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**Heidi Stark-Klebs of Wins Focus On Fish Health
Photo Contest With Pix of Her Niece
*"Happiest Boater on the Lake"***

A snapshot of 8-year-old Autumn Zuhoke's shining face as she canoes on **Crooked Lake in the Michigan Sylvania Wilderness Area** won a prize for her aunt, Heidi Stark-Klebs who submitted it to the August Focus on Fish Health Photo Contest.

Focus On Fish Health is a public awareness campaign of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS). The photo, which won in the category of Happiest Boater on the Lake, will be featured on the www.FocusonFishHealth.org web site until mid-October when the September winners will go up.

"When I snapped that photo of Autumn smiling at me, I knew I was going to win the contest," said Ms. Stark-Klebs. "I knew the judges wouldn't be able to resist that happy face." Ms. Stark-Klebs took the picture from the center of the boat. Autumn's grandfather, David Wayne Stark, paddled at the other end.

The Klebs, who live in **Mayville, Wisconsin**, visit the camping area near Waters Meet in the upper peninsula of Michigan, every year. Autumn, who is one of four daughters of Ms. Stark-Kleb's stepbrother, Charles, is always invited to go with them. "She's the only one of her sisters who loves the outdoors as much as we do," Ms. Stark-Klebs says. "We're real outdoorsmen. We sleep in tents, we fish and cook what we catch. No campers for us!"

Ms. Stark-Klebs noted that she was glad she visited the Focus on Fish Health website to learn more about fish diseases. "I've been aware of invasive species and plants and we always clean our boat and equipment, but I didn't realize how threatening diseases like viral hemorrhagic septicemia could be," she said.

The popular contest has been extended through September 30. Contestants may submit photos at www.FocusOnFishHealth.org to enter. Winner will be announced at the start of next month.

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