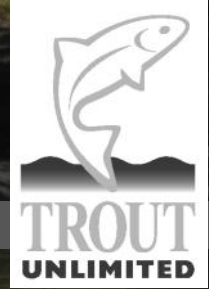


MUDDY MATTERS

The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter #575 of Trout Unlimited

TO CONSERVE PROTECT AND RESTORE THE MUDDY CREEK WATERSHED.



Spring 2017 Issue

From the President's Vest

Spring Greetings fellow MCTU Members!

The Co-Operative nursery and our members have survived another winter! I know everyone is ready for nice weather, and are eager to be back in the Muddy Creek Watershed.

Our youth outreach is growing. We are pleased to share that we had a very successful Trout in the Classroom (TIC) experience over the winter months. We had the privilege to work with Dallastown's third grade class at Ore Valley Elementary school. I encourage you to read the full article about our TIC that is in this newsletter. It is because of your financial contributions that our chapter can be involved in and sponsor TIC in our local community. I also suggest that you read the article on our For-Sight Vision Fishing event. This is an event that is near and dear to many of our chapter members; we are very pleased that we have been able to continue this relationship even with a change in leadership at ForSight. (now VisionCorps of Lancaster) I think this speaks volumes about the success of this program!



Our group of guys and gals have done an outstanding job over the winter at the nursery! We had a very "healthy" winter which has given way to a busy start to the year with stockings. We do plan to have holdovers this summer. Once we have the streams stocked, we will be turning our attention to doing some much needed repairs on the nursery. We have received some grant money to help with the cost of repairs.

We are still working and involved with the Bonham Wake-Robin Wildlife Sanctuary on a project entitled "Trout in the Bonham". Our TIC release day was held here, and the students planted additional trees as a riparian buffer enhancement at the Sanctuary. We have been working hard over the winter on developing signage for the Bonham which we hope to install during the early summer months. Our Fall Fest event will be held here again this year and we hope to see many of you there; this would be a great time to check out the work that our chapter has completed in partnership with the Bonham Wake Robin Wildlife Sanctuary.

Have a safe and happy summer! Our summer meetings (May-September) will be at the Co-Operative Nursery; our chapter meeting will commence at 7pm. Feel free to bring a friend, spouse or prospective member. We will have chapter elections in September and are currently looking for individuals interested in volunteering in various leaderships Capacities. Please see the newsletter for more information!

Warmly,
Beth

Upcoming Events

May 17 - General Meeting
Cooperative Nursery
Meeting 7pm

June 21 - General Meeting
Cooperative Nursery
Meeting 7pm

July 19 - General Meeting
Cooperative Nursery
Meeting 7pm

Aug. 12 - Red Lion Street Fair
Volunteer to work at the booth!

August 16 - General Meeting
"On the Deck" Allegro Winery
Meeting 7pm

Sept. 20 - General Meeting
Cooperative Nursery
Annual marshmallow and
wiener roast - Meeting 7pm

October 18 - General Meeting
Mediterraneo Pizza Felton

FISHING NEWS

C&R FFO AREA OF MUDDY CREEK WAS FLOAT STOCKED IN APRIL AND IS OPEN TO FISHING YEAR ROUND

REMEMBER: THE MUDDY CREEK WATERSHED HAS OVER 9 MILES OF STREAM UNDER THE STOCKED TROUT WATERS PROGRAM WITH THE PAF&BC.

ALL OF THIS WATER IS OPEN BY THE GRACE OF GENEROUS LANDOWNERS. PLEASE RESPECT THEIR PROPERTY BY NOT LITTERING AND PICKING UP ANY TRASH YOU MAY FIND ALONG THE STREAM.



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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

RED LION STREET FAIR 2017

As we have for the past several years, MCTU #575 will participate in the Red Lion Street Fair in 2017. This year's event will be held Saturday, August 12. Our booth will be on East Broadway across from Golden Crust Pizza, hours will be 9 am – 4 pm.

The main purpose of our participation is to promote our conservation activities in the Muddy Creek Watershed by providing an educational opportunity to the public, as well as generate some funds for the club from sale of beverages, patches, hats, pins and shirts. We will have available the new T-Shirts and other merchandise.

