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Trout in the Classroom grant round now open

The 2014-2015 grant round for the Trout in the Classroom program opened Feb. 1. Applications are due March 21. Funding is very limited and PATU cannot guarantee a grant to everyone who applies. Please visit www.patrouintheclassroom.org for grant guidelines and applications.

Want to support Trout in the Classroom? The Youth Education and Outreach Raffle, which directly benefits the TIC grant program, is still taking place and needs your help. Please see the Treasurer's Report on page 6 for more information.

We are also selling TIC T-shirts for \$20

each (plus \$2 extra for 2XL or 3XL). All shirts are green with the PATIC logo on the front and back. The order form and logo are on page 7. **The next T-shirt order submission deadline is March 1.** This is the last ordering opportunity for the 2013-14 school year.

The missing fish of Raven Run

By Andy Turner
Special to PA Trout

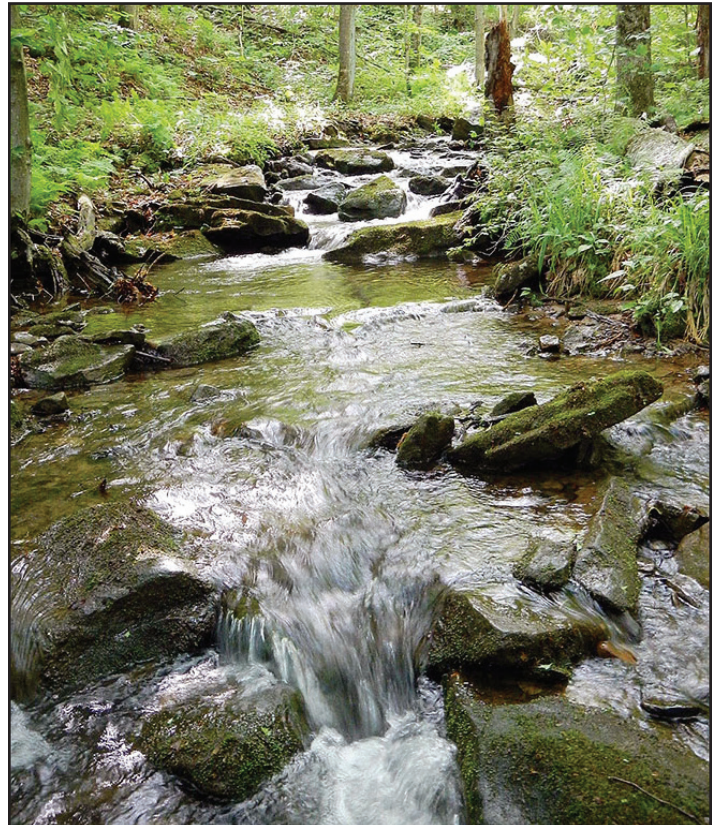
(Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series on the Unassessed Waters Initiative.)

In my work assessing water quality and fish communities of headwater streams in support of Pennsylvania's Unassessed Waters Initiative, I sometimes encounter streams that are so polluted as to lack fish.

For most of us, the mention of water pollution conjures up images of factories and pipes discharging slop into filthy streams, but the reality of stream pollution is more nuanced. Here I tell the story of a stream located deep within the Allegheny National Forest – Raven Run.

Raven Run drains into Spring Creek near Lamonville. The watershed is remote and the stream, along with the surrounding forest, is as beautiful as you can imagine. We sampled Raven Run in June of last summer, expecting to add to the list of designated wild trout streams.

To our disappointment, we found that Raven Run was com-
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Andy Turner Photo

Raven Run, a remote stream located deep within the Allegheny National Forest, is void of fish.

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Sausser named new Outreach Coordinator

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is excited to announce Sandy Sausser as the new Outreach Coordinator. Sandy joined PATU in January and is helping efforts to increase volunteer activity and conducting various outreach initiatives throughout the state.

Sandy resides in State College with her husband, Mark, but is originally from Glen Mills, Pa. She also spent summers in Stone Harbor, NJ. Growing up in New Jersey, she enjoyed attending kids' environmental programs at the Wetlands Institute, a coastal research and educational facility. Inspired by the time spent learning about the marsh ecosystem and local waters, Sandy became a volunteer for the center in 2012. In her free time, Sandy enjoys playing guitar, creating stained glass art, reading and kayaking.

A 2008 graduate of Penn State University with a B.A. in corporate communications, Sandy previously held a position with the Department of Public Welfare in Lock Haven, but it was through a college internship at Shaver's Creek Environmental Center that she became interested in conservation.



Sausser

While at Shaver's Creek, Sandy wrote for the quarterly newsletter, created promotional materials for Penn State's course programs at the Center and also participated in on-campus recruiting events.

With PATU, Sandy will be helping to increase statewide participation in Trout Unlimited with a concentration on youth education. She will also work with chapters to increase membership involvement and encourage participation within the organization. Sandy will be coordinating the Trout in the Classroom program and working to spread awareness of coldwater conservation to both kids and adults.

An upcoming event that Sandy is excited to be involved in is the Wayne's Coldwater Kid's program, which gives youths ages 12-15 an opportunity to fly fish on Wayne Harpster's section of Spruce Creek.

Sandy can be reached at 814-359-5114 or outreach@patrout.org.

Trout Unlimited CEO Wood to give keynote address at KCC

The 2014 Keystone Coldwater Conference is fast approaching. The event is Feb. 21-22 at the Ramada Inn in State College.

This year's theme is *Coldwater Resources: Current Practices in Conservation, Protection and Restoration*.

We are excited to have Chris Wood, CEO of Trout Unlimited as the keynote speaker, along with 18 breakout sessions on protecting, conserving and restoring Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.

There will be a workshop on Friday titled, "After the Storm: Protecting and Restoring Stream Habitat."

The conference is a great way brush up on techniques or to learn new and im-



proved methods to protect, conserve and restore our coldwater streams.

We anticipate another successful conference and hope to see you there.

For a full agenda or to register please visit <http://www.outreach.psu.edu/coldwaterconservation>.



PATU Treasurer George Kutskel keeps a watchful eye on the pig as it roasts for dinner at the 2013 Fall Meeting. Kutskel will again be at the helm cooking dinner for attendees at this year's meeting and roast, which returns to Shaver's Creek Community Building in Petersburg. (Contributed photo)

Fall Meeting & Pig Roast returns to Shaver's Creek Sept. 12-14

If you have attended the Fall Meeting in the past you know this is usually an educational meeting for chapter leaders and members. Well, not this year!

We want to use this meeting as a way to thank our members from across the state. We will still have a few seminars and meetings, but we will also be providing a fun-filled event full of activities and games for members and their families.

Events are Sept. 12-14 at Shaver's Creek Community Building, Petersburg, PA.

More information will follow in the spring and summer editions of *PA Trout*. For regular updates on lodging and the agenda please visit www.patrou.org.

A group of cabins at Stone Valley Recreation Area have been reserved for PATU. If you are interested in staying in a cabin, please contact Stone Valley at 814-863-1164 and make your reservations today to

ensure you have a cabin for the weekend. Make sure to mention you are with Trout Unlimited.

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- Whitetail Ridge Inn, Huntingdon, PA – 16.1 miles (<http://whitetailridgeinn.com>)

2014 PATU Calendar

Feb. 21-22: Keystone Coldwater Conference.

March 22: Spring EXCOM meeting.

April 10-11: West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Symposium.

April 27: Wayne's Coldwater Kids.

May 30-June 1: Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting at the Ramada Inn, State College (www.tu.org).

June 21: Summer EXCOM meeting.

Sept. 12-14: PATU Fall meeting.

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Headwaters

A message from PATU President Brian Wagner

My original intent for this column was to write about several “fun” activities that I participated in this past fall. These activities permitted me a certain intimacy with our coldwater resources more so than some of the typical administrative or advocacy type duties that I perform. I’ll get to those in a moment.

Remember the iconic Keep America Beautiful “crying Indian ad” featuring Iron Eyes Cody as a Native American upset by the pollution and litter of a modern society? The ad launched on Earth Day in 1971. If you were old enough to be watching television in 1971, I’m sure you remember it. “People start pollution. People can stop it.” If not, it’s worth a look by searching for it on YouTube.

It’s one of my most vivid memories from the environmental movement that sprung out of the early ’70s. I was only 9 years old, 10 by the time the Clean Water Act was amended in 1972 and 11 for the Endangered Species Act in 1973. I was already hooked on fishing and starting on a path of appreciation for the outdoors. Fishing was my connection. Looking back, I’m sure I didn’t realize the importance of the passage of these bills at the time or the impact that they would have on the quality of my life. But, I sure appreciate the fact now that somebody did. Thank you!

That commercial tends to emerge from my subconscious whenever we incur a major environmental disaster, which seems to happen much too often.

The recent chemical spill in the Elk River in West Virginia again jarred this memory and made me realize just how much work there is to do. Especially in today’s political climate, where it seems that some of our politicians may not have the same appreciation for environmental stewardship as did their predecessors of yesteryear and there is the perverse drone that what is good for the environment is bad for business.

We know that is not the case. Good environmental stewardship is good business. And yet we are often left with inadequate laws and understaffed and overworked regulatory agencies. And who ultimately

suffers? We do. And in many of these “cleanups” it is the taxpayer who ultimately foots the bill.

Is Congress looking out for our interests when they attempt to weaken the Clean Water Act or cut the budget of the Environmental Protection Agency? Three hundred thousand people were without tap water in West Virginia from the Elk River chemical spill. Is that the cost of doing business? Both at the federal and state level there is an attempt to roll back over 40 years of conservation progress.

It is time now to realize the importance of environmental stewardship and to stand up for conservation – like people did for us in the 1970s.

Fishing was one of my connections to the outdoors. It is a connection that I and many of our chapters and members love to share with today’s families and youth. I was very pleased to participate in the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission’s Fishing Skills Instructor program this past October. The course featured the SMART angler program and the Family Fishing Program. SAFETY first! MANNERS are important. APPRECIATE clean water. RELEASE some of your catch. TEACH others to be SMART anglers.

Materials were provided, including lesson plans, activities and handouts to plan and conduct a family fishing program. The activity I enjoyed the most was a game called “Go Fish.” It demonstrated the correlation between a stream’s carrying capacity (trout biomass) and the availability of food, water and shelter in a fun way. It starts out with a quarter of the participants in one line (the fish) with their backs to the other participants who must identify if they are food, water or shelter. In turn, each fish must decide whether they are searching for food, water or shelter. Then the fish turn around and swim (walk) to the closest person that represents what they are looking for. That person then becomes a fish and goes back to the other side along with the fish that located them. You can see how more fish are made as long as they have abundant food, water and shelter. A shortage in one or more of those elements and



the fish population decreases. What a great teaching tool. I can’t wait to participate in some of the family fishing outings planned for this spring.

