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## CHP now accepting grant apps

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership announces the opening of the 2017 Coldwater Conservation Grants Program. The program provides two grant opportunities which help to protect and conserve the health of Pennsylvania's coldwater ecosystems.

The two grant opportunities are:

**Planning Grant** – designed to help develop a conservation plan that identifies the threats to the health of local coldwater ecosystems that have naturally reproducing trout as well as the opportunities for habitat restoration and conservation within those watersheds. The information and analysis can be used as a catalyst for more comprehensive planning or for development of watershed improvements projects. Planning grants average approximately \$5,000.

**Implementation Grant** – designed to provide funding for projects recommended in a completed conservation plan or other approved plan such as a Rivers Conservation Plan. Proposed projects must enhance, conserve or protect the coldwater stream for which the coldwater conservation plan or similar document was originally completed. Implementation grants average approximately \$7,000.

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## TU recognizes Spring Creek, Charlesworth

Pennsylvania was well represented at the TU National Conservation Awards ceremony during the 2016 Annual Meeting in Bozeman, Mont., in September.

The Spring Creek Chapter received the Gold Trout Award, TU's highest award for chapters, which recognizes the chapter that over the last year took innovative and thoughtful approaches to building community and advancing TU's mission.

Also, Council President Charlie Charlesworth received the Distinguished Service Award for leadership, which recognizes outstanding individual volunteer contributions and those who have embodied the

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Trout Unlimited Photos

At top, Bob Vierck, president of the Spring Creek Chapter, accepts Trout Unlimited's Gold Trout Award during the TU National Conservation Awards ceremony. Above, Charlie Charlesworth accepts the Distinguished Service Award.

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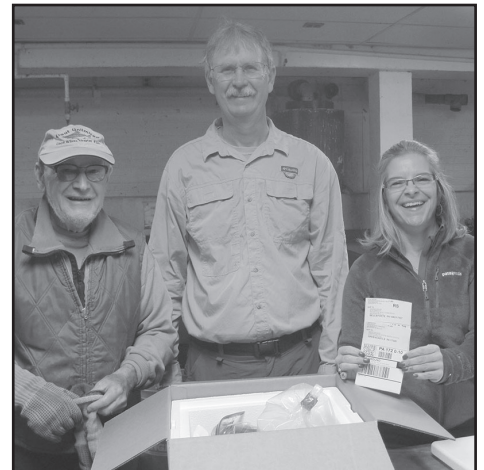
Tali MacArthur Photos

Trout Unlimited volunteers recently packed over 940 bags of food for the Trout in the Classroom program at the Benner Spring State Fish Hatchery. Below, Les Kleckner, Matt Sanderson and Vicki Cunningham ready a box of eggs for shipment to a participating school.

## Packed up & shipped out: Volunteers prep eggs, food for TIC classrooms

Trout Unlimited volunteers packed over 940 bags of food for the Trout in the Classroom program on Oct. 27. Each classroom gets three bags – marked size 0, 1, and 2 – to feed their fish until they are released in the spring. Volunteers returned to the Benner Spring Hatchery on Nov. 1 to pack those bags along with the eggs and an ice pack in over 310 boxes which were then shipped via UPS to participating schools.

This is the highest number of participating classrooms to date. Teachers around the state have been setting up their aquariums, often with the help of local TU chapter partners, and both teachers and students are eager to receive their egg shipment and begin the exciting process of raising their fish and learning about the importance of coldwater resource conservation and protection.



PATU and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission extend thanks to members of Spring Creek, God's Country, John Kennedy and Lloyd Wilson chapters for dedicating their time to assist with food and egg packing day.

### **A note of thanks to PATU chapter volunteers...**

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission would like to thank local Trout Unlimited chapters for their continued support and efforts to educate communities about coldwater resources, as well as taking youth and families fishing.

A special thank you goes to the Spring Creek and Lloyd Wilson chapters for their continued dedication and support at special events in the Northcentral Region, including the PFBC Northcentral Family Fishing Festival held in June, the PFBC 150th event held July 23, and women's fly fishing programs and several youth education/veteran fishing programs across the region.

Your assistance and attention to detail has been key to the success of each program and event. Thank you. We are looking forward to another great year in 2017!

# TU hires Mid-Atlantic policy director

Trout Unlimited recently hired Dave Kinney as the Mid-Atlantic policy director.

As policy director, Kinney will lead advocacy campaigns in the mid-Atlantic region aimed at protecting coldwater habitat, with an emphasis on the Delaware River Basin. That means pushing for the continued listing of wild trout streams in Pennsylvania and monitoring potential threats from development, including natural gas transmission lines. He'll intervene

in regulatory proceedings and push for sensible gas and pipeline regulations.

With a soon-to-be-hired organizer, he will work to build, train, and energize our network of advocates to make our voices heard on important conservation issues. With the Eastern Shale Gas Monitoring coordinator, he'll help build TU's network of stream monitors watching out for impacts from drilling and pipeline construction.

He can be reached at [dkinney@tu.org](mailto:dkinney@tu.org).

## GRANTS

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Applications will be accepted through Dec. 16, 2016. Additional information, including applications for both grants, can be found at [www.coldwaterheritage.org](http://www.coldwaterheritage.org).

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership urges watershed associations, conservancies, conservation districts, municipalities and local chapters of Trout Unlimited to apply.

The partnership provides technical assistance and funding support for the evaluation, conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams. Grants will be awarded for project proposals that outline planning strategies and define implementation projects that best conserve and protect the state's coldwater fisheries.

In addition to its grant program, CHP strives to foster greater public understanding of watershed characteristics and how they affect coldwater ecosystems; identify special areas of concern, such as areas with exceptional water quality and high potential for impacts; and provide technical assistance and financial opportunities to organizations dedicated to protecting coldwater ecosystems.

The CHP is a cooperative effort among the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds. Contact Tali MacArthur, program director, at 814-359-5233 or [info@coldwaterheritage.org](mailto:info@coldwaterheritage.org).

## AWARDS

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values of TU.

Describing Spring Creek's recognition, TU said, "The chapter's conservation and anglers science activities this year are more than enough to earn accolades – over 1.5 miles of riparian habitat planted, 13 in-stream structures built, water quality monitoring, redd counts and angler surveys totaling more than 4,500 volunteer hours and valued at over \$210,000." Also noted was SCCTU "constantly hosting events and activities ... And "perhaps one of the most innovative approaches to engaging the community was the 'Return the Roots – Runoff Pollutes' backyard makeover contest where homeowners along nine miles of Spring Creek were mailed TU's 'My

Healthy Stream' book and Penn State's 'The Homeowners Guide to Stormwater' and challenged to plant riparian buffers and reduce their stormwater runoff."

