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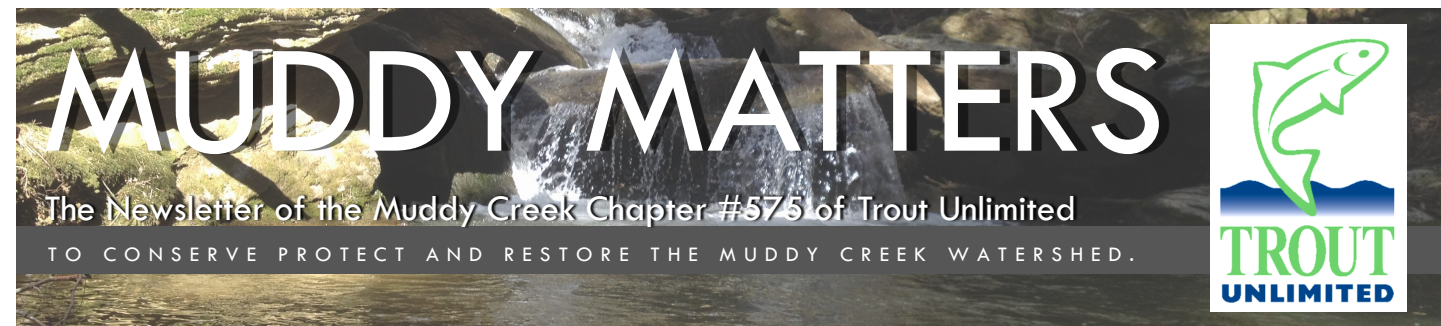
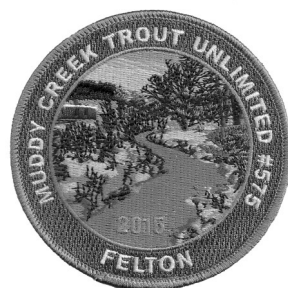
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| 1 | <b>FUNDRAISING HELP NEEDED</b>  |
| 1 | Don Jones has been in charge of selling patches for the club since the beginning of this fundraising effort in 2004 and has helped raise thousands of dollars through this effort.  |
| 2 | We are searching for someone to assist Don and eventually take the lead in this fundraising effort. Don maintains a list of businesses that have sold patches for us, as well as over 275 individuals who have purchased from him in the past. We also maintain an email list of collectors who have purchased through our website. Our customer lists will be available to assist you in this effort.  |
| 2 | We are also considering developing an annual fundraising raffle to help offset rising costs for our programs. If you have interest in or prior experience with organizing banquets, soliciting gift items, running raffles, or simply thoughts on what type raffle items would be best, i.e., fishing equipment, guns, camping equipment, gift certificates, etc., contact Bob Shaffer, <a href="mailto:bshaffer412@yahoo.com">bshaffer412@yahoo.com</a> or 717-817-9746. With the new raffle regulations in Pennsylvania, this could become a lucrative source of revenue. |
| 3 | <b>2015 Collector Patch - FELTON</b>  |
| 3 | Muddy Creek Trout Chapter meetings, and on our website.   |
| 3 | Visit our web site to see the 2015 Collector Patch in color or to place an order at <a href="http://www.muddycreektu.org">www.muddycreektu.org</a> .  |
| 3 | <b>The 2016 Patch is Coming Soon!</b>   |



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## From the President's Vest

Greetings fellow MTCU Members and Co-Op Sponsors, I hope our fall newsletter finds you well as we begin to prepare for the winter months and holidays.

Some of you may know that during our September elections there was a change in the "President Role" for our chapter. Mr. Fred Hess stepped down after leading the chapter for 4 years; we thank you Fred for being a fearless leader! With that being said, as the new President, I would like take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself.



I graduated in 2010 from York College with my BSN and currently work at York Hospital. I became involved with MCTU while dating my now husband and joined the chapter shortly after this. After joining, I took over researching fundraising ideas and chaired the t-shirt fundraiser. As time marched on I also began helping with our various mailings, and last year took over as Co-Op Chairperson. So, I guess one could say I have been "behind the scenes" organizing various aspects of the chapter for a while now. When Fred approached me about considering running for President, I was flattered, but at the same time slightly overwhelmed. My knowledge on the nursery is limited to what I have learned over the years as a member, and I have fished once; however, Fred assured me that there are many knowledgeable members among us that would help fill in the gaps. I am looking forward to my new role in the chapter. I hope to continue many of our traditions while also working to boost the membership numbers of younger individuals and families.