Another PFBC youth program that I would like to see our chapters participate in is the Mentored Youth Fishing Days held regionally on March 22 and April 5 in selected waters. We can help make the Mentored Youth Fishing Days successful by playing two key roles: promotion and on-site support for youth and mentors. For more information on the 2014 Mentored Youth Fishing Days visit the link on our website at patrout.org or drop me a line.

Also, look for upcoming information on the Wayne’s Coldwater Kids Day, a youth fly fishing and educational program held on Spruce Creek in late April. May is also “Take Me Fishing in Pennsylvania” month and I encourage chapters to schedule family and youth fishing events during this time and register them with the PFBC.

I also had a great time attending the inaugural Coldwater Conservation Corps conference held in beautiful Wellsboro in late October. My main objective in attending was to meet the volunteers that make our water monitoring surveillance program a success. After a Friday “meet and greet” at the historic Penn Wells Hotel, Saturday morning featured a Coldwater Conservation Forum, including presentations on the Pennsylvania CCC program, data logger technology, the Frac Tracker Alliance and

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In Brief

TU, Sportsmen Alliance team for mini-summit in Canonsburg

Trout Unlimited and the Sportsmen Alliance for Marcellus Conservation is hosting a Sportsman's Mini-Summit on Wednesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at the Canonsburg Sportsman's Association, Allison Hollow Road, in Canonsburg, Pa.

Guest speaker is Doug Dunkerely, southwest regional land manager for the Pennsylvania Game Commission. He will be speaking about current drilling and infrastructure activity on state Game Lands and the current reclamation status.

Dunkerely will also review the current reclamation requirements for state land, as well as what sportsmen can do on their

own lands when it comes to revegetation.

Additionally, information will be available about legislation pending in Pennsylvania that will affect sportsmen and women.

The mini-summit is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Paula Piatt, TU's eastern sportsmen organizer, at ppiatt@tu.org.

Piatt presentations part of Lancaster Fly Fishing Show

Paula Piatt, TU's eastern sportsmen organizer, will be hosting two presentations at the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show, March 1 and 2 at the Lancaster Convention Center.

The presentation, "Protecting Special Places in the Eastern Shale Gas Region," will be shown on Saturday, March 1 at 2

p.m. and then again on Sunday, March 2 at 1 p.m.

"Protecting Special Places" focuses on the potential impacts of shale gas drilling and its associated construction activities on fish and wildlife habitats, and the sportsman's experience, as well as ways sportsmen can protect the habitat.

Topics include the Marcellus and Utica shale plays and the technology behind hydraulic fracturing, information on the Delaware River Basin and the commission that oversees the basin, information for landowners thinking of leasing for shale gas drilling, and information for landowners who have already leased their property.

Piatt will also host a booth at the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show that weekend. For more information about the show, visit www.flyfishingshow.com/Lancaster.html.

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a group discussion. The afternoon featured our environmental chair, Bob Volkmar, on Asaph Run demonstrating the use of a "Secchi" tube to measure turbidity. The campfire and barbeque Saturday evening at the Asaph Run Picnic Area was a pure delight. The fact that I arrived early on Friday and stayed over Sunday to do some fishing on the local brook trout streams was a bonus. But, for me, it was really about meeting the volunteers who dedicate their time in the field taking water samples and recording observations. Macro-invertebrate sampling will be an

added parameter in 2014. If you have an interest in participating in the program, look for an upcoming training schedule on our website.

In November it was also a "fun" and educational experience assisting with a brook trout redd survey in the Cross Fork watershed conducted under the direction of Jake Tomlinson, habitat project coordinator for Trout Unlimited's PA Eastern Brook Trout Habitat Initiative. I was paired with Sherwin Albert and Dave Cardellino. We trugged along several designated stream sections identifying redds and recording other pertinent data. Although it was a damp day, it was rewarding to be a part of

a study that will assist in planning of future habitat work in the area. I have been doing a trout redd survey on my home water for the past five years. It is a great tool to teach the public about the importance of water quality and wild and native trout.

Trout Unlimited provides each of us with so many opportunities to conserve, protect and restore our coldwater resources and to pass the appreciation of these resources on to the next generation. Forty years from now I hope our rivers and streams are still clean and support abundant trout and other aquatic life, so someone else as the opportunity to say, "Thanks!"

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Treasurer's Report

by PATU Treasurer George Kutskel

For some reason we have had very disappointing sales on this year's Youth Education and Outreach raffle, which goes to directly supporting the Trout in the Classroom program.

The timing could not be worse as we have lost several of the major funders in providing both start-up and sustaining grants. We felt that setting a goal of selling 2,500 tickets to our members and to the general public with 20 chances to win would be easy. As I sit here writing this I am finding that I was wrong.

To date, we have sold approximately 620 tickets, which will cover the prizes and leave about \$500 to be used for the Trout in the Classroom program.

Fortunately, for the students and chapters that have come to depend on this grant program we have some money in place – due to reimbursements – to cover expenses and meet the expectations of our grantees for this year.

Sadly, looking at next year we cannot say the same.

We started this raffle as a way to give out additional grants compared to what current funding allows. In previous years, we have been able to give as many as 20 start-up grants and funded many of the field trips and necessary equipment upgrades without hurting the financial position of state Council.

We are faced with the possibility that we may not be able to award any start-up grants for 2014-15.

In the past year, we have lost the Nationwide Affinity Program and the PA Department of Education grant for a loss of more

Chapter Donations

The following chapters have donated to further council's mission, in addition to supporting fundraisers, in 2013.

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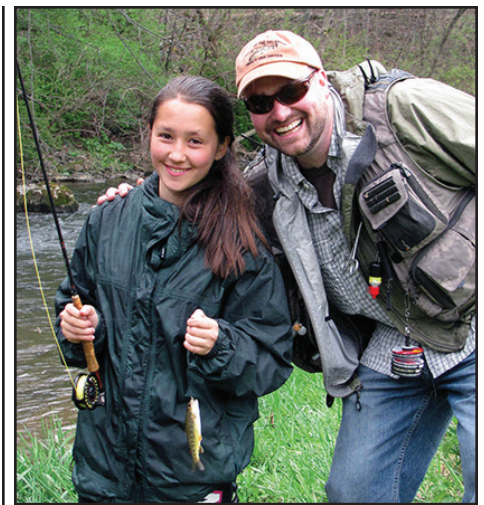
than \$12,000. And we are still waiting to hear from other funders as to whether they are going to be able to contribute this year. We are currently seeking other funding avenues, such as potential sponsors, to help provide a stable source of income and take the pressure off of selling tickets or conducting various fundraisers.

Hopefully, by now you are asking how you can help.

On this page you will find a copy of the Education and Outreach raffle. Please take a look at the great prizes and make a contribution today.

We will be looking very hard at how best to continue raising funds for TIC, and hope we can count on your support. If you are not interested in buying raffle tickets, then please consider making a donation directly to the TIC program.

With your help and that of others who are actively selling tickets to the general public, we can ensure a successful grant program next year. We want to thank those who have supported the program and have helped to make it a success over the last six years.



Contributed Photo

The annual Wayne's Coldwater Kids event is coming this spring.

Wayne's Coldwater Kids set for April 27

Preparation for the 2014 Wayne's Coldwater Kids is underway. The event will be held Sunday, April 27 at Wayne Harpster's Evergreen Farm on Spruce Creek.

Kids statewide from ages 12-15 are invited to participate in a fun-filled day of fly fishing followed by dinner. There is a \$10 registration fee for all participants that we ask their chapter to cover. A maximum of one adult mentor per child is required.


Registration is now open, but space is limited to 40 kids. Forms should be returned as soon as possible as it is first come first serve.

For more information or for a registration form, please contact Sandy Sausser at outreach@patrout.org or 814-359-5114, or visit www.patrout.org.

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In Brief

Mentored Youth Trout Days coming soon, volunteers needed

Mentored Youth Trout Days 2014 are coming up soon. Information on the waters open for fishing and ideas for getting your chapter involved can be found at www.patrou.org.

Volunteers are needed statewide to serve as youth mentors. Visit www.GoneFishingPa.com to obtain permits and more information. Permits are now available.

Great American Cleanup hits Pennsylvania from March-May

Join over four million volunteers in the nation's largest annual community improvement program by participating in the Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania from March 1 to May 31.

Get involved in your community and register your event today. Registered events receive free cleanup supplies such as bags, gloves and vests donated by PennDOT, the Department of Environmental Protection and Keep America Beautiful

(as supplies last).

There is also free disposal during Pick It Up PA Days from April 12 to May 5, sponsored by the Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association and participating landfills.

To register visit the Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania official website at www.gacofpa.org or contact Michelle Dunn at 877-772-3673 x113, or mdunn@keepbeautiful.org.

Rivers Conservation camp accepting applications

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is holding the 20th annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp from June 15-20 at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs.

The highly-structured curriculum is based on college level classes. Students are instructed in ecology, aquatic biology, geology, hydrogeology, erosion and sedimentation control, ichthyology, riparian corridor protection, watershed management, entomology and much more.

Students also participate in a hands-on stream habitat improvement project. But, it's not all work. There are 10 fishing sessions and fly tying instruction. Over 30 instructors, all experts in their field, teach the various classes.

Admission is limited to 32 selected qualified students ages 14 to 17. Applicants must have been born between June 20, 1996 and June 15, 2000. Students will be selected through an application process where they must state why they want to attend camp. The competition for admission is fierce.

The camp tuition is \$350 per student for the week. All meals and accommodations are included for the residence camp. Students need not be an accomplished fly fisher or a budding aquatic biologist to attend. All the student needs is to be highly motivated and willing to learn.

The Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp was founded in 1995 through the efforts of the late Dr. John R. "Jack" Beck and the late Enoch S. "Inky" Moore, Jr., Pennsylvania Fish

Commissioner. Their goal was to select 32 teenagers each year who were leaders in their class. The thought is that today's leaders in high school become the bankers, lawyers, realtors, municipal officials and other leaders in their communities. If the camp can implant a kernel of knowledge in today's students about the importance of clean water, when those students become the decision makers in their communities, it may have a positive impact on how water

resources are used.

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 31. For a camp brochure, an application, or for more information, visit the camp website at www.riverscamp.com.