Charlesworth was recognized "for the long line of chapter leaders he has helped build over the years, for the next generation of conservationists he has inspired to step forward and for the focus he has placed so strongly on building succession and sustainability for his chapter and council. Engaging younger leaders in TU's mission has been at the core of Charlie's efforts since he became active as a volunteer. He helped found a local TU Teens program that has graduated 12 students each of the last five years and grown to incorporate a one-week conservation camp. He nurtured and inspired a 5 Rivers College Club ... and he helped develop a Women's Initiative program."

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# Headwaters

A message from PATU President Charlie Charlesworth

There is a great deal more to winter time activities than just fly tying.

For a good portion of us it is the beginning of a whole second season of fishing. It's time for steelheading, the time for the most devout and, yes, possibly the craziest of us to venture out into the cold, brutal winter. There are those that have no interest in donning the latest and most technical protective layers available to man. No interest in adding layer after layer that we end up looking like the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man or the stuffed snow suit of the younger brother in "Christmas Story."

What, then, do these poor souls do to while away the days, weeks and months that constitute short days, darkest cold and sunrises after you get to work and sunsets before you get home? While I am with the former group, I still succumb to some of the symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder. You know, symptoms like: "It's dark, I should be in bed." My wife and my lifestyle only affords me so many fishing trips so I have developed some useful and worthwhile activities. Try these on your own or come up with a few of your own design.

**VOLUNTEERING:** Do you have anything else to do? Most chapters try to organize their late winter and early spring fundraisers starting right about now. You will always be welcome if you offer to help out, regardless of whether it is a banquet, a pancake breakfast, holiday social or any

other type of fundraising activity. Your work will be greatly appreciated.

**EDUCATION:** Now you have the time. Try an online course or a continuing education class at a local college. I just completed a new program from the Penn State Agricultural Extension office and became certified as a Master Watershed Steward. I can tell you that has been quite gratifying.

Try this on for size: Tell your spouse that you want to work at improving your knowledge. That's right, you're going to a fly fishing trade show. It sure helps to improve my knowledge! Don't think it will work? Ahh, they will probably let you go anyway.

Why not get to work on that reading list? Don't have one? Well try some of the suggestions from this PATU president's required reading:

John Gubbins – "Profound River," the historic novel of Dame Juliana Burness, the founder of fly fishing and purported author of, "A Treatise of Fishing with Angle"; Lou Eurenics – "Backcast"; Steven Ambrose – "Undaunted Courage" (see if you think you would be willing to retrace [fishing] the steps of the Lewis and Clark expedition); Candice Millard – "The River of Doubt"; Owen Owens – "Living Water"; Aldo Leopold – "A Sand County Almanac"; or for more modern interpretations of works like Leopold's try any one of Kathy Scott's four books – stories about cane rod building and reflections on



nature and its therapeutic splendor. Want to learn more about one of the craziest Pennsylvania fly fishermen I've ever read about? Try the biography of Zane Grey by Thomas Pauly.

**YOUTH CONSERVATION/EDUCATION:** Trout Unlimited has a great deal to say about its youth activities and it all begins with TU's Headwaters Youth Program. The subject narrows down to what we call "The Stream of Engagement." Regardless of your skill set, you do fit somewhere in the following programs. SOE begins where it should, "The Stream Explorers" for ages 12 and under. With a reduced membership of \$10 they receive a great age-appropriate quarterly magazine and it is for this group that many chapters hold or help with fishing derbies. Notice that I did not say "fly fishing" derbies? Conventional fishing is a great start to pique the interest of young people.

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RepYourWater provides creative and unique designs on high-quality apparel and merchandise, and makes a difference for wildlife habitat around the country. RepYourWater donates 1% of Pennsylvania designed apparel sales to Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited to support our Coldwater Conservation Corps program. We would like to thank RepYourWater for its support and for those who have purchased items. Please check them out at [www.repyourwater.com](http://www.repyourwater.com) and support coldwater conservation!



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The next rung on the ladder of age and fishing skills is the TU Teens program. It is in this group that we tend to find the greatest amount of varying activities. One-day fly fishing schools, summer camps, and some chapters have longer schools and year-round activities for the TU Teens.

My chapter, Lackawanna Valley, has a fly fishing school that starts in January and runs through May on every other Saturday. Upon graduation they become part of our year-round TU Teens club, which offers rod building classes, weekly fly tying classes, educational trips and group fishing trips. This also allows them to attend the Keystone/Trout Unlimited Teens Summer Camp in June.

There are over 20 teen summer camps throughout the country, including two in Pennsylvania: The newest is the Keystone/Trout Unlimited Teens camp at Keystone College and the oldest in America is the

Rivers Conservation and Youth Fly Fishing Camp held each June in Boiling Springs.

The top rung on the Youth Education ladder is TU's 5 Rivers college initiative. More than eight colleges and universities in Pennsylvania have formed fly fishing clubs sponsored by local chapters. Students at the colleges need only to find an advisor and a local TU chapter advisor and PATU can put together a 5 Rivers club for you. At our upcoming PATU Executive Committee meeting in November we will discuss our design for the state-wide sponsoring of all of PA's colleges.

If you are an alumnus of a Pennsylvania college or have college-age kids or grandkids this may be an ideal opportunity for you. These students also have a reduced membership and all the privileges of membership, including voting and participating in local chapter activities. 5 Rivers clubs have a national director and National TU activities, including a national rally next

year in Pennsylvania.

For more information on 5 Rivers clubs you can contact me or VP Greg Malaska. It is one of the fastest growing activities in all of Trout Unlimited.

I guess by now you get the message: "GET INVOLVED!"



### GET A CUSTOM TROUT UNLIMITED PENNSYLVANIA LICENSE PLATE!

Want to show others that you're a proud member of PATU and support the mission of Trout Unlimited? Well, you can, and it will only cost you a onetime charge of \$25 for a specialty PA license plate. The custom plate fee is in addition to your annual registration fee, and the plate is available for passenger cars and trucks 14,000 lbs. or less, motor homes and trailers.