If you are able to donate some time to help at the booth, it would be greatly appreciated. We could use assistance between the hours of 11 am and 4 pm, as well as helping with cleanup at 4 pm.

Please contact Bob Shaffer, 717.817-9746 or bshaffer412@yahoo.com, if you are able to assist.

RECOGNITION ROLE CALL

I would like to take a moment to recognize a few individuals who have gone above and beyond over the last few months:

Glen Dasher - for his continued commitment for mowing at the nursery.

Alisha Good - for her commitment a job well done as our Trout in the Classroom Teacher.

Walt Lister - for his time reviewing our finances & eagerness to help educate the

chapter on new regulations. **Jimmy O'Connor** - a new member who has been willing to jump in and assist in various MCTU events.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

To keep our chapter thriving for years to come, we are looking for individuals who would be interested in serving in the follow areas:

- **Webmaster**
- **Membership Chair & Committee members**
- **Meeting Coordinator Chair & Members**
- All **Officers** and two **Directors** are also open for re election. For more information on these roles please contact Beth Boyd at ycpnurse@gmail.com or 717-404-7642.

CHAPTER MEETING CHANGES

We are excited to announce that we are going to be changing the structure of our monthly chapter meeting. We will be removing the business decision making and handling these items at a Board of Director and Officer meeting held prior to the regular chapter meeting. We will have brief up-dates about up-coming events, projects and decisions at our monthly meetings; however, we want to make the chapter meetings fun, fresh and interactive.

Please contact Beth Boyd, ycpnurse@gmail.com, if you have suggestions of topics you would like to learn more about; speakers you would like us to have, activities that you would like to see at meetings. We want our monthly meetings to be something that ALL of our

chapter members can look forward to.

COOP NURSERY REPORT

All spring trout stocking has been completed as of May 4, 2017. A total of 7800 trout have been stocked. Because of low mortality this winter and the state giving us a few extra trout, there will be approximately 650 holdovers to be stocked in the fall. Dates for stocking the trout will be announced in early September. In addition there were 3 dozen holdovers from last fall that have not been stocked yet. They are about 20 inches long and weigh close to 4 pounds. They will be stocked with the other holdovers this fall. All of this is possible because of the financial and volunteer support we receive to raise the trout.

Grants have been received from the state and the county to renovate our nursery. This will include: new stainless steel fixtures; new lids and wiring for the raceway; new screen inserts to be used in the raceway; and new plywood for each end of the raceway. A new door will also be installed at the upper end. Workdays will be scheduled in June/July to complete the renovations. Help will be needed. Anyone willing to help is asked to contact Fred Wilt as soon as possible at 717-309-8098. That way, crews, equipment, etc. can be prepared to do the work.

Again, a big thank you goes out to the feeders, who daily feed and check the conditions of the trout. And a huge "thank you" to all the helpers and stockers on the day trout are stocked!

**ANNUAL LANDOWNER APPRECIATION PICNIC/FUNDRAISING RAFFLE
OCTOBER 14, 2017**

We will be conducting our annual picnic in recognition of the landowners in the Muddy Creek Watershed. This year's event will be held at the Bonham Wake-Robin Wildlife Sanctuary, 101 Spencer Road, off Kennedy Road, Airville PA, 17302 from 11 am – 3 pm on Saturday, October 14. Last year's event generated more than \$1,500 toward our Trout in the Classroom Project at Ore Valley Elementary School in the Dallastown Area School District. If we are successful in our fundraising efforts this year, we hope to expand the TIC program to the Red Lion Area Junior High School this fall.

If you have prior experience with soliciting gift items, grilling, running raffles, or simply thoughts on what type raffle items would be best, i.e., fishing equipment, camping equipment, gift certificates, etc., contact Bob Shaffer, bshaffer412@yahoo.com or 717.817-9746. With the new raffle regulations in Pennsylvania, this has become a lucrative source of revenue for our conservation and community programs.