Applications or questions may be submitted to Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp, PO Box 71, Boiling Springs, PA 17007 or via email to riverscamp@gmail.com.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM T-SHIRT

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All proceeds from the fundraiser go directly to supporting the Trout in the Classroom program.

PA COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED

*Minutes of the Jan. 18, 2014
Executive Committee Meeting
Damon's Grill | State College, PA*

Officers Attending: Brian Wagner, Ken Undercoffer, Charlie Charlesworth, Sherwin Albert, George Kutskel, Bob Pennell, Greg Malaska, Mark Hanes, John Leonard, Chuck Winters, Fred Gender, Monty Murty.

Others Attending: Samantha Kutskel, Sandy Sausser, Ben Hayes

President's Report: President Wagner's report was submitted. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. A motion by G. Kutskel/seconded by Hanes was approved to accept the minutes of the Sept. 22, 2013 EXCOM meeting, as previously distributed to EXCOM.

Treasurer's Report: The Operating Budget Report for the period ending 12/31/13 was approved on a motion to receive and file by Hanes/seconded by Undercoffer. Treasurer G. Kutskel noted that Council's overall financial condition is in far better shape than it was just a few years ago.

Discussion/Action Items:

- **PATU Officers Operating Manual** – The new manual, previously distributed to members of EXCOM, was approved on a motion by G. Kutskel/seconded by Leonard.
- **Bylaws Revisions on Election of Officers** – The revisions to Article III, Section 4, of the Council Bylaws affecting the procedure for electing regional VPs was approved on a motion by Charlesworth/seconded by Albert. The revisions will be published in the summer issue of *PA Trout* and voted on by the membership at the fall annual meeting.
- **PATU Position on Stocking Selected Class A Waters** – The position statement commenting on PFBC's proposal to stock selected Class A waters was reviewed and approved on a motion by G. Kutskel/ seconded by Hanes.
- **Revised PATU Policy on Oil & Natural Gas Development** – The Jan.

10, 2014 draft of the revised policy prepared by Bob Volkmar, including the deletion of recommendation no. 5 dealing with establishing chloride standards, was approved on a motion by Albert/seconded by Undercoffer.

- **Salary Increase for Program Director** – The Governance Committee's recommendation to increase the program director's salary to \$45,000 annually, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2014, was approved on a motion by Gender/seconded by Leonard.
- **Regional Restructuring** – The proposal to restructure several regions and eliminate the current Central Region, per the following changes, was approved on a motion by Gender/seconded by Undercoffer: Central Region chapters (5) plus Penns Creek from SC Region to become part of NC Region. Seneca and J. Zwald chapters to be removed from NC Region to become part of NW Region.
- **Appointment of Acting NC Region VP** – The appointment by Wagner of Ben Hayes to act as NC Region VP was approved on a motion by Albert/seconded by Gender. Pennell will call for an election by the eight chapters affected to confirm the appointment. As a result of this action, Albert agreed to tender his resignation as Acting Central Region VP.
- **Support for NFWF Grant Proposal** – Approval was given to a motion by Pennell/seconded by G. Kutskel to write a letter to the Nature Conservancy supporting a grant proposal from NFWF to fund a project to assess and prioritize stream crossings in three watersheds in PA.
- **Affiliation with Choose Clean Water Coalition** – Approval was given to a motion by Hanes/seconded by G. Kutskel to continue PATU's general affiliation with CCWC.
- **National TU Mideast Region Meeting** – Planning is underway for PA Council to host this meeting at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in State College



on the weekend of May 30-June 1.

Awards Committee: No report submitted.

Delaware River Committee: Report submitted. Representatives from PA, NY and NJ TU

state councils are scheduled to meet at the Somerset, NJ Fly Fishing Show on Jan. 25.

Environmental Committee: Report submitted.

Stream Access Committee: Report submitted.

Trout Management Committee: Report submitted.

Women's Committee: No report submitted.

Communications Committee: Report submitted. Charlesworth reported that to date three fly shops have committed and proposals have been sent to three tourist bureaus to place ads in *PA Trout*. A proposal to share the cost with seven other TU state councils to place an ad for TU membership in the *Mid-Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide* was tabled until a new National TU marketing director is on board.

Development Committee: Report submitted. G. Kutskel reported that Education & Outreach Raffle ticket sales through the chapters has been disappointing and other avenues to move tickets will have to be pursued. Ticket sales are all the more important this year due to PFBC's rumored funding cutbacks for TIC, and possibly CHP. Our yearend appeal donations are running ahead of last year. PATU merchandise will be offered at a substantial price reduction for chapter fundraising purposes.

Legislative Committee: Since the chair is still vacant, no report was submitted. The next Legislative Action Day is scheduled in Harrisburg on Jan. 28, and then once a month thereafter when the legislature is in session.

Membership Committee: Report submitted. New committee chair Hanes reported that the chapter membership report format will be converted to Excel to more easily track changes. Council needs to further evaluate National TU's plans to roll in the College Outreach Program as

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Penn's Woods West celebrates 50th anniversary

By Christian Shane

With humble beginnings in Western Pennsylvania, the Penn's Woods West Chapter of Trout Unlimited celebrates its 50th year of coldwater conservation and involvement in the watersheds around the Pittsburgh area.

Penn's Woods West, known locally as PWWTU, has over 1,100 chartered members and continues to grow as one of the largest chapters in the state, and in the nation. Our members are actively involved in many events throughout the year, including Trout in the Classroom, Pine Creek watershed cleanups, youth fly tying classes, monthly meetings and our huge culminating "Cabin Fever" event in the spring, which includes notable speakers, vendors and activities. In recent years, our chapter has also been the recipient of the PATU's Samuel Slaymaker award for Best Newsletter as well as this year's Best Website (www.pwwtu.org).

In September of 2013, PWWTU celebrated its 50th year by creating a com-

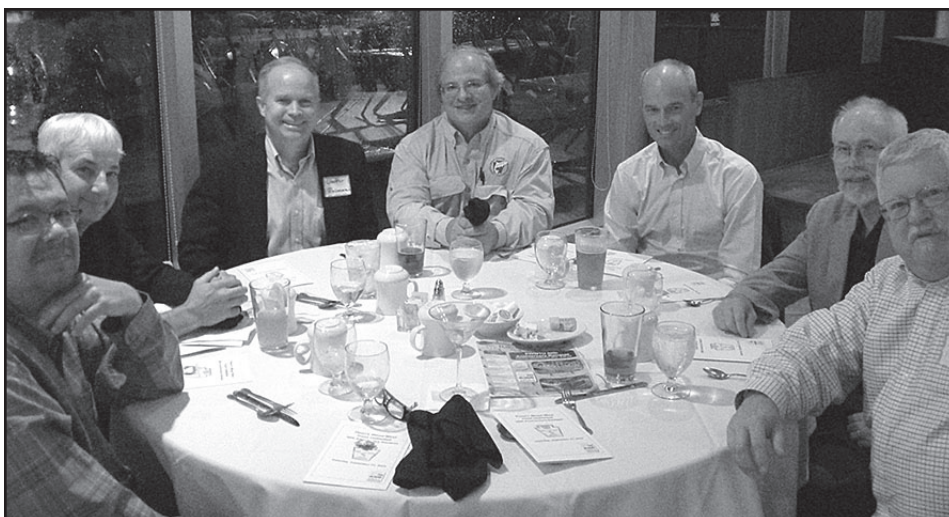
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part of the Youth Education Committee's responsibilities.

Youth Education Committee: Report submitted. Charlesworth reported that this committee needs to arrange a meeting with the Girl Scouts to discuss implementation of their "Stream Girls" program in PA.

Program Director/Outreach Coordinator: Report submitted. Sandy Sausser was introduced as the new Outreach Coordinator, whose primary responsibility is Trout in the Classroom. S. Kutskel is considering organizing smaller, more localized chapter workshops to replace the two eastern and western regional workshops as were conducted last year. A reminder about the deadlines was given to those EXCOM members who were assigned followup tasks at the Nov. 9 officers' retreat.

National Leadership Council: Report



Contributed Photo

Penn's Woods West Chapter of Trout Unlimited recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and had TU CEO Chris Wood, third from right, as guest speaker.

memorative anniversary pin for members. The main event, spearheaded by Kenneth Crawford and Charles Buffington, was a 50th chapter banquet with special guest Chris Wood, CEO of Trout Unlimited. Chris joined us and spoke on "Saving the World, One Trout at a Time." Chuck Winters, PATU's Southwestern VP, also spoke.

During the evening, current President Walter Reineman, past presidents and key members spoke about chapter history and presented a historical slideshow. After the banquet, door prizes were handed out, including a handmade fly rod and a print

donated by artist Derek DeYoung.

As a fellow member of PWWTU shared at the banquet, "I've met so many important people through the chapter, friendships I'll never forget. We've done so much together to help trout and cold water conservation."

Christian Shane is editor of the PWWTU newsletter Hatches & Rises. He also participates in the PA Trout in the Classroom program with his second grade students at McKnight Elementary in the North Allegheny School District.

submitted. Murty stressed the need to start planning now for TU's Annual Meeting to be held in Scranton in 2015. He also requested an hour on the March 22 EXCOM agenda to explain "how National TU works."

Regional Reports:

- *Central* – All five chapter reports were filed, and S. Kutskel stated that a decision on the future of the Columbia County Chapter is needed soon.
- *North Central* – Three out of four chapter reports were filed. Seneca did not report, but has just elected a new president.
- *Northeast* – All nine chapter reports were filed.
- *Northwest* – All seven chapter reports were filed.
- *South Central* – Seven out of eight chapter reports were filed. Falling Spring did not report.

- *Southeast* – Six out of seven chapter reports were filed. Perkiomen Valley did not report.
- *Southwest* – All eight chapter reports were filed. Arrowhead has requested support from Council on an AMD project which S. Kutskel will follow up on with them.

S. Kutskel has requested that an additional section be added to the quarterly report template to include chapter grant request information. Pennell will implement the revision.

Old Business: Albert announced that he will send out the Speakers Bureau list that he has compiled with input from the other regional VPs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. on a motion by G. Kutskel/seconded by Gender.

– Bob Pennell, Council Secretary

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 pletely without fish. No trout, no dace, no sculpin, no fish at all. Our water chemistry measurements revealed that the stream had a low conductivity, no alkalinity, and a pH of just 4.7. Acidic. Too acidic to support any fish life.