To order your Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited PA state license plate, send your name, TU membership number and current PA license plate number by email to [rpennell37@comcast.net](mailto:rpennell37@comcast.net) or mail to:

Bob Pennell  
2319 Valley Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17104

In return, you'll receive an application form to complete and send with your \$25 payment to PennDOT.

## Monitoring program sets training

Trout Unlimited and the Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association are partnering to train volunteers to monitor water resources that may be impacted by natural gas pipeline development.

The Pennsylvania Pipeline Construction Monitoring Program is an objective data collection effort and does not engage in advocacy related activities.

The training will take place at Montour Preserve in Danville from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 19.

Focusing on potential erosion and

sedimentation impacts, the goal of this workshop is to train volunteers to effectively monitor water quality on high priority streams along the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline and other planned, or in progress, linear construction project routes in north-central Pennsylvania before, during and after pipeline construction.

Register by contacting Carol Parenzan at 570-768-6300 or [midsusriver@gmail.com](mailto:midsusriver@gmail.com). Please provide your name, email address, phone number and mailing address. Registration closes Nov. 16, 2016.

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# PATU Executive Committee

Actions taken since July 6, 2016:

- **July 15, 2016** – Approved signing on to support The Conservation Fund’s application to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for funding to help permanently protect over 15,000 acres of land located in Potter, McKean and Cameron counties in northern PA.
- **Aug. 6, 2016** – Approved sending two letters to PA Fish & Boat Commission in support of its September 2016 proposed additions to the Wild Trout and Class A Wild Trout Waters listings.
- **Sept. 17, 2016** – Approved sending letter to PA Fish & Boat Commission requesting cessation of stream work under GP-1 permits during the spring spawning season for rainbow trout.
- **Sept. 20, 2016** – Approved authorization for PennFuture to sign on behalf of PA Council the proposed settlement agreements dated Sept. 12, 2016 with the U.S. Department of the Interior and PA Department of Environmental Protection regarding the PA Coal Mine Bonding Program lawsuit, case no. 1:99-CV-1791.
- **Oct. 13, 2016** – Approved signing on to the two Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed letters to U.S. House and Senate committee members in support of the Delaware River Basin Conservation Act (DRBCA).
- **Oct. 14, 2016** – Approved signing on as a member of the Growing Greener Coalition in support of the PA Department of Environmental Protection’s Growing Greener III program.
- **Oct. 19, 2016** – Approved signing on to National TU’s letter in support of the Delaware River Basin Conservation Act.



## **Council officers elected for 2017**

The following officers were elected by membership at the PATU Membership Meeting in Bellefonte to serve a one-year term beginning on Oct. 1.

In accordance with Council bylaws, the president and two vice presidents are each limited to serving for four consecutive terms, and the NLC representative to five consecutive terms. There are no term limits for the other elected officers.

President – Charlie Charlesworth

Vice Presidents – Greg Malaska & John Leonard  
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 Northcentral – Jim Lanning  
 Northeast – Fred Gender  
 Southwest – Chuck Winters  
 Southcentral – Richard Lewis  
 Southeast – Chris Burns

## **Treasurer’s Report** *by PATU Treasurer George Kutskel*

As we end our year, let’s take a moment and make sure that we continue to have strong, safe chapters.

I have been in touch with several treasurers, and I have been surprised that some chapters have not purchased supplemental accident medical coverage. While members are covered under TU’s liability coverage, non-TU members that attend chapter events – whether it’s a meeting or instruction – are not covered. How many non-members attend your chapter events?

National TU provides accidental medical coverage to all attendees for up to \$50,000 for \$155 per year. This is much cheaper than the chapter offering to pay for an injury at an event. Please check with your home chapter to make sure they have purchased this coverage. If not they can contact [jjates@tu.org](mailto:jjates@tu.org) to purchase.

Another item is clearances for dealing with youths.

Everyone who helps at chapter events should have their clearances. Again, this is something we hope is never needed, but your chapter will be happy to have it in the event a case is made. Because we are volunteers these clearances are free.

At our annual meeting, a longtime chapter president stated it very well: If someone does not want to get their clearances, maybe that should be a flag. Both of these topics are, of course, not fun ones and certainly not why we joined TU. But if we fail to follow through with these they can, and would, make your experience much less enjoyable.

## **Chapter Donations**

All money received from chapters and individuals is used to fund Council programs or projects, including this newsletter, unlike grant money which can only be used for the purpose of the grant. These chapters have made a commitment to PATU within the past 12 months.

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- Chestnut Ridge
- God’s Country
- Hokendauqua
- Schuylkill County
- Spring Creek
- Tiadaghton

### **Brook Trout \$250 to \$499**

## ***Women’s Initiative***

If your chapter is sponsoring an event or if you want to have an event contact Women’s Initiative Chair Kandy Weader by email at [kweader@comcast.net](mailto:kweader@comcast.net) or by phone at 814-574-5570.

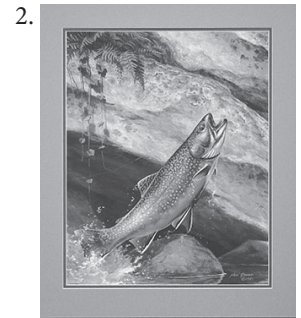
Follow PATU’s Women’s Initiative on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PAWomenOfTroutUnlimited/>.

# Merchandise Order Form

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# PATU award winners

Each year, Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited honors individuals and chapters who, during the previous year, achieved notable results in enhancing the overall mission of TU in Pennsylvania.

The following awards were presented at the Annual Membership Meeting in Bellefonte on Sept. 10, 2016.

- **Edward Urbas Award for Best PA Chapter** – Chestnut Ridge
- **Best Chapter Project** – Brodhead
- **Chapter with Greatest Membership Increase** – Valley Forge
- **Chapter with Greatest Percentage Increase in Membership** – Cornplanter
- **Best Chapter Website** – Spring Creek
- **Samuel Slaymaker Award for Best Chapter Newsletter** – Donegal
- **Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, Professional** – Dr. Mel Zimmerman
- **Outstanding TU Volunteer** – Erik Broesicke
- **Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach** – Biff Healy
- **Ken Sink Award for Outstanding Service to PATU** – Brian Wagner
- **Inky Moore Award for Outstanding Service to State Council** – Charlie Charlesworth
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*Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist (Professional)*  
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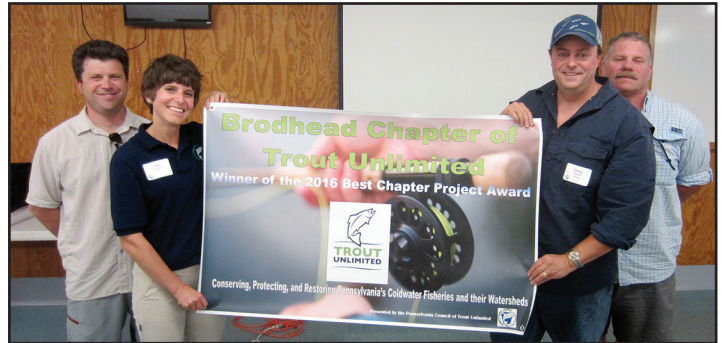
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**Brodhead**