Now let's get back to what really matters: our chapter up-date! We have had a productive summer once again participating in the Red Lion Street Fair-thanks to all who stopped by to say hello. The chapter also held our annual For Sight fishing event, and as usual this was a huge success. In fact, the students, staff and families presented the chapter with a plaque of appreciation. You may have seen us at the York Revolution "Kid Zone" manning the inflatables and carousel; this was a new fundraising opportunity for our group this year.

As for the nursery, it underwent an overhaul- some repairs/improvements were made and stocking equipment replaced. We received brown trout fingerlings to raise over the winter; once again our mortality rate is very low to date. I would like to thank Mr. Fred Wilt for accepting the role of Chair for the Co-Op/Nursery. The fish feeders, caretakers and stockers also deserve a BIG thanks for all the many hours they spend at the nursery keeping things running smoothly! On the conservation side of things, we are currently involved with Bonham Animal and Wildlife Sanctuary on a project entitled "Trout in the Bonham". In fact, the student we sponsored at the RC Camp this past summer is working with us on the project in hopes to earn his Eagle Scout Award. There will be more to come on this in our spring newsletter, so stayed tuned!

I hope to see many of you at our monthly meetings over the winter. Please note these meetings will be held at **Meadow Hill Restaurant**. Feel free to join us at 6pm for dinner, and our meeting will commence at 7pm. You do not have to eat dinner to attend the meeting, and please feel free to bring a friend, spouse or prospective member.

Warmly,

Beth

## Upcoming Events

**Nov. 18 - General Meeting**  
Meadow Hill Restaurant  
Dinner at 6pm Meeting at 7pm

**Dec. 16 - General Meeting**  
Meadow Hill Restaurant  
Dinner at 6pm Meeting at 7pm

**Jan. 20 - General Meeting**  
Meadow Hill Restaurant  
Dinner at 6pm Meeting at 7pm

**Feb. 17 - General Meeting**  
Meadow Hill Restaurant  
Dinner at 6pm Meeting at 7pm  
**Speaker: Bill Anderson LJRA**  
**"From Sewer to Class A"**

**March 16 - General Meeting**  
Meadow Hill Restaurant  
Dinner at 6pm Meeting at 7pm

**April 2 - Opening Day of Trout Season - Volunteer at a Food Stand!**

**April 20 - General Meeting**  
Meadow Hill Restaurant  
Dinner at 6pm Meeting at 7pm

## FISHING NEWS

**C&R FFO AREA OF MUDDY CREEK WAS FLOAT STOCKED IN OCTOBER AND IS OPEN TO FISHING**

**REMEMBER: FISHING IS PROHIBITED FROM MARCH 1 THRU OPENING DAY ON APPROVED TROUT WATERS UNDER GENERAL REGULATIONS.**

**STREAMS NOT ON THE STATE STOCKING LIST ARE SUBJECT TO NO HARVEST DURING THIS PERIOD.**





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### Report Water Pollution

PA Department of Environmental Protection

**855-FISH-KIL**

Report Fishing Regulation Violations

PF&BC Waterways Conservation Officer  
**SC Regional Office (717) 486-7087**

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## Events and Volunteer Opportunities Around the Watershed

### Newsletter Changes

Fellow MCTU Members & Co-Op Sponsors, please be advised that our chapter is going to be changing the distribution of our biannual newsletters. We will continue to print & "snail mail" our fall newsletter. However, our spring newsletters will be going out electronically via email. We will continue to put our newsletters on our website for you to view there as well.

If you are not currently receiving our email blasts that are sent out with important chapter changes & event information please email [ycpnurse@gmail.com](mailto:ycpnurse@gmail.com) with an up-dated email address.

Also, if you do not have an email address but would like a copy of the spring newsletter, please call or text (717)404-7642 and leave your first & last name.

### Red Lion Street Fair Report

Once again this August we set up a booth at the Red Lion Street Fair. We had a successful day selling water and soda; some merchandise; and flies. In fact, one of our Chapter Members, Chris Haag, spent part of the day tying flies at the event; many felt that this was a drawing card that brought some new faces over to our booth!

We appreciate those who came by to say hello; as well as, those who bought beverages or merchandise. We look forward to seeing you at the Street Fair in 2016. We are hoping to have some new merchandise available so be sure to stop by and see us!

As always thanks again for your continued support.

### ForSight Vision Fishing Event Report

The annual fishing event was held May 2, 2015 on Tom's Run on Kennedy Road at the Pat & Elmer Sueck property. We had 36 in attendance including 13 volunteers to help with fishing & cooking.

Ronnie Eaton the Nursery Manager for Collinsville Fish & Game provided some lunkers for the event.

MCTU received a plaque in recognition of our efforts in providing this annual event for the visually impaired.

Several reporters and photographers from the York Dispatch covered the event and provided news and photos of this annual event. The anglers caught a lot of fish and all the lunkers were caught. All fish were returned to the water except for 3 that did not make it.