Why is Raven Run so acidic? Here in western Pennsylvania we receive the most acidic rainfall and snowfall in North America. Burning fossil fuels releases into the air sulfur dioxide and nitrous oxides which undergo chemical reactions with water vapor to form acids. The acidified vapor may be transported hundreds of miles but is eventually deposited on even the most remote forests and streams. Clean rain has a pH of about 5.8, but in western Pennsylvania the rainfall is almost 10-fold more acidic, with a median pH near 5.0. As recently as the 1990s our rain was as acidic as pH 4.5.

Streams vary in their tolerance to acid deposition. As rainwater passes through soils on its way to the stream, minerals are dissolved that elevate pH and add buffering capacity. Soils are derived from underlying bedrock, and some rock formations contain more alkaline materials than other formations. Thus, accidents of geology cause some streams to be well buffered and invulnerable to acid rain, but others are poorly buffered and sensitive to even small acid loads. Decades of acid deposition has depleted the original buffering capacity of many headwater streams.

Acidic streams are all too common. The southeast portion of the Allegheny National Forest is especially hard-hit. Our recent sampling of the Millstone Creek, Spring Creek and Bear Creek watersheds shows that eight of 35 headwater streams sampled have summer baseflow pH < 5.0 and contain no fish. Eleven of the 35 have a pH > 5.0 but < 6.0 and have some fish but are significantly impaired. In other words, more than half the small streams in this forested landscape suffer from acid deposition.

Aquatic ecologists have understood the causes and consequences of acid rain for about 40 years, but progress on the regulatory front has been slow.

Congress passed amendments to the Clean Air Act in 1990 with the goal of reducing emissions of sulfur and fixed nitrogen. Implementation of the regulations necessary to enforce these laws has been vigorously challenged by the industries affected, mainly coal-burning power plants. The recent announcement by the EPA of additional emissions controls for power plants is one example of a regulation stemming from the 1990 law. Twenty-five years is a long time to implement a law, especially when you consider the ongoing nature of the damage to our streams.

We need to recognize that we all have played a role in the loss of fish from Raven Run.

The coal-fired electric generation plants are supplying a product that our society demands and consumes with enthusiasm. Further, we have made progress on sulfur emissions, but NOx emissions produced from the reaction of nitrogen and oxygen gases during combustion have declined less. The largest source of NOx is transportation – your car and mine. And each year we are driving more and more miles, contributing more and more NOx to the atmosphere.

Like many other parents, I've read "The Lorax" to my children countless times, but I confess that the book has indoctrinated them with a few false conceptions.

In "The Lorax" the humming fish don't hum anymore because they had their gills gummed by the leftover goo that glumped up their pond, but the reality is that point-source discharges have been largely cleaned up, thanks to the Clean Water Act.

But my favorite element of "The Lorax" stands: Theodor Geisel's recognition that the ultimate cause of environmental degradation is our ever increasing appetite for consumer goods. Who would buy that fool Thneed, that thing that everyone needs? And how many Thneeds do we need?

In my view, progress on environmental issues has been too slow, but I don't expect matters to improve until as a society we do a better job of connecting the dots and taking personal responsibility for the missing fish of Raven Run.

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Andy Turner is a Professor of Biology at Clarion University.

TU plans 2014 River Researchers Teen Camp

Trout Unlimited is once again planning the River Researchers Teen Camp. This year's camp will be held on June 22-28 at Camp Mountain Run in Penfield, Pa.

Students will learn first-hand about coldwater conservation, environmental stewardship and brook trout through a series of hands-on lessons.

Students will also learn about abandoned mine drainage pollution, river restoration efforts, water sampling, aquatic insect collecting and identification, fisheries, biology techniques, and environmental career and volunteer opportunities, along with fun activities to encourage team work, leadership, and community involvement. There will also be plenty of time for fly tying and fishing, a field trip and a fish fry.

Trout Unlimited is currently seeking students ages 14-17 to take part in this exciting opportunity.

We hope that you will consider being a part of this camp by recommending students to the program. The deadline for applications is April 15.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please visit the River Researchers Teen Camp website at www.wbsrc.org/teencamp.html or contact Trout Unlimited at 570-748-4901.

Fly Fishing Museum plans 2nd open house at Allenberry Resort

The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association will hold its 2nd annual open house at Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 4-5.

The resort serves as the permanent home for historical fly fishing artifacts.

Retail and collectable fly tackle vendors, fly tyers, artists, bamboo rod builders, custom nets will all be displayed or for be for sale. Silent auctions, raffle prizes and light refreshments will also be available.

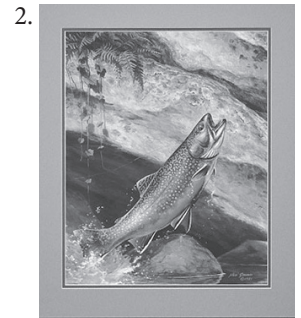
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Campus. The chapter offered beginner fly tying Jan. 4, 11 and 12, and intermediate fly tying Feb. 8 and 15. Both courses were led by Scott Cesari with chapter volunteers assisting participants. We will run a fly fishing workshop for the Monroe County Environmental Education Center in early March. Will Daskal will lead a similar workshop at Pocono Environmental Education Center April 27.

Forks of the Delaware Chapter #482

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We met with State Rep. Joe Emrick to discuss HB1576 and other sportsmen issues. Chapter leadership met with the Little Lehigh, Monocacy and Hokendauqua chapters to determine areas of collaboration. We held our 2nd annual Pig & Corn Roast at the Riverside Bar & Grill on Sept. 28. We participated in the charitable screening of the Eric Steel film "Kiss the Water" at ArtsQuest in Bethlehem on Dec. 17, along with the Little Lehigh, Monocacy and Hokendauqua chapters. Proceeds will be used for a joint habitat project. Chapter members tied flies and distributed TU literature prior to the film. We sold TIC raffle tickets and T-shirts at our meetings. We held our fall Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on Nov. 16 and our annual trout redd survey on Bushkill Creek Nov. 23. The chapter donated \$500 to the Brodhead Watershed Association to assist in matching a grant for the Forevergreen Preserve on Brodhead Creek. We purchased about \$800 in replacement equipment for our TIC schools. Our eight-week fly tying course began Jan. 6.

Hokendauqua Chapter #535

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The board recently elected Hal Black to chair our College Outreach Program. Dale Steventon volunteered as Historian, replacing Kathy Gray. On Dec. 17, eight members attended the charitable screening of "Kiss the Water" at ArtsQuest. Dale Ott and Dale Steventon tied patterns for Casting for Recovery prior to the start of the movie. Dates will be announced for our annual stream cleanups. Our annual eight-week fly tying course began runs Saturdays, Jan. 4-Feb. 22, at Northampton Middle School. Fly fishing instruction for Women in the Outdoors is Saturday, June 14 at Ontelaunee Rod and Gun Club. Project Healing Waters dates and venues have not been finalized for this year. Upcoming meetings include: Bob Saks on European nymphing, Feb. 19; and Art Williams on Fishing Cape Cod, March 19. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at Catasauqua High School.

Lackawanna Valley Chapter #414

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Two board members resigned for health reasons. A chapter representative attended the PATU Legislative Days. We also had a member participate on the new

planning committee for National TU's Eastern Regional Meeting. We host Lackawanna River groups every two months to coordinate river cleanups and activities. We also attended two Christmas parties of associated groups – Lackawanna County Conservation District and the Lackawanna Federation of Sportsmen Clubs. Our petition to overturn the DEP permit of American Rock Salt is moving very slowly. We are waiting to hear back from the expert we hired for his opinions and discovery. Our chapter attended monthly meetings of the Lackawanna County Conservation District, and a member serves on their Board. We attended ribbon cutting ceremonies for two new sections of the Lackawanna Heritage Trail. Our five-month Trout Unlimited Teens School started on the last Saturday of January. One of our BOD members attended the PFBC Fishing Schools Instructors class at Bellefonte. We met with representatives of Keystone College to see if we could set up a college outreach program. They are starting a fly fishing curriculum and have tentatively selected one of our members as the instructor. They are also interested in establishing a one-week youth conservation and fishing camp. The chapter sponsored two fishing trips during the fourth quarter – one to Montana and one to Pulaski, NY.

Monocacy Chapter #491

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The chapter participated in the pre-release showing of "Kiss the Water," a documentary on the life of Megan Boyd. Twenty percent of proceeds were donated by ArtsQuest to the four Lehigh Valley TU chapters for use in a restoration project. January meetings included viewing a historic fishing collection at Lafayette College's Skillman Library and Czech Nymphing by Bob Saks at the DAR House Bethlehem.

Pike Wayne Chapter #462

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April 5 is our annual conservation banquet, which will be held at Lukan's Farm Resort, Long Ridge Road, Hawley. Tickets may be obtained prior to March 17 by calling Matt Wishneski, banquet chairman. Seating is limited. A culvert replacement project on the Masthope Creek within State Game Lands 316 is currently being planned. Debris removal will also be part of this conservation project. The chapter is also looking into a situation on the Shehawken Creek in upper Wayne County at its confluence with the Delaware River. There was a washout of the boat launch/parking area at that location after a serious rain event this past summer. It appears that reconstruction of the parking area encroached upon the natural stream bank, which realigned the mouth of the stream and deposited construction material there that may impede the natural migration of spawning trout into that creek. January and February meetings are designated as "Cabin Fever Fly Tying" events. Members are tying flies and offering instruction to others. Regular monthly meetings are held at Cora's 1850's Bistro, Church Street at the Lackawanna River in Hawley, at 7:30 on the second Monday of each month.