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**Donegal**



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The chapter sent a letter to PFBC in support of Class A and Wild Trout additions, including three unnamed tributaries to Little Martins Creek and two unnamed tributaries to Martins Creek in Northampton County. Several board members contacted our local state representatives in support of SB 1168, which would allow PFBC to set its own license fee schedule. We signed on with the Pennsylvania Growing Greener Coalition in support of Growing Greener III. Winning tickets for our 2016 conservation raffle were drawn on Sept. 17 at the chapter's fifth annual Pig & Corn Roast. We also sold discount vouchers for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day on Oct. 18. Progress continues on the groundwork for a mile-long stream restoration project proposed for Bushkill Creek. We provided fly casting, a tying demo and a conservation talk for Roseto Rod & Gun Club's youth day on Sept. 17. Our four TIC schools are Nazareth, Wind Gap and Bangor middle schools and Easton High School. We had a display and provided casting and tying at Get Outdoors PA Festival on Sept. 24.

## **Hokendauqua Chapter #535**

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On Aug. 8, we helped with the Wild Turkey Federation's Youth Field Day at Ontelaunee Rod and Gun Club. A PHW event was Sept. 24 at Green-Walk Trout Nursery. The next day, we set up a display in Hokendauqua Park for "Stroll in the Park." Catasauqua High School is ready for TIC. July 9 was the chapter's Fly Fishing for Ladies event. They were divided into three groups rotated between three stations on macros, equipment and casting.

## **Lackawanna Valley Chapter #414**

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We had two participants in the River Stewardship Program. Upcoming membership meetings are Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15 and March 15 at Tripp Park Community Center, Scranton. Our pancake breakfast is Feb. 5 at Applebee's, Dickson City.

## **Monocacy Chapter #491**

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On Oct. 1, members of Monocacy TU, Wildlands Conservancy, the Master Watershed Stewards, Monocacy Creek Watershed Association, Northampton County Conservation District and Master Gardeners completed the planting of over 40 trees, bushes and perennial flowers to restore the riparian buffer in the area of a recently removed dam. We have received interest in starting a TIC program in a 4th grade classroom at James Buchanan Elementary School. We held a MCWA stream cleanup on Oct. 29. We have a live webcast with Steve Galletta of Big Horn Anglers at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 and a joint chapter event featuring Nick Raftas from Sky Blue Outfitters at 7 p.m. on Dec. 13 at the East Bath Rod and Gun Club. Our holiday gathering is at 7 p.m. Dec. 20 at Bethlehem Brew Works.

## **Pike-Wayne Chapter #462**

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We attended the Pike County Conservation District meeting on Sept. 19 to express concerns with Lackawaxen River water temperatures exceeding 75 degrees during September and odor from Brookfield Renewable Power discharge flow into the river. Pike County Commissioner Caridi recommended we attend the Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District meeting, which we did, and expressed our concerns. We also received a follow-up e-mail from Mark Hartle of PFBC. We will continue to monitor water temperatures in the river. We awarded \$500 to three high school seniors from Delaware Valley, Wallenpaupack Area and Wayne Highlands who plan to study environmental sciences. We sponsored David Kelly's attendance at the Keystone/TU Teen Conservation Summer Camp.

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## **Columbia County Chapter #38**

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Chapter members restored the TU-installed public access steps along Fishing Creek in Orangeville in September. Work included staircase reinforcement and repair, litter collection, tree and brush trimming, signage restoration and staining the entire structure. Bob Lewis & Jeff White from the Delaware River Club gave a "Delaware River 101" talk at our Nov. 8 meeting. Our next meeting is a movie night on Dec. 13 at the Columbia County Conservation District Office. On Jan. 10, Ben Sheard from the West Branch Angler & Resort will talk about the "State of the Delaware."

## **God's Country Chapter #327**

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Pete Ryan and Bob Volkmar have attended the JKLM Energy monthly "stakeholders" meetings in which the Sweden Valley Pipeline Connector and proposed new drilling activities have been explained and discussed. Planned Utica Shale drilling by JKLM will be greatly increased in the future. Bob and Pete also attended the quarterly Potter County Water Quality Committee meeting as well as the PATU annual meeting. Letters were sent to PFBC in support of the proposal of adding streams to the listing of Wild Trout and Class A Trout waters. Four of the 93 streams proposed are in Potter County. In view of the new state requirements for youth clearances for those having contact with children during organizational activities, GCTU will maintain a registry of members who have obtained youth clearance. GCTU nominated Leroy White to serve as Farm Director on the Potter County Conservation District board. Seven chapter members participated in cooperation with the Upper Allegheny Watershed Association in the second phase of knotweed cutting along Mill Creek at the Sweden Township building on July 18. Herbicide was applied on Aug. 19 and the treatment is working. A severe sediment problem in the Prouty Branch of the First Fork was brought to the attention of WCO Boatwright and the Potter County Conservation District by GCTU member Ted Bear. After several visits, the logging company has resolved the issue and fines have been imposed. Problems with the Peet Brook quarry continue as WCO Boatwright is working to rectify the erosion problems on that site. Five chapter members helped the Potter County Conservation District install stream improvement structures in Big Nelson Run. Four chapter members participated in fly casting instruction for students at the Potter County Conservation School. Inspection of TIC equipment was completed and replacement supplies have been ordered. We have successfully

applied for and will receive a \$150 grant to pay for the bus transportation of the Coudersport 6th grade to the TIC release day held in May at the Austin/Costello Sportsmen Club.

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### **Lloyd Wilson Chapter #224**

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Our annual family banquet/raffle was Nov. 4 at the Southern Clinton County Lions/Sportsman's Club in Loganton. Speaker was local historian Rich Wykoff who spoke about area CCC camps. Chapter members assisted with eight fishing events at the NE Fishery Center in Lamar. The events were attended by young children, special needs students, guests at local assisted living/nursing homes and boys and girls from the Camp Cadet program. Members taught fly tying and casting to young folks attending the "Brookies" camp, and fly tying to students at the Clinton County Conservation District Day Camp. We had members helping at the "Family Fishing Day" at Sayers Lake.