TROUT AT THE BONHAM REPORT

by Trent Bentzel

The chapter is continuing its grant work in partnership with the York County Conservation Society to bring brown trout back to Spencer Run. The chapter is providing signage for the Bonham-Wake Robin Wildlife Sanctuary so that future school field trips and visitors to the property are able to see points of interest such as Riparian

Buffer improvement on Spencer Run, The trout egg incubator site and the woodland pond. As part of our grant work, we plan in the future to build a new bridge at the property and engage in stream restoration work on Spencer Run which is a tributary to Muddy Creek just above Bridgeton. The property can be accessed

via a gravel road off of Kennedy Road and in addition to the Education Center, offers several miles of woodland and meadow trails. A special thanks to Chris Haag for his sign design work as we finish up that part of the project. The target date for sign installation is June/July 2017.

Trout in the Classroom - Field Day

by Fred Hess

April 8 was the culmination of our partnership with the third grade students from Ore Valley Elementary School with "Release Day" activities. The Chapter assisted in the planning and release of approximately 70 brook trout fry into Spencer Run on the Bonham Wake-Robin Wildlife Sanctuary. Each student got to release a trout with the help of their teacher, Mrs. Alisha Good.

Mayfly nymphs, caddis larvae, midge larvae along with salamanders and crawfish were found. Each student got to plant a tree or shrub stream side to enhance the riparian buffer. The Chapter purchased these plants with money the students raised at their school "trout store" and donated to our chapter.

participated along with their parents and families. Attendance was in excess of 100 people. 15 chapter and Coop sponsors helped stream side, prepare and cook, gave fly fishing/casting demos and transport the fry from the school to the site. Many thanks to all who helped!

After the stream side activities we treated all to a cookout. Fly fishing and casting demos were provided to anyone that was interested. 35 students



The students then also did a macro-invertebrate study in Spencer run, turning rocks and collecting macros:

**SPRING/SUMMER
MEETING LOCATION**

Please note that our monthly meetings May-September will be held at our Co-Operative Nursery on 14200 Ted Wallace Road Brogue. Our meetings will continue to start at 7pm. Our September meeting will be our annual marshmallow and wiener roast. We look forward to seeing you there!

**CO-OP SPONSORSHIP
CHANGES**

Beginning in 2017, we will be "sprucing up" our Co-Op Sponsorship letter in an effort to keep our members more informed about the Co-Operative Nursery. We will also be adjusting our mailing date this year; at this time, we are anticipating sending these letters late August to early September.

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VISIONCORPS FISHING DAY REPORT

by Fred Hess

On May 6 we sponsored our fishing day for visually impaired children and their families from VisonCorps, formerly known as ForSight Vision.

There were a total of twelve children and their families that attended. The event went off as planned, the fishing conditions were

great and everyone enjoyed it. Many fish were caught. Many hamburgers and hot dogs were consumed.

This is at least our sixth consecutive year sponsoring this event. Some of the children and families are getting to be family to our Chapter. They look forward to this every year. The parents and grandparents of the participants enjoy it. While TU members are helping the kids fish, it gives them a bit of a break to enjoy the outdoors.

ForSight Vision has now merged with VisionCorps of Lancaster so some new faces were in the crowd along with the familiar ones. This was the highest count of participants we've enjoyed thus far.



Many thanks to the sixteen volunteers who contributed water, bait, cleaning up the walkway, cooking and helping the children fish. Thanks also to Dr. Hartzell of Leaders Heights Eye Center for his cash contribution and to Collinsville F&G for the contribution of rainbow and brook trout.



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T-SHIRT/HAT SALES

We have 3 new shirt colors with our original design: Jade; Tan; Olive Green. These new colors are \$12 or \$20 if shipping is required. We still have a few black 25th 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 25th Anniversary hats left; these remain at \$15 per hat. Our travel mugs remain available at \$10/mug. Please contact Maurice at 717-747-5613 or muddycreektu@comcast.net



2017 Collector Patch - North Branch

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited is committed to continuing the collectable patch fund raiser. Our 2017 Patch boasts a Landscape of the mouth of the North Branch at the Forks on an orange ring with gold trim. These can be purchased for \$7.00

at Chapter meetings, and on our website.

Visit our web site to see the 2017 Collector Patch and others or to place an order at www.muddycreektu.org.