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Secretary Will Daskal wrote a strategic plan that was reviewed by the board and will be adopted after notifying the general membership. He has established a chapter Facebook page, as suggested by TU National at the Northeast Regional Meeting. In an effort to encourage new student members and help East Stroudsburg University students form a campus fishing club, we will be holding a general meeting at 7 p.m. on March 12. We have arranged for Aaron Jasper to speak and share his experience with the group. The general public is invited. The chapter banquet is Friday, March 28 at the Stroudsmoor Inn, Stroudsburg, Pa. Contact Treasurer Eric Baird for tickets. Directions can be found on the chapter website. Through the leadership of Don Baylor and Don Miller, our chapter Embrace-a-Stream grant is moving along with educational signs to be placed in the Cranberry Creek and Devils Hole Creek watershed to encourage catch and release of native brook trout in those areas. They have secured township approval for the sign's wording encouraging the release of all native brook trout. We are joining the Brodhead Watershed Association in a joint project on McMichael Creek downstream from the bridge on Manor Drive (next to the county jail). Eric Baird has drawn a preliminary plan to be submitted to all interested parties. BWA has obtained a grant to purchase materials, pay for an excavation company to install vanes and transport materials to the site. Chapter members will provide the hands-on labor and plant foliage. We are in the early planning stages for projects on Pocono Creek near Northampton Community College's Monroe County campus, and on Brodhead Creek along 447 at old Evergreen Golf Course. This piece was newly acquired by Stroud Township. BWA will be using the building as new headquarters. Pocono Mountain School District is once again running TIC in cooperation with our chapter, now at their Swiftwater

Schuylkill County Chapter #537

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Officers were elected at the December meeting and current directors are John Bondura, Tom Folino, Jim Kurchock, Bill Degler, Bud Noel, Ivan Willard and Jerry Homick. Our new website is up and running. Ed Valentine, Sr. and Ed Valentine, Jr. are managing the website. Also check out SCTU on Facebook at Schuylkill County Trout Unlimited. John Bondura participated on the Schuylkill County Chamber of Commerce nonprofit advisory board. Our annual Christmas party and fly swap had over 35 in attendance. The chapter coordinated a cleanup on the Schuylkill River behind the Cressona Mall. Eight volunteers participated and then did additional cleanup work on the Little Schuylkill River. SCTU members met with the Schuylkill Headwaters Association to discuss future improvements to the river system. SCTU is looking for volunteers for the Schuylkill River Rehabilitation Project. Several SCTU members taught fishing school at the Berks/Schuylkill Scout Jamboree. Over 900 were in attendance. Upcoming events include: Captain's Weekend, March 1-2, at Cabela's; Mentor Fishing, March 22 at Locust Lake State Park; Make-A-Wish, May 3 at S&A Trout Pond; Family Fishing Fun Day, May 3 at Sweet Arrow Lake; Schuylkill County Field Day, May 17 at Friedensburg

Fish & Game; Bear Creek Festival, May 18 at the Fairgrounds; TIC Release Day, May 30 at Tri-Valley High School; Norm Thornburg Camp, June 19-21 at the Fairgrounds.

Stanley Cooper, Sr. Chapter #251

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The chapter held its annual election of board members and officers in October. New officers are Joseph Gruskiewicz, Jr., president; Michael Romanowski, VP; Brian Jameson, secretary; and Michael Matso, treasurer. Board Members include Stanley Cooper, Jr., Jay Downs, Joe Ackoury, Cindy Grecavich, Rich Grecavich, Rob Gaiteri, Heide Cebrick and Dave Cebrick. In October, the chapter had Bob Ballantyne present on fishing the Keys. In November, Will Daskal had an informative history of and fly fishing in the Catskills. In December, Paula Piatt, Eastern Sportsman Organizer for TU, spoke about the Marcellus and Utica Shale and its impact on the environment and sportsmen. She also touched on the impact of House Bill 1576 and Senate Bill 1047. Our 23rd annual banquet is at the Best Western Mountain View Inn, Wilkes Barre on April 5. We will continue an incentive to members again this year, with the raffle of a high-end rod at the end of the meeting year. To qualify, a member in good standing receives a raffle ticket at each month's general meeting. At the end of that meeting one ticket is drawn. That winner, along with the winners from all the general meetings, goes into a drawing to be held at our last meeting in May. The winner will have their choice of an Orvis or Winston rod. Board members and officers are not eligible. The raffle is intended to "reward" our members. Board members Joe Ackoury,

and Rich and Cindy Gencavich visited homes and land owners around our adopted stream, Bowmans Creek, in December for the chapter's annual Christmas visit. We thank them for their continuing support and efforts to preserve the creek. Further stream projects may include Solomons Creek and Shades Creek in the future. Water testing by members of SCTU continues in the Marcellus Shale watershed area. Charlie Charlesworth, PATU vice president, attended the October board meeting to present immediate past president Heide Cebrick the Best Chapter Project Award from PATU for her volunteer efforts with Project Healing Waters. In November 2013, the VFW Anthracite Post in Kingston presented Project Healing Waters with a donation to continue TU's efforts towards helping veterans. Board member Rob Gaitier has been in contact with and given presentations to some of the local colleges through their environmental programs, attempting to involve college students in fly fishing. An adult fly fishing camp is planned for May, and a youth fly fishing camp is planned for June. Veterans and volunteers involved with Project Healing Waters had an outing in October, fishing Moon Lake in Luzerne County. In November, the veterans showed their appreciation to volunteers by hosting them at their annual luncheon. Project Healing Waters meets at the Veterans Administration Hospital in December, January, February, March and April to improve fly tying, casting skills and other fly fishing related topics. They will move into the "field" again when the weather improves and outings are scheduled. Topics planned for future general meetings include: January is Tom Gilmore with a presentation of Shad on the Fly; the chapter will hold a Flea Market and Fly Tying Demonstration in February; in March, Ed Perry will have a presentation on Global Warming and its effects on wildlife. We may have "field trips" to a few central PA trout streams such as Penns Creek or Spring Creek in the spring. Our general meetings are held on

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the second Tuesday of each month from September through May in the VFW, 575 Wyoming Ave., Kingston.

Western Pocono Chapter #203

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Michael Gondell has taken the lead on scheduling speakers for our meetings. Our summer outing was Sept. 15 at the White Haven Sportsmen's Club along the Lehigh River. There is a restoration project scheduled for this spring/summer on the Nescopeck River. Our chapter assisted with an electro shocking of the Hayes Creek and Hickory Run. We discussed a number of issues regarding membership growth at our board meeting in January.

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We held a meeting in October on steelhead fishing in North and South America. We focused on recruiting leadership to move the chapter forward in 2014. At this time meetings have been postponed. No one has stepped up to take a leadership role. If anyone is interested helping, volunteering for projects or event please contact Samantha Kutschel at skutschel@coldwaterheritage.org or 814-359-5233.

God's Country Chapter #327

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We assisted the Upper Allegheny Watershed Association in completing the stream assessment of the Allegheny River and tributaries above Coudersport as part of a

Coldwater Heritage Grant. Members helped pack eggs for the TIC program and assisted with the teachers in the schools getting things set up for students. We also sponsored a one-day steelhead fishing excursion to the Lake Erie tribs for six students and two advisors of the Fly Fishing Club at Coudersport High School. We also completed our Project Healing Waters raffle that raised over \$1,000 for our event in May.

Lloyd Wilson Chapter #224

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Tom Lucas, Ray Rathmell and Bill Bailey were re-elected to the board of directors. Our annual family banquet/meeting was Nov. 1. Steve Sywensky of Flyfisher's Paradise received our "Out of Chapter Award" for his continued support of our activities. Lester Kleckner received our "In Chapter Award" for his many years of service. Member Ed Perry presented a program on the effects of climate change on fish and wildlife. Our three TIC programs are Central Mt. High School, Renovo Elementary School and Jersey Shore. All had many eggs hatch and the fry are doing well. Upcoming events include: Membership meeting, Feb 26; first fly tying class, Feb. 27; and fly tying classes on March 6, 13, 20 and 27. All fly tying classes are held on the second floor of the Citizen's Fire Co.

Penns Creek Chapter #119

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Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at the Lewistown Rec Center. Our 2014 banquet is March 22 at the Belleville Mennonite School. The chapter held an open house in November. We discussed TU's mission, and had fly tying and casting demonstrations. We also had a presentation by Paula Piatt, sportsmen organizer for National TU. Members were also able to interact with the attendees and talk about the projects and educational programs we provide. Speaker for this year's banquet is Andy Wagner, a chapter member and owner of a local guiding service. His presentation is titled "Ode to Penns Creek." The chapter finished a project in September and is now working with the Mifflin County Conservation District on other projects for the local area. Our TIC programs are progressing with no major problems reported.

R.B. Winter Chapter #124

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Our October meeting featured PGC WCO Dirk Remensnyder, who updated chapter members on latest changes to game laws and hunting seasons. Our November meeting featured Bucknell University professor Carl Kirby, who reported on the success of the water reclamation ponds on the headwaters of Buffalo Creek. The PH has been raised to 6.5-7.5 and downstream surveys showed brook trout where they have been absent for many years. Life of the treatment ponds is projected to be about 20 years. Our December meeting featured retired forester John Eastlake, who is studying the his-

tory of the CCC camps in the East. John gave a very informative talk on the history of the CCC's and showed photos of the local camps. Our weekly fly tying classes began Jan. 13. We participated in SnoFest at RB Winter State Park on Feb. 9. Other upcoming events include: Monthly meeting - Julie Devers on stocking eels in local tributaries, Feb. 19; and our annual banquet at Sunbury Social Club, Joe Humphreys speaker, on March 28.

Spring Creek Chapter #185

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Elections were held at our general membership meeting on Jan. 9. Our chapter will have a table at the Coldwater Conference Feb. 21-22, 2014. Bill Voigt is spearheading the presentation. At least two other members of the board will attend the conference. We had our annual holiday party on Dec. 13. Scott Brumbaugh has been doing an excellent job of keeping our chapter involved in the Graymont Quarry permitting process to assure the best possible conditions for discharge into Logan Branch. We are a sponsor for the upcoming seminar "Medications in the Environment," which is a free public talk brought to the community by the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. Our banquet is March 29 at the Mountain View Country Club in Boalsburg. Our new banquet chair is Jim Lanning. The official title of this year's event is "The Spring Creek TU's Annual Dinner and Fundraiser." We wanted to emphasize the "fundraiser" aspect of the banquet. All board members are taking an active part in planning. We completed our first of a two-year NFWF grant. Many volunteers planted trees and shrubs along a section of Spring Creek in Milesburg. Bob Vierck had help from Joe Boston and Jim Lanning to organize volunteers and the planting. We already met with PFBC in December to move forward with year two of the grant, which will be work at Fisherman's Paradise and "The Rock." We also met with wetlands habitat management to discuss possible work in the Oak Hall area. Dave Truesdale is our new contact person for our TIC programs. He is mentoring a new teacher, Nick Rietz, at Park Forest Elementary School. We mailed 200 TU books, "My Healthy Stream; A Handbook for Streamside Owners" to streamside property owners along Spring Creek and its tributary, Slab Cabin Run, from Pine Grove Mills through Boalsburg and downstream to Houserville. This project is funded in part by a WREN grant. We also developed a brochure that informs streamside property owners why and how to return or maintain a healthy buffer zone. We will be doing a "Backyard Makeover" in the spring to call attention to how a streamside property owner can enjoy the stream while being a good steward of the stream. There were nine responses to our request for participants in the makeover.