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### **Penns Creek Chapter #119**

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On Aug. 13, members manned fly tying and casting stations at the NWTU field day at Mifflin County Sportsman's Club. Regular monthly meetings resumed in September. Also in September, members assisted in a joint program with Spring Creek TU at a field day for our newest TIC project at Mifflin County High School. Members attended a meeting in Woolrich to select a new Regional VP, and also attended the PATU annual meeting in Bellefonte. On Oct. 8, members manned a fly tying and casting station at the Reeds Gap State Park's Fall Festival. The chapter has been approached to have a fly fishing station at the Mifflin County Conservation District's Envirothon in May. We will be working on riparian buffer plantings on Kish Creek in conjunction with the conservation district. We are also committed to help with repair and replacement of stream improvement structures as well as handicapped access areas at Karl Guss State Park in conjunction with Tuscarora State Forest DCNR. December's winter social date and place will be announced. Our annual banquet is March 4, 2017. May 4, 2017 is the MCCD Envirothon at Kish Park, and May 16 is the TIC release date for Fayette Elementary at Thompsontown AMVETS.

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### **R.B. Winter Chapter #124**

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Our 10-week fly tying classes start Jan. 9. The September meeting featured PATU's Tali MacArthur who updated the chapter on current TIC activities and stream projects. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 16 and Dec. 21 at the Lewisburg Hotel.

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### **Spring Creek Chapter #185**

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Directors completed a five-year strategic plan. We partnered with the Centre County Leadership Council to sponsor a Get Outdoors Day family fishing picnic. We represented TU at the Spring Creek Watershed Association and at the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. We appeared on C-Net program "Around the County" with an interview highlighting the chapter's activities. We were featured in a full-page article in the *Centre Daily Times*, which detailed the chapter's outreach and conservation activities. We partnered with Penn State to re-establish and revitalize a dike that separates Thompson Run from a stormwater holding pond called the "Duck Pond." This resulted in a doubling of the coldwater flow from Thompson Run and will increase the wild trout population in Spring Creek. Stewardship work days were held at riparian planting sites including: Commercial Street Bridge/Milesburg, McCoy Dam, Rock Road, Oak Hall and Deer Creek Lane. We reached an agreement with PFBC to provide maintenance assistance at Fisherman's Paradise to protect the no-wade feature and allow 43 separate fishing locations at the site. We visited "Sparrow Run" with US Fish and Wildlife to identify possible location for a project of a tributary to Bald Eagle Creek. We published an interactive map of habitat projects on the watershed as part of the Spring Creek Watershed Association's Atlas Project. The chapter partnered with PFBC to host the 150th anniversary celebration at Fisherman's Paradise. Patriots Day with the Veterans Service Program featured 97-year-old World War II veteran Woody Breon, which was attended by over 50 volunteers and veterans, including Joe Humphreys. A video is available on our website. In addition to the twice monthly events, the VSP assisted with two events on Penns Creek with "Total Outdoors," another veterans program. The water resources management project presented "The Geology of Spring Creek" at the September meeting. The chapter participated in the Central Parks and Recreation 50th anniversary celebration with a youth outreach table, including casting, fly tying, fishing pool, stormwater education, etc. Y - Trout Release day was held in partnership with the YMCA of Centre County at Whipple's Dam. The chapter's women's group held fishing events at Fisherman's Paradise, Benner Springs and "The Distillery." Our outreach chair participated in the "Teen Summit" again this year and also assisted in a "teen fishing" day with the school district's "Delta Program." Upcoming events include a redd count on Nov. 20 at Spring Creek Park, Houserville, our holiday party on Dec. 16 and our "State of the Chapter" and annual meeting in January at Comfort Suites State College. Our Veterans Service Program will also be holding fly tying in January and February at the YMCA of Centre County.

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### **Susquehanna Chapter #044**

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We held a director's meeting on Sept. 20 and nominated new directors and officers for the November meeting election. We reviewed our old chapter bylaws for consistency with PATU and National models and prepared an updated draft for review and consideration at the November meeting.

We are planning another sale of fly tying materials, rod making supplies and fishing tackle, and we are soliciting donations. We continue field monitoring at five stations on the headwaters of Rock Run, tributary to Lycoming Creek as part of a CHP planning project. We resumed Project Healing Waters fly tying sessions for disabled veterans on the first and third Tuesdays of October in coordination with Lycoming College Outdoor Leadership Program and Penn College Fly Fishing Club. Bill Kosmer spoke on fishing Navorino Island, located in southern Chili's Cape Horn region, at our meeting on Nov. 9.

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### **Tiadaghton Chapter #688**

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Congratulations to the Doc Fritchey Award winner for outstanding coldwater conservationist, our own Barbara St. John-White, who received the award during PATU's fall meeting. Our members have helped with the North Fork Habitat streambank stabilization project. It is now complete and was a joint effort of the Conservation District, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, TU and PFBC. Members and partners are still monitoring area streams for the TU Coldwater Conservation Corps. Our Embrace-A-Stream project continues to progress. We had a road cleanup on Oct. 29. Our chapter is helping a new TIC program at the North Penn Elementary School in Blossburg. This is the sixth TIC project in the county to be supported by our chapter. We have a joint meeting on Nov. 16 with Tiadaghton Audubon and the Pine Creek Headwaters Protection Group at the Gmeiner Art and Cultural Center in Wellsboro. Social hour runs from 6-7 p.m. and is followed immediately by a presentation from Heather Galbraith from the USGS Leetown Science Center Northern Appalachian Research Lab, who will share updates on research related to American eels and native freshwater mussels in the Susquehanna River.

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The chapter held elections on Oct. 12. Our banquet will be on April 1, 2017 at the Falls Creek Eagles. We completed habitat and bank stabilization on Wilson Run, which included installing eight log vanes to keep the creek from taking the yard. We also have the landowner not mowing to the water's edge. We will be meeting with stakeholders and state officials on re-starting work on the Fran Contracting site in Clinton County. We have been working toward cleaning AMD from this site to restore Camp and Rock Run, tributaries of Cooks Run. We are working with National TU to have the area reclaimed. The chapter is supporting six classrooms in four different school districts. Our 2017 environmental day with DuBois Middle School is May 19 at Camp Mountain Run. We are also working with DuBois Middle School's fly fishing club and the new environmental science honors program to connect students with hands-on issues in the outdoors. We held a "Smart Anglers" event at the Curwensville Lake watershed festival and hosted a family fishing event on Oct. 8 at the Tannery Dam in DuBois.

