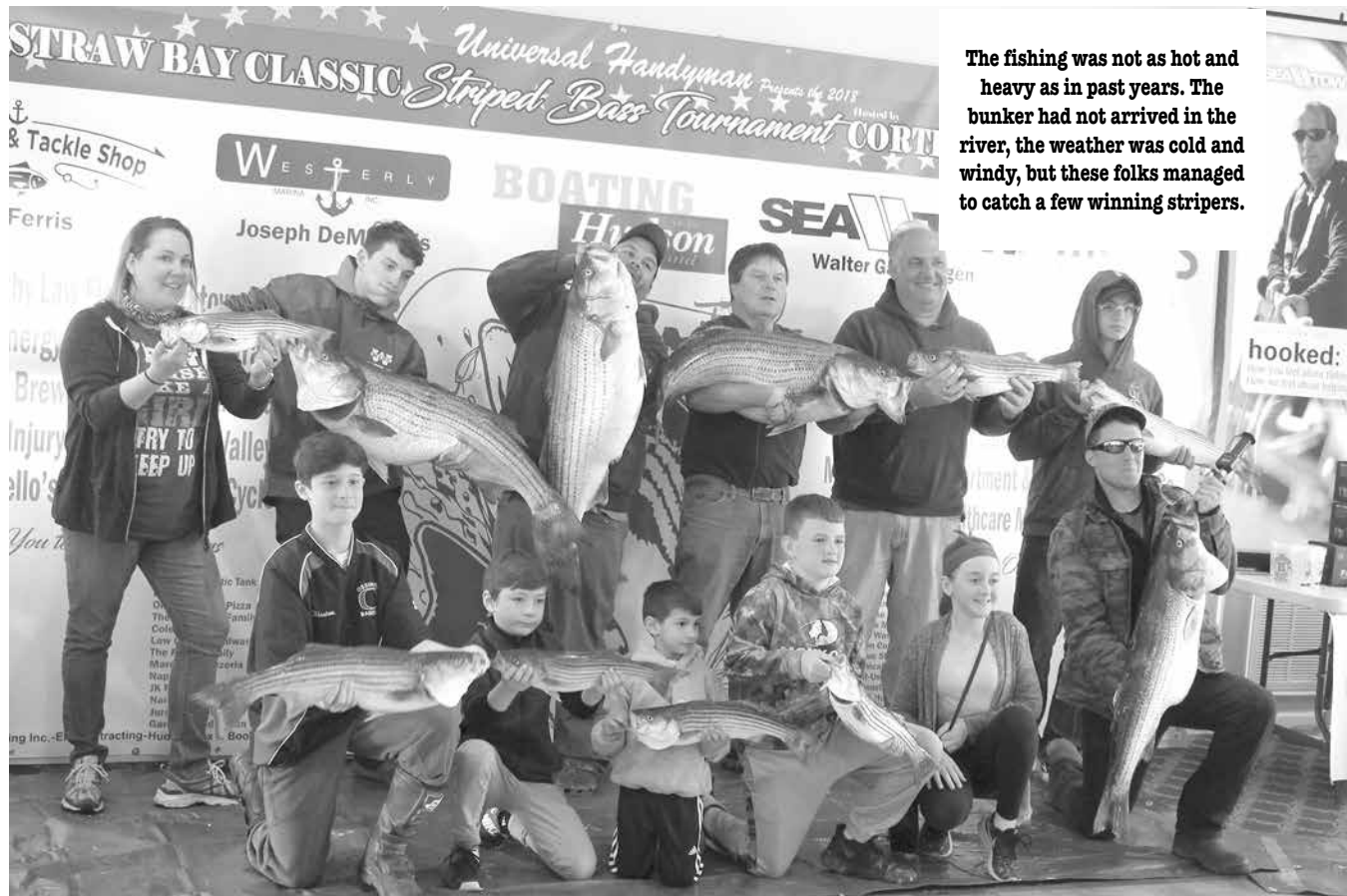
With over 130 people at the windup dinner the volunteers in the kitchen and at the grill had their hands full.

I can tell you folks that were not there this was the smoothest most professional windup of a fishing event that I have witness in doing over 100 of these events.

If it gets better than this in 2019 you will be sorry you missed the upcoming event.



These two men Butchey Gilmore and Joe Disclafani produced enough hot dogs, hamburgers and delicious fresh caught striped bass to satisfy the huge crowd that attended the windup awards ceremony!



The fishing was not as hot and heavy as in past years. The bunker had not arrived in the river, the weather was cold and windy, but these folks managed to catch a few winning stripers.



Addison Temple, girl 13 and under champion



Mike Barksdale, 5th place in adult division