Susquehanna Chapter #044

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Our October meeting featured Shawn Rummels of the Eastern Abandoned Mine Program. He provided information regarding past efforts, along with new projects to restore water quality and habitat to streams that have been impacted by mining and other industrial activities.

Our November meeting featured Bruce Fisher of Penns Creek Anglers Fly Shop, who provided much insight concerning the challenging hatches of the stream. He included a number of suggestions what to do when there is no hatch. The chapter is planning a 50th anniversary dinner to celebrate our longevity and to honor remaining charter members. The event is March 29, and will feature a speaker of note. A silent auction is planned. More information will be coming in our monthly Ripples publication, and will be posted on our chapter website.

Tiadaghton Chapter #688

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Most of our officers and board members will be attending a board development workshop sponsored by the Tioga County Conservation District on March 18. Two members will also be attending the Keystone Coldwater Conference Feb. 21-22. Our annual spring banquet is March 29 at a place and time to be announced. We hosted stream monitoring workshops on Jan. 18 and Feb. 8, run by ALLARM's water quality experts at the USGS Northern Appalachian Research Lab in Wellsboro. We recently applied for a Coldwater Heritage Grant to assess aquatic organism passage on Elk Run, a tributary of Pine Creek in Tioga County. We are planning a workshop and outreach effort concerning aquatic invasive species, particularly didymo found in our area. We will be teaching fly casting and fly tying at Springfest on May 17 at Hill Creek State Park. We will be giving free fly tying lessons at our Flies and Lies events Feb. 22 and March 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Wellsboro Community Center. We are currently sponsoring four area schools with the TIC program.

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The chapter's 48th annual banquet is April 5 at the Falls Creek Eagles. Trout in the Classroom raffle tickets have been and continue to be sold at all chapter functions. Kelly Williams, Eric Wilson and Joe Fieo continue to work on our Coldwater Heritage Grant on the Sandy Lick Creek. Kelly Williams, John Stahl and George Kutskel have been working with the data loggers. We currently have them in four creeks in the Allegheny drainage and one in the Susquehanna River drainage. Once the water drops and the temps warm up we will be collecting the data from this fall/winter. Eric Wilson made sure that our TIC schools received their eggs and had their tanks read. We have had a couple of schools have issues with the chillers and with unexplained die offs. Our environmental day with the DuBois Middle School is May 16 at Camp Mountain Run. We are again hosting a weekly fly tying roundtable at DuBois High School on Tuesdays until early April. Membership meetings are held at Martin Grocery Stores Community Room on the second Wednesday each month except June, July and August.

Caldwell Creek Chapter #437

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A raffle to raise money for our four TIC programs, and our ongoing CCC water testing activities, future stream improvement conservation efforts is currently in the planning stages. Several CCTU members have already donated a number of valuable prizes, but since many of these are related specifically to fly fishing, local fly shops, other TU chapters, and sporting goods vendors will be notified when tickets go on sale. Email: oldstonefly@gmail.com if you're interested in learning more. Tom Varrassa, Bill Peiffer and their wives attended TU's Coldwater Conservation Corps conference on Oct. 25-26 in Wellsboro and at the Asaph Run picnic area. Tom and Bill hope to attend again this year. John Bartlett of the Foundation for Sustainable Forests (FFSF) was scheduled to attend our January meeting and discuss the FFSF's recent land purchase on Caldwell Creek and how this will impact fly fishing on the 1.4 mile CRFFO reach of the creek. Members are reaching out to others who may be interested in helping out with our fly tying classes in March and April.

Cornplanter Chapter #526

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Our chapter had election of officers in October meeting. All officers stayed the same with the addition of Tom Walters volunteering as vice president. We have begun planning for our Fishing Expo on April 5. Our chapter also set up at the Warren Outdoor Show at the Warren Mall on Jan. 11-12. We did more in-stream habit work on Morrison Run on Sept. 21. This project completed the current section we have been working on for a few years. We committed to another 1,000 feet of stream habit work. We installed two water monitoring data loggers in two county streams in October. Our chapter has fly tying on occasional Sundays throughout the winter months.

Iron Furnace Chapter #288

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Bruce Dickson has taken over the secretary position and Terry Morrow has moved into the treasurer position. Mark Orlic had to step down as vice president due to relocating for his new job. Mark's hard work for the chapter will be greatly missed. The banquet date is April 5. Tickets are now on sale and members are out and about working on getting donations for banquet prize donations. The 3RQ funding we received last year for grab sampling has been cut for 2014. We are currently looking into other sources of funding to continue similar water monitoring in the NW/NC Pennsylvania area. We hope to set up a new program that test perimeters that better suit the current issues and possible contaminants that are threats in our area. Fly tying classes are being held at the Brookville Borough Building from 9 a.m. to noon on Feb. 25, March 1 and March 11.

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Officers and chapter members met with the Elk County Freshwater Association during the association's initial reorganization meeting. Tabled for further discussion was an item having both chapter and association meetings on the same dates since there is a considerable overlap in membership and goals between the two organizations. We submitted our annual report and will be filing form 990 during the first quarter. Pass-through funds for the South St. Marys Elementary School TIC program were received for release day transportation. Thank you letters were sent to partners who funded and completed the habitat improvement project on the East Branch of the Clarion inside Bendigo State Park. The chapter continued to monitor Middle Fork and Crooked Creek tributaries of the East Branch of the Clarion and forward information to Katy Dunlap and Bruce Dickson. We hold beginner and general fly tying sessions from mid-January through February. At our Feb. 25 meeting, Steve Putt, of the Elk County Conservation District, will conduct a seminar on the use, skills, safety and types of kayaks best suited for fishing at 7 p.m. at St. Marys Middle School. At the March 25 meeting, Alan Womer, of PFBC, will review current and past studies on the East Branch of the Clarion River to include any pre- or post-studies of the Bendigo Park dam removal and habitat additions. Members and others from adjoining chapters have expressed interest in a review of cold water releases and expansion of fishing below Kinzua Dam.

Neshannock Chapter #216

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We are planning a membership meeting sometime in February. Plans will be announced on our website and in our next newsletter. Our annual fundraising banquet is March 15 at the Park Inn by Radisson in West Middlesex. Contact any board member or visit the Neshannock Creek Fly Shop in Volant to purchase

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tickets. Two stream improvement projects were finished. The first was on Coolspring Creek, where we finished the third and final phase of stream bank stabilization with the construction of five more multi-log vane deflectors. Most of the construction work was done at a June workday, but due to high water the finishing touches were completed on another workday held in October. The second project was on Deer Creek in the Custaloga Boy Scout Camp area. Several deflectors were constructed there to stop stream bank erosion. We would like to thank the volunteers who helped on these projects, including the Deer Creek Group, Grove City Sportsmen's Club and Mark Sausser of the PFBC for his guidance in the construction on both projects. We once again have five local schools involved in the TIC program. All reported good egg hatches and no serious problems. We are also working with the Mercer School District TIC program to start an introduction to fly fishing program for interested students. Watch the website for the date of the annual Wolf Creek Fishing Derby in April. We will again be sponsoring the Youth and Handicap Special Regulation Area on Deer Creek for the first month of the trout season. Upcoming meetings are Feb. 24, March 10 and April 28 at Penn State Shenango campus.

Northwest PA Chapter #041

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We held our regular quarterly meeting in November and funded a new TIC program at North East Middle School.

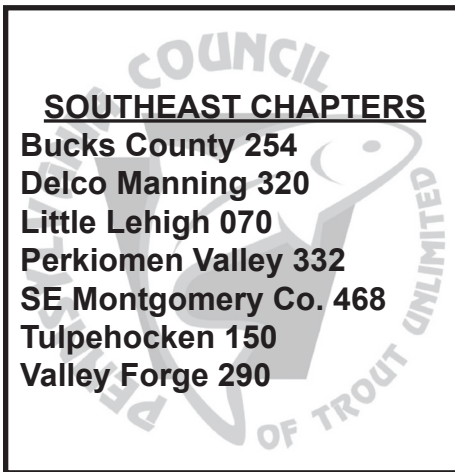
Oil Creek Chapter #424

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Chapter elections were held at our monthly meeting on Nov. 20. All officers were re-elected to their current positions. We had one change to the board as Mark Ferringer was elected to the position previously held by Tom Young. Tom will continue as banquet chairman. At our September meeting, high school student Brei Anne Gardinier gave a presentation about her experience attending the Wildlife Leadership Academy: Pennsylvania Brookies Camp. Student Zach Lyons attended Wayne Harpster's Fly Fishing for Kids Day and gave a very nice presentation of his experience during our October meeting. Vaughn MacGregor attended the PATU Fall Meeting. Preparations are going well for our annual banquet on April 5. New ball caps with the chapter's logo are being sold. OCTU is involved in the data loggers program and we have two units in place. One is monitoring Little Sandy and the other is in Sandy Creek. We were not able to start our habitat improvement projects on Little Sandy Creek last fall due to permitting delays. Permits are now approved and we should be able to start later this year. Waterways Conservation Officer Mark Kerr continues to attend chapter meetings whenever possible, and provides a lot of information regarding conservation, landowner relations and law enforcement issues. Gary Ross did a TIC presentation at the Meadville Rotary Club in August. Suzan Senko ordered new chapter business cards. She also made

two table cloths with the chapter logo to enhance the appearance of our display tables. Upcoming meetings are Feb. 19, March 19 and April 16 at King's Restaurant in Franklin.



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We applied for a grant for a potential project on Aquetong Creek. We currently have four schools in the TIC program. Our annual banquet is March 15 at Pine Crest Country Club.

DelCo Manning Chapter #320

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We stocked Ridley Creek's catch and release fly fishing only section with trout on Nov. 23. We are currently involved in a TIC program with Strath Haven Middle School. Our annual fly tying courses began Jan. 17 run for six sessions on Tuesday evenings. Our annual banquet is Feb. 22 at D'Ignazio's Towne House in Media.