## Caldwell Creek Chapter #437

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We are working with the Western Pa. Conservancy on six projects on Brokenstraw Creek, Andrews and Indian Camp runs. Our fly tying classes run from early March through early April at Corry Higher Ed.

## Cornplanter Chapter #526

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We had a paddlers dice run down the Allegheny River on Aug. 14 with co-sponsor Allegheny Outfitters. There were five checkpoints along the route. At the end two winners were announced, the one with the highest rolled total and the one with the lowest rolled total. We also drew tickets for the winner of a kayak. On Oct. 9, we sponsored a TU benefit shoot at the Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club. We held a Morrison Run habitat improvement in September with five hand-placed structures to help centralize stream flow, create natural pools and add habitat areas. This was our eighth year working on the stream. We did a field review of a large woody debris technique called "Chop and Drop" on Thundershower Run, a tributary to Kinzua Creek, and a field review of Morrison Run watershed. We have four TIC projects being tentatively planned for 2017. Cornplanter TU also volunteered at a youth fishing/casting event at Chapman Dam State Park.

## Iron Furnace Chapter #288

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The chapter held nominations for officers and all current officers agreed to stay on for another year. We are in the beginning stages of looking into removing two dams in the Callen Run watershed that block fish passage. We are working along with Allegheny Mountain Chapter to help make this happen and improve the fishery. We have most of the planning done to fix the deflector at the fly fishing area in Brookville, but we need to set a date to complete the work. The chapter recently worked with the Bucktail Council of Boy Scouts of America to instruct and help 50 area scouts work to get their fly fishing merit badge. The event was part of a fall camping outing that took place at Walter Dick Park in Brookville. The event was all day on Sept. 24 and many of the scouts caught their first trout on a fly. We are currently looking for more of our women members to step forward and help with future women's events. Our next chapter meeting is Nov. 21 at Sigel Sportsman's Club.

## James Zwald Chapter #314

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The chapter received a significant donation from Domtar Paper Company for the habitat project on the East Branch of the Clarion River inside Bendigo State Park. In late September, 500 feet of stream habitat was added near the site of the old dam in Bendigo Park. Structures include bank stabilization, in-stream boulders, log deflectors and root balls. The chapter continues to monitor portions of West Creek tributary to the Driftwood Branch of the Sinnemahoning as part of the development of an acid mine drainage plan for remediation under a grant from the Norfolk-Southern spill monies. We continue to support 11 TIC projects within Cameron and Elk county schools. The chapter will conduct weekly fly tying classes in January and February. We have no meetings in November or December. Our next is Jan. 31 at St. Marys Area Middle School library.

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Our annual banquet will be on March 18, 2017 at the Park Inn by Radisson in West Middlesex. We held a workday on the Coolspring DHALO Area on Oct. 15 to do trail maintenance and other work. We are looking into a partnership with the Conservation District to apply for a grant to do some streambank planting. We are adding a new TIC program this year at the Hillview Elementary School in Grove City, giving us a total of seven TIC programs in Mercer County. Funding was provided by the local PTO. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 21, Dec. 19 and Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Penn State Shenango.

## Northwest Chapter #41

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We are planning for another Fly Fishing Film Tour event in the spring. Karl Weixlmann gave a presentation on Ohio steelheading at our September meeting.

## Oil Creek Chapter #424

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Our banquet will be held April 8, 2017. The final stage of our three-year Little Sandy Creek habitat improvement project was completed June 14-15 and was reviewed by DEP representatives. We are planning to place information on the chapter website about our involvement in TIC. We donated two fly rods to the local Kiwanis for their Youth Field Day, which was attended by our president. We made a

donation to McKeever Environmental Center to be used for environmental education. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.

## Seneca Chapter #272

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The chapter held its annual meeting and member-guest dinner on Oct. 20 at the Westline Inn. We formed a partnership with the "Sinking Fly Fishing Club" from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford through the TU 5 River Initiative. The chapter purchased equipment needed to continue TIC projects in McKean County schools and to start a new program at Smethport High School. We recently partnered with the McKean County Conservation District to apply for a grant from Shell to implement agricultural BMPs to reduce erosion and sediment load in the Upper Allegheny watershed.

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At the September meeting, Jay Breneman, Chester County coordinator for Project Healing Waters, presented. At the October meeting, Tom Gilmore presented his book "Flyfisher's Guide to Eastern Trophy Tailwaters." Our monthly meetings are at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month through June at Delaware County Field & Stream Association clubhouse.

## Little Lehigh Chapter #070

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Directors met Aug. 3 to plan chapter activities for the coming year. Our fall raffle drawing was Oct. 5.

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On Sept. 15, we provided a commitment letter to Wildlands Conservancy in support of its \$50,000 DCNR grant application that would be used for riparian buffer restoration at 18 sites along nine Lehigh Valley streams. A significant amount of work would be done along the Little Lehigh Creek, and LLTU pledged to provide up to \$3,000 of labor in-kind through volunteer assistance in planting, project planning, and outreach. We are supporting three TIC schools again this year: Willow Lane Elementary, St. John Vianny Regional School and Seven Generations Charter School. We have a fourth, William Allen High, which we are planning to get on board with TIC next school year.

### Perkiomen Valley #332

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A special election will be held at the December general meeting to fill vacant offices, including membership chair and webmaster. We will also be seeking to fill the chapter president's position. The chapter's new website is currently under construction and needs help from our membership. We need photos of current or past projects as well as photos of chapter social activities that we can share on the site. Additionally, we need dates for any upcoming chapter events to add to the calendar. Submit those to Chaz Macdonald at [chazmac1949@rcn.com](mailto:chazmac1949@rcn.com), Tom Smith or Chris Burns at [flytyer0406@gmail.com](mailto:flytyer0406@gmail.com). The chapter's streambank restoration project along Perkiomen Creek at the American Legion continues. We continue to support five TIC programs at area schools. Release events will be planned for the spring. Our meetings are the third Monday of the month except for June-August at 7 p.m. at Upper Perkiomen Library, 350 Main Street, Red Hill.