Everyone had a great time including the volunteers. It is rewarding to provide this fishing event for the visually impaired, as this is possibly the only time or opportunity they will have to fish. The things we all take for granted can mean so much to others.

### MCTU Represented at Heroes on the Water

This past August the Chesapeake Bay Foundation hosted a Veterans on the Susquehanna event along the river by Shank's Mare Outfitters in Wrightsville, PA. Joining CBF for the event, Heroes on the Water and local Trout Unlimited chapters came together to provide a day of bass fishing, kayaking, and fly fishing for veterans and their families. Members of Codorus TU and Muddy Creek TU's Chris Haag and Kelly Warren provided one on one fly casting instruction for attendees throughout the day. In the evening everyone came together for a CBF-hosted dinner, live music, and socializing. Thanks to the great weather and all who attended, the day was a huge success. MCTU always enjoys participating in events such as this and looks forward to partnering again in the future with CBF and Heroes on the Water for events such as this to help bring the community together for fun, relaxation, and conservation efforts. To learn more about how you can become involved in local projects please visit [tu.org](http://tu.org), [cbf.org](http://cbf.org), and [heroesonthewater.org](http://heroesonthewater.org).

## Speaker to Present at the February Meeting at Meadow Hill

The February 17th General Membership Meeting will be held at the Meadow Hill Restaurant in Longstown. We have planned to have a guest speaker Bill Anderson, Founder of the Little Juniata River Association. The presentation, "From Sewer to Class A" will highlight the comeback of this Blue Ribbon Pennsylvania Trout Stream from a once polluted waterway to holding high biomass of wild brown trout. Join us for dinner at 6pm before the 7pm meeting and this interesting presentation.

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## Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited Shirt and Hat

### T-SHIRT/HAT SALES:

Looking for a unique Christmas present for the avid fisherman in your life? We still have our black 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts for sale (in limited sizes) and our original design on the tan long sleeve shirts available. We have reduced the pricing to \$10 for both shirt styles. We also have some 25<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary hats left; these remain at \$15 per hat. Please contact Brita Runkle via phone (717)586-4271 or email [brunkle@hotmail.com](mailto:brunkle@hotmail.com). These items can be shipped for additional fee if local pickup cannot be arranged. Thanks for your continued support to our chapter.



## Coop Nursery Report

by Fred Wilt

Since I began my duties as nursery manager in January of this year I thought an overview would be in order. Beginning in January the nursery budget was already \$1000 in the red. The trout feed had to be cut by 25% immediately. Holdovers were not to be considered for the fall. Reducing the number of trout raised from 8,000 to 6,000 was also a possibility.

By April we had made up much of the deficit and resumed feeding at 100%. In May we put holdovers back on the schedule. And by June we were able to order 8,000 brown trout for the 2016 season.

Moving from the red to the black did not just happen. Once the word was put out, contributions from members and businesses turned everything around. In fact we began our fiscal year for 2015/2016 on October 1st in the black.

Much work is still needed. We cannot stop with our efforts to keep the nursery budget in the plus column. If we are to continue raising 8,000 trout and have holdovers for the fall, all of us will need to do our part. This includes: remembering to pay for your co-op sponsorship in MCTU, inviting others to join us, and asking businesses and organizations to support our

commitment. We provide excellent fishing in the Muddy Creek watershed and want it to continue.

Hard work and the necessary financial support by everyone helped us avoid a huge reduction in the number of trout we raise annually. A successful future will need the same effort.

Thank you for your continued support!

The fingerlings this fall have been growing nicely with very low mortality. We look forward to another season of exciting trout fishing.

## Trout in the Bonham

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited has agreed to partner with the York County Conservation Society, (of Indian Steps) along with the York County School of Technology in a funding grant to install several Educational and Conservation related upgrades to Bonham Wildlife Sanctuary on Spencer Run. The \$22,000 match Grant is

awarded by the Lancaster Conservancy. The project has kicked off with the installation of a trout egg incubator on Spencer Run which runs through the property. The trout incubator project is being fully implemented by Jon McSteel as his Eagle Scout Project. Jon was our sponsored student at the

Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp this past spring.



## Thank You

A hearty "thank you" to Chapter members and CO-OP sponsors for all your help and support during my term as MCTU President.

I continue to believe that we have very talented and committed members and am glad to part of this fine organization.

Please give whatever time you can to support our Chapter and new President, Beth Boyd.

Kind regards,  
Fred

## Winter Meeting Location Change

Please Note that our monthly meetings over the winter will be held at Meadow Hill Restaurant. Our meetings will continue to start at 7pm. Feel free to join us for dinner at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

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