Little Lehigh Chapter #070

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The Little Lehigh, Monocacy, Hokendauqua and Forks of the Delaware chapters have formed a committee designed to encourage joint activities among the group. The first activity was the development of a master activities calendar. Events of each chapter are posted on the calendar and all are welcome to attend any event posted. The Forks Chapter organized a program at ArtQuest in Bethlehem and showed a film

entitled "Kiss the Water." The documentary was about the famous female Scottish fly tyer Megan Boyd. A portion of the proceeds from the film were donated to the chapters for a conservation project to be determined. Other joint programs already in the planning stage are the Sportsman's Show at the Allentown Ag Hall at the end of February and the yearly joint event in March. More programs will be developed through the course of the year. We held our second stream cleanup on Oct. 22 in the Allentown section of the stream. A good effort was put in by the members and another great assist was made by the Friends of the Allentown Parks. We are planning another cleanup in the spring. The chapter began preparations for a Coldwater Heritage Program grant. The grant addresses sections of the Little Lehigh that suffer from higher water temperatures during the year. The grant will provide funding to purchase trees that will be planted on six sites along the stream. Lower Macungie Township is the principle landowner and we have their endorsement. One private landowner is also cooperating with this project. Our first two TIC programs are proceeding very well thanks to our coordinator, Joe Schuler. Eggs successfully hatched and we look forward to their release in the spring. Fran Gough has offered to coordinate a youth fishing camp this summer. We are currently working on logistics for this event. Speaker at our October meeting was Sarah Whitney, who joined Pennsylvania Sea Grant in August 2004 as a coastal outreach specialist. She has more than 10 years' experience in the policy, research and outreach aspects of natural resource management. She has diverse experience working with government, academic and non-profit sectors. Her responsibilities focus on aquatic invasive species, marina and boater pollution prevention outreach, and watershed planning. Sarah gave an informative program on invasive species in general with emphasis on didymo. Our November speaker was Jack Fekula, who resides in the Lehigh Valley. He serves on the board of directors of the Hokendauqua Chapter. Jack has been a dedicated fisherman his whole life and spent the past 20 years enjoying fly fishing. His presentation was on Yellowstone. Our December program was on planning for a destination fishing trip. Bill, Jim and Josh Reimold, and Nick Watters had a great trip to the Beaverhead River in July. They discussed how they planned the trip, what they would do differently, transportation, lodging, time, packing, equipment, meals, guides and more. Those in the audience also gave valuable advice on selecting guides and what to expect from them.

SE Montgomery County

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We took our third annual trip to the Salmon River in New York in November. A fall stocking of trout took place in the section of the Pennypack that flows through the Pennypack Trust. In October we planted 32 trees in the Natural Land Trust located in Horsham. Hopefully we will have a wet winter so that by spring the trees will be on their way before the drought of summer hits. Plastic mesh was placed around previously planted trees that needed it. Two Philadelphia schools that had previously participated in TIC were not able to this year due to a lack of funds in the school district. Our annual banquet is March 22 at the Willow Grove Moose Hall in Willow Grove.

Tulpehocken Chapter #150

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We surveyed two potential projects for 2014: Hay Creek stream bank restoration and Upper Tully strainer and stream bank restoration. Due to weather conditions, we had to cancel until spring a stream bank restoration project at the Sonon Farm on the Upper Tully. Our CCC chairman attended the CCC Conference in Wellsboro. We had a presentation about water quality from a representative of the Berks County Conservation District, Damian Painter, and another about riparian rights from new board member Cathy Myers. Our chapter banquet is March 12 at Reading Country Club, Reading.

Valley Forge Chapter #290

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Robbi Freisem and past President Pete Goodman are working with member and business consultant Matt Seymour on developing a succession process for the chapter. This started with Matt interviewing 12 VFTU members and board members, attending the summer 2013 PATU leadership meeting with Robbi, and providing a presentation and guidance on strategy for accomplishing the project to Pete and Robbi. Our Dec. 12 meeting was the last of 2013 and well attended. The speaker was Chari Towne, who presented "A River Again, The Story of the Schuylkill River." The meeting was also the drawing of the winning tickets for the fall VFTU Clean Streams Raffle. There were 10 prizes ranging in value from \$75 up to \$650. We ended up raising over \$4,000. Saturday and Sunday afternoons in December prior to Christmas, members helped VFTU wrap gifts for Downingtown Orvis store customers. Thanks go to: Karl Heine, Pete and Judy Goodman, Rich and Lynn Bauer, John and Helen Dettrey, Frank and Sharon Donohoe, Joe and Ann Armstrong, Chuck Cutshall, Bev McGeehan, Mimi Feeg, Jeff Turner, Chris Burns and Robbi Freisem. We raised enough in donations to make it worthwhile and proved to be an interesting way to meet and speak with people to spread information about VFTU and our activities. March 15 is Watershed Congress on the Schuylkill presented by the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and sponsored by our chapter. We provided a letter of commitment to Stroud Water Research Center's "Monitor My Watershed Project." We provided letters of support to Mountain Watershed Association in their petition to change the designation of Stony Run watershed to Exceptional Value to help provide protection for the resource and the stream, and Chester County Conservation District's Coldwater Conservation Plan and their CHP grant application for the Crabby Creek watershed. We submitted grant applications for Wilson Run Vision Proposal to the Cora Brooks Foundation and the George and Miriam Martin Foundation. Board member Dave Macaleer is keeping tabs on five TIC programs and board member Jim Leonard is the contact with a sixth. The newest program at Pocopson Elementary School has the active involvement of the school principal, Andy McLaughlin, who shortly before the holidays provided an update: "The trout are doing well. We received a little less than 290 eggs. All

of the eggs have hatched and all of our fish have lost their egg sacks. Our count is just over 200. All seems well, the fish are active and the chemical levels are staying constant." PHWFF activities are well attended and additional volunteers have joined. Meeting days have changed to the first and third Mondays of the month, with casting instruction on the first and fly tying on the third. We are also looking at other opportunities to serve the veterans at Coatesville VAMC. The 2014 VFTU Trout Show on March 27 at 7 p.m. at the Valley Forge Middle School. Our presenter this year is "Underwater Oz," who narrates a fascinating underwater video of a trout's life in his presentation, "Feeding Lanes." Other events include the Fly Fishing Show in Lancaster March 1-2 and the VFTU Fly Fishing School on May 18 at Paradise Farm Camp, Downingtown.



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Recent activities include the addition of a new secretary, our treasurer and website editor are attending a workshop in State College, a new newsletter editor started in January, the chapter worked with PFBC to change the location of a youth event and guest speakers are scheduled for meetings in the first quarter of 2014. We designed and framed colored stream maps of all Adams County approved trout streams and sold them to sportsmen clubs as a fundraising event. The chapter added four fishing related items on our website for bidding to take place. Phase 2 of the Birch Run restoration project should occur in 2014. Our annual restoration project on the Conewago Creek will be the riparian buffer repairs to older devices. A South Mountain Partnership grant was approved for Birch Run. Electrofishing will be scheduled for Birch Run sometime in February. A Conewago Creek landowner is expected to sign an agreement with Adams County Land Preservation and Land Conservancy on land preservation and stream easement. Conewago Creek stream litter cleanup and

float stocking with PFBC are scheduled for March. We added two more schools to the TIC program, giving us a total of eight.

Codorus Chapter #558

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Our chapter is saddened by the recent loss of two former members who were very important to our chapter's emergence. Fred Bridge and George Myers both gave years of dedicated service, holding offices and other key positions during our formative years. They were also both exceptional anglers who were more than willing to share their knowledge and passion for trout and angling. We continue to monitor and maintain our wader wash stations to discourage the spread of didymo from the nearby Gunpowder River. We are monitoring the progress of our TIC programs. We are also looking for a candidate to sponsor at this year's Youth Conservation Camp. Upcoming meetings include March 12 and April 9 at the Gander Mountain in York.

Cumberland Valley Chapter #052

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We had a board meeting on Oct. 9, and our members meeting on Oct. 16. Our board meeting was Nov. 13 at the Allenberry Play House and we also had Kevin Anderson from National TU attend and talk about different grant opportunities for our chapter. We then had our last member meeting of the year, and put together a survey for our membership to complete so we can continue to improve as a chapter. Our final board meeting was on Dec. 11. Board members from CVTU, along with representatives from the Yellow Breeches Angler Association and Children's Lake Trust, attended a meeting on Dec. 19 hosted by PFBC on long-term plans for draining the Children's Lake. We appointed a new chairperson to our TIC program to enhance communication with school districts throughout Cumberland County. Our annual banquet is March 14 at the Park Inn, 5401 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg. Visit our website for more details.

Doc Fritchey Chapter #108

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The chapter is exploring alternative meeting schedules to accommodate separate business and general membership meetings. This change is being considered in an effort to attract members who may not be interested in business matters but are seeking educational and social activities. Our annual banquet is March 15 at the Holiday Inn of Grantville. The chapter is looking forward to spring projects that will include another round of tree planting on Clarks Creek and our Adopt-a-Highway cleanup on Route 325 in the delayed harvest section of Clarks Valley. Ongoing weekly work continues at our diversion wells in the headwaters of Stony Creek.

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Working with the Quittapahilla Watershed Association, the chapter is looking in to the feasibility of installing water quality monitoring devices. We support six TIC programs in Dauphin and Lebanon county schools.

Donegal Chapter #037

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Our annual fundraising banquet is March 2 at the Lancaster Host Resort. Last year we had a record turnout with almost 300 people. We recently received \$86,000 in grant money toward the ongoing restoration on Conowingo Creek in southern Lancaster County. This will go toward the design and engineering phase of the latest grant. Permitting has been approved for five more properties heading south toward the Maryland line. We are in the process of applying for grants in coordination with the Lancaster County Conservancy for restoration work to be done on Climbers Run in what was formerly known as Camp Snyder. Electroshocking in the fall produced decent numbers of wild brook trout. Tree planting is ongoing on lower sections of Climbers Run. Faye Haering is preparing for her 3rd annual Women's Coldwater Conservation breakfast on April 26. She is also including daughters and granddaughters, age 12 and up, this year. The program will include a short film and conservation presentation, followed by fly tying and casting demonstrations. Breakfast will be provided by the Lancaster County Career and Technology School. Our Feb. 19 meeting will feature Bob Bachman of PFBC. He is going to do a presentation on his personal fishing experiences on the Kamchatka Peninsula of Russia. Our March 19 meeting will feature a presentation by John McLain and Todd Peters, otherwise known as Soft Hackle Specialties, on how to fish soft hackles and wet flies in central PA streams.

Falling Spring Chapter #234

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Work will continue on the Birch Run project in partnership with Cumberland Valley and Adams County chapters. Membership voted to get involved in three other projects. Johnson Run in Mercersburg is in the planning stages, a branch of the Falling Spring will receive some habitat work as a request of a landowner, and Sen. Rich Alloway is spearheading a restoration project on Falling Spring in the Delayed Harvest area. The chapter began its annual free fly tying classes on Jan. 29 at the Community Rec Center at Norlo Park in Fayetteville. Classes continue on Wednesdays until March 19. Tools and materials are provided by the chapter, but individuals may bring their own. Chapter member Bill Bashor is the instructor and two patterns are covered each session.