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Our annual picnic was Sept. 17 at Lorimer Park in Abington Township. Turnout was great with members and others. There was plenty of food with some great deserts to finish off the barbecue.

### Tulpehocken Chapter #150

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We began construction of our Embrace-A-Stream deflector project and it is still in progress. The deflectors are being installed along the Tulpehocken stream.

### Valley Forge Chapter #290

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VFTU held a fishing weekend trip to the Upper

Delaware from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2. Our 40th anniversary picnic was held on Oct. 8. After a short train ride on a local historic line from West Chester to Glen Mills, the picnic was held at the Sporting Gentleman. Our Project Healing Waters program's fundraising dinner is Nov. 10. The Clean Streams Raffle will be drawn at the Dec. 8 chapter meeting. We participated in National Public Lands Day on Sept. 24 at Valley Forge National Historical Park. VFTU worked with PFBC to electroshock a section of Crabby Creek, a tributary to Valley Creek. High temps and flushing storm flows have been detrimental to the creek, though wild trout were found. We filed a complaint against a settlement agreement between Tredyffrin Township the PA Turnpike Commission in which the Township has excused the Commission from meeting their storm water management standards. This section of the turnpike has a direct impact on Valley Creek. Separately, VFTU has been pushing the Commission to do a better design job for a project to widen a section of the turnpike within the Valley Creek watershed. We are primarily concerned with storm water management. This has been an eight-year effort. Most recently, we have appealed the DEP's issuance of an NPDES permit. The National Parks Conservation Association has also appealed the NPDES permit. The chapter is working with five schools this year: Valley Forge, Tredyffrin/Easttown and Radnor middle schools, the Montgomery School, and Pocopson Elementary School. We are currently soliciting VFTU members who would be able to discuss stream ecology, fly tying and/or a Power-Point presentation on fishing. Dave Dickens, our TIC chair, attended the PFBC orientation program for new teachers and sponsors held at the Benner Spring hatchery in August. Our monthly meetings are the second Thursday of each month at Chester Valley Grange, 3285 Phoenixville Pike, Malvern.

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Our recent member meeting was Oct. 18 and featured Dave Weaver speaking on Marsh Creek: History and Fishing Techniques.

### Codorus Chapter #558

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Our chapter held its second annual Fly Fishing Film Tour fundraiser in York. We are waiting for permits to begin construction on a mid-sized stream improvement project in the Codorus special regs area. We anticipate a late-winter timeframe for work to commence to allow time for newly spawned trout to hatch. This project will also serve as the Eagle Scout project for chapter member Ethan Daviau, who has done a great job coordinating the effort. We are also waiting for funding to contribute to a stream bank fencing and pasture BMP project on an important Codorus tributary. The funding we've been approved for will mainly go for planting a riparian buffer within a newly fenced area. We recently purchased a chiller and TIC kit for a new project in the West York School District. Our next chapter meeting is Dec. 14 at Spring Grove Rec Center, Spring Grove.

### Cumberland Valley Chapter #052

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Board elections were in September. All current board members up for reelection were nominated and voted into new three year terms. We had a board meeting on Aug. 10 and the members meeting was our annual chapter picnic on Aug. 19 at Letort Park in Carlisle. We had a board meeting on Sept. 28 and a members meeting on Sept. 21. Dusty Wissmath presented on fishing and conservation opportunities of the greater Yellowstone ecosystem. On Sept. 10, our traditional "Last Supper" was at Vince's Meadow. The Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp completed an extension of the ongoing bank stabilization project on the Yellow Breeches at the Allenberry property. In coordination with Gleim Environmental, the chapter also finished a streambank stabilization project along the Yellow Breeches in a popular stretch of the open water in August. This project involved multiple mud sill and wing wall/j-hook installations and was made possible through a grant via the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds. With the recent transfer of the Allenberry Resort to new owners, the chapter remains in communication with the new ownership regarding conservation issues on Yellow Breeches Creek, and includes discussions of continued public access to the special regulation stretch of the creek. The annual cleanup of the spawning areas of Letort Spring Run was Oct. 1. We are currently working with 13 TIC projects in local schools. Our annual fly tying course begins in January 2017 in coordination with South Middleton Township. We are awaiting a response from the Fish & Wildlife Foundation concerning a technical planning grant for Mountain Creek. Our next meeting is Nov. 16 at Monroe Township Fire Hall, Churchtown.

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## Doc Fritchey Chapter #108

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The chapter hosted the Fly Fishing Film Tour on Oct. 16 at the Allen Theater. Our ongoing weekly work continues at our diversion wells in the head waters of Stony Creek. Volunteers meet every Sunday afternoon during the winter months to maintain the wells. Water flows during the summer months inhibited the maintenance efforts. Our permanent in-stream monitor installed in the Stoney Creek, continues to provide valuable stream data. This project allows continuous monitoring of various water quality parameters on this valuable stream. The chapter continues to working closely with the Quit-tapahailla Watershed Association as the second phase of streambank improvements, postponed earlier this spring, were finalized and a closing ceremony was held. In an effort to expand the work being done on the Quittapahilla watershed, our chapter has applied to PFBC for a grant to fund a 2,000-foot stream improvement on Snitz Creek, a major feeder tributary to the Quittie. We do not anticipate hearing of results till the December or January. Construction could begin in the spring. The chapter intends to investigate and apply for a Growing Greener grant for a potential project on the Bachman Run, a tributary to Quittapahilla Creek. There is a need for livestock fencing and crossing.

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## Donegal Chapter #037

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On Sept. 18, chapter members attended the initial training session conducted by the Lancaster County Foundation on the Extraordinary Give Day of Car-ing set for Nov. 18. The board agreed to sell a book entitled "Brownie and Bo" written by member Lynn Peters. It is an illustrated children's book about two trout that teaches children about fly fishing and conservation. Member Patric Nephin has volunteered to lead our banquet committee for the event at the Nook Sports Complex on April 1, 2017. Construction on the Lloyd farm is complete and the first year of maintenance has been done. Construction on the Lapp farm is just about complete. A fence will be installed and trees and shrubs will be planted. The Woy project design and permit have been submitted for review and approval. We have received two of the three payments from the Williams Conservation Fund for the Lapp farm. We are hoping USFW will begin the Drumore Township project in November. We would like to have enough time to plant trees this year. A \$630,000 grant was awarded to keep livestock from three tributaries of Fishing Creek. Our chapter has offered to donate trees from our nursery and to supply volunteers to plant them as sites become available. Greg Wilson is planning to lead monthly trips to visit the sites of our conservation projects and they are open to all chapter members. TIC materials were delivered to Smith Middle School in Solanco School District, our 14th classroom in the TIC program. Our Youth Fly Fishing Clinic was again a success on Aug.