Muddy Creek Chapter #575

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In September, the club ordered 100 long-sleeve T-shirts using the design we had created to recognize our 25th anniversary. We sold a few shirts during our watershed weekend, however most of our sales are as a result from our winter mini-newsletter. We are excited to see how these shirts sell during our spring events. In March, we will man our first day of fishing food stands where we sell snacks and drinks to the anglers out on the water. We are planning to do our 3rd annual Spring Fling in May. We will sell meal tickets and either have a silent auction or raffle at the event. And in August, we will set up our education fliers and display and have soda/water for sale at the Red Lion Street Fair. Our club merchandise will be on sale at these events. The stream side incubator project was a success. Brown trout eggs were planted in late November with a 90 percent hatch success rate across the three sites. Most of the fry have become "swim ups" and have left the incubators.

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At November's meeting the chapter hosted Rocco Ali, District 2 Fish and Boat commissioner, for a question and answer session related to coldwater conservation, fishing and trout-related topics in Western PA. December's meeting was the chapter's annual Christmas party. Our banquet should be the third Saturday in March, but a finalized date has not yet been set. Four chapter members attended a stream data logger training class in November, put on by the Kiski-Conemaugh Stream Team. We were awarded three data logger units from a grant in summer, 2013. The class showed TU volunteers the proper way to install, download readings and other field tests that are done monthly to streams where loggers are installed. Two of the three loggers will be installed on streams that the chapter is thinking about starting restoration work on to get baseline watershed information before work begins. The other

logger will be installed in a tributary to Buffalo Creek near the DHALO project where a possible coal strip mine will be developed. This will allow the chapter to gather watershed data before and after mining starts. Our annual fly tying classes began on the fourth Wednesday in January. The chapter has gotten involved with the Armstrong Anglers Fishing Club, a local high school fishing club. Members will demonstrate and teach fly fishing, tying and discuss coldwater conservation topics during club meetings. Arrowhead TU would like support from PATU for an AMD project on Hauling's Run in Armstrong County that is in the design stage. Grants will be applied for in February. The chapter is working with the Armstrong County Conservation District and David Beale, who is doing the design and grant writing.

Chestnut Ridge Chapter #670

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The chapter has completed its strategic plan and is in the process of implementing it. Our annual banquet is tentatively scheduled for March 22 at the Uniontown Holiday Inn. Our chapter's Coldwater Conservation Corps continues to monitor four local streams: Beaver Creek, Ramcat Run, Quebec Run and Mill Run. The most extensive data is collected on Beaver Creek and Ramcat Run, which we monitor every two weeks. Monitoring of Mill Run and Quebec Run is done monthly. The final 2013 data shows that no suspicious conditions were reported on those streams at any time during the year. The chapter's CCC team began entering stream data into an Internet-based database managed by CitSci.org in April. The four streams will continue to be monitored in 2014. However, the monitoring protocol is expanding to include turbidity data and an annual macroinvertebrate count on each stream. The estimated cost for proposed improvements from TU's AMD Technical Assistance Program on Morgan Run is approximately \$50,000. The chapter approached PADEP to fund all or a portion of the work though the WPCAMR but was turned down. We are removing sludge from the vertical flow ponds more frequently in hopes that the water quality will improve, negating the need for a portion of the proposed improvements.

Forbes Trail Chapter #206

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In November, new officers were elected for 2014-15. President is Leo Vensel of Export and Angie DiFiore of Greensburg is vice president. Monty Murty and Scott Minster return to positions where they have served before, as treasurer and secretary, respectively. Directors remain essentially the same. Long-time Directors Tom Evans and Russ Mason have been awarded the honorary title, "Senior Director Emeritus." Tom Evans has been with FTTU from its first meeting in 1973, and Russ Mason joined not long afterwards. In addition to serving as non-voting members of the board, the board may ask emeritus directors to vote, or perform other duties in the absence of serving members of the board. FTTU is now on Facebook thanks to Angie DiForie, who helped provide an additional Internet presence. It's at www.facebook.com/ForbesTrailTroutUnlimited. We applied

for an education grant from the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County. Trout in the Classroom is underway in three local schools. In early November, FTTU volunteers Bob Shusko, Drew Banas and Monty Murty traveled to the Benner Springs hatchery to help pack brook trout eggs for shipment to schools across Pennsylvania. We are sponsoring aquariums at Ligonier Middle School, Latrobe High School and The Valley School in Rector. Upcoming events include our February meeting – a trip show-and-tell – at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Winnie Palmer Nature Center, Latrobe, our 41st annual banquet on March 1 at the American Legion Center, Latrobe, and our March meeting on the 19th at the Winnie Palmer Nature Center, Latrobe.

Fort Bedford Chapter #291

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Election of officers and directors was held Nov. 13. The current slate of officers returned except for the president's slot, which is now vacant. Derrick Miller was not able to continue as president due to other commitments and no nominee was available. FBTU continues to struggle with membership activity and involvement. FBTU expresses deep gratification for the many years of dedication and leadership that Derrick committed to the chapter, often under difficult circumstances. He remains active with the chapter as a director and a volunteer with projects such as winter fly tying classes. FBTU's winter tying classes began Jan. 11 and run for nine consecutive Saturdays. Classes are held at the Bedford County Conservation District from 9:30 a.m. until noon. FBTU will be scheduling one meeting each quarter as a fun, educational social meeting for the general membership and public. In anticipation of the fly tying classes, the December social was a fly tying roundtable. Those present enjoyed a casual two hours of tying demos and storytelling. The next chapter social meeting is planned for March and the agenda is being developed.

John Kennedy Chapter #045

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We will be selling flies and rod raffle tickets at the Jaffe and Outdoor Adventure shows. We will also be promoting TU. Stream work is upcoming on Plum Creek, Poplar Run and Sheetz Corporation wetlands. We have five TIC programs. Fly tying classes began Jan. 4 and run on alternating Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. at the United Way of Altoona through March 29.

Ken Sink Chapter #053

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Election of officers was held at the October monthly meeting. Dick Farabaugh is the new president, Roger Phillips is new vice president, Debbie Heggenstellar continues as secretary and Jeff Uschak continues as treasurer. Roger Phillips attended the PATU regional meeting in September. Plans are underway for Ken Sink's annual banquet on April 5 at the Indiana Elks. In partnership with Evergreen Conservancy, PA Senior Environmental Corp and DEP, we continue to place

data loggers in local streams to monitor stream quality in areas of Marcellus Shale drilling activity. To date there are 32 monitors in place. Through a grant from the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds, in cooperation with Evergreen Conservancy and the Indiana County Emergency Management Agency, five solar powered data loggers were installed in a number of streams in the Kiski-Conemaugh Watershed. This equipment monitors in real time and data is sent to a website. If there is a truck accident or spill that may impact a stream, officials will be notified immediately if the water quality has been affected. In September, KSTU members cleaned and repaired mine belt diversions that prevent run off from gas well roads into Cessna Run. We have three schools enrolled in the TIC program. In August, members of KSTU manned a booth at the Youth Field Day at the Shelocta Sportsmen's Club and instructed basic fly tying and casting. Our annual fly tying classes began on Jan. 11. At our December meeting, our candidate for the Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp gave a report on his experience.

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Two separate fly tying classes are being held weekly on Mondays and Saturdays through the month of Janu-

ary and February at Gander Mountain in Johnstown. We sponsor 10 area schools in the TIC program. Our annual banquet is March 22 at the Holiday Inn, Johnstown.

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Our Jan. 13 meeting was the Joe Kline Great Fly Sale, and Matt Supinski, a Michigan fishing guide, presented on "fussy" trout. Steve Gallotta of Big Horn Fly Shop talked about opportunities on this tailwater fishery at our February meeting. March and April meeting details are to be announced. From Feb. 12-16 we have a table at the Allegheny Sportsman Show to promote the chapter and PATU. We have started informal "smokers" where members casually meet to share drink and cigars, maybe take in a game, at a local pub. The idea is to offer another venue for members to get together that is not as structured as a regular monthly meeting. This is a nod to get-togethers the chapter had in its infancy. Our Cabin Fever event is Feb. 23 at the Sheraton Four Points in Cranberry, just north of Pittsburgh. Featured speakers are Eric Stroup and Jeff Blood. There will be over 50 vendors, a flea market, rod and bucket raffles, tying and casting demonstrations and youth programs. Admission is \$10. Under the leadership of Christian Shane, we have two strong TIC participants.

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Leadership Academy accepting applications for Brookies Camp

The Wildlife Leadership Academy is now accepting applications for its 2014 Pennsylvania Brookies Camp for youths ages 14-17 and adults. Adults serve as mentors and participate alongside the students. School teachers are encouraged to apply as mentors.

The camp will be held at the Sieg Conference Center in Clinton County from July 8-12.

The Academy begins with an intensive, five-day residential field school experience that focuses on a fish or wildlife species as a springboard for exploring biology, habitat and conservation issues. Attendees also develop leadership skills engaging in team-building activities, educational presentations and mock “town hall” meetings on current topics.

Applications for the 2014 Pennsylvania

Brookies can be downloaded at www.PICEweb.org. Application deadline is April 1 for youths and March 17 for adult mentors.

For more information contact Michele Kittell, institute director, at mkittell@piceweb.org or 570-245-8518.

You can also connect with the academy on Facebook at facebook.com/wildlife-leadershipacademy.

Students can apply now for DCNR's 'ECO' camp

Young Pennsylvanians interested in pursuing environmental careers are invited to apply for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' summer residential camp. Deadline is April 15.

The six-day camp, which is free, begins July 13, at Kirby Episcopal House and Chapel, Mountain Top, Luzerne County, about 10 miles south of Wilkes-Barre.

The camp will introduce 20 to 25 students in grades 10-12 to conservation and environmental careers, and encourage their pursuit. Wildlife conservation projects, stream sampling of aquatic life, forestry skills and daily activities will offer students a hands-on, team-building learning experience in an outdoor setting.

Participants are exposed to a wide range of career experiences, including water quality assessments and geology field studies. Instruction and daily activities are overseen by specialists and officials

of DCNR's bureaus of state parks, forestry and topographic and geologic survey. After the camp, attendees will have a chance to seek internships, mentoring and job-shadowing positions.

For details, visit www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/ecocamp; email RA-ECO_Camp@pa.gov; write to ECO Camp Coordinator, Bureau of State Parks, Outdoor Programming Services Division, PO Box 8551, Harrisburg, PA 17105; or call 724-865-7857.