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27. Millersville University economics professor Dr. Mike Gumper is interested in starting a TU 5 Rivers Program and the chapter will do what it can to assist him. We are in the beginning stages of planning a women's fly fishing clinic for next spring. We received word from DEP that a grant for maintenance on the Weaver and Smucker farms was approved. We submitted a Growing Greener grant proposal for the design and the permit for the Phillips site. Our Nov. 16 meeting features KiKi Galvin speaking on "More Time Fishing, Less Time with Equipment from 7-9 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center. The Lancaster Fly Fishing Show is March 4-5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lancaster Convention Center.

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## Falling Spring Chapter #234

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The chapter held its annual banquet on Oct. 15 at the Landis-McLeaf Marine Corps League banquet facility. Chapter members welcomed the new WCO for Franklin/Fulton County, Jeremy Ney, at the Oct. 3 chapter meeting.

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## John Kennedy Chapter #045

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The chapter met Oct. 4 and held elections. Guest speaker was Shawn Holsinger from Holsinger Fly Shop, who gave a presentation on fly fishing for steelhead in Erie and New York. He also demonstrated how to tie the "Steelhead Candy" fly. Guest speakers have been set for our meetings from November through March 2017. We conducting a stream project to clear a log jam on Halter Creek on Oct. 8. Our annual banquet was Oct. 15. We will meet in November to set our 2016-2017 goals and outline the upcoming year's course of action. We have scheduled an eight-week fly tying class from Jan. 14 to March 4, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the United Way offices in Altoona. Preparations are being made for the Jaffa Shrine Sports Show to be held in February 2017. We have TIC projects in five area schools.

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## Muddy Creek Chapter #575

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We continue to work with the Bonham Reser-vation project, including signs for the property and we did a plant inventory. We had one last monitoring to complete on our Pine Run project. Our fall fest event was Sept. 24 and our September meeting had a special invitation for our members and the community to join us prior to the start of our regular monthly meeting. We held our annual budget meeting the end of October. We continue to sell T-shirts and hats, and insulated travel mugs with the National TU logo. A committee will look at ordering new shirts for next year. We are working with a third TIC project in the Dallastown School District. We received a match grant from PFBC to buy supplies for the nursery. Chapter meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Felton Pizza Shop.

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The Hulings Run project is still up and running. Mikey Kuntz, an Armstrong High School senior, attended our September meeting and gave a presentation from this year's Rivers Conservation Fly Fishing and Youth Camp. We are looking to expand our TIC presence in two local schools, Knoch Middle School and Grace Christian School. Our chapter Christmas party is Dec. 15 at Mantini's Clubhouse.

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## Chestnut Ridge Chapter #670

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We were honored to receive PATU's Edward Ur-bas Award as the 2016 Best Chapter in September. The award reflected on the chapter's work in areas of leadership, conservation and education culminating with this year's Youghiogheny River Symposium. The chapter operates a co-operative cage culture nursery below the dam of the Yough River Lake with approximately 10,000 trout raised annually for stocking into the Youghiogheny River and its tributaries and for use at children's fishing days at area lakes. On Sept. 28 a fish kill of approximately 500 trout was discovered at the nursery. Biologists from the US Army Corps of Engineers are investigating this incident and the involvement of the electric generating plant at the dam outflow. A grant request is being prepared by California University of Pennsylvania biologists Dr. William Kimmel and Dr. David Argent for a comprehensive assessment of the Youghiogheny River. The chapter will partner with CalU, the Western Pa. Conservancy, Mountain

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Watershed Association and The Western PA Coalition for Abandon Mines. Goals of the project include the establishment of a fish database and a macroinvertebrate database, a comparative analysis of selected water quality parameters, and an evaluation of fish community connectivity among the river and its tributaries. The chapter is partnering with 23 area schools in the TIC program for 2017. Efforts are also underway to establish a TU 5 Rivers program at two of the region's universities.

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Members participated in the first phase of a new major stream restoration project on Four Mile Run, Westmoreland County. pH and alkalinity data was collected in sections of Rock Run in Linn Run State Park as part of the chapter's long-term Eastern Brook Trout restoration project. Members supported the summer youth conservation camp at the Palmer Nature Center at St. Vincent College. Our annual meeting was Sept. 21. Our annual budget and programs were drafted to reflect TU's 2017 goal of increasing outreach as discussed at PATU annual meeting. We are applying for a Pittsburgh Foundation grant to upgrade chapter fly fishing and fly tying equipment. We're hosting an open house at our new meeting

location on Nov. 17 at Loyalhanna Watershed Association, Ligonier. Our next board meeting is Dec. 21 at the same location.

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We are conducting a cash prize raffle to support the 2017 picnic. Tickets are available beginning Nov. 9. FBTU is planting additional shrubs and trees at the Little Wills Creek habitat project site in the fall of 2016. We participated in Downtown Bedford, Inc.'s 2nd annual RiverFest on Aug. 13 and shared the TU message in support of clean water along with demonstrating fly tying and fly casting.

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Our Hulings Run project is up and running. Mikey Kuntz, an Armstrong High School senior, attended our September meeting and gave a presentation from this year's Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. We are looking to expand our TIC presence in two local schools, Knoch Middle School and Grace Christian School. The chapter's Christmas Party is Dec. 15 at Mantini's Clubhouse.

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We are searching for officers to fill the open positions of vice president and youth director. Planning for the annual Cabin Fever show is taking place and we will be returning to the Pittsburgh Marriott North in Cranberry Township on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017. The annual PWWTU Pine Creek workday was held on Aug. 27 in North Park off of Wildwood Road. Three mudsills were installed in the creek just downstream of the bridge across from Best Feeds. The work was planned and supervised by PFBC. The project was funded and assisted by North Park. Additional help was provide by the Allegheny County Conservation District, the Western Pa. Conservancy and the Allison Park Sportsmen's Club. A beautiful custom fly rod, crafted by Greg Caldwell, was raffled off among the workers and won by Rom Cecil. We have added two more schools to our TIC program with another one possibly being added soon. Our Bar Flies program kicked off Sept. 26 at Grazie Restaurant and Event Center in Wexford. Bar Flies meets the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. to informally gather and tie flies. Upcoming monthly meetings are at the same location on